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1. Re: FCC's response to my inquiry on license of FRS/GMRS

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-01 00:10:47 UTC
From: horseshoe7@yahoo.com
Message-ID: <5f4fe4c2.0306301610.542dcdfe@posting.google.com>
Source record: 69839
Cross-posted to: alt.radio.family,rec.radio.amateur.policy

"thomas" <word_pass@hotmail.com> wrote in message
news:<bdphkn$uuomf$1@ID-170256.news.dfncis.de>...
> i have just got a formal response from FCC. quote as follows, fyi ONLY!
> ==
>
> if you use only the FRS side of the radio, then you would not be required
> to obtain a license. On the other hand, if you switch to the GMRS side of
> the radio and transmit, you would at that point be in violation of FCC
> rules.

RIGHT ON!

I told you these idiots don't know what the hell they are talking about.

It ALWAYS feels so good to tell 'em; "I TOLD YOU SO"!

- Stewart (N0MHS)

2. Re: FCC's response to my inquiry on license of FRS/GMRS

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-01 00:15:14 UTC
From: Phil Stripling <phil_stripling@cieux.zzn.com>
Message-ID: <3qn0fzt84t.fsf@shell4.tdl.com>
Source record: 69840
Cross-posted to: alt.radio.family,rec.radio.amateur.policy

"thomas" <word_pass@hotmail.com> writes:

> This is not true in the case of the federal tax. I saw it clearly on one
> IRS pub, that if you filed tax incorrectly based on a response from an IRS
> agent, you will not be charged the penalty, even if you have to pay the
> right amount later.

The Internal Revenue Code Section 6404(f) gives the IRS the authority to
abate any portion of a penalty or addition to tax caused by erroneous advice
"furnished to you in writing by an officer or employee of the IRS... ."
See Form 843 at
http://www.irs.gov/formspubs/page/0,,id%3D10626,00.html
where it says in part:
````begin quote``````
The IRS will abate the penalty or addition to tax only if:

1. You reasonably relied on the written advice,
2. The written advice was in response to a specific written request you
made for advice, and
3. The penalty or addition to tax did not result from your failure to
provide the IRS with adequate or accurate information.
`````end quote```````

Reasonable reliance and provision of adequate or accurate information for
the answer are points the IRS is not willing to concede in all
circumstances.

>
> Applying the same principle here, you **may** be right that I may still need
> to pay a license fee if I get caught. But I won't be fined $10000, given
> that I have the print-out of the official FCC email.

I think you are correct that you won't be fined the max. Having a print out
of the email _may_ not get you off the hook, though. I don't do FCC work,
so I don't know their procedures for fines. Applying the principles of
abatement of penalties under the IRS to excusing payment of fines under the
FCC is a bad thing.

>
> We need common sense

There is no common sense.

> other than "certificates or professionals" on what is
> good and bad to do. The legal and policy systems are based on common sense
> eventually.

Not in my experience.
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Philip Stripling | email to the replyto address is presumed
Legal Assistance on the Web | spam and read later. email to philip@
http://www.PhilipStripling.com/ | my domain is read daily.

3. Re: Latest News - Morse Code Test May Not "Die" at ITU Conference.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-01 01:37:38 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bdtfsr$sdb@library1.airnews.net>
Source record: 69880

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"Dan/W4NTI" <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com> wrote in message
news:bdn68m$sod$1@slb5.atl.mindspring.net...
>
> "Steve Fleckenstein" <spfleck@zzcitlinkzz.net> wrote in message
> news:0_qLa.1016$jC.583@news02.roc.ny...
> >
> > > Hey Steve, Thanks for the respectful reply.
> >
> > My pleasure.
> >
> >
> > > 1. Will you get your General or Extra ticket *before* the Morse test
is
> > > dropped?
> >
> > No
> >
> > >
> > > 2. Will you get your General or Extra ticket *after* the Morse
> > > Requirement is dropped?
> > >
> >
> > Yes
> >
> > Why ?
> >
> > Because I have better things to do in life than study for a mode of
> > operation (CW) that I will rarely if at all use.
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> >
> > Steve
> > N2UBP
> >
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>
> I have NEVER understood how someone can make a statement like that. How
do
> you KNOW you won't like it if you do learn it?
>
> Don't you see your cutting yourself off from a major part of ham radio
based
> on what?
>
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> Dan/W4NTI
>
>

Dan, I can understand your exasperation with people who choose not to learn CW or decide that they don't like it. However, that is as far as the understanding goes. It seems impossible to me that you can't understand that people know what they do, or don't, like.

For instance, I happen to absolutely know I would not enjoy jumping out of an airplane to parachute. I've never tried it, no. But I don't intend to because "it's just not me." I also absolutely know that I would not want to live anywhere but here in the United States. I've never lived outside the United States (except as a tiny child), and I don't intend to, because I like it fine living anywhere in the United States and I'm not inclined to experiment with anywhere else.

So, why is it so difficult for you to understand that people can and do make the decision that the CW part of this hobby is something they are not interested in? Are you saying that there is nothing you would not try to see if you liked it or not? You don't know yourself well enough?

Kim W5TIT

4. Re: FCC's response to my inquiry on license of FRS/GMRS

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-01 04:16:40 UTC
From: "G. M. Alf" <gmalf.ears@verizon.net>
Message-ID: <qk22gvcrnpdcmi6bl5dki66otimfgtjkjf@4ax.com>
Source record: 69841
Cross-posted to: alt.radio.family,rec.radio.amateur.policy

On Mon, 30 Jun 2003 10:31:42 -0400, "thomas" <word_pass@hotmail.com>
wrote:

>Hi,
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>there have been a lot flames about the topic of the license issue of
>FRS/GMRS. i don't want to be part of it. hence i opened a new thread.
>
>i have just got a formal response from FCC. quote as follows, fyi ONLY!
>==
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>
>if you use only the FRS side of the radio, then you would not be required
>to obtain a license. On the other hand, if you switch to the GMRS side of
>the radio and transmit, you would at that point be in violation of FCC
>rules.

Here's what I got from Cobra, first, my question:

Is a GMRS license required when FRS channels 8 - 14
are used on 22 channel radios?

And the Answer:

FCC license is not required for channels 1-7 only.

Mike

5. Re: CW problems with arabs and ex-USSR

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-01 04:26:38 UTC
From: Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93AB47B56200elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>
Source record: 69842

"Phil Kane" <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop> wrote in
news:cuvyxnansvbet.hhbbfw3.pminews@netnews.comcast.net:

> On Tue, 01 Jul 2003 01:35:30 +0200, Fritz Wuehler wrote:
>
>>The best thing to do IS to suppress totally the S25.5 .
>>Who cares about arabs and ex-USSR ?? These are not civilized countries,
>>so its a great mistake to consider their wills.
>
> They and the other 180-some-odd "not civilized countries" each have
> one vote. The United States also has one vote.
>
> Starting to see the picture?
>
> --
> 73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane
>
>
>

Anyway, CW testing is all over bar the shouting. The unanimously agreed language, now passed through all the commitee levels, makes it optional. It just has to be nodded through at the plenary session. This allows those countries mentioned, plus Germany to retain CW testing without it seeming that it no longer relates to ITU rules, whilst also allowing every other country to dump CW teasting.

6. Re: Latest News - Morse Code Test May Not "Die" at ITU Conference.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-01 04:44:52 UTC
From: "Ryan, KC8PMX" <kc8pmx@diamondcs.net>
Message-ID: <bdv3if$113eu8$3@ID-189073.news.dfncis.de>
Source record: 69918

Don't know about our local group but I heard something like around a 100 morse code contacts (all bands being used) and around 70-80 voice mode contacts.

Myself and about 1/3 to 1/2 of our local club pretty much boycotted Field Day this year..... (issues with local club)

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Ryan, KC8PMX
FF1-FF2-MFR-(pending NREMT-B!)
--. --- -.. ... .- -. --. . .-.. ... .- .-. . ..-. .. .-. . ..-.
.. --. .... - . .-. ...
>
> How did others fare?
>
> 73 de Jim, N2EY
>

7. Re: Latest News - Morse Code Test May Not "Die" at ITU Conference.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-01 05:12:26 UTC
From: Dwight Stewart <stewart@say.net>
Message-ID: <BB269079.1DC78%stewart@say.net>
Source record: 69843

"Len Over 21" wrote:

> (snip) The "31" is still there with lots of suffixes
> but 31M seems to have been split up to 31P, microwave
> specialist, and 31R, multi-channel communications
> specialist.

Yep, that was the change. I have no idea why the two jobs were split up. Something must have changed to justify the split but I haven't kept up enough to know what it is. Anyway, no big deal - it happens all the time. Even the military job I worked in as a civilian after leaving active duty has now been split up into two different jobs.

Dwight Stewart (W5NET)

http://www.qsl.net/w5net/

8. Re: Why digital modes are few used

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-01 05:53:22 UTC
From: "Ryan, KC8PMX" <kc8pmx@diamondcs.net>
Message-ID: <bdv3ih$113eu8$4@ID-189073.news.dfncis.de>
Source record: 69919

> Data transmitted over Amateur Packet Radio is not permitted to be
> encrypted.

Larry.... it is "encrypted" in a sense. Otherwise my scanner should be able to recieve it no different than the voice comm's I already hear there. It is "encrypted" (or maybe a better choice of words being "encoded") in the sense that it needs to be encoded before sending over the air and decoded at the other end. And this is totally legal as long as the standards and such are publicized. Look at PSK31 and the 15-20+ other variations of the digital modes, are you now saying all of those modes are illegal?

When was the last time you listened to a packet signal being transmitted and could tell what was being sent as far as the content of the message, merely by listening by ear? If you are that good, you have my respect, as it merely sounds like a digital "blurb" to me.

Now do you understand what I meant by "encrypted?" The average "public" in "scannerland" does not have the capability to monitor that traffic as we do.

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Ryan, KC8PMX
FF1-FF2-MFR-(pending NREMT-B!)
--. --- -.. ... .- -. --. . .-.. ... .- .-. . ..-. .. .-. . ..-.
.. --. .... - . .-. ...
"Larry Roll K3LT" <yodoc@aol.comnospam> wrote in message
news:20030629234805.27503.00000783@mb-m24.aol.com...
> In article <bdi29v$suhm4$14@ID-189073.news.dfncis.de>, "Ryan, KC8PMX"
> <kc8pmx@diamondcs.net> writes:
>
> >Show me a ham group working a large-scale disaster that has not??
Injuries,
> >triage info, fatalities are information that *may* have to be passed as
> >traffic and need to stay in a mode that is not generally accessable to
every
> >nut (or media person) with a scanner. Packet, albeit slow is okay for
this,
> >as it is a legal means of encrypting the data.
>
> Ryan:
>
> Data transmitted over Amateur Packet Radio is not permitted to be
> encrypted. Equipment to receive and decode AX.25 packet radio is
> widely available, even to the news media, so that is not what I would
> consider to be a legitimate concern. Any mode used by hams to
> transmit data over the air must be considered to be wide open to

> monitoring by anyone capable of acquiring the off-the-shelf technology
> necessary to receive it.
>
> 73 de Larry, K3LT
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9. Re: License for 2-way radio supporting both GMRS/FRS???

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-01 10:06:05 UTC
From: "D. Stussy" <kd6lvw@bde-arc.ampr.org>
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.56.0307010957590.695@kd6lvw.ampr.org>
Source record: 69844

On Mon, 30 Jun 2003, Larry Roll K3LT wrote:
> In article <bdgg09qek0@208.207.71.160>, "Dick Carroll;" <dixie@townsqr.com>
> writes:
> >No question about the license beng required, but it's curious that FCC would
> >authorize a radio that could be so easily misused by so many ordinary people
> >who have no knowledge of the difference between FRS and GMRS. I've heard
> >some buyers say it's OK to use the dual radios on FRS with no license, and
> >one even said the radio was designed to reduce power to make it legal on
> >FRS.
> >
> >Begins to look like maybe FCC is ambivilent on the matter.
>
> Dick:
>
> Hmmm -- I didn't consider the fact that the FCC must have approved the
> FRS/GMRS combo rigs for manufacture and sale. Howver, I would
> ass-u-&-me that they intended the purchasers to get the GMRS ticket
> before utilizing that capability. If they approved them knowing full well
> that they would be "inadvertently" creating thousands of potential GMRS
> bootleggers, perhaps they figure that it would a good excuse to get themselves
> out of the business of regulation and enforcement of GMRS operation,
> thus saving themselves one more administrative burden linked to a
> radio service with little or no economic significance.

I have one of these combined radios. What the "instruction manual" (to the
extent that there aren't self-evident instructions) says is:

FCC Licensing Information

Channels 1 thru 14 transmit on FRS frequencies.
Channels 15 thru 22 transmit on GMRS frequencies.
Operation on GMRS frequencies requires a license from the FCC.

Then there is another paragraph that talks about how to get an FCC form 605.

The inference I draw from this is that the manufacturer in this case believes
that NO license is required as long as one transmits only on the FRS channels
and not on the GMRS channels. A license is required only when transmitting on
the 8 GMRS-only channels. [Whether a GMRS license is needed or not with
respect to FRS-only use is the matter being debated by some.]

Has anyone seen anything different in any other radio's manual?

10. Re: Technicians on 5Mhz?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-01 10:09:12 UTC
From: "D. Stussy" <kd6lvw@bde-arc.ampr.org>
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.56.0307011007360.695@kd6lvw.ampr.org>
Source record: 69845

On Mon, 29 Jun 2003, K0HB wrote:
> Since Morse code is not an authorized mode on the 5MHz ham channels
> which open this week in the US, could a petition to allow
> non-morse-tested amateur radio licensees (Technicians) on these
> channels during FCC declared emergency communications be adopted by
> FCC? (Emergency comms being a prime reason advanced for the need for
> this allocation.) Since consideration of the removal of the ITU Morse
> test requirement may be delayed until a future WARC, this may issue
> may boil to the surface in coming months.
>
> This would certainly open up a wider pool of available licensees
> during communications emergencies which might require HF operations
> (tropical storms, widespread floods, and similar "non-localized"
> emergency comm incidents).
>
> Stow the flame-throwers for the moment, and comment dispassionately.

I doubt it. The treaty requirements that call for a knowledge of code apply to all frequencies below 30MHz in use by the amateur service. 5Mhz is below 30. I see no room for FCC discretion here.

Now, if they want to call these 5 5MHz allocations something OTHER than amateur radio and authorize licensed amateurs to use them, that could be different - but they haven't said that. :-(

11. Re: Technicians on 5Mhz?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-01 10:11:12 UTC
From: "D. Stussy" <kd6lvw@bde-arc.ampr.org>
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.56.0307011010540.695@kd6lvw.ampr.org>
Source record: 69846

On Mon, 30 Jun 2003, Dick Carroll; wrote:
> ...
> It'll be real interesting to watch the first 5 mhz disaster net unfold.

Or the first disasterous use of 5MHz unfold! Is there a difference? ;-)

12. Re: FCC's response to my inquiry on license of FRS/GMRS

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-01 10:20:56 UTC
From: "D. Stussy" <kd6lvw@bde-arc.ampr.org>
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.56.0307011014530.695@kd6lvw.ampr.org>
Source record: 69847
Cross-posted to: alt.radio.family,rec.radio.amateur.policy

On Mon, 30 Jun 2003, Phil Kane wrote:
> On Mon, 30 Jun 2003 08:10:50 -0700, AMHAM73 wrote:
> >Hate to say I told you so -- but I will.
>
> That was the answer knowlegeable folks here came up with from the
> very beginning.
> >
> >Best get an answer from the horse's mouth and ignore OPINIONS.
>
> You would be surprised at the list of WRONG replies from the
> Commission that has been assembled over the years, primarily caused
> by the person who replied not understanding what the answer should
> have been to a legal or technical question because s/he was neither
> a lawyer nor an engineer.
>
> And the Supreme Court of the US has ruled that in spite of what
> oral or written advice one gets from a government office, if the
> law is otherwise, the oral or written advice is of no value and
> cannot be relied upon.

Actually, there are limits on this. If one has relied upon incorrect WRITTEN advice from a federal agency which enforces the subject matter of the advice, then that is sufficient to defeat civil penalties (at least it is in the Internal Revenue Code - 26 USC 6662(d)(2)(B)(i) - as such advice is "substantial authority"). [Be careful of generalized statements....]

> The moral of the story: ask the right question and know the answer
> before you ask it.

Then why ask? :-)

> >But then OPINIONS cost nothing and worth about as much
>
> I'll be glad to charge you for legal and technical opinions which
> will hold up under all professsional scrutiny, then.
>
> Others get it for free under the ARRL member assistance program.

Dumb looks are free also.

13. Re: CW problems with arabs and ex-USSR

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-01 11:08:25 UTC
From: Bert Craig <wa2si@arrl.netNOSPAM>
Message-ID: <JYdMa.55196$2D1.18101837@news4.srv.hcvlny.cv.net>
Source record: 69848

"Phil Kane" <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop> wrote in message
news:cuvyxnansvbet.hhbbfw3.pminews@netnews.comcast.net...
> On Tue, 01 Jul 2003 01:35:30 +0200, Fritz Wuehler wrote:
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> >The best thing to do IS to suppress totally the S25.5 .
> >Who cares about arabs and ex-USSR ?? These are not civilized
> >countries, so its a great mistake to consider their wills.

This is nice...sheesh.

> They and the other 180-some-odd "not civilized countries" each have
> one vote. The United States also has one vote.
>
> Starting to see the picture?

It's coming into focus, Phil.

> --
> 73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane

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73 de Bert
WA2SI

14. Re: Latest News - Morse Code Test May Not "Die" at ITU Conference.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-01 13:11:39 UTC
From: k4yz@aol.com
Message-ID: <5c01b95b.0307010511.3dbd28a3@posting.google.com>
Source record: 69849

lenover21@aol.com (Len Over 21) wrote in message
news:<20030630141344.15462.00001279@mb-m06.aol.com>...
> In article <3F004204.9C4825AD@earthlink.net>, Dave Heil <k8mn@earthlink.net>
> writes:
>
> >Len Over 21 wrote:
> >
> >> There's still a bunch of anal retentive amateurs in here who, never
> >> having done a single bit of military communications, profess to be
> >> absolute, self-righteous "experts" on How Things Are Done.
> >
> >There are any number of radio amateurs here who have participated in
> >military or government communications and who have done so more recently
> >than you.
>
> I'm sure there are. The ones who post in here are exactly as I described.

I am sure you THINK they are, but they are usually the ones who
just make you look foolish over and over. I am sure you have a lot of
other colorful metaphors for us too. Doesn't matter.

> >You hold the title as being the only non-radio amateur who
> >presumes to tell us how amateur radio should be regulated.
>
> NOBODY can tell the great and superior Dave Heil how to run
> ham radio! Nossir! He GIVES orders, doesn't take them!

I've been following this NG for five years now...the closest
thing to an "order" I've ever seen Dave Heil "give" was a suggestion
that you go soak your head. You've obviously not taken that
suggestion because the stuff coming out of your mouth is as foul as
ever.

> >When did you last wear the uniform of the military? How recently did
> >you post your Army serial number and your rank?
>
> What has that to do with AMATEURISM, superior being?

What, indeed. YOU seem to find it "inappropriate" for anyone
else in this NG (especially those who routinely make a fool out of
you) to mentuion thier military service, yet you even go as far as
posting your rank, MOS and service number on occasions too numerous to
count.

You are, of course, two faced, but we knew that already.

> Why are you acting so despicably against US military veterans
> BECAUSE of their military service? I didn't serve in the SS.

He's not acting "despicably" against "military veteran(S)"...Just one...One who brings shame and dishonor to the service he "served" in, dishonor to the GOOD Soldiers he served with, and dishonor to those who died in combat before he was even inducted into that service.

That would, of course, be YOU, Your Scumminess. You tarnish and dishonor ALL veterans with YOUR grossly dispicable and disgusting attempts to embellish your own meager service on the graves of Army KIAs.

"Putz" is an understatement. "Creep" fits better. Some of my own "colorful metaphors" fit better yet, but I'll not share them here.

> >Well, it's a cinch that YOU don't knuckle under. You're NOT going to
> >allow any "superior" type to tell YOU what to do. Of course you don't
> >hold an amateur radio license of any class.
>
> No problem to me. Obviously to you since you seem to NEED the
> "superiority" status. If you don't get reverence for being so damn
> superior in everything amateur, you turn churlish, mean, and
> spiteful...

W H O A ! ! !

Serious POT/KETTLE/BLACK there, Lennie. You embody those very characteristics TO A TEE! In SPADES, actually!

> Offhand, I'd say you just can't tolerate any viewpoints other than
> your own superior ones.

In reference to YOU, Lennie, his viewpoints ARE superior if for no other reason having a significant background of PRACTICAL experience in the subject.

> >By "Living Museum of Amateur RadioTelegraphy", I can only assume that
> >you mean those who use morse code.
>
> No, those who go overboard in their quest to promote, venerate, and
> show their superiority in a mode which a majority don't give a damn
> about. The Gang of Four are such and in here.

At least we are licensed to USE that mode.

> >Why should those individuals give up the use of a mode they enjoy?
>
> Why should they "give up using" a mode which is allowed?
>
> I've never demanded or asked anything of the sort. You are starting
> in on character assassination again, herr robust. Not nice.

No one has to try to assassinate your character, Lennie...You do it all on your own.

> >Why should they "give in" to someone who
> >isn't even involved in amateur radio in any way?
>
> :-) NO ONE at the FCC is required to hold or be granted any US
> amateur radio license. The FCC can damn well cause ANY ham
> to "give in" to what the FCC says.

Why do you keep trying to hide behind the FCC's coat tails,
Lennie? We are talking about YOU...Not Chairman Powell or any of the
others...YOU, Mr. Coward.

> >I think it would be a safe bet to say that it'll be "Bye-Bye, Lennie"
> >before we say farewell to morse code in the ham bands.
>
> That's possible.

Nope...it's PROBABLE.
>
> Of course Dave Heil is an IMMORTAL. He, like other members of
> the Gang of Four, will never die.

Needless to say there will be folks talking about Dave Heil a lot
longer than they will be talking about Lennie What's-his-name, the guy
who almopst got a license but could never quite cut it.

> My advocacy is simply for the elimination of a morse code test for
> any US radio license. I'm not after the elimination of morse code
> use. You are, as usual, confused on that issue. Your problem, not
> mine.

The confusion comes from your numerous lies. Like the one where
you assert you are "just" advocating the code test elimination, yet
you pepper the NG with reams of vile and spiteful rhetoric intended to
do nothing but denigrate and decieve.

> Members of the Living Museum of the Ancient Radiotelegraphy
> Service will be beeping long after I'm gone. They refuse to go.

We don't have to...We're licensed by the FCC to be there. You're
not.

Steve, K4YZ

15. Re: FCC's response to my inquiry on license of FRS/GMRS

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-01 13:15:19 UTC
From: thomas <word_pass@hotmail.com>
Message-ID: <bds1hi$uur29$1@ID-170256.news.dfncis.de>
Source record: 69850
Cross-posted to: alt.radio.family,rec.radio.amateur.policy

This is an interesting, additional question. Unfortunately the answer is
not from FCC. Could you ask FCC (FCCInfo@fcc.gov) on this and post its
response?

thomas

"G. M. Alf" <gmalf.ears@verizon.net> wrote in message
news:qk22gvcrnpdcmi6bl5dki66otimfgtjkjf@4ax.com...
> On Mon, 30 Jun 2003 10:31:42 -0400, "thomas" <word_pass@hotmail.com>
> wrote:
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> >Hi,
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> >the radio and transmit, you would at that point be in violation of FCC
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> Is a GMRS license required when FRS channels 8 - 14
> are used on 22 channel radios?
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> And the Answer:
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> FCC license is not required for channels 1-7 only.
>
> Mike

16. Re: Latest News - Morse Code Test May Not "Die" at ITU Conference.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-01 13:17:01 UTC
From: k4yz@aol.com
Message-ID: <5c01b95b.0307010517.d2ccea0@posting.google.com>
Source record: 69851

lenover21@aol.com (Len Over 21) wrote in message
news:<20030630141354.15462.00001285@mb-m06.aol.com>...
> In article <20030629154657.14837.00001059@mb-m03.aol.com>, n2ey@aol.com (N2EY),
> refusing ever to give up his sacred outputs in here, writes:
>
> >In article <20030628171750.04554.00000755@mb-m20.aol.com>, lenover21@aol.com
> >(Len Over 21) writes:

> >> The correct term is "persistence of vision." :-)
> >
> >A term which is actually a misnomer:
>
> Oh goodie, an "optical expert" you are now?
>
> When were you ever an "expert" in optics in addition to doing your
> "electrical engineering" thing? Just curious since I was directly
> involved in a rather large DoD contract at Rockwell on an
> interferometer. Had to work with lots of high-level optical
> physicist types.

And I am sure they appreciated the fine job you did, sharpening
the pencils, emptying the trash cans and making sure the coffee pot
was cleaned daily.

And a fine job on making sure the urinal biskets stayed fresh.
Nice touch.

Steve, K4YZ

17. Re: Latest News - Morse Code Test May Not "Die" at ITU Conference.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-01 13:25:04 UTC
From: k4yz@aol.com
Message-ID: <5c01b95b.0307010525.47960df7@posting.google.com>
Source record: 69852

lenover21@aol.com (Len Over 21) wrote in message
news:<20030630141350.15462.00001282@mb-m06.aol.com>...
> In article <3F003CB4.758B5601@earthlink.net>, Dave Heil <k8mn@earthlink.net>
> writes:
>
>
> >I fear that you're becoming forgetful in your dotage. You left out the
> >part about a minimum age for licensing. As far as the "ham community",
> >you aren't a part of it so that shouldn't be your concern.
>
> There is NO age requirement in US amateur radio.

No thanks to you, Your Scumminess.

> Little pre-schoolers can get amateur radio licenses here. Didn't you?

Yes, they can...but at least one allegedly college educated
"electrical engineers" seems to have a problem with it. Humiliating,
huh?

> >...but you show up nonetheless as if you have something to do with
> >amateur radio. No one has asked you to waste your time, to be an
> >advocate or to volunteer your services as an expert in amateur radio.
>
> Tsk, tsk, tsk, you show up in here as ABSOLUTE AUTHORITY
> in amateur radio and demand all others agree with your opinions.
>
> NO ONE asked you to participate.

But he did. And from that practiced experience he can make
INFORMED opinions. Anything coming from you is conjecture at best.

> >I'd almost be willing to pay to see the Vintage Pirhana take on all
> >comers.
>
> Like all members of the Gang of Four, you have a strong preference
> for violence and fighting. Why is that? What made you so angry?

Liars...like you.

People who position themselves as self-appointed "experts" on
Amateur Radio matters who are neither licensed or participating in
Amatuer Radio...like you.

People who hide behind the achievements and sacrifices of
others...like you.

People who find it necessary to make anaolgies of others to Nazis...Like you do...

Whew.

Steve, K4YZ

18. Re: Technicians on 5Mhz?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-01 13:33:59 UTC
From: k4yz@aol.com
Message-ID: <5c01b95b.0307010533.339c86f8@posting.google.com>
Source record: 69853

k0hb@arrl.net (K0HB) wrote in message
news:<e79dbd9b.0306292043.3ad83295@posting.google.com>...
> Since Morse code is not an authorized mode on the 5MHz ham channels
> which open this week in the US, could a petition to allow
> non-morse-tested amateur radio licensees (Technicians) on these
> channels during FCC declared emergency communications be adopted by
> FCC? (Emergency comms being a prime reason advanced for the need for
> this allocation.) Since consideration of the removal of the ITU Morse
> test requirement may be delayed until a future WARC, this may issue
> may boil to the surface in coming months.
>
> This would certainly open up a wider pool of available licensees
> during communications emergencies which might require HF operations
> (tropical storms, widespread floods, and similar "non-localized"
> emergency comm incidents).

Since this is an "allocation" that is actually more like an
authorization for Amateurs to operate on several land mobile
frequencies for domestic purposes, I don't see why not. And I don't
see a need to make it only under declared emergencies, either. How are
these folks going to get the needed experience if they can't
participate in "routine" nets and exercises?

73

Steve, K4YZ

PS...Are you back home yet? How was Deutschland?

19. Re: FCC's response to my inquiry on license of FRS/GMRS

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-01 13:35:39 UTC
From: thomas <word_pass@hotmail.com>
Message-ID: <bds2nm$101mdr$1@ID-170256.news.dfncis.de>
Source record: 69854
Cross-posted to: alt.radio.family,rec.radio.amateur.policy

Oops -- I just got a response from Motorola about its T5820. The answer differs sharply from yours from Corba;-)

Subject

T5820 Do I need to have a FCC license for this radio, if I ONLY use the FRS c...

Discussion Thread

Response (Catherine) - 07/01/2003 08:24 AM
We sincerely apologize for the delay in our response. We answer all emails thoroughly and individually and due to our unusually high email volume it has caused a delay in our response time.

You do not need an FCC license when using channels 8-14, which are the FRS channels.

Customer (thomas) - 06/25/2003 01:29 PM
T5820
Do I need to have a FCC license for this radio, if I ONLY use the FRS channels, NOT the GMRS channels?

"G. M. Alf" <gmalf.ears@verizon.net> wrote in message news:qk22gvcrnpdcmi6bl5dki66otimfgtjkjf@4ax.com...
> On Mon, 30 Jun 2003 10:31:42 -0400, "thomas" <word_pass@hotmail.com>
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20. Re: CW problems with arabs and ex-USSR

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-01 14:15:56 UTC
From: N2EY@AOL.COM
Message-ID: <c2356669.0307010615.37bb5f77@posting.google.com>
Source record: 69855

Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote in message
news:<Xns93AB47B56200elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>...

> Anyway, CW testing is all over bar the shouting.

Actually, Alun, I'd say it was the other way around. The shouting is
all overand the test continues until the paperwork is completed.

> The unanimously agreed
> language, now passed through all the commitee levels, makes it optional.

Maybe that's a solution for the FCC. Have code tests at 5, 13 and 20
wpm. Just make them optional.

> It just has to be nodded through at the plenary session. This allows those
> countries mentioned, plus Germany to retain CW testing without it seeming
> that it no longer relates to ITU rules, whilst also allowing every other
> country to dump CW teasting.

We oughta have a pool on how long it takes The Congress and FCC to get
through the various levels of rubberstamping. My wild guess is no more
than a year from today.

73 de Jim, N2EY

21. Re: CW problems with arabs and ex-USSR

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-01 14:31:19 UTC
From: Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93AB6B0027EA3elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>
Source record: 69856

N2EY@AOL.COM (N2EY) wrote in
news:c2356669.0307010615.37bb5f77@posting.google.com:

> Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote in message
> news:<Xns93AB47B56200elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>...
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>> Anyway, CW testing is all over bar the shouting.
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> Actually, Alun, I'd say it was the other way around. The shouting is
> all overand the test continues until the paperwork is completed.
>

Good one!

>> The unanimously agreed
>> language, now passed through all the commitee levels, makes it
>> optional.
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> Maybe that's a solution for the FCC. Have code tests at 5, 13 and 20
> wpm. Just make them optional.
>

I think that would be fine, but I don't think the FCC would go for it.

>> It just has to be nodded through at the plenary session. This allows
>> those countries mentioned, plus Germany to retain CW testing without
>> it seeming that it no longer relates to ITU rules, whilst also
>> allowing every other country to dump CW teasting.
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> through the various levels of rubberstamping. My wild guess is no more
> than a year from today.
>
> 73 de Jim, N2EY
>

I would think about the same, but surely we should each guess a particular
date, and the winner should be whoever is closest.

22. Re: FCC's response to my inquiry on license of FRS/GMRS

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-01 14:40:33 UTC
From: randy_NO_SPAM_PLEASE_@murs-usa.com
Message-ID: <36117900.0307010640.4c42b9ce@posting.google.com>
Source record: 69857
Cross-posted to: alt.radio.family,rec.radio.amateur.policy

It would be helpful if you posted the email in its entirity including
the QUESTION to the FCC rep.

Also, why did you "mark out" the reps. number?

"thomas" <word_pass@hotmail.com> wrote in message
news:<bdphkn$uuomf$1@ID-170256.news.dfncis.de>...
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> FRS/GMRS. i don't want to be part of it. hence i opened a new thread.
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> to obtain a license. On the other hand, if you switch to the GMRS side of
> the radio and transmit, you would at that point be in violation of FCC
> rules.
>
>
> Representative Number : ????? (marked out)
>
> ==
> bingo
> thomas

23. Re: ARS License Numbers

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-01 15:54:20 UTC
From: N2EY@AOL.COM
Message-ID: <c2356669.0307010754.7f31e235@posting.google.com>
Source record: 69858

These are the number of unexpired FCC ARS
licenses held by individuals on the dates listed:

As of May 14, 2000:

Novice - 49,329
Tech - 205,394
Tech Plus - 128,860
General - 112,677
Advanced - 99,782
Extra - 78,750
Total - 674,792

As of June 30, 2003:

Novice - 33,796 (decrease of 15,533)
Technician - 256,588 (increase of 51,194)
Technician Plus - 67,416 (decrease of 61,444)
General - 141,181 (increase of 28,504)
Advanced - 83,239 (decrease of 16,543)
Extra - 104,271 (increase of 25,521)
Total - 686,491 (increase of 11,699)

73 de Jim, N2EY

24. Re: Latest News - Morse Code Test May Not "Die" at ITU Conference.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-01 16:16:38 UTC
From: N2EY@AOL.COM
Message-ID: <c2356669.0307010816.63ba8a03@posting.google.com>
Source record: 69859

lenover21@aol.com (Len Over 21)erroneously wrote in message
news:<20030630141354.15462.00001285@mb-m06.aol.com>...
> In article <20030629154657.14837.00001059@mb-m03.aol.com>, n2ey@aol.com (N2EY),
> writes:
>
> >In article <20030628171750.04554.00000755@mb-m20.aol.com>, lenover21@aol.com
> >(Len Over 21) writes:
> >
> >>In article <20030628062304.14837.00001026@mb-m03.aol.com>, n2ey@aol.com
> >>(N2EY)
> >>writes:
> >>
> >>>Visual blending depends on the individual, but is around 20 flashes (dits)
> >>>per second.
> >>
> >> The correct term is "persistence of vision." :-)
> >
> >A term which is actually a misnomer:
>
> Oh goodie, an "optical expert" you are now? :-)

I don't claim to be an expert at motiuon picture projection, Len. But
I do know some facts on the subject that you don't know. Apparently
that bothers you a great deal.

> When were you ever an "expert" in optics in addition to doing your
> "electrical engineering" thing?

One does not have to be an expert to know more than you do, Len ;-)

> Just curious since I was directly
> involved in a rather large DoD contract at Rockwell on an
> interferometer.

Did the interferometer project motion pictures?

> Had to work with lots of high-level optical
> physicist types.

So? That doesn't correct your error.

> Methinks you have a terrible "persistence of righteousness" about
> your output in here. :-)

No, it's your "persistence of error" that causes you to insult the
messenger.

>
http://www.grand-illusions.com/percept.htm

There's the facts. But there are none so blind as those who will not
bother to look.
> >
> >> The actual persistence threshold varies with individuals and can
> >> go down to 15 "flashes" per second. That seems to be a combined
> >> function of the retinal cells and cerebral visual cortex.
> >>
> >>>Motion picture speed is 24 frames per second, but to eliminate flicker ecah
> >>>frame is flashed on the screen twice by means of a rotating shutter.
> >>
> >> Not quite.
> >
> >How "not quite"?
> >
> >Modern standard sound motion pictures run at 24 frames per second. But each
> >frame is flashed on the screen twice, so there are 48 images per second on
> >the screen. A two-bladed rotary shutter is usually used in the projector.
>
> Back when I actually RAN a projector in a cinema, the film rate was
> 24 frames per second.

That's what I wrote, at least twice, above. 24 frames per second is
the rate film goes through the projector. But it is not the rate at
which images are flashed on the screen.

> Back when I was actually running a 16mm
> projector, the film rate was 24 frames per second.

That's what I wrote, at least twice, above. 24 frames per second is
the rate film goes through the projector. But it is not the rate at
which images are flashed on the screen.

> Once, when I rented
> an 8mm projector to see some home movies of family, the film rate
> was 24 frames per second.

That's what I wrote, at least twice, above. 24 frames per second is
the rate film goes through the projector. But it is not the rate at
which images are flashed on the screen.

> While I never got a Masters in Optics,

I don't think you have an accredited degree in anything, Len ;-)

> I can't ever recall any projectors that flashed on an image twice or any
> other multiples.

Forgetful, huh? Here's a hint: Except for some museum pieces, they all
do it. T

> All the mechanisms I've seen had the simple pawl
> and shutter arrangement to blank the projected image during the
> frame pull-down time.

Then you haven't seen any projectors newer than the 1920s or so.

> The eye sees 24 frames per second and the eye-brain combination
> perceives motion on a frame-to-frame basis.

24 frames per second. 48 images per second. Each frame is projected
twice. At 24 images per second, many people see objectionable flicker.
Which is where the term "flicks" came from.

> It doesn't make any
> difference if the SAME frame is flashed on twice, thrice, or quadruple
> times.

Yes, it does. See the references.

> What you and everyone else sees is those 24 frames per
> second.

24 frames per second. 48 images per second. Each frame is projected
twice. At 24 images per second, many people see objectionable flicker.

> The rate doesn't vary more than allowed by the internal
> projector rate controls.
>
> Feel free to post your American Cinematographer's association card
> membership number.

Don't need one. Anybody who knows how projectors work knows I'm right
and you're wrong.
>
> >In the early silent film era, a speed of 16 frames per second was common, and
> >a
> >three-bladed shutter was usually used in the projector. Again, 48 images per
> >second.
>
> The last time I saw any "silent films" was at the Rosenwald Museum
> of Science and Industry in Chicago some time around 1950.

So?

> >> The shutter is there to blank the "pull-down" time when
> >> the geneva mechanism and pawl yank down the next frame.
> >
> >That's not the only thing the shutter does. It also blanks the screen halfway
> >between pulldown intervals so that each frame is flashed on the screen twice.
>
> ...and you can send morse code in between the dits and dahs of
> your solid-state break-in T/R switch.

Nope. I never claimed that. You are mistaken.

> Of course you can. You SAY so therefore you are absolutely correct.

Nope. I never claimed that. You are mistaken.

What I CAN do when operating QSK/break-in CW/Morse is HEAR the receive
frequency between dits and dahs. Which is one of the big advantages of
CW/Morse over other modes. The first setup I used with that feature
was a homebrew station I designed and built about 1973. It used a
highspeed keying relay and a vacuum-tube TR switch.

Like it or not, I know far more about the subject of QSK/break-in
Morse/CW than you do, Len.
>
> >> The
> >> intermittent movement requires a free loop of film before and after
> >> the shutter mechanism so that the supply and take-up reels can
> >> move at an approximate constant rate. Note: A geneva wheel may
> >> not be used in cheaper projectors but was standard in cinema
> >> projectors for decades; there are other, simpler pull-downs.
> >>
> >Irrelevant to the discussion.
>
> So is the subject of motion picture projection and your "48 per second"
> frame rate.

24 frames per second. 48 images per second. Each frame is projected
twice. At 24 images per second, many people see objectionable flicker.

> >> Motion picture frame rate standards are still 24 per second and that
> >> is what nearly everyone sees. That's a comporomise between the
> >> maintenance of persistence of vision and length of film needed for a
> >> given time.
> >
> >48 images per second. See:
> >
http://www.bbctv-ap.freeserve.co.uk/supfr3.htm

> >or any reliable reference on motion picture projection.
>
> Go for it...DEMAND to be recognized now also as an optical
> expert.

I don't demand a thing, Len old boy.
>
> As far as I'm concerned, the acquaintences I have in the motion
> picture industry don't agree with you.

You don't understand how projectors work, Len.

> >> For nearly all film projectors and editors, it is still 24 per second.
> >
> >Incorrect.
>
> :-) Check with the motion picture standards folks. Since before WW2

> the motion picture frame rate has been 24 images per second.

24 frames per second. 48 images per second. Each frame is projected
twice. At 24 images per second, many people see objectionable flicker.

The frame rate and the image rate are not the same.
>
> >You're simply wrong on this, Len. 24 frames per second, 48 images per second.
> >
> >Be a big boy and admit it.
>
> What is a "big boy?"

Somebody mature enough to admit a mistake and learn something new.
Which leaves you out, Len.

25. Re: CW problems with arabs and ex-USSR

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-01 18:56:17 UTC
From: Robert Casey <wa2ise@ix.netcom.com>
Message-ID: <3F01D951.9040104@ix.netcom.com>
Source record: 69860

N2EY wrote:

>We oughta have a pool on how long it takes The Congress and FCC to get
>through the various levels of rubberstamping. My wild guess is no more
>than a year from today.
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>
>
Congress doesn't get involved with these kinds of issues, they deligated
this stuff to
the funny cookie corporation. All that has to happen is the FCC to
issue a notice
of inquiry on rule making, do the comment period, write up the new
rules, and
publish them in the federal register. When the FCC has nothing better
to deal with.

Maybe make it "you have to pass 4 of 5 elements to get your extra.
Those are
the tech written, the general written, the extra written, the code test,
OR a super
extra written. Essentially you select either the super extra written OR
the code
test to complete your extra, the others are required." What to require
for the tech
and general would need to be worked out. Maybe the general needs the
tech written, general written, extra written OR code test.

26. Licenses: FCC Radiotelephone & Ham License Recerprocity?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-01 20:57:06 UTC
From: cdog46@yahoo.com
Message-ID: <f77eff0e.0307011257.2963e9cb@posting.google.com>
Source record: 69861

I have a general radiotelehone operatorslicense with a radar endorsment. Can I get an amateur license without taking the test(s). No reason why I could take the test but that I am very time constrained. Thanks in advance.

27. Re: Licenses: FCC Radiotelephone & Ham License Recerprocity?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-01 21:09:07 UTC
From: David Robbins <k1ttt@arrl.net>
Message-ID: <joOdnXo1IovoZZyiRTvU2Q@crocker.com>
Source record: 69862

"cappy anderson" <cdog46@yahoo.com> wrote in message
news:f77eff0e.0307011257.2963e9cb@posting.google.com...
> I have a general radiotelehone operatorslicense with a radar
> endorsment. Can I get an amateur license without taking the test(s).
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> constrained. Thanks in advance.

nope, sorry. still have to take the test. there are lots of rules,
different operating procedures, and theory from basic circuits to antennas,
fields, waves, that are part of the amateur tests. some of it may be common
in the technical area, but there are lots of different things also.

28. Re: Licenses: FCC Radiotelephone & Ham License Recerprocity?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-01 21:21:46 UTC
From: AMHAM73 <amham73@connectnet.net>
Message-ID: <KXmMa.86385$Pc5.83735@fed1read01>
Source record: 69863

Why ask here -- you'll get right and wrong answers -- can you sort them out.

Only two places to ask with any relialibility.

1. The FCCE-mail: fccinfo@fcc.gov

2. ARRL hq@arrl.org

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> constrained. Thanks in advance.

29. Re: Licenses: FCC Radiotelephone & Ham License Recerprocity?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-01 21:43:46 UTC
From: Dan/W4NTI <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com>
Message-ID: <bdsv7j$68k$1@slb9.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 69864

The previous poster is correct. ANHAM73 is a moron.

Dan/W4NTI

"AMHAM73" <amham73@connectnet.net> wrote in message
news:KXmMa.86385$Pc5.83735@fed1read01...
> Why ask here -- you'll get right and wrong answers -- can you sort them
out.
>
> Only two places to ask with any relialibility.
>
> 1. The FCCE-mail: fccinfo@fcc.gov
>
>
> 2. ARRL hq@arrl.org
>
> "cappy anderson" <cdog46@yahoo.com> wrote in message
> news:f77eff0e.0307011257.2963e9cb@posting.google.com...
> > I have a general radiotelehone operatorslicense with a radar
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> > constrained. Thanks in advance.
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>

30. Re: CW problems with arabs and ex-USSR

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-01 21:47:27 UTC
From: Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
Message-ID: <cuvyxnansvbet.hhcoyb0.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 69866

On 1 Jul 2003 14:31:19 GMT, Alun Palmer wrote:

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>> through the various levels of rubberstamping. My wild guess is no more
>> than a year from today.

>I would think about the same, but surely we should each guess a particular
>date, and the winner should be whoever is closest.

Put me down for March 15, 2004.

"Beware the Ides of March."

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73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane

31. Re: FCC's response to my inquiry on license of FRS/GMRS

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-01 21:47:28 UTC
From: Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
Message-ID: <cuvyxnansvbet.hhcs5i1.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 69865
Cross-posted to: alt.radio.family,rec.radio.amateur.policy

On Tue, 01 Jul 2003 10:20:56 GMT, D. Stussy wrote:

>Actually, there are limits on this. If one has relied upon incorrect
>WRITTEN advice from a federal agency which enforces the subject matter
>of the advice, then that is sufficient to defeat civil penalties (at
>least it is in the Internal Revenue Code - 26 USC 6662(d)(2)(B)(i) -
>as such advice is "substantial authority"). [Be careful of
>generalized statements....]

IIRC the IRC gives the IRS specific authority to waive penalties for
reliance on incorrect IRS written responses. Charlie Richmond didn't
have that benefit, however, and neither do most other folks who deal
with the Federal government.

Read _Richmond v Office of Personnel Management_, one of my
favorite SCOTUS decisions of recent times. The only one who had
any sense of compasssion in that decision was Thurgood Marshall, J.,
who suggested in dicta that Charlie Richmond seek reclamation of the
withheld payments by means of a private bill in The Congress, which
he did and was successful.

>> The moral of the story: ask the right question and know the answer
>> before you ask it.
>
>Then why ask? :-)

To get it on the record. Any lawyer worth his/her salt does not ask
a question without knowing what the answer will be.

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73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane

32. The Pool

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-01 22:53:56 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030701185356.02222.00000551@mb-m16.aol.com>
Source record: 69870

In article <Xns93AB6B0027EA3elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>, Alun Palmer
<elektros@yahoo.com> writes:

>> Actually, Alun, I'd say it was the other way around. The shouting is
>> all overand the test continues until the paperwork is completed.
>
>Good one!

I thought you'd like it.
>
>>> The unanimously agreed
>>> language, now passed through all the commitee levels, makes it
>>> optional.
>>
>> Maybe that's a solution for the FCC. Have code tests at 5, 13 and 20
>> wpm. Just make them optional.
>
>I think that would be fine, but I don't think the FCC would go for it.

WA2ISE's idea has merit. Might be a way to get widespread support.
>
>>> It just has to be nodded through at the plenary session. This allows
>>> those countries mentioned, plus Germany to retain CW testing without
>>> it seeming that it no longer relates to ITU rules, whilst also
>>> allowing every other country to dump CW teasting.
>>
>> We oughta have a pool on how long it takes The Congress and FCC to get
>> through the various levels of rubberstamping. My wild guess is no more
>> than a year from today.

>I would think about the same, but surely we should each guess a particular
>date, and the winner should be whoever is closest.
>
K2ASP has MArch 15, 2004. I have April 15, 2004. Pick a date!

73 de Jim, N2EY

33. Re: Licenses: FCC Radiotelephone & Ham License Recerprocity?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-01 22:53:57 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030701185357.02222.00000552@mb-m16.aol.com>
Source record: 69867

In article <f77eff0e.0307011257.2963e9cb@posting.google.com>, cdog46@yahoo.com (cappy anderson) writes:

>I have a general radiotelehone operatorslicense with a radar
>endorsment. Can I get an amateur license without taking the test(s).

No.

>No reason why I could take the test but that I am very time
>constrained.

Sorry, but none of the commercial radiotelephone licenses have ever carried any credit towards amateur radio licenses in the USA.

> Thanks in advance.

You're welcome.

73 es GL de Jim, N2EY

34. Re: CW problems with arabs and ex-USSR

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-01 22:53:57 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030701185357.02222.00000553@mb-m16.aol.com>
Source record: 69869

In article <cuvyxnansvbet.hhcoyb0.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>, "Phil Kane"
<Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop> writes:

>On 1 Jul 2003 14:31:19 GMT, Alun Palmer wrote:
>
>>> We oughta have a pool on how long it takes The Congress and FCC to get
>>> through the various levels of rubberstamping. My wild guess is no more
>>> than a year from today.
>
>>I would think about the same, but surely we should each guess a particular
>>date, and the winner should be whoever is closest.
>
> Put me down for March 15, 2004.
>
> "Beware the Ides of March."
>
HAW!

I'll take April 15, 2004.

Alun?

73 de Jim, N2EY

35. Re: CW problems with arabs and ex-USSR

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-01 22:53:58 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030701185358.02222.00000554@mb-m16.aol.com>
Source record: 69868

In article <3F01D951.9040104@ix.netcom.com>, Robert Casey
<wa2ise@ix.netcom.com> writes:

>N2EY wrote:
>
>>We oughta have a pool on how long it takes The Congress and FCC to get
>>through the various levels of rubberstamping. My wild guess is no more
>>than a year from today.

>Congress doesn't get involved with these kinds of issues, they deligated
>this stuff to the funny cookie corporation. All that has to happen is the FCC
to
>issue a notice
>of inquiry on rule making, do the comment period, write up the new
>rules, and
>publish them in the federal register. When the FCC has nothing better
>to deal with.

I think ypu are mistaken, Robert.

The ITU treaty is what kept FCC from just dumping Element 1 back in 2000. And FCC doesn't ratify treaties - The Congress does. The revised treaty is not considered valid by the USA until Congress ratifies it. Which is usually a quick rubber-stamp thing. But it does have to wait its turn.

Once ratified, however, FCC is not absloutely required to do the NPRM thing. It's a judgement call on their part. I think they will simply say that the issue was dealt with back in 98-99 and again in 2000, so they don't need to do comments and reply comments. Bye bye Element 1.
>
>Maybe make it "you have to pass 4 of 5 elements to get your extra.
> Those are
>the tech written, the general written, the extra written, the code test,
>OR a super
>extra written. Essentially you select either the super extra written OR
>the code
>test to complete your extra, the others are required." What to require
>for the tech
>and general would need to be worked out. Maybe the general needs the
>tech written, general written, extra written OR code test.

I like it!

Some years back I wrote here about a "Chinese menu" system. Basic idea was that there would be a one or two elements that everybody had to pass for the entry-level license, then upgrades could be earned by taking various other test

elements, including code.

Maybe such a proposal would get widespread support.

73 de Jim, N2EY

36. Re: CW problems with arabs and ex-USSR

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-01 23:10:01 UTC
From: lk <lklose@net-link.net>
Message-ID: <vg458v40olqs87@corp.supernews.com>
Source record: 69871

"Alun Palmer" <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote in message
news:Xns93AB47B56200elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4...
>
> Anyway, CW testing is all over bar the shouting. The unanimously agreed
> language, now passed through all the commitee levels, makes it optional.
> It just has to be nodded through at the plenary session. This allows those
> countries mentioned, plus Germany to retain CW testing without it seeming
> that it no longer relates to ITU rules, whilst also allowing every other
> country to dump CW teasting.

Actually, the German radio administration support the deletion
of ITU rule S25.5. They are record that they will not continue
the domestic requirement.

It is the German IARU society that supports code exams.

Larry kc8epo

37. Re: Technicians on 5Mhz?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-01 23:30:13 UTC
From: "D. Stussy" <kd6lvw@bde-arc.ampr.org>
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.56.0307012326030.889@kd6lvw.ampr.org>
Source record: 69872

On Tue, 1 Jul 2003, Steve Robeson, K4CAP wrote:
> k0hb@arrl.net (K0HB) wrote in message
news:<e79dbd9b.0306292043.3ad83295@posting.google.com>...
> > Since Morse code is not an authorized mode on the 5MHz ham channels
> > which open this week in the US, could a petition to allow
> > non-morse-tested amateur radio licensees (Technicians) on these
> > channels during FCC declared emergency communications be adopted by
> > FCC? (Emergency comms being a prime reason advanced for the need for
> > this allocation.) Since consideration of the removal of the ITU Morse
> > test requirement may be delayed until a future WARC, this may issue
> > may boil to the surface in coming months.
> >
> > This would certainly open up a wider pool of available licensees
> > during communications emergencies which might require HF operations
> > (tropical storms, widespread floods, and similar "non-localized"
> > emergency comm incidents).
>
> Since this is an "allocation" that is actually more like an
> authorization for Amateurs to operate on several land mobile
> frequencies for domestic purposes, I don't see why not. And I don't
> see a need to make it only under declared emergencies, either. How are
> these folks going to get the needed experience if they can't
> participate in "routine" nets and exercises?

Why do you think they need to? The Technician license was never indended to be the "general operating license" of the service, but more of an experimenter's license (and lately, as the entry level class replacing the Novice class in this respect). The "operating license" is actually reserved for the license class called General.

I'm not saying that technician licensees aren't needed or are useless; just that history says otherwise (as compared to what you said). If they were truly interested in this sort of thing, then they would upgrade.

38. Re: The Pool

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-02 00:07:56 UTC
From: Jim Hampton <aa2qa@frontiernet.net>
Message-ID: <wnpMa.302$dZ1.165@news02.roc.ny>
Source record: 69873

Jim,

Can I pick April 1, 2004? April fool! :)

73 from Rochester, NY
Jim AA2QA

"N2EY" <n2ey@aol.com> wrote in message
news:20030701185356.02222.00000551@mb-m16.aol.com...
>
> K2ASP has MArch 15, 2004. I have April 15, 2004. Pick a date!
>
> 73 de Jim, N2EY
>

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39. Re: Licenses: FCC Radiotelephone & Ham License Recerprocity?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-02 00:17:56 UTC
From: Jim Hampton <aa2qa@frontiernet.net>
Message-ID: <UwpMa.305$rY1.101@news02.roc.ny>
Source record: 69874

Years ago, I had my general class amateur license. I decided to go after my amateur extra, but also wanted my commercial telegraph license. As I recall, if you had your commercial telegraph license (1st or 2nd class), you would get credit for your amateur extra ticket (CW only - you still had to pass the theory). I took but one test and passed both my commercial telegraph and amateur extra class ticket (also obtained the ship radar endorsement). I also passed the 1st class radiotelephone operator's license, but that was on a different day. The only common element at the time was that the 1st or 2nd class radiotelegraph ticket would entitle you to a 'pass' on element 1-C towards the amateur extra. Nothing else counted.

73 from Rochester, NY
Jim AA2QA

ps - in later years, I believe (just believe - I'd like to hear comments) that the amateur extra would qualify you for the telegraphy portion of the commercial telegrapher's license - but this was only recently once the commercial telegraph ticket became essentially worthless. It used to be the other way around.
"cappy anderson" <cdog46@yahoo.com> wrote in message
news:f77eff0e.0307011257.2963e9cb@posting.google.com...
> I have a general radiotelehone operatorslicense with a radar
> endorsment. Can I get an amateur license without taking the test(s).
> No reason why I could take the test but that I am very time
> constrained. Thanks in advance.

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40. Re: License for 2-way radio supporting both GMRS/FRS???

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-02 01:00:42 UTC
From: ryanhass@sbcglobal.net
Message-ID: <c999093.0307011700.70bfff49@posting.google.com>
Source record: 69875

"D. Stussy" <kd6lvw@bde-arc.ampr.org> wrote in message

> FCC Licensing Information
>
> Channels 1 thru 14 transmit on FRS frequencies.
> Channels 15 thru 22 transmit on GMRS frequencies.
> Operation on GMRS frequencies requires a license from the FCC.
>
> Then there is another paragraph that talks about how to get an FCC form 605.
>
> The inference I draw from this is that the manufacturer in this case believes
> that NO license is required as long as one transmits only on the FRS channels
> and not on the GMRS channels. A license is required only when transmitting on
> the 8 GMRS-only channels. [Whether a GMRS license is needed or not with
> respect to FRS-only use is the matter being debated by some.]
>
> Has anyone seen anything different in any other radio's manual?

Does the instruction manual say anything about power output on the
shared
FRS/GMRS channels? These are usually 1-7 if the radio conforms to
"1-14 FRS,
15-22 GMRS". If its above 500mW its not legal for FRS use, and must
conform to GMRS regulations. Wacky ain't it?

41. Re: FCC's response to my inquiry on license of FRS/GMRS

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-02 01:28:09 UTC
From: "G. M. Alf" <gmalf.ears@verizon.net>
Message-ID: <p7d4gvk7eti4p78ktcqk5qu9u4jqtg260e@4ax.com>
Source record: 69876
Cross-posted to: alt.radio.family,rec.radio.amateur.policy

On Tue, 1 Jul 2003 09:35:39 -0400, "thomas" <word_pass@hotmail.com>
wrote:

>Oops -- I just got a response from Motorola about its T5820. The answer
>differs sharply from yours from Corba;-)
...
>You do not need an FCC license when using channels 8-14, which are the FRS
>channels.

Aint it great? :)

Mike

42. Re: CW problems with arabs and ex-USSR

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-02 02:00:25 UTC
From: Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93ABDFD527C2Aelektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>
Source record: 69877

"Phil Kane" <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop> wrote in
news:cuvyxnansvbet.hhcoyb0.pminews@netnews.comcast.net:

> On 1 Jul 2003 14:31:19 GMT, Alun Palmer wrote:
>
>>> We oughta have a pool on how long it takes The Congress and FCC to
>>> get through the various levels of rubberstamping. My wild guess is no
>>> more than a year from today.
>
>>I would think about the same, but surely we should each guess a
>>particular date, and the winner should be whoever is closest.
>
> Put me down for March 15, 2004.
>
> "Beware the Ides of March."
>
> --
> 73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane
>
>

I'll say May 1, 2004. Any more takers?

43. Re: CW problems with arabs and ex-USSR

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-02 02:01:50 UTC
From: Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93ABE012AAF73elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>
Source record: 69878

n2ey@aol.com (N2EY) wrote in
news:20030701185357.02222.00000553@mb-m16.aol.com:

> In article <cuvyxnansvbet.hhcoyb0.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>, "Phil
> Kane" <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop> writes:
>
>>On 1 Jul 2003 14:31:19 GMT, Alun Palmer wrote:
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>>>> We oughta have a pool on how long it takes The Congress and FCC to
>>>> get through the various levels of rubberstamping. My wild guess is
>>>> no more than a year from today.
>>
>>>I would think about the same, but surely we should each guess a
>>>particular date, and the winner should be whoever is closest.
>>
>> Put me down for March 15, 2004.
>>
>> "Beware the Ides of March."
>>
> HAW!
>
> I'll take April 15, 2004.
>
> Alun?
>
> 73 de Jim, N2EY
>

I already picked May 1, 2004

44. Re: The Pool

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-02 02:03:17 UTC
From: Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93ABE05165B65elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>
Source record: 69879

"Jim Hampton" <aa2qa@frontiernet.net> wrote in
news:wnpMa.302$dZ1.165@news02.roc.ny:

> Jim,
>
> Can I pick April 1, 2004? April fool! :)
>
>
> 73 from Rochester, NY
> Jim AA2QA
>
>
> "N2EY" <n2ey@aol.com> wrote in message
> news:20030701185356.02222.00000551@mb-m16.aol.com...
>>
>> K2ASP has MArch 15, 2004. I have April 15, 2004. Pick a date!
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>
>

I'm going for May 1, 2004

45. Re: Licenses: FCC Radiotelephone & Ham License Recerprocity?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-02 02:36:36 UTC
From: vshah101@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030701223636.07591.00002105@mb-m22.aol.com>
Source record: 69881

From: cdog46@yahoo.com (cappy anderson)

>No reason why I could take the test but that I am very time
>constrained.

You can take a "license in a day" class where all the material is taught in a day. At least 75% of the participants passed the test on the first try, including children and others without the technical background.

The test is question pool format. The questions and answers are published. If the class is not scheduled soon enough, just buy one of the question pool study books. Review this book for one or two days and memorize the questions and answers. After studying the book, take the next amateur radio test.

46. Re: Latest News - Morse Code Test May Not "Die" at ITU Conference.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-02 02:43:26 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bdthl1$rd5@library1.airnews.net>
Source record: 69882

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"Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net> wrote in message
news:1HHLa.3340$Vx2.1795147@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com...
>
> "Dan/W4NTI" <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com> wrote in message
> news:bdn68m$sod$1@slb5.atl.mindspring.net...
> >
> > "Steve Fleckenstein" <spfleck@zzcitlinkzz.net> wrote in message
> > news:0_qLa.1016$jC.583@news02.roc.ny...
> > >
> > > > Hey Steve, Thanks for the respectful reply.
> > >
> > > My pleasure.
> > >
> > >
> > > > 1. Will you get your General or Extra ticket *before* the Morse test
> is
> > > > dropped?
> > >
> > > No
> > >
> > > >
> > > > 2. Will you get your General or Extra ticket *after* the Morse
> > > > Requirement is dropped?
> > > >
> > >
> > > Yes
> > >
> > > Why ?
> > >
> > > Because I have better things to do in life than study for a mode of
> > > operation (CW) that I will rarely if at all use.
> > >
> >
> > >
> > > Steve
> > > N2UBP
> > >
> > >
> >
> > I have NEVER understood how someone can make a statement like that. How
> do
> > you KNOW you won't like it if you do learn it?
> >
> > Don't you see your cutting yourself off from a major part of ham radio
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> based
> > on what?
> >
> > Dan/W4NTI
>
> This weekend's Field Day was a prime example of the benefits of CW. Bands
> were very poor most of the weekend and the voice stations struggled to
find
> contacts late in the event. Our CW stations far outstripped the voice
> stations in total number of contacts.
>
> Dee D. Flint, N8UZE
>
>

Dee, no doubt CW has its benefits. Contrary to a lot of the "pro-CW" folks, the "anti-CW" folks recognize its capabilities. (It's silly to even put the groups in such diverse categories.) However, that does not negate the argument that, even though it may be quite beneficial, there are those of us who simply choose not to learn it well enough for practicability (eh?).

Kim W5TIT

47. Re: Latest News - Morse Code Test May Not "Die" at ITU Conference.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-02 02:47:32 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bdthl2$rd5@library1.airnews.net>
Source record: 69883

"Larry Roll K3LT" <yodoc@aol.comnospam> wrote in message
news:20030629234807.27503.00000786@mb-m24.aol.com...
> In article <bdk9ie$dvm@library2.airnews.net>, "Kim W5TIT"
<fahgedit@nomail.net>
> writes:
>
> >> The time I spent learning the Morse code and increasing my skill in
> >> order to upgrade to 20-WPM Extra-class status was in investment that
> >> paid off in what has become, so far, over 20 years of enjoyable HF CW
> >> operation. I'm certainly glad I didn't decide to devote that time to
> >> "something else" -- especially if that may have been hours of yakking
> >> into a microphone!
> >>
> >> 73 de Larry, K3LT
> >>
> >
> >So. You're thinking that people would have actually made a conscious
> >decision to stay "verbally engaged" with you for hours, huh?
> >
> >Kim W5TIT
>
> Kim:
>
> I'm not so sure about that. In any case, I never allowed it to happen!
> Back in the days when I did regularly use HF phone, about 10 minutes
> of listening to the same boring old bowel and bladder reports was all
> I could stand!
>
> 73 de Larry, K3LT
>

I have no doubt you found those frequencies quite entertaining, albeit
shortlived. You should have tried some constructive listening...

Kim W5TIT

48. 24 hours to 5MHz operations

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-02 03:37:25 UTC
From: Robert Casey <wa2ise@ix.netcom.com>
Message-ID: <3F025375.5090000@ix.netcom.com>
Source record: 69884

I clipped my diode, and did some crude tests of my bandwidth and it looks good. And it loads fine into a dummy load. 50 watts. We'll see if I can get the rig to load into my antenna. It should be compliant, as the dipole antenna isn't even cut for the band.

Anyone else prepared to get on 5 here?

49. Re: Licenses: FCC Radiotelephone & Ham License Recerprocity?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-02 03:42:23 UTC
From: Robert Casey <wa2ise@ix.netcom.com>
Message-ID: <3F02549F.9050309@ix.netcom.com>
Source record: 69885

Vshah101 wrote:

>From: cdog46@yahoo.com (cappy anderson)
>
>
>
>>No reason why I could take the test but that I am very time
>>constrained.
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>
>You can take a "license in a day" class where all the material is taught in a
>day. At least 75% of the participants passed the test on the first try,
>including children and others without the technical background.
>
>The test is question pool format. The questions and answers are published. If
>the class is not scheduled soon enough, just buy one of the question pool study
>books. Review this book for one or two days and memorize the questions and
>answers. After studying the book, take the next amateur radio test.
>
>
You can practice on-line: http://www.qrz.com/ham/index.html
and http://www.wvara.org/wvexam/
and http://www.aa9pw.com/

50. Re: 24 hours to 5MHz operations

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-02 03:49:11 UTC
From: Jerry Oxendine <joxendi@bellsouth.net>
Message-ID: <gjtMa.11981$hf.6506@fe05.atl2.webusenet.com>
Source record: 69893

Robert Casey <wa2ise@ix.netcom.com> wrote in message
news:3F025375.5090000@ix.netcom.com...
> I clipped my diode, and did some crude tests of my bandwidth and
> it looks good. And it loads fine into a dummy load. 50 watts.
> We'll see if I can get the rig to load into my antenna. It should
> be compliant, as the dipole antenna isn't even cut for the band.
>
> Anyone else prepared to get on 5 here?

It's not a problem, I've been on 5 MHZ for a number of years via CAP,
Shares,.
and FEMA.

Jerry
K4KWH

>

51. Re: Latest News - Morse Code Test May Not "Die" at ITU Conference.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-02 03:51:06 UTC
From: wa8ulx@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030701235106.15169.00002213@mb-m14.aol.com>
Source record: 69886

>However, that does not negate the
>argument that, even though it may be quite beneficial, there are those of us
>who simply choose not to learn it well enough for practicability (eh?).
>
>Kim W5TIT

Or learn anything else.

52. Re: Latest News - Morse Code Test May Not "Die" at ITU Conference.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-02 03:58:23 UTC
From: Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
Message-ID: <cuvyxnansvbet.hhdgwk2.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 69887

On Mon, 30 Jun 2003 20:37:38 -0500, Kim W5TIT wrote:

>For instance, I happen to absolutely know I would not enjoy jumping out of
>an airplane to parachute. I've never tried it, no. But I don't intend to
>because "it's just not me."

Funny that you should say that, because just this evening at dinner
my wife was relating that one of her co-workers is an ex-paratrooper
who absolutely gets the shakes and white knuckles when he has to fly
as a passenger in a commercial airliner and land on a runway sitting
in his seat - he has no problems when it's just him and 10,000 feet of
thin air between him and the ground.

Me, I had problems falling off a ladder at 8 feet above ground,
twisting my knee - after 30 years the knee started bothering me
again.

To each his own.

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73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane

53. Re: License for 2-way radio supporting both GMRS/FRS???

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-02 03:58:24 UTC
From: Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
Message-ID: <cuvyxnansvbet.hhdh6c4.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 69888

On 1 Jul 2003 18:00:42 -0700, Ryan wrote:

>Does the instruction manual say anything about power output on the
>shared FRS/GMRS channels? These are usually 1-7 if the radio conforms
>to "1-14 FRS, 15-22 GMRS". If its above 500mW its not legal for FRS
>use, and must conform to GMRS regulations. Wacky ain't it?

Not at all. It's very plain. You said it clearly.

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73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane

54. Re: Latest News - Morse Code Test May Not "Die" at ITU Conference.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-02 03:58:24 UTC
From: Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
Message-ID: <cuvyxnansvbet.hhdh283.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 69890

On Tue, 1 Jul 2003 21:43:26 -0500, Kim W5TIT wrote:

>However, that does not negate the argument that, even though it may
>be quite beneficial, there are those of us who simply choose not to
>learn it well enough for practicability (eh?).

The only issue is whether the FCC should require demonstration of
ability to copy code as a part of the examination procedure - and
we all agree (inwardly or outwardly) that that will be going away
real soon.

Any other argument is meaningless.

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73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane

55. Re: Licenses: FCC Radiotelephone & Ham License Recerprocity?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-02 03:58:25 UTC
From: Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
Message-ID: <cuvyxnansvbet.hhdha45.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 69889

On 02 Jul 2003 02:36:36 GMT, Vshah101 wrote:

>You can take a "license in a day" class where all the material is taught in a
>day. At least 75% of the participants passed the test on the first try,
>including children and others without the technical background.
>
>The test is question pool format. The questions and answers are published. If
>the class is not scheduled soon enough, just buy one of the question pool study
>books. Review this book for one or two days and memorize the questions and
>answers. After studying the book, take the next amateur radio test.

Do not stick your hand inside the transmitter or the gremlin that
lives therein will bite it off.

Of course this doesn't apply to you.

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73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane

56. Re: Technicians on 5Mhz?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-02 04:25:20 UTC
From: "Dick Carroll;" <dixie@townsqr.com>
Message-ID: <bdtmrg$g0t$0@208.206.142.108>
Source record: 69891

"D. Stussy" wrote:

> On Mon, 30 Jun 2003, Dick Carroll; wrote:
> > ...
> > It'll be real interesting to watch the first 5 mhz disaster net unfold.
>
> Or the first disasterous use of 5MHz unfold! Is there a difference? ;-)

That's what will make it interesting! :^)

57. Re: Licenses: FCC Radiotelephone & Ham License Recerprocity?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-02 04:40:18 UTC
From: "Dick Carroll;" <dixie@townsqr.com>
Message-ID: <bdtnni$i0t$0@208.206.142.108>
Source record: 69892

cappy anderson wrote:

> I have a general radiotelehone operatorslicense with a radar
> endorsment. Can I get an amateur license without taking the test(s).
> No reason why I could take the test but that I am very time
> constrained. Thanks in advance.

The answer is no, there is no crossover credit for a GROL.

58. Re: The Pool

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-02 04:48:56 UTC
From: "Dick Carroll;" <dixie@townsqr.com>
Message-ID: <bdto7o$i0t$1@208.206.142.108>
Source record: 69894

Jim Hampton wrote:

> Jim,
>
> Can I pick April 1, 2004? April fool! :)
>

Dang, you beat me out, Jim! Seems FCC likes April Fools Day when it comes to the ARS. Tha last slam was on April 1, 2000 IFIRC.

Dick

59. Re: Latest News - Morse Code Test May Not "Die" at ITU Conference.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-02 05:04:08 UTC
From: "Dick Carroll;" <dixie@townsqr.com>
Message-ID: <bdtp48$lr4$0@208.206.142.108>
Source record: 69895

Phil Kane wrote:

> On Mon, 30 Jun 2003 20:37:38 -0500, Kim W5TIT wrote:
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> >For instance, I happen to absolutely know I would not enjoy jumping out of
> >an airplane to parachute. I've never tried it, no. But I don't intend to
> >because "it's just not me."
>
> Funny that you should say that, because just this evening at dinner
> my wife was relating that one of her co-workers is an ex-paratrooper
> who absolutely gets the shakes and white knuckles when he has to fly
> as a passenger in a commercial airliner and land on a runway sitting
> in his seat - he has no problems when it's just him and 10,000 feet of
> thin air between him and the ground.
>
> Me, I had problems falling off a ladder at 8 feet above ground,
> twisting my knee - after 30 years the knee started bothering me
> again.
>
> To each his own.

I have a son-in-law who is a SF Master Sgt parachute instructor. He tells me he jumps every time any of his students does, several times a week. Thinks nothing of it, though he does pack his own 'chute!

60. Re: The Pool

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-02 08:23:07 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030702042307.23307.00001112@mb-m29.aol.com>
Source record: 69896

In article <wnpMa.302$dZ1.165@news02.roc.ny>, "Jim Hampton"
<aa2qa@frontiernet.net> writes:

>Jim,
>
>Can I pick April 1, 2004? April fool! :)
>
Nobody has it yet, so it's yours!

So far:

K2ASP: March 15, 2004
AA2QA: April 1, 2004
N2EY: April 15, 2004

73 de Jim, N2EY

61. Re: Latest News - Morse Code Test May Not "Die" at ITU Conference.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-02 09:23:47 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030702052347.25815.00001103@mb-m07.aol.com>
Source record: 69897

In article <VeNLa.3394$Vx2.1844600@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com>, "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net> writes:

>"N2EY" <n2ey@aol.com> wrote in message
>news:20030629202256.25815.00001039@mb-m07.aol.com...
>> In article <1HHLa.3340$Vx2.1795147@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com>, "Dee D.
>Flint"
>> <deehays@qix.net> writes:
>>
>> >This weekend's Field Day was a prime example of the benefits of CW.
>Bands
>> >were very poor most of the weekend and the voice stations struggled to
>find
>> >contacts late in the event. Our CW stations far outstripped the voice
>> >stations in total number of contacts.
>>
>> Worst conditions in a long time.
>> >
>> FD 2003 at N2EY (1B-1 Battery, EPA):
>>
>> Setup:
>>
>> K2 #2084 at 5 W outout with KAT2, KAF2, powered by external 7 AH gel cell.
>> Homebrew coax-fed inverted V with traps, apex at 47 feet, ends at 25 feet,
>> oriented north-south. About 14 hours on the air.
>>
>> Results:
>>
>> 80 CW: 89 QSOs
>> 40 CW: 115 QSOs
>> 20 CW: 15 QSOs
>> Total QSOs: 219 QSOs (2190 QSO points)
>> Bonuses: Emergency power, W1AW bulletin, message to SM (300 bonus points)
>> Total raw score: 2490 points
>>
>> How did others fare?
>>
>> 73 de Jim, N2EY
>>
>
>Well I don't have the club's totals (club call W8HP with our GOTA station on
>W8JXU) but our CW guys did well and I took a turn at both of our CW
>stations.

I recall working W8HP on at least two bands. Also N8NN. Thanks for the points!

>We ran 5A at a nearby park that is used as a Scout camp at times
>(bunk beds to sleep in and a place to cook, Yay!).

Good site selection.

>For 20m CW and phone,
>the count was near 300 each although the voice didn't really pick up until
>late this morning. 80 and 40 CW were good but voice was very modest. My >OM
>picked up one CW contact on 15m this morning and one on 6m yesterday.

20 was the poorest I've seen it in a long time. 15 and 10 were useless here in EPA.

>There
>wasn't more than a couple dozen voice contacts on 15m, 10m, and VHF
>combined.

It will be interesting to see how the totals work out contest-wide. There may have been more CW than voice contacts across the board this year. Pretty good for a mode that we are told is "obsolete", huh, Dee?

>However, there's always a silver lining. Most of us got a pretty good
>night's sleep since the bands were poor.

I hung in till about 3 AM and was back at it soon after sunrise. Even got in a short run Sunday morning.

>Today, we knocked down most of the
>antennas and stations early and just kept our 20m ones running until time to
>quit. That left only a minimal teardown to do this afternoon.

Teardown took me less than one hour:

- disconnect the rig and battery
- pull up ground rod
- pack rig, battery, papers, bug, etc. into their respective boxes
- fold up the special homebrew FD table
- tear down tent and roll it up
- untie three antenna ropes and drop antenna
- roll up and pack antenna
- load up car

Probably the quickest getaway yet!

361 days till the next one.

73 de Jim, N2EY

62. Re: Latest News - Morse Code Test May Not "Die" at ITU Conference.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-02 12:22:28 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu>
Message-ID: <3F02CE84.1060606@psu.edu>
Source record: 69898

Steve Robeson, K4CAP wrote:

> And a fine job on making sure the urinal biskets stayed fresh.
> Nice touch.

I just keep grtting an image of Homer Simpson saying,
"Mmmmmmmm....Urinal biscuits".

- Mike KB3EIA -

63. Re: Latest News - Morse Code Test May Not "Die" at ITU Conference.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-02 12:23:10 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030702082310.21428.00000856@mb-m23.aol.com>
Source record: 69899

In article <Xns93A9CA6B9CA49elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>, Alun Palmer
<elektros@yahoo.com> writes:

>n2ey@aol.com (N2EY) wrote in
>news:20030629182252.08200.00000530@mb-m25.aol.com:
>
>> In article <Xns93A6A1A7FE2DFelektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>, Alun Palmer
>> <elektros@yahoo.com> writes:
>>
>>>Largely because it comes too late. If this had happened in 1992, as it
>>>might well have if it had made the agenda and that particular
>>>conference had not been postponed by three years, then I think the
>>>effect would have been much bigger.
>>
>> Maybe.
>>
>> Or maybe S25.5 would have not been revised in 1992 if it was on the
>> agenda, conference wasn't postponed, etc. Remember that back in '92 the
>> maritime folks still had CW/Morse capability required on all ships over
>> a certain size.
>>
>> I think the delay actually worked FOR the total elimination of code
>> testing.
>>
>
>Absolutely. It changed it from an odds on probability to a near certainty.

Well, we'll have to agree to disagree about the probability back in 1992.

But note this: Medical waivers for the 13 and 20 wpm code tests began in 1990.
Anyone who could get a doctor's note needed only to pass 5 wpm. And there
were/are lots of accomodations available.

Then in 1991 the code test for all amateur privs above 30 MHz went away.

Was there a sustained increase in amateur radio growth because of those
changes? No - just compare the growth in the '80s vs. the '90s. There was an
initial surge when the changes happened, that's all.

It's been over three years since the restructuring and US license totals have
increased by about 11,000. I thought we'd be over 700,000 by 2001.

If/when FCC dumps Element 1, will we see lots of growth? I sincerely doubt it.

>
>Don't forget though that the maritime CW phasing out period began way back
>in 1987, although it wasn't completed until 2000 (and some would say,

>isn't complete now, despite no testing, distress watch, etc.).

You left out a key word: "mandatory". Morse/CW is still used in some parts of
the maritime services, it's just not mandatory anymore.
>
>>>Something else happened in the interim, an explosion in
>>>Internet use, which has changed the landscape.
>>
>> Which would have happened regardless of S25.5.
>>
>> To paraphrase and expand on a statement by W3RV, amateur radio will
>> continue to exist because of things it offers that cannot be done with
>> the internet, email, cell phones or inexpensive long distance
>> telecommunications. Toss in GMRS/FRS, too. Example: most of the folks
>> who got ham licenses for honeydew purposes in the '80s and '90s now
>> have cellphones for that job. There's no point in running routine phone
>> patches when you can direct dial for a few pennies a minute.
>>
>> Amateurs, by definition, have to build their facilities with
>> discretionary money, time and other resources. And no hope of any
>> financial return. Which means they have to really want to do it or it's
>> just not gonna happen. Classic "bell the cat" situation.

And removal or retention of various tests or other requirements will not change
any of that. Cell phones, computers and 'net connection have become a practical
necessity in most people's lives today.

73 de Jim, N2EY

64. Re: Latest News - Morse Code Test May Not "Die" at ITU Conference.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-02 12:43:00 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu>
Message-ID: <3F02D354.1070209@psu.edu>
Source record: 69902

Kim W5TIT wrote:

> Dan, I can understand your exasperation with people who choose not to learn
> CW or decide that they don't like it. However, that is as far as the
> understanding goes. It seems impossible to me that you can't understand
> that people know what they do, or don't, like.

We all have to learn things that we may not like all that much. I had to sit and learn classes in school that I found boring to distraction.

> For instance, I happen to absolutely know I would not enjoy jumping out of
> an airplane to parachute. I've never tried it, no. But I don't intend to
> because "it's just not me."

But if you wanted to parachute out of planes, you would indeed have to jump out of a plane. I know that sounds redundant or maybe redumbdant, but it helps prove my point. You aren't that interested in that sort of hobby, so you don't do it. It is strange that so many people have a problem with my basic premise: that people who aren't willing to learn the requirements are not all that interested in the ARS. In this case, the requirement is the Morse test.

> So, why is it so difficult for you to understand that people can and do make
> the decision that the CW part of this hobby is something they are not
> interested in? Are you saying that there is nothing you would not try to
> see if you liked it or not? You don't know yourself well enough?

If a person does not want to take the Morse test, that is their right and privilege. They won't get the HF ticket however.

If they are interested in the ARS, but do not learn Morse because they don't like it, they are not as interested as someone who does make the effort.

- Mike KB3EIA -

65. Re: The Pool

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-02 12:46:49 UTC
From: N2EY@AOL.COM
Message-ID: <c2356669.0307020446.2156d8f3@posting.google.com>
Source record: 69900

"Dick Carroll;" <dixie@townsqr.com> wrote in message
news:<bdto7o$i0t$1@208.206.142.108>...
> Jim Hampton wrote:
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> > Jim,
> >
> > Can I pick April 1, 2004? April fool! :)
> >
>
> Dang, you beat me out, Jim! Seems FCC likes April Fools Day when it
> comes to the ARS. Tha last slam was on April 1, 2000 IFIRC.

If you mean the recent restructuring - that was April 15, 2000.

73 de Jim, N2EY

66. Re: The Pool

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-02 12:48:00 UTC
From: N2EY@AOL.COM
Message-ID: <c2356669.0307020448.4896bb7d@posting.google.com>
Source record: 69901

So far:

K2ASP: March 15, 2004
AA2QA: April 1, 2004
N2EY: April 15, 2004
N3KIP: May 1, 2004

73 de Jim, N2EY

67. Re: Latest News - Morse Code Test May Not "Die" at ITU Conference.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-02 13:05:11 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu>
Message-ID: <3F02D887.1090208@psu.edu>
Source record: 69903

Kim W5TIT wrote:

> Dee, no doubt CW has its benefits. Contrary to a lot of the "pro-CW" folks,
> the "anti-CW" folks recognize its capabilities. (It's silly to even put the
> groups in such diverse categories.) However, that does not negate the
> argument that, even though it may be quite beneficial, there are those of us
> who simply choose not to learn it well enough for practicability (eh?).

You don't have to use it, just learn it. I don't like the stupid satellite questions on the test, but I had to learn them. (sorry satellite folks) If we threw out all the parts that some people did not want to learn, there would soon be no test whatsoever.

Let's make the case:

Satellite stations - this is a very mode-specific section

Strike

Band edges - most hams I know have a ARRL band page by their rigs.

Strike

Theory - Many hams never plan to homebrew and some even have other people wire their stations for them.

Strike

Packet questions? Mode specific and most hams aren't interested in packet

Strike

Questions about SSTV Mode specific, and many hams never plan to use SSTV

Strike

Baudot code questions? Give me a break!

Strike

Test equipment questions? In this day of appliance operations, who needs those sort of questions?

Strike

I'll stop now, but for every type of question on the test, there is a person who thinks it doesn't belong there.

- Mike KB3EIA -

68. Re: The Pool

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-02 13:43:48 UTC
From: "Dick Carroll;" <dixie@townsqr.com>
Message-ID: <bdunikgnb0@208.206.142.103>
Source record: 69904

N2EY wrote:

> "Dick Carroll;" <dixie@townsqr.com> wrote in message
news:<bdto7o$i0t$1@208.206.142.108>...
> > Jim Hampton wrote:
> >
> > > Jim,
> > >
> > > Can I pick April 1, 2004? April fool! :)
> > >
> >
> > Dang, you beat me out, Jim! Seems FCC likes April Fools Day when it
> > comes to the ARS. Tha last slam was on April 1, 2000 IFIRC.
>
> If you mean the recent restructuring - that was April 15, 2000.
>

Close enough! <<G>>

69. Save our shortwave from white noise at S9 ☐ stop BPL/PLC

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-02 13:48:07 UTC
From: robkemp90210@hotmail.com
Message-ID: <6114e4af.0307020548.40399b53@posting.google.com>
Source record: 69905

Save our shortwave from white noise at S9 ï¿½ stop BPL/PLC

Comments are due on or before July 7, 2003. The FCC now is accepting
electronically filed comments via its Electronic Comment Filing System
(ECFS).

http://gullfoss2.fcc.gov/prod/ecfs/upload_v2.cgi

In the "Proceeding" field, enter "03-104" and complete the required
fields. Comments may be typed into a form or you may attach a file
containing your comments.

Full details are here;
http://www.arrl.org/news/features/2003/06/19/2/?nc=1

Many good comments have been filed, some you may like to review are
here;
Links may have line wrapped ï¿½ cut and paste in two parts or visit;
http://www.eham.net/articles/5876

IEEE comment
http://gullfoss2.fcc.gov/prod/ecfs/retrieve.cgi?native_or_pdf=pdf&id_document=6514283353

North American Shortwave Association
http://gullfoss2.fcc.gov/prod/ecfs/retrieve.cgi?native_or_pdf=pdf&id_document=6514282987

Ham - good overview
http://gullfoss2.fcc.gov/prod/ecfs/retrieve.cgi?native_or_pdf=pdf&id_document=6514156997

Aura communications
http://gullfoss2.fcc.gov/prod/ecfs/retrieve.cgi?native_or_pdf=pdf&id_document=6514282951

Amherst Alliance
http://gullfoss2.fcc.gov/prod/ecfs/retrieve.cgi?native_or_pdf=pdf&id_document=6514147416

More information on this issue can be found at:
http://www.eham.net/articles/5769

70. Re: Latest News - Morse Code Test May Not "Die" at ITU Conference.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-02 13:51:40 UTC
From: Bert Craig <wa2si@arrl.netNOSPAM>
Message-ID: <MrBMa.62457$2D1.22344408@news4.srv.hcvlny.cv.net>
Source record: 69906

"Kim W5TIT" <fahgedit@nomail.net> wrote in message
news:bdthl1$rd5@library1.airnews.net...

> However, that does not negate the
> argument that, even though it may be quite beneficial, there are those of
us
> who simply choose not to learn it well enough for practicability (eh?).
>
> Kim W5TIT

Hi Kim,

I thought the whole bruhaha was not over learning it well enough for practicability, just well enough to knock out 25 consecutive characters (...and punctuation marks, numbers, and prosigns count for two!) out of five minutes of 5-wpm Morse code? Additionallly, there is ample time at the end of the exam to "fill in the missed characters," so with a bit of common sense and preparation...? As I've said before, I think many (On both sides of the fence.) have lost sight of what this is really over.

I personally believe CW is still a very major factor in ham radio, hence it is very appropriate to administer a very basic, dare I say "entry-level," exam. The current Element 1 fits that bill quite nicely. This newbie cannot tout the removal of Element 1 testing as an "accomplishment," as some have recently. It's actually the exact opposite as some will never know the feeling of accomplishment that comes along with the VE asking "Ok, do you want to take any other exams today?" (Not even needing to inform you that you've passed.) Some may never touch a key in life, however, others may be inspired to take it a bit further and see where it takes them...20, 30, 40-wpm or more. But many will never know because they won't be "forced" to take that initial step. Just MHO.

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73 de Bert
WA2SI

71. Re: Latest News - Morse Code Test May Not "Die" at ITU Conference.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-02 13:52:27 UTC
From: Bill Sohl <billsohl@mindspring.com>
Message-ID: <bduo8sjai1@slb6.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 69908

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"Kim W5TIT" <fahgedit@nomail.net> wrote in message
news:bdthl1$rd5@library1.airnews.net...
> "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net> wrote in message
> news:1HHLa.3340$Vx2.1795147@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com...
> >
> > "Dan/W4NTI" <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com> wrote in message
> > news:bdn68m$sod$1@slb5.atl.mindspring.net...
> > >
> > > "Steve Fleckenstein" <spfleck@zzcitlinkzz.net> wrote in message
> > > news:0_qLa.1016$jC.583@news02.roc.ny...
> > > >
> > > > > Hey Steve, Thanks for the respectful reply.
> > > >
> > > > My pleasure.
> > > >
> > > > > 1. Will you get your General or Extra ticket *before* the Morse
test
> > > > > test is dropped?
> > > >
> > > > No
> > > >
> > > > > 2. Will you get your General or Extra ticket *after* the Morse
> > > > > Requirement is dropped?
> > > >
> > > > Yes
> > > >
> > > > Why ?
> > > >
> > > > Because I have better things to do in life than study for a mode of
> > > > operation (CW) that I will rarely if at all use.
> > > >
> > > > Steve N2UBP
> > > >
> > > >
> > > I have NEVER understood how someone can make a statement like
> > > that. How do you KNOW you won't like it if you do learn it?
> > >
> > > Don't you see your cutting yourself off from a major part of ham radio
> > > based on what?
> > > Dan/W4NTI
> >
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> > Dee D. Flint, N8UZE
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> groups in such diverse categories.) However, that does not negate the
> argument that, even though it may be quite beneficial, there are those of
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> who simply choose not to learn it well enough for practicability (eh?).
> Kim W5TIT

And just to be clear on this, we aren't "anti-CW" we are "anti
CW TEST requirement."

If you want to learn, use or otherwise promote CW as a mode
we support that just as we support learning and using
any mode that suits your fancy.

Cheers,
Bill K2UNK
Director No Code (test) International

72. Re: Latest News - Morse Code Test May Not "Die" at ITU Conference.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-02 13:53:12 UTC
From: "Dick Carroll;" <dixie@townsqr.com>
Message-ID: <bduo48nrd0@208.206.142.103>
Source record: 69907

Mike Coslo wrote:

> Kim W5TIT wrote:
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> > Dan, I can understand your exasperation with people who choose not to learn
> > CW or decide that they don't like it. However, that is as far as the
> > understanding goes. It seems impossible to me that you can't understand
> > that people know what they do, or don't, like.
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> We all have to learn things that we may not like all that much. I had
> to sit and learn classes in school that I found boring to distraction.

Betcha you decided that some of them that you thought you'd never like turned out to be interesting after all, too. Most folks mature into understanding that as a possibility, even a liklihood. SOME don't.

I remember, as a high school freshman, hating history class - until we really got into it. I later minored in history.

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> > For instance, I happen to absolutely know I would not enjoy jumping out of
> > an airplane to parachute. I've never tried it, no. But I don't intend to
> > because "it's just not me."
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> But if you wanted to parachute out of planes, you would indeed have to
> jump out of a plane. I know that sounds redundant or maybe redumbdant,
> but it helps prove my point. You aren't that interested in that sort of
> hobby, so you don't do it. It is strange that so many people have a
> problem with my basic premise: that people who aren't willing to learn
> the requirements are not all that interested in the ARS. In this case,
> the requirement is the Morse test.

The best proof of that is in the millions of hams since the end of the 18th century who DID learn the code without hesitation or even giving it a passing thought as to how "unnecessary" it might be. Basics are never "unnecessary".

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> > So, why is it so difficult for you to understand that people can and do make
> > the decision that the CW part of this hobby is something they are not
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> > see if you liked it or not? You don't know yourself well enough?
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> If a person does not want to take the Morse test, that is their right
> and privilege. They won't get the HF ticket however.

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> If they are interested in the ARS, but do not learn Morse because they
> don't like it, they are not as interested as someone who does make the
> effort.

For most people it's a no-brainer. Well, maybe for the rest of them, too. :^)

73. Re: Latest News - Morse Code Test May Not "Die" at ITU Conference.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-02 13:58:19 UTC
From: Bill Sohl <billsohl@mindspring.com>
Message-ID: <bduok2$os8$1@slb9.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 69909

"Mike Coslo" <mjc5@psu.edu> wrote in message
news:3F02D887.1090208@psu.edu...
> Kim W5TIT wrote:
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> > Dee, no doubt CW has its benefits. Contrary to a lot of the "pro-CW"
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> > groups in such diverse categories.) However, that does not negate the
> > argument that, even though it may be quite beneficial, there are those
of us
> > who simply choose not to learn it well enough for practicability (eh?).
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> You don't have to use it, just learn it. I don't like the stupid
> satellite questions on the test, but I had to learn them. (sorry
> satellite folks)

Actually you didn't have to learn the satellite stuff to
get a passing grade on the test. I have no problem adding
a couple of questions to the question pool for any license that
asks about CW as a mode. That is, however, a distinctly
different situation than having an exclusive and separaelty
graded test element as Morse code does today.

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> want to learn, there would soon be no test whatsoever.
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> Let's make the case:

None of the cases below now have a separate pass
fail test element so the "case" or analogy fails.

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> Band edges - most hams I know have a ARRL band page by their
> rigs.
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> Strike
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> Theory - Many hams never plan to homebrew and some even have
> other people wire their stations for them.
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> Strike
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> Packet questions? Mode specific and most hams aren't interested
> in packet
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> Strike
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> Questions about SSTV Mode specific, and many hams never plan to
> use SSTV
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> Strike
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> Baudot code questions? Give me a break!
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> Test equipment questions? In this day of appliance operations,
> who needs those sort of questions?
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> Strike
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> I'll stop now, but for every type of question on the test, there is a
> person who thinks it doesn't belong there.
> - Mike KB3EIA -

I repeat:
None of the cases above now have a separate pass
fail test element so the "case" or analogy or argument fails.

Cheers,
Bill K2UNK

74. Re: Latest News - Morse Code Test May Not "Die" at ITU Conference.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-02 14:08:47 UTC
From: Bill Sohl <billsohl@mindspring.com>
Message-ID: <bdupan$q02$1@slb5.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 69910

"Mike Coslo" <mjc5@psu.edu> wrote in message
news:3F02D354.1070209@psu.edu...
> Kim W5TIT wrote:
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> > Dan, I can understand your exasperation with people who choose not to
learn
> > CW or decide that they don't like it. However, that is as far as the
> > understanding goes. It seems impossible to me that you can't understand
> > that people know what they do, or don't, like.
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> We all have to learn things that we may not like all that much. I had
> to sit and learn classes in school that I found boring to distraction.

The issue is that morse has lost the need for exclusive
testing as a separate test element. Your analogy isn't equivalent
to boring school classes because the goal of those classes is and was
within the objectives of providing a complete education. FCC
licensing is not, however, the means to mandate a specific
skill capability for one mode.

> > For instance, I happen to absolutely know I would not enjoy jumping out
of
> > an airplane to parachute. I've never tried it, no. But I don't intend
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> > because "it's just not me."
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> But if you wanted to parachute out of planes, you would indeed have to
> jump out of a plane. I know that sounds redundant or maybe redumbdant,
> but it helps prove my point. You aren't that interested in that sort of
> hobby, so you don't do it. It is strange that so many people have a
> problem with my basic premise: that people who aren't willing to learn
> the requirements are not all that interested in the ARS. In this case,
> the requirement is the Morse test.

Sorry, you are expanding a lack of interest in morse as
a defining element as to one's overall interest in
amateur radio. That is simply untrue. There are thousands of
hams that have ZERO interest in morse, many have even
passed the tests to advance, yet they are excellent hams.

Bottom line: Knowledge of morse is neither a positive or negative
indication of any individual's interest(s) in ham radio.

> > So, why is it so difficult for you to understand that people can and do
make
> > the decision that the CW part of this hobby is something they are not

> > interested in? Are you saying that there is nothing you would not try
to
> > see if you liked it or not? You don't know yourself well enough?
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> If a person does not want to take the Morse test, that is their right
> and privilege. They won't get the HF ticket however.

That is absolutely true...for now.

> If they are interested in the ARS, but do not learn Morse because they
> don't like it, they are not as interested as someone who does make the
> effort.

I can say the same thing about learning or not learning
CPR. Are those that decide not to learn CW less
interested in safety than those that do? The answer is NO,
because there are many ways people can be far more safety
conscience than someone else who may know CPR.

Cheers,
Bill K2UNK

75. Re: The Pool

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-02 14:28:40 UTC
From: Dave Heil <k8mn@earthlink.net>
Message-ID: <3F02EB75.6E0DA033@earthlink.net>
Source record: 69911

N2EY wrote:
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> So far:
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> K2ASP: March 15, 2004
> AA2QA: April 1, 2004
> N2EY: April 15, 2004
> N3KIP: May 1, 2004

I think you guys are being too optimistic. Odds are that Anderson won't attempt obtaining an amateur license before sometime in 2011.

Dave K8MN

76. Re: Latest News - Morse Code Test May Not "Die" at ITU Conference.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-02 15:09:54 UTC
From: lbudney@pobox.com
Message-ID: <uof0dx8ud.fsf@pobox.com>
Source record: 69912

Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu> writes:
>
> If they are interested in the ARS, but do not learn Morse because
> they don't like it, they are not as interested as someone who does
> make the effort.

You're really describing the "hazing effect", AFAICS. I approve of CW testing precisely because of this effect; after being forced to run the gauntlet of CW practice and testing, many will decide they love CW--but more importantly, their attitude to the ARS in general will be affected by the fact of having spent effort (however minor) and jumped through hoops (however simple) to get into it.

(For that purpose, almost any hoop will do, of course. The chief advantage of CW over the theory test is that it's much harder to "cram". I'd have been an extra 20 years ago without that one extra "hump", as would several people I know. And yes, the fact that we didn't, does indeed prove that we "didn't want to badly enough".)

There's a chicken-and-egg question, of course. How many people got their license before the no-code tech, but weren't interested in CW at all? How many became interested in CW after the fact as a result of the "hazing effect"? How many support CW now because they feel the need to haze the newbies as they were hazed, even though they don't use the mode themselves? And if so, what's so terrible about that?

Regards,
Len.

Disclaimer: I'm interested in CW for its own sake. Or is it because I'll fight the man that calls me a "nickel extra", let alone a "no-code extra"? Now I'm motivated to get my ticket before they eliminate CW entirely, which seems likely.

77. Re: Licenses: FCC Radiotelephone & Ham License Recerprocity?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-02 15:14:57 UTC
From: k4yz@aol.com
Message-ID: <5c01b95b.0307020714.6b17c4bf@posting.google.com>
Source record: 69913

cdog46@yahoo.com (cappy anderson) wrote in message
news:<f77eff0e.0307011257.2963e9cb@posting.google.com>...

> I have a general radiotelehone operatorslicense with a radar
> endorsment. Can I get an amateur license without taking the test(s).
> No reason why I could take the test but that I am very time
> constrained. Thanks in advance.

Anderson? GROL? Want's to shortcut testing? Is this genetic?

Steve, K4YZ

78. Re: Technicians on 5Mhz?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-02 15:24:15 UTC
From: k4yz@aol.com
Message-ID: <5c01b95b.0307020724.4e6c18b1@posting.google.com>
Source record: 69914

"D. Stussy" <kd6lvw@bde-arc.ampr.org> wrote in message
news:<Pine.LNX.4.56.0307012326030.889@kd6lvw.ampr.org>...
> On Tue, 1 Jul 2003, Steve Robeson, K4CAP wrote:

> > Since this is an "allocation" that is actually more like an
> > authorization for Amateurs to operate on several land mobile
> > frequencies for domestic purposes, I don't see why not. And I don't
> > see a need to make it only under declared emergencies, either. How are
> > these folks going to get the needed experience if they can't
> > participate in "routine" nets and exercises?
>
> Why do you think they need to?

Why not?

> The Technician license was never indended to be
> the "general operating license" of the service, but more of an experimenter's
> license (and lately, as the entry level class replacing the Novice class in
> this respect). The "operating license" is actually reserved for the license
> class called General.

Whatever it may ahve originally been intended for (In 1951) it's
certainly evolved past that...a long time ago.

> I'm not saying that technician licensees aren't needed or are useless; just
> that history says otherwise (as compared to what you said). If they were truly
> interested in this sort of thing, then they would upgrade.

Most ARES and other public service stuff I know of locally is
already being conducted by NCT's. This "allocation" is not on a
traditional Amatuer Band, has significant restrictions on it's use to
prevent interference to other users, and pretty much puts everyone on
the "level playing field" as far as useage goes. These "channels" are
going to be for "plug and play" kind of use...Not traditional Amateur
useage, so why not let everyone have access? These will not be
DXCC/WAS/contest frequencies.

I think once the NCT's had some exposure and wanted to get past
the 50 watt/dipole only type of operation, they'll aspire to the
higher classes.

73

Steve, K4YZ

79. Re: Latest News - Morse Code Test May Not "Die" at ITU Conference.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-02 15:47:11 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu>
Message-ID: <3F02FE7F.5050202@psu.edu>
Source record: 69915

Dick Carroll; wrote:
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> Mike Coslo wrote:
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>>Kim W5TIT wrote:
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>>>Dan, I can understand your exasperation with people who choose not to learn
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> possibility, even a liklihood. SOME don't.
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> I remember, as a high school freshman, hating history class - until we really got
> into it. I later minored in history.

Absolutely! We just don't know what will interest us as we go through life.

.....does that make people who automatically know that they don't like
Morse and will never use it "know it all's" (sorry, couldn't help it)
;^) my bad!

>>>For instance, I happen to absolutely know I would not enjoy jumping out of
>>>an airplane to parachute. I've never tried it, no. But I don't intend to
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> century who DID learn the code without hesitation or even giving it a passing

> thought as to how "unnecessary" it might be. Basics are never "unnecessary".

I just thought of it as another part of the testing process. That I had
my own difficulties with it, or whether or not it was applicable or not
(IMO it is) was and is irrelevant. It's there, it's part of the test.
Just do it. (all apologies to Nike)

- Mike KB3EIA -

80. Re: Latest News - Morse Code Test May Not "Die" at ITU Conference.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-02 15:53:55 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu>
Message-ID: <3F030013.9050105@psu.edu>
Source record: 69916

Bill Sohl wrote:
> "Mike Coslo" <mjc5@psu.edu> wrote in message
> news:3F02D887.1090208@psu.edu...
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>>Kim W5TIT wrote:
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> fail test element so the "case" or analogy fails.

I wasn't making a pass/fail argument Bill, My argument is that you take
a test based on what the test is. Another made the argument that they
will never use Morse, so why should they have to take the test. In that
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Okay, I'll repeat:

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a test based on what the test is. Another made the argument that they

will never use Morse, so why should they have to take the test. In that context it is relevant.

Your's is a different argument. On that, there *is* a case to be made as to Morse code being an anachronism, and that it is one element in that a failure will cause you to fail the intire test - disregarding the certificate that you get for passing the test.

But that's not the specific argument here - tho there isn't anything prohibiting taking it in that direcion, 'ceptin' some likely confusion!

- Mike KB3EIA -

81. Re: 24 hours to 5MHz operations

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-02 17:02:56 UTC
From: Dan/W4NTI <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com>
Message-ID: <bdv351vuf1@slb9.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 69917

I've got the freqs programmed into the MP. Ill use my 4.5 MARS antenna.
Hopefully it wont exceed that ERP. hi.

Dan/W4NTI

"Robert Casey" <wa2ise@ix.netcom.com> wrote in message
news:3F025375.5090000@ix.netcom.com...
> I clipped my diode, and did some crude tests of my bandwidth and
> it looks good. And it loads fine into a dummy load. 50 watts.
> We'll see if I can get the rig to load into my antenna. It should
> be compliant, as the dipole antenna isn't even cut for the band.
>
> Anyone else prepared to get on 5 here?
>

82. Re: Latest News - Morse Code Test May Not "Die" at ITU Conference.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-02 17:12:15 UTC
From: Dan/W4NTI <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com>
Message-ID: <bdv3mjncd1@slb0.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 69920

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"Kim W5TIT" <fahgedit@nomail.net> wrote in message
news:bdtfsr$sdb@library1.airnews.net...
> "Dan/W4NTI" <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com> wrote in message
> news:bdn68m$sod$1@slb5.atl.mindspring.net...
> >
> > "Steve Fleckenstein" <spfleck@zzcitlinkzz.net> wrote in message
> > news:0_qLa.1016$jC.583@news02.roc.ny...
> > >
> > > > Hey Steve, Thanks for the respectful reply.
> > >
> > > My pleasure.
> > >
> > >
> > > > 1. Will you get your General or Extra ticket *before* the Morse test
> is
> > > > dropped?
> > >
> > > No
> > >
> > > >
> > > > 2. Will you get your General or Extra ticket *after* the Morse
> > > > Requirement is dropped?
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> > >
> > > Yes
> > >
> > > Why ?
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> > > Because I have better things to do in life than study for a mode of
> > > operation (CW) that I will rarely if at all use.
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> > > Steve
> > > N2UBP
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> > I have NEVER understood how someone can make a statement like that. How
> do
> > you KNOW you won't like it if you do learn it?
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> > Don't you see your cutting yourself off from a major part of ham radio
> based
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> > on what?
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> > Dan/W4NTI
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> Dan, I can understand your exasperation with people who choose not to
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> understanding goes. It seems impossible to me that you can't understand
> that people know what they do, or don't, like.
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> For instance, I happen to absolutely know I would not enjoy jumping out of
> an airplane to parachute. I've never tried it, no. But I don't intend to
> because "it's just not me." I also absolutely know that I would not want
to
> live anywhere but here in the United States. I've never lived outside the
> United States (except as a tiny child), and I don't intend to, because I
> like it fine living anywhere in the United States and I'm not inclined to
> experiment with anywhere else.
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> So, why is it so difficult for you to understand that people can and do
make
> the decision that the CW part of this hobby is something they are not
> interested in? Are you saying that there is nothing you would not try to
> see if you liked it or not? You don't know yourself well enough?
>
> Kim W5TIT
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Back in my younger days my attitude was as follows; I hope I never get to a point in my life that I would say I wish I would have done..... That probably explains my attitude a bit.

No I would not jump out of a perfectly good aircraft. Although I think I would have enjoyed doing so...again in my younger days.

To keep my comments in context. I stand by my statement about CW. Giving it up before giving it a try is not comprehendable to me.

Do you think I was born with a silver key in my mouth? Not hardly. It was just as much a struggle for me to learn it as anyone else.

I could have stopped at 5 and got my 'Technician ticket' and stayed there for decades until the FCC dropped the HF CW to 5. But I chose NOT TO DO THAT. I completely skipped the Technician. I went from Novice straight to General, then up. I did so because I knew if I would have gotten on two meter AM as a Novice, I would have gotten the Tech then stayed a Tech. I forced myself to learn CW. And one day I passed that 12 wpm block. And I KEPT pushing myself to get better. Thats my story. Perhaps that will explain why I think as I do.

I am challenge oriented. And I was a Army Sgt. hi hi

Dan/W4NTI

83. Re: Latest News - Morse Code Test May Not "Die" at ITU Conference.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-02 17:14:44 UTC
From: Dan/W4NTI <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com>
Message-ID: <bdv3v4$le0$1@slb5.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 69921

No Phil its not meaningless. The next 'attack' by the 'cw deprived' will be
to abolish CW on the air. Watch and see.

Dan/W4NTI

"Phil Kane" <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop> wrote in message
news:cuvyxnansvbet.hhdh283.pminews@netnews.comcast.net...
> On Tue, 1 Jul 2003 21:43:26 -0500, Kim W5TIT wrote:
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> >However, that does not negate the argument that, even though it may
> >be quite beneficial, there are those of us who simply choose not to
> >learn it well enough for practicability (eh?).
>
> The only issue is whether the FCC should require demonstration of
> ability to copy code as a part of the examination procedure - and
> we all agree (inwardly or outwardly) that that will be going away
> real soon.
>
> Any other argument is meaningless.
>
> --
> 73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane
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84. Re: Save our shortwave from white noise at S9 - stop BPL/PLC

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-02 17:23:04 UTC
From: Dan/W4NTI <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com>
Message-ID: <bdv4dttin1@slb5.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 69922

According to what I heard on the RSGB site...it ain't gonna be white noise.
Its gonna be high levels of carriers all over the spectrum. As high as 30/9
withing 30 feet of a source. Inside and outside the houses.

Dan/W4NTI

"Rob Kemp" <robkemp90210@hotmail.com> wrote in message
news:6114e4af.0307020548.40399b53@posting.google.com...
> Save our shortwave from white noise at S9 - stop BPL/PLC
>
> Comments are due on or before July 7, 2003. The FCC now is accepting
> electronically filed comments via its Electronic Comment Filing System
> (ECFS).
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> http://gullfoss2.fcc.gov/prod/ecfs/upload_v2.cgi
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> In the "Proceeding" field, enter "03-104" and complete the required
> fields. Comments may be typed into a form or you may attach a file
> containing your comments.
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> Full details are here;
> http://www.arrl.org/news/features/2003/06/19/2/?nc=1
>
> Many good comments have been filed, some you may like to review are
> here;
> Links may have line wrapped - cut and paste in two parts or visit;
> http://www.eham.net/articles/5876
>
> IEEE comment
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http://gullfoss2.fcc.gov/prod/ecfs/retrieve.cgi?native_or_pdf=pdf&id_documen
t=6514283353
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> North American Shortwave Association
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http://gullfoss2.fcc.gov/prod/ecfs/retrieve.cgi?native_or_pdf=pdf&id_documen
t=6514282987
>
> Ham - good overview
>
http://gullfoss2.fcc.gov/prod/ecfs/retrieve.cgi?native_or_pdf=pdf&id_documen
t=6514156997
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> Aura communications
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http://gullfoss2.fcc.gov/prod/ecfs/retrieve.cgi?native_or_pdf=pdf&id_documen
t=6514282951
>
> Amherst Alliance
>
http://gullfoss2.fcc.gov/prod/ecfs/retrieve.cgi?native_or_pdf=pdf&id_documen
t=6514147416
>
> More information on this issue can be found at:
> http://www.eham.net/articles/5769

85. Re: Latest News - Morse Code Test May Not "Die" at ITU Conference.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-02 17:36:26 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
Message-ID: <3F031853.9090506@adelphia.net>
Source record: 69923

Bill Sohl wrote:
> "Mike Coslo" <mjc5@psu.edu> wrote in message
> news:3F02D354.1070209@psu.edu...
>
>>Kim W5TIT wrote:
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>>
>>>Dan, I can understand your exasperation with people who choose not to
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> learn
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>>>CW or decide that they don't like it. However, that is as far as the
>>>understanding goes. It seems impossible to me that you can't understand
>>>that people know what they do, or don't, like.
>>
>>We all have to learn things that we may not like all that much. I had
>>to sit and learn classes in school that I found boring to distraction.
>
>
> The issue is that morse has lost the need for exclusive
> testing as a separate test element. Your analogy isn't equivalent
> to boring school classes because the goal of those classes is and was
> within the objectives of providing a complete education. FCC
> licensing is not, however, the means to mandate a specific
> skill capability for one mode.

But that's a different argument Bill. When this thing got rolling, I
was saying that anyone who does not get a General or above license at
the present time because they don't want to learn Morse does not want
the license badly enough to learn Morse code.

All quite a different argument.

>
>>>For instance, I happen to absolutely know I would not enjoy jumping out
>>
> of
>
>>>an airplane to parachute. I've never tried it, no. But I don't intend
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> to
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>>>because "it's just not me."
>>
>>But if you wanted to parachute out of planes, you would indeed have to

>>jump out of a plane. I know that sounds redundant or maybe redumbdant,
>>but it helps prove my point. You aren't that interested in that sort of
>>hobby, so you don't do it. It is strange that so many people have a
>>problem with my basic premise: that people who aren't willing to learn
>>the requirements are not all that interested in the ARS. In this case,
>>the requirement is the Morse test.
>
>
> Sorry, you are expanding a lack of interest in morse as
> a defining element as to one's overall interest in
> amateur radio. That is simply untrue. There are thousands of
> hams that have ZERO interest in morse, many have even
> passed the tests to advance, yet they are excellent hams.
>
> Bottom line: Knowledge of morse is neither a positive or negative
> indication of any individual's interest(s) in ham radio.

It is if a person refuses to learn it, or waits until the requirement
goes away.

>
>>>So, why is it so difficult for you to understand that people can and do
>>
> make
>
>>>the decision that the CW part of this hobby is something they are not
>>>interested in? Are you saying that there is nothing you would not try
>>
> to
>
>>>see if you liked it or not? You don't know yourself well enough?
>>
>>If a person does not want to take the Morse test, that is their right
>>and privilege. They won't get the HF ticket however.
>
>
> That is absolutely true...for now.
>
>
>>If they are interested in the ARS, but do not learn Morse because they
>>don't like it, they are not as interested as someone who does make the
>>effort.
>
>
> I can say the same thing about learning or not learning
> CPR. Are those that decide not to learn CW less
> interested in safety than those that do? The answer is NO,
> because there are many ways people can be far more safety
> conscience than someone else who may know CPR.

No. If you want to give CPR, you had darn well better learn how, or else the Red Cross isn't going to stand behind you when you crack those ribs.

Indeed, just aboutanyone interested enough in learning CPR is going to take the Red Cross classes, learn how, and be certified.

Those who aren't interested will probably not.

- Mike KB3EIA -

86. Re: Latest News - Morse Code Test May Not "Die" at ITU Conference.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-02 17:43:25 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
Message-ID: <3F0319F6.1070304@adelphia.net>
Source record: 69924

lbudney@pobox.com wrote:
> Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu> writes:
>
>>If they are interested in the ARS, but do not learn Morse because
>>they don't like it, they are not as interested as someone who does
>>make the effort.
>
>
> You're really describing the "hazing effect", AFAICS. I approve of CW
> testing precisely because of this effect; after being forced to run
> the gauntlet of CW practice and testing, many will decide they love
> CW--but more importantly, their attitude to the ARS in general will be
> affected by the fact of having spent effort (however minor) and jumped
> through hoops (however simple) to get into it.

No, it's not a hazing effect I'm describing, its plain old *interest*
in the ARS.

- Mike KB3EIA -

87. Re: Latest News - Morse Code Test May Not "Die" at ITU Conference.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-02 17:44:35 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
Message-ID: <3F031A3D.2080800@adelphia.net>
Source record: 69925

Ryan, KC8PMX wrote:
> Don't know about our local group but I heard something like around a 100
> morse code contacts (all bands being used) and around 70-80 voice mode
> contacts.
>
> Myself and about 1/3 to 1/2 of our local club pretty much boycotted Field
> Day this year..... (issues with local club)

Ya should have splintered off and done your own FD!

- Mike KB3EIA -

88. Re: Latest News - Morse Code Test May Not "Die" at ITU Conference.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-02 17:47:46 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
Message-ID: <3F031AFB.3030804@adelphia.net>
Source record: 69926

Dan/W4NTI wrote:

> I could have stopped at 5 and got my 'Technician ticket' and stayed there
> for decades until the FCC dropped the HF CW to 5. But I chose NOT TO DO
> THAT. I completely skipped the Technician. I went from Novice straight to
> General, then up. I did so because I knew if I would have gotten on two
> meter AM as a Novice, I would have gotten the Tech then stayed a Tech. I
> forced myself to learn CW. And one day I passed that 12 wpm block. And I
> KEPT pushing myself to get better. Thats my story. Perhaps that will
> explain why I think as I do.

Thank you Dan! You made just about perfect illustration of what I was saying. You were interested enough, and definitely MORE interested thatn those who chose not to do what you did.

- Mike KB3EIA -

89. Re: Latest News - Morse Code Test May Not "Die" at ITU Conference.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-02 17:49:23 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
Message-ID: <3F031B5D.4080303@adelphia.net>
Source record: 69927

You hear it now, when people yak about how much spectrum the "beepers"
have.

- Mike KB3EIA -

Dan/W4NTI wrote:
> No Phil its not meaningless. The next 'attack' by the 'cw deprived' will be
> to abolish CW on the air. Watch and see.
>
> Dan/W4NTI
>
> "Phil Kane" <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop> wrote in message
> news:cuvyxnansvbet.hhdh283.pminews@netnews.comcast.net...
>
>>On Tue, 1 Jul 2003 21:43:26 -0500, Kim W5TIT wrote:
>>
>>
>>>However, that does not negate the argument that, even though it may
>>>be quite beneficial, there are those of us who simply choose not to
>>>learn it well enough for practicability (eh?).
>>
>> The only issue is whether the FCC should require demonstration of
>> ability to copy code as a part of the examination procedure - and
>> we all agree (inwardly or outwardly) that that will be going away
>> real soon.
>>
>> Any other argument is meaningless.
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>> 73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane
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90. Re: Latest News - Morse Code Test May Not "Die" at ITU Conference.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-02 17:52:23 UTC
From: Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93AC8D176600Felektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>
Source record: 69928

n2ey@aol.com (N2EY) wrote in
news:20030702082310.21428.00000856@mb-m23.aol.com:

> In article <Xns93A9CA6B9CA49elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>, Alun Palmer
> <elektros@yahoo.com> writes:
>
>>n2ey@aol.com (N2EY) wrote in
>>news:20030629182252.08200.00000530@mb-m25.aol.com:
>>
>>> In article <Xns93A6A1A7FE2DFelektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>, Alun Palmer
>>> <elektros@yahoo.com> writes:
>>>
>>>>Largely because it comes too late. If this had happened in 1992, as
>>>>it might well have if it had made the agenda and that particular
>>>>conference had not been postponed by three years, then I think the
>>>>effect would have been much bigger.
>>>
>>> Maybe.
>>>
>>> Or maybe S25.5 would have not been revised in 1992 if it was on the
>>> agenda, conference wasn't postponed, etc. Remember that back in '92
>>> the maritime folks still had CW/Morse capability required on all
>>> ships over a certain size.
>>>
>>> I think the delay actually worked FOR the total elimination of code
>>> testing.
>>>
>>
>>Absolutely. It changed it from an odds on probability to a near
>>certainty.
>
> Well, we'll have to agree to disagree about the probability back in
> 1992.
>
> But note this: Medical waivers for the 13 and 20 wpm code tests began
> in 1990. Anyone who could get a doctor's note needed only to pass 5
> wpm. And there were/are lots of accomodations available.
>
> Then in 1991 the code test for all amateur privs above 30 MHz went
> away.
>

The ITU allowed no-code licensing above 420 MHz in 1947 and above 30 MHz
in 1967, I think. The first no-code licences were actually issued in
Australia in 1952, and the UK followed in 1963.

Of course, this time I don't think it will be another 50 years before element 1 will be dropped! The reason is that the ARRL did a 180 degree turn on code testing, which is what led to the no-code Tech. The FCC would have allowed no-code above 220 in the 70s. They proposed it and the league talked them out of it! The ARRL would have us beleive otherwise, but it's all on record.

> Was there a sustained increase in amateur radio growth because of those
> changes? No - just compare the growth in the '80s vs. the '90s. There
> was an initial surge when the changes happened, that's all.
>

It made less difference than it would have in, say, the 70s, and no-code HF now will make less difference now than it would have in 90s, much less the 70s. I'm not saying our hobby is dying, but interest seems to be declining.

> It's been over three years since the restructuring and US license
> totals have increased by about 11,000. I thought we'd be over 700,000
> by 2001.
>
> If/when FCC dumps Element 1, will we see lots of growth? I sincerely
> doubt it.
>

I agree. There will just be a surge in interest for a while.

>>
>>Don't forget though that the maritime CW phasing out period began way
>>back in 1987, although it wasn't completed until 2000 (and some would
>>say, isn't complete now, despite no testing, distress watch, etc.).
>
> You left out a key word: "mandatory". Morse/CW is still used in some
> parts of the maritime services, it's just not mandatory anymore.
>>
>>>>Something else happened in the interim, an explosion in
>>>>Internet use, which has changed the landscape.
>>>
>>> Which would have happened regardless of S25.5.
>>>
>>> To paraphrase and expand on a statement by W3RV, amateur radio will
>>> continue to exist because of things it offers that cannot be done
>>> with the internet, email, cell phones or inexpensive long distance
>>> telecommunications. Toss in GMRS/FRS, too. Example: most of the folks
>>> who got ham licenses for honeydew purposes in the '80s and '90s now
>>> have cellphones for that job. There's no point in running routine
>>> phone patches when you can direct dial for a few pennies a minute.
>>>
>>> Amateurs, by definition, have to build their facilities with
>>> discretionary money, time and other resources. And no hope of any
>>> financial return. Which means they have to really want to do it or
>>> it's just not gonna happen. Classic "bell the cat" situation.
>

> And removal or retention of various tests or other requirements will
> not change any of that. Cell phones, computers and 'net connection have
> become a practical necessity in most people's lives today.
>
> 73 de Jim, N2EY
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91. Re: Latest News - Morse Code Test May Not "Die" at ITU Conference.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-02 19:02:56 UTC
From: lbudney@pobox.com
Message-ID: <u7k70ycmf.fsf@pobox.com>
Source record: 69929

Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net> writes:
>
> No, it's not a hazing effect I'm describing, its plain old
> *interest* in the ARS.

I realize that--but of course plenty of people are interested in communication but not CW, and signify it by choosing to get a no-code Tech license.

Defining that as disinterest in "ARS" involves a question-begging definition of ARS to be "amateur radio communication in various modes INCLUDING CW."

Regards,
Len.

92. Re: Latest News - Morse Code Test May Not "Die" at ITU Conference.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-02 19:13:29 UTC
From: Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
Message-ID: <cuvyxnansvbet.hhel88c.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 69930

On 02 Jul 2003 12:23:10 GMT, N2EY wrote:

>>Don't forget though that the maritime CW phasing out period began way back
>>in 1987, although it wasn't completed until 2000 (and some would say,
>>isn't complete now, despite no testing, distress watch, etc.).
>
>You left out a key word: "mandatory". Morse/CW is still used in some parts of
>the maritime services, it's just not mandatory anymore.

In a "sparkies" group that I occasionally get into, there are several who chase maritime CW around the world. The Cubans (CLA) have quit recently, leaving the Italians (IAR) as the only one left for regular commercial shipping on CW, although allededly the Filipinos come on from time to time. The Israeli and Indian naval stations are still active on CW but not for public correspondence.

This does not include still-licensed coast and ship stations in the US and Europe which - when operated by properly licensed ops in historic preservation groups - come on from time to time as special events stations (such as on Marconi's birthday) nor the pirate somewhere in the SE United States who comes on 500 kHz at midnight EST each New Year's Eve sending "CQ CQ CQ DE WAX WAX WAX TFC LIST QSW 463 KCS =" said call-sign having been that of a station (Tropical Radio Telegraph's service to the United Fruit banana boats) which was dismantled in 1972. Of course nothing is heard on 463.

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73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane

93. Re: The Pool

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-02 20:20:38 UTC
From: Dave Heil <k8mn@earthlink.net>
Message-ID: <3F033E62.58F9AEF5@earthlink.net>
Source record: 69931

Dave Heil wrote:
>
> N2EY wrote:
> >
> > So far:
> >
> > K2ASP: March 15, 2004
> > AA2QA: April 1, 2004
> > N2EY: April 15, 2004
> > N3KIP: May 1, 2004
>
> I think you guys are being too optimistic. Odds are that Anderson won't
> attempt obtaining an amateur license before sometime in 2011.

Never mind. I thought this was the "When will Len Anderson deign
amateur radio with his presence" pool.

Dave K8MN

94. Using ham bands for educational / research project

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-02 20:52:25 UTC
From: Leo Szumel <please_use_my_last_name@ieee.org>
Message-ID: <bdvgma$88l$1@woodrow.ucdavis.edu>
Source record: 69932
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.amateur.digital.misc

Hi,

What we'd like to do is use amateur radio for some university research projects. Specifically, we would like to use AR equipment in sensor network research. Sensor networks are basically like APRS without people at the transmit nodes, and more than just position information is reported (maybe temperature, etc). Also, multi-hop relay may be employed.

I've examined Part 97 rules and tried to read as many applicable threads as possible. My interpretation is that:

(a) automated transmissions are OK (with caveats)
(b) AR can be used for educational (non-commercial) purposes
(c) AR can be used for data transmissions, using encrypted authentication, provided the data payload is unencrypted

Part (b) is the most shaky becaues it seems to dependon "reasonable use" and other gray terms. Certainly my proposed use is not "hobby" but it seems to me to fall into the category of "experimentation" and (hopefully) "advancing the field."

What do you think of using AR bands for relaying sensor information for research purposes? Would an FCC Special Temporary Authority be appropriate/required?

Sincerely,

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Leo Szumel | ECE Graduate Student, UC Davis
Email: my_last_name@ieee.org

95. Re: Using ham bands for educational / research project

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-02 21:46:45 UTC
From: "S. Sampson" <nospam@cox.net>
Message-ID: <9pIMa.562308$vU3.323632@news1.central.cox.net>
Source record: 69933
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.amateur.digital.misc

"Leo Szumel" <please_use_my_last_name@ieee.org> wrote
>
> What we'd like to do is use amateur radio for some university research
> projects.

I don't see a problem with that, as research is what interests Amateurs.

> Specifically, we would like to use AR equipment in sensor
> network research. Sensor networks are basically like APRS without people
> at the transmit nodes, and more than just position information is
> reported (maybe temperature, etc). Also, multi-hop relay may be employed.

Conducted every day.

> I've examined Part 97 rules and tried to read as many applicable threads
> as possible. My interpretation is that:
>
> (a) automated transmissions are OK (with caveats)

If you don't use a specified code, you must identify using a specified code.
For example, if you design your own protocol (unspecified code), then you
should design the system to ID every 10 minutes, or every transmission.

> (b) AR can be used for educational (non-commercial) purposes

See below

> (c) AR can be used for data transmissions, using encrypted
> authentication, provided the data payload is unencrypted

Yes. Phil Karn proposed a DES authentication many years ago, however, I
don't see why just a plain old MD5 checksum of the data and the time-stamp
wouldn't fit most requirements.

> Part (b) is the most shaky becaues it seems to dependon "reasonable use"
> and other gray terms. Certainly my proposed use is not "hobby" but it
> seems to me to fall into the category of "experimentation" and
> (hopefully) "advancing the field."

I don't see a problem in what you are proposing, and I think you could enlist
several amateurs who wanted to help. It goes without saying, that you would
need a ham license yourself, but that is pretty simple these days on a no-code
ticket.

Even if the money you use to buy the equipment, and power the equipment,
is grant money, it would be legal. Where you would begin to have problems,
is if you made the data proprietary, or sold subscriptions/membership/access

to say web sites where the data is stored. You could maintain a compilation type copyright, and restrict access to the raw data and software, if you provided say access to the processed data. I'm being vague, but the gist of it, is that you can't make money, and I never heard of a research program that did.

73,

Steve

96. Re: Using ham bands for educational / research project

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-02 22:00:05 UTC
From: Dan/W4NTI <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com>
Message-ID: <bdvki5$1ga$1@slb2.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 69934
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.amateur.digital.misc

Do you have, or are you going to have, a ham license? Will all the
stations involved have a ham licensee on hand? If not you will run into
difficulties with the third party rules.

What you describe may fall under 'experimental'. But I would check with the
FCC.

You may want to try Mr. Hollingsworth at FCC and see what he says. He is
chief of enforcement, FCC. Or maybe he can direct you to the proper desk.

Keep us informed. This is interesting.

RHOLLING@fcc.gov

Dan/W4NTI

"Leo Szumel" <please_use_my_last_name@ieee.org> wrote in message
news:bdvgma$88l$1@woodrow.ucdavis.edu...
> Hi,
>
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> projects. Specifically, we would like to use AR equipment in sensor
> network research. Sensor networks are basically like APRS without people
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> reported (maybe temperature, etc). Also, multi-hop relay may be employed.
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>
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> and other gray terms. Certainly my proposed use is not "hobby" but it
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> Sincerely,
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> --
> Leo Szumel | ECE Graduate Student, UC Davis
> Email: my_last_name@ieee.org
>

97. Re: Why digital modes are few used

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-02 22:31:53 UTC
From: Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
Message-ID: <cuvyxnansvbet.hhewwod.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 69935

On Tue, 1 Jul 2003 01:53:22 -0400, Ryan, KC8PMX wrote:

>> Data transmitted over Amateur Packet Radio is not permitted to be
>> encrypted.
>
>Larry.... it is "encrypted" in a sense. Otherwise my scanner should be able
>to recieve it no different than the voice comm's I already hear there. It
>is "encrypted" (or maybe a better choice of words being "encoded") in the
>sense that it needs to be encoded before sending over the air and decoded at
>the other end.

The same way that messages sent in Morse Code are "encoded".
Perfectly legal.

>When was the last time you listened to a packet signal being transmitted and
>could tell what was being sent as far as the content of the message, merely
>by listening by ear? If you are that good, you have my respect, as it
>merely sounds like a digital "blurb" to me.

The old-time RTTY techs could read certain combos by ear, having
heard them so often, just as many of the international point-to-point
radiotelephone techs could "read" inverted speech after being exposed
to it long enough.

Just like high-speed Morse.....

>Now do you understand what I meant by "encrypted?" The average "public" in
>"scannerland" does not have the capability to monitor that traffic as we do.

They sure do. TNCs are cheap, and an awful lot of "scannerists"
have them if they have any interest in HF reception. Some of those
TNCs can decode protocols that the average ham TNC can't. Of
course, when the material is decoded, it usually turns out to be
"spook" quality encrypted.

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73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane

98. Re: Latest News - Morse Code Test May Not "Die" at ITU Conference.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-02 23:51:05 UTC
From: Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
Message-ID: <cuvyxnansvbet.hheyqme.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 69937

On Wed, 2 Jul 2003 12:14:44 -0500, Dan/W4NTI wrote:

>No Phil its not meaningless. The next 'attack' by the 'cw deprived' will be
>to abolish CW on the air. Watch and see.

If Morse wasn't prohibited in the maritime community after all the
ocean-going large ships stopped carrying Morse-qualified radio
officers and both the USCG and the public coast stations stopped
offering Morse service, what makes you think that it would be
abolished for the ham community when the requirement for Morse
testing is deleted?

The "CWDC" (CW Deprived Conspiracy) can try hard - it won't do any good.

Watch and see. <ggg>

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73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane
Amateur Extra Class the
old-fashioned way.

99. Re: Using ham bands for educational / research project

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-02 23:51:06 UTC
From: Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
Message-ID: <cuvyxnansvbet.hhezo6f.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 69936
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.digital.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy

(Message read and reply posted in rec.radio.amateur.policy)

On Wed, 2 Jul 2003 17:00:05 -0500, Dan/W4NTI wrote:

>You may want to try Mr. Hollingsworth at FCC and see what he says. He is
>chief of enforcement, FCC. Or maybe he can direct you to the proper desk.

Riley (who has plenty on his plate as it is) is in the Enforcement
Bureau, not the Wireless Telecomm Bureau that issues ham licenses
and interprets the rules thereof. He would not be involved in such
before-the-fact interpretations - it's the folks in Bill Cross' shop
at WTB who issue interpretations as to whether such operation is
permissible or not, and then Riley sees to the enforcement.

Off the top of my baldy bean, if there is any taint of remuneration
or pecuniary interest, I would advise a ham client that it would not
be permissable.

Then again, the wizards and wonders at the FCC's Office of
Engineering Technology have been known to issue Experimental
licenses for things which are the equivalent of attempts to mate a
zebra with a tiger.

Contact Carl Huie <chuie@fcc.gov> who is a ham and the guy in OET who
handles such things.

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73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane
ARRL Volunteer Counsel

100. Re: Using ham bands for educational / research project

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-02 23:51:06 UTC
From: Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
Message-ID: <cuvyxnansvbet.hhf025g.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 69938
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.digital.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy

(Message read and reply posted in rec.radio.amateur.policy)

On Wed, 02 Jul 2003 21:46:45 GMT, S. Sampson wrote:

>I'm being vague, but the gist of it, is that you
>can't make money, and I never heard of a research program that did.

How do you think Tommy Lott developed ACSB when the land-mobile
big-three folks turned him down flat and he did the "research" for
the wannabee companies? Can you say 20 meters ?

Lots of us knew what he was doing but nobody wanted to blow the
whistle. Shame on me.

Then again, best to let that "creation" stay dead.....it's been about
25 years, and it never caught on, primarily because the manufacturers
who did fall for that scheme could never get the equipment to work
properly.

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73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane

101. Re: Using ham bands for educational / research project

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-03 00:03:38 UTC
From: Leo Szumel <please_use_my_last_name@ieee.org>
Message-ID: <bdvrsrcit1@woodrow.ucdavis.edu>
Source record: 69939
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.amateur.digital.misc

Dan, Steve,

S. Sampson wrote:
> If you don't use a specified code, you must identify using a specified code.
> For example, if you design your own protocol (unspecified code), then you
> should design the system to ID every 10 minutes, or every transmission.

That should not be a problem. I envisage we would use an unspecified
code for our data transmissions, but we could self-identify with an RTTY
broadcast every 10 min. This will all be computer-controlled so that
should be easy.

> Yes. Phil Karn proposed a DES authentication many years ago, however, I
> don't see why just a plain old MD5 checksum of the data and the time-stamp
> wouldn't fit most requirements.

Our motivation for authentication is that we are concerned with
controlling access to the sensor network; for instance, we want to be
the only ones who can give commands to the sensor nodes, like "turn off."

> I don't see a problem in what you are proposing, and I think you could enlist
> several amateurs who wanted to help. It goes without saying, that you would
> need a ham license yourself, but that is pretty simple these days on a no-code
> ticket.

I should have mentioned, I have a NCT license: KD5SZT. Issued last
summer. That's a great idea, getting hams involved. I think it would be
a fun project.

> Even if the money you use to buy the equipment, and power the equipment,
> is grant money, it would be legal. Where you would begin to have problems,
> is if you made the data proprietary, or sold subscriptions/membership/access
> to say web sites where the data is stored. You could maintain a compilation
> type copyright, and restrict access to the raw data and software, if you provided
> say access to the processed data. I'm being vague, but the gist of it, is that you
> can't make money, and I never heard of a research program that did.

Our goal is to provide a "service" to researchers; no compensation would
ever be accepted and the network is only for use in relaying sensor data
and sending commands to said sensors. Data produced would be freely
available. Sounds like our application is OK with the use policies.

Steve, thanks for your input!

Dan/W4NTI wrote:
> Do you have, or are you going to have, a ham license? Will all the

> stations involved have a ham licensee on hand? If not you will run > into difficulties with the third party rules.

I do have a NCT license. I can imagine getting my advisor to get a license, but I'm interesting in seeing if I can get around that. As I see it, there would be several autonomous transmitters (relay devices) and one control station, all of which would be under my control. As I do sleep some of the time, is that a problem? :)

> What you describe may fall under 'experimental'. But I would check with the
> FCC.

We want to design our system so that any manner of communication means could be used to ferry the sensor data (internet, etc). But for our initial experimentation, I think ham radio would be (a) very appropriate and affordable and (b) fun. We will probably use ISM for short-range communications and only rely on ham for longer range xmits.

> You may want to try Mr. Hollingsworth at FCC and see what he says. He is
> chief of enforcement, FCC. Or maybe he can direct you to the proper desk.

Great, thanks for the reference. I will contact him.

Regards,

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Leo Szumel | ECE Graduate Student, UC Davis | KD5SZT
Email: my_last_name@ieee.org

102. Re: Using ham bands for educational / research project

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-03 00:08:35 UTC
From: "Dr. Anton Squeegee" <SpammersAreVermin@dev.null>
Message-ID: <MPG.196d13de7fb2a03198992e@192.168.42.131>
Source record: 69940
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.amateur.digital.misc

In article <bdvgma$88l$1@woodrow.ucdavis.edu>,
please_use_my_last_name@ieee.org says...

<snip>

> What do you think of using AR bands for relaying sensor information for
> research purposes? Would an FCC Special Temporary Authority be
> appropriate/required?

I think you need to get your Technician-class (or higher) ham
license. That, at least, would be a good start.

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Dr. Anton Squeegee, Director, Dutch Surrealist Plumbing Institute.
(Known to some as Bruce Lane, KC7GR, Owner and Head Hardware Heavy,
Blue Feather Technologies -- http://www.bluefeathertech.com)
kyrrin a/t bluefeathertech dot c=o>m (Reassemble to use).
"Raf tras spintern. Raf tras spoit." (Keith Laumer, "The Galaxy
Builder")

103. Re: Using ham bands for educational / research project

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-03 00:19:07 UTC
From: Ralph Mowery <rmowery@ctc.net>
Message-ID: <um-dnVX-BdB6656iXTWJkg@ctc.net>
Source record: 69941
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.amateur.digital.misc

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> What we'd like to do is use amateur radio for some university research
> projects. Specifically, we would like to use AR equipment in sensor
> network research. Sensor networks are basically like APRS without people
> at the transmit nodes, and more than just position information is
> reported (maybe temperature, etc). Also, multi-hop relay may be employed.

I would say find a comercial frequency and use it. YOu did not mention the
frequency that you would be using . If under 30 mhz it will be would wide.
If in the UHF and above you may go ok. Just remember you will be subject
to a shared frequency and others may use that frequency.

Sounds like one way or beacon modes to me.

104. Re: Latest News - Morse Code Test May Not "Die" at ITU Conference.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-03 00:33:09 UTC
From: Dan/W4NTI <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com>
Message-ID: <bdvth3ntl1@slb9.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 69942

Because all the whinning folks out there and the politically correct FCC.

Argue that point Phil.

Dan/W4NTI

"Phil Kane" <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop> wrote in message
news:cuvyxnansvbet.hheyqme.pminews@netnews.comcast.net...
> On Wed, 2 Jul 2003 12:14:44 -0500, Dan/W4NTI wrote:
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> >No Phil its not meaningless. The next 'attack' by the 'cw deprived' will
be
> >to abolish CW on the air. Watch and see.
>
> If Morse wasn't prohibited in the maritime community after all the
> ocean-going large ships stopped carrying Morse-qualified radio
> officers and both the USCG and the public coast stations stopped
> offering Morse service, what makes you think that it would be
> abolished for the ham community when the requirement for Morse
> testing is deleted?
>
> The "CWDC" (CW Deprived Conspiracy) can try hard - it won't do any good.
>
> Watch and see. <ggg>
>
> --
> 73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane
> Amateur Extra Class the
> old-fashioned way.
>
>

105. Re: Latest News - Morse Code Test May Not "Die" at ITU Conference.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-03 00:35:35 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030702203535.14837.00001143@mb-m03.aol.com>
Source record: 69943

In article <Xns93AC8D176600Felektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>, Alun Palmer
<elektros@yahoo.com> writes:

(N2EY wrote):
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>> 1992.
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I think if you check, it was 1000 MHz in 1947 and 144 MHz in 1967. But the
principle is the same.

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>Australia in 1952, and the UK followed in 1963.

Japan in 1952, as well.

>Of course, this time I don't think it will be another 50 years before
>element 1 will be dropped!

Not even 50 weeks, probably.

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>turn on code testing, which is what led to the no-code Tech. The FCC would
>have allowed no-code above 220 in the 70s. They proposed it and the league
>talked them out of it! The ARRL would have us beleive otherwise, but it's
>all on record.

WHOA! Hold on a second there!

First off, The earliest "serious" proposal for a nocodetest license in the USA
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in 1975. FCC wanted to create a "dual ladder" license system, with no less than
seven classes of license! This was only a few years after the Incentive
Licensing mess of the '60s. (If you think people are ticked off about the code
test issue, you shoulda been around back then.)

As part of this seven-class system, there would have been a "Communicator"
license with extremely limited VHF/UHF privs and no code test.

The response in the amateur community (not just ARRL leadership) back then was a resounding NO! FCC scrapped the idea.

Then in 1983, FCC started making noises about a nocodetest license, and again the response from the amateur community was a resounding NO!.

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The recent turn-about in ARRL BoD policy was partly the result of a meeting of Region 3 IARU societies back about 2000. At that meeting, ARRL found itself to be the lone member supporting retention of S25.5. It became clear that "resistance was useless" and so the policy was quietly changed at the next BoD meeting from "support" to "no opinion".

None of this is secret or denied by the ARRL. It's all been in the pages of QST and on the website.

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>> was an initial surge when the changes happened, that's all.

>It made less difference than it would have in, say, the 70s, and no-code
>HF now will make less difference now than it would have in 90s, much less
>the 70s.

MAybe - we'll never know for sure.

>I'm not saying our hobby is dying, but interest seems to be
>declining.

I mean no disrespect, Alun, but in the 35+ years I've been a ham, I've heard that and similar reports. None of them ever came true.

What HAS changed is that some of the reasons people used to become hams have disappeared. If all someone wants is electronic communication, there are lots of other options, most of which either didn't exist or were prohibitively expensive only a few decades ago.

Example: In 1972 I knew a girl whose father wrote for one of the big local papers as TV critic. He had a Model 19 teletype machine in the dining room, complete with paper tape setup and telephone line interface. He'd write his columns, then punch a tape and send it to the office. He only went into the office once a week or so. Today all he'd need is a laptop and a phone line,

costing a tiny fraction of what the Model 19 cost.
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>> It's been over three years since the restructuring and US license
>> totals have increased by about 11,000. I thought we'd be over 700,000
>> by 2001.
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>> If/when FCC dumps Element 1, will we see lots of growth? I sincerely
>> doubt it.
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>> parts of the maritime services, it's just not mandatory anymore.
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>>>> To paraphrase and expand on a statement by W3RV, amateur radio will
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>>>> who got ham licenses for honeydew purposes in the '80s and '90s now
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>>>> phone patches when you can direct dial for a few pennies a minute.
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>>>> Amateurs, by definition, have to build their facilities with
>>>> discretionary money, time and other resources. And no hope of any
>>>> financial return. Which means they have to really want to do it or
>>>> it's just not gonna happen. Classic "bell the cat" situation.
>>
>> And removal or retention of various tests or other requirements will
>> not change any of that. Cell phones, computers and 'net connection have
>> become a practical necessity in most people's lives today.

73 de Jim, N2EY

106. Re: Why digital modes are few used

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-03 00:48:33 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030702204833.14458.00000796@mb-m02.aol.com>
Source record: 69944

In article <bdv3ih$113eu8$4@ID-189073.news.dfncis.de>, "Ryan, KC8PMX"
<kc8pmx@diamondcs.net> writes:

>> Data transmitted over Amateur Packet Radio is not permitted to be
>> encrypted.
>
>Larry.... it is "encrypted" in a sense.

Not in the sense that the FCC or most people use.

>Otherwise my scanner should be able
>to recieve it no different than the voice comm's I already hear there. It
>is "encrypted" (or maybe a better choice of words being "encoded") in the
>sense that it needs to be encoded before sending over the air and decoded at
>the other end. And this is totally legal as long as the standards and such
>are publicized. Look at PSK31 and the 15-20+ other variations of the
>digital modes, are you now saying all of those modes are illegal?

Encoded is the word you want. There's a BIG difference:

"Encoded" means that you need a decoder, but there is no effort to hide the
meaning or content from anyone with a suitable decoder, and all of the info
needed to build a decoder is publicly available.

"Encrypted" means you need some sort of decoder, AND information that is not
publicly available, in order to read the message. Encryption is done to hide
the maeaning and/or content of a message.
>
>When was the last time you listened to a packet signal being transmitted and
>could tell what was being sent as far as the content of the message, merely
>by listening by ear? If you are that good, you have my respect, as it
>merely sounds like a digital "blurb" to me.

True - but if you hook up a PSK-31 decoder, you can read the message. You don't
need a "private key" to make the decoder work.
>
>Now do you understand what I meant by "encrypted?"

Yes, but the FCC would not like that use! "Encoded" is much better.

>The average "public" in
>"scannerland" does not have the capability to monitor that traffic as we do.

The point is that if they bothered to hook up a decoder, they could monitor it.

You do realize, of course, that you are making a really good argument for the
use of Morse/CW to send such messages?

73 de Jim, N2EY

107. Re: Latest News - Morse Code Test May Not "Die" at ITU Conference.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-03 01:21:57 UTC
From: Bill Sohl <billsohl@mindspring.com>
Message-ID: <be00lo$qr6$1@slb3.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 69945

"Dan/W4NTI" <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com> wrote in message
news:bdv3v4$le0$1@slb5.atl.mindspring.net...
> No Phil its not meaningless. The next 'attack' by the 'cw deprived' will
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> to abolish CW on the air. Watch and see.
>
> Dan/W4NTI

Dan,

That's the nuttiest thing said in this newsgroup in many moons.

Assuming your prophesy were true, of what benefit
would banning CW provide to anyone?

Cheers,
Bill K2UNK

> "Phil Kane" <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop> wrote in message
> news:cuvyxnansvbet.hhdh283.pminews@netnews.comcast.net...
> > On Tue, 1 Jul 2003 21:43:26 -0500, Kim W5TIT wrote:
> >
> > >However, that does not negate the argument that, even though it may
> > >be quite beneficial, there are those of us who simply choose not to
> > >learn it well enough for practicability (eh?).
> >
> > The only issue is whether the FCC should require demonstration of
> > ability to copy code as a part of the examination procedure - and
> > we all agree (inwardly or outwardly) that that will be going away
> > real soon.
> >
> > Any other argument is meaningless.
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> > 73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane
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Date: 2003-07-03 01:45:07 UTC
From: Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93ACDD3DE7E29elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>
Source record: 69946

n2ey@aol.com (N2EY) wrote in
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I think 1000 MHz was in 1937. I left that out because no actual mew no-
code licences were introduced between 1937 and 1947 (the small matter of
WW2 got in the way!).

All the no-code licences in various countries introduced after 1947 and
before 1967 were originally for above 420 MHz, as permitted in Atlantic
City in 1947.

I am going from memory, but I think that I have that correct.

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Which is in the 70s, like I said, right?

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Perhaps they don't deny it now, but at the time they gave out the
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FCC with great difficulty, which doesn't seem to square with the events of
the 70s and 80s atall.

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73 de Alun, N3KIP

PS: I was licenced as G8VUK (no-code!) in 1980, got my current call in
1992, and passed element 1C in 1993. I have been around a little longer
than my call would indicate.

109. Re: Latest News - Morse Code Test May Not "Die" at ITU Conference.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-03 01:49:14 UTC
From: Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93ACDDF0AA63elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>
Source record: 69947

n2ey@aol.com (N2EY) wrote in
news:20030702203535.14837.00001143@mb-m03.aol.com:

> In article <Xns93AC8D176600Felektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>, Alun Palmer
> <elektros@yahoo.com> writes:
>
> (N2EY wrote):
>>> Well, we'll have to agree to disagree about the probability back in
>>> 1992.
>>>
>>> But note this: Medical waivers for the 13 and 20 wpm code tests began
>>> in 1990. Anyone who could get a doctor's note needed only to pass 5
>>> wpm. And there were/are lots of accomodations available.
>>>
>>> Then in 1991 the code test for all amateur privs above 30 MHz went
>>> away.
>>
>>The ITU allowed no-code licensing above 420 MHz in 1947 and above 30
>>MHz in 1967, I think.
>
> I think if you check, it was 1000 MHz in 1947 and 144 MHz in 1967. But
> the principle is the same.
>

I think 1000 MHz was in 1937. I left that out because no actual new no-
code licences were introduced between 1937 and 1947 (the small matter of
WW2 got in the way!).

All the no-code licences in various countries introduced after 1947 and
before 1967 were originally for above 420 MHz, as permitted in Atlantic
City in 1947. If your timeline were right, they would only have been
allowed above 1 GHz, which I know is not correct.

I am going from memory, but I think that I have that correct.

>>The first no-code licences were actually issued in
>>Australia in 1952, and the UK followed in 1963.
>
> Japan in 1952, as well.
>
>>Of course, this time I don't think it will be another 50 years before
>>element 1 will be dropped!
>
> Not even 50 weeks, probably.
>
>>The reason is that the ARRL did a 180 degree

>>turn on code testing, which is what led to the no-code Tech. The FCC
>>would have allowed no-code above 220 in the 70s. They proposed it and
>>the league talked them out of it! The ARRL would have us beleive
>>otherwise, but it's all on record.
>
> WHOA! Hold on a second there!
>
> First off, The earliest "serious" proposal for a nocodetest license in
> the USA was
> in 1975.

Which is in the 70s, like I said, right?

> FCC wanted to create a "dual ladder" license system, with no
> less than seven classes of license! This was only a few years after the
> Incentive Licensing mess of the '60s. (If you think people are ticked
> off about the code test issue, you shoulda been around back then.)
>
> As part of this seven-class system, there would have been a
> "Communicator" license with extremely limited VHF/UHF privs and no code
> test.
>

Above 220, just as I said. I can't recall the proposed power limit or any
other restrictions. That is 28 years ago, after all.

> The response in the amateur community (not just ARRL leadership) back
> then was a resounding NO! FCC scrapped the idea.
>
> Then in 1983, FCC started making noises about a nocodetest license, and
> again the response from the amateur community was a resounding NO!.
>
> But in 1989-1990, FCC tried yet a third time and this time made it
> clear they really wanted a nocodetest amateur license. At the same
> time, they were proposing to reallocate 220 to other services. The
> response from the amateur community was no longer a resounding NO - it
> was more like "well, if the license has limited VHF-UHF privileges,
> maybe it would be OK". Specifically, feedback to the question "would
> you support or oppose a limited-privileges VHF/UHF only license with no
> code test?" was divided 50-50 yes-no.
>
> So the ARRL BoD proposed a compromise: Create a new class of license
> that would focus on 220, increasing its usage. (The ARRL proposal did
> not include 2 meter privs for the new license). FCC saw through the
> plan and simply dropped the code test from the Tech. They compromised
> by only reallocating 220-222, not the whole band.
>
> The recent turn-about in ARRL BoD policy was partly the result of a
> meeting of Region 3 IARU societies back about 2000. At that meeting,
> ARRL found itself to be the lone member supporting retention of S25.5.
> It became clear that "resistance was useless" and so the policy was

> quietly changed at the next BoD meeting from "support" to "no opinion".
>
> None of this is secret or denied by the ARRL. It's all been in the
> pages of QST and on the website.
>

Perhaps they don't deny it now, but at the time they gave out the
impression that the no-code Tech was something they had wrested from the
FCC with great difficulty, which doesn't seem to square with the events of
the 70s and 80s atall.

>>> Was there a sustained increase in amateur radio growth because of
>>> those changes? No - just compare the growth in the '80s vs. the '90s.
>>> There was an initial surge when the changes happened, that's all.
>
>>It made less difference than it would have in, say, the 70s, and
>>no-code HF now will make less difference now than it would have in 90s,
>>much less the 70s.
>
> MAybe - we'll never know for sure.
>
>>I'm not saying our hobby is dying, but interest seems to be declining.
>
> I mean no disrespect, Alun, but in the 35+ years I've been a ham, I've
> heard that and similar reports. None of them ever came true.
>
> What HAS changed is that some of the reasons people used to become hams
> have disappeared. If all someone wants is electronic communication,
> there are lots of other options, most of which either didn't exist or
> were prohibitively expensive only a few decades ago.
>
> Example: In 1972 I knew a girl whose father wrote for one of the big
> local papers as TV critic. He had a Model 19 teletype machine in the
> dining room, complete with paper tape setup and telephone line
> interface. He'd write his columns, then punch a tape and send it to the
> office. He only went into the office once a week or so. Today all he'd
> need is a laptop and a phone line, costing a tiny fraction of what the
> Model 19 cost.
>>
>>> It's been over three years since the restructuring and US license
>>> totals have increased by about 11,000. I thought we'd be over 700,000
>>> by 2001.
>>>
>>> If/when FCC dumps Element 1, will we see lots of growth? I sincerely
>>> doubt it.
>>
>>I agree. There will just be a surge in interest for a while.
>
> Which disproves the idea that the code test is some sort of "barrier"
> to a license.
>>

>>>>Don't forget though that the maritime CW phasing out period began way
>>>>back in 1987, although it wasn't completed until 2000 (and some would
>>>>say, isn't complete now, despite no testing, distress watch, etc.).
>>>
>>> You left out a key word: "mandatory". Morse/CW is still used in some
>>> parts of the maritime services, it's just not mandatory anymore.
>>>>
>>>>>>Something else happened in the interim, an explosion in
>>>>>>Internet use, which has changed the landscape.
>>>>>
>>>>> Which would have happened regardless of S25.5.
>>>>>
>>>>> To paraphrase and expand on a statement by W3RV, amateur radio will
>>>>> continue to exist because of things it offers that cannot be done
>>>>> with the internet, email, cell phones or inexpensive long distance
>>>>> telecommunications. Toss in GMRS/FRS, too. Example: most of the
>>>>> folks who got ham licenses for honeydew purposes in the '80s and
>>>>> '90s now have cellphones for that job. There's no point in running
>>>>> routine phone patches when you can direct dial for a few pennies a
>>>>> minute.
>>>>>
>>>>> Amateurs, by definition, have to build their facilities with
>>>>> discretionary money, time and other resources. And no hope of any
>>>>> financial return. Which means they have to really want to do it or
>>>>> it's just not gonna happen. Classic "bell the cat" situation.
>>>
>>> And removal or retention of various tests or other requirements will
>>> not change any of that. Cell phones, computers and 'net connection
>>> have become a practical necessity in most people's lives today.
>
> 73 de Jim, N2EY
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>
>
73 de Alun, N3KIP

PS: I was licenced as G8VUK (a limey and a no-coder to boot!) in 1980, got my current call in 1992, and passed element 1C in 1993. I have been around a little longer than my present call would indicate.

110. Re: Latest News - Morse Code Test May Not "Die" at ITU Conference.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-03 02:03:49 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
Message-ID: <3F038F3F.8080205@adelphia.net>
Source record: 69948

Bill Sohl wrote:
> "Dan/W4NTI" <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com> wrote in message
> news:bdv3v4$le0$1@slb5.atl.mindspring.net...
>
>>No Phil its not meaningless. The next 'attack' by the 'cw deprived' will
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> be
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>>to abolish CW on the air. Watch and see.
>>
>>Dan/W4NTI
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>
> Dan,
>
> That's the nuttiest thing said in this newsgroup in many moons.
>
> Assuming your prophesy were true, of what benefit
> would banning CW provide to anyone?

More bandwidth for SSB.

- Mike KB3EIA -

111. Re: Latest News - Morse Code Test May Not "Die" at ITU Conference.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-03 02:27:04 UTC
From: "Dick Carroll;" <dixie@townsqr.com>
Message-ID: <be049olfo0@208.206.142.67>
Source record: 69949

Mike Coslo wrote:

> You hear it now, when people yak about how much spectrum the "beepers"
> have.
>

OIt isn't just "people", it's voice mode yakkers exclusively. They don't know nor do they care about any of the many other digital modes which share that bandspace. They just know what CW sounds like and they hate it.

112. Re: Latest News - Morse Code Test May Not "Die" at ITU Conference.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-03 03:28:20 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <be087n$a96@library2.airnews.net>
Source record: 70101

"Mike Coslo" <mjc5@psu.edu> wrote in message
news:3F02D354.1070209@psu.edu...
> Kim W5TIT wrote:
>
> > Dan, I can understand your exasperation with people who choose not to
learn
> > CW or decide that they don't like it. However, that is as far as the
> > understanding goes. It seems impossible to me that you can't understand
> > that people know what they do, or don't, like.
>
> We all have to learn things that we may not like all that much. I had
> to sit and learn classes in school that I found boring to distraction.
>

I think there's a difference between what we "must" learn in school for a
real degree vs. what we must know to operate as a licensed amateur. I don't
need an amateur license to "get by" in life. I do need my High School
Diploma, or better, to get by.

>
> > For instance, I happen to absolutely know I would not enjoy jumping out
of
> > an airplane to parachute. I've never tried it, no. But I don't intend
to
> > because "it's just not me."
>
> But if you wanted to parachute out of planes, you would indeed have to
> jump out of a plane. I know that sounds redundant or maybe redumbdant,
> but it helps prove my point. You aren't that interested in that sort of
> hobby, so you don't do it. It is strange that so many people have a
> problem with my basic premise: that people who aren't willing to learn
> the requirements are not all that interested in the ARS. In this case,
> the requirement is the Morse test.
>

I don't have a problem with the CW requirement for an amateur ticket on its
face. However, if its primary purpose is that of "filtering" people from
the hobby, as many attitudes seem to demonstrate, then I am all about
getting the requirement outta here. I do not believe that a knowledge of CW
makes one any better a ham than any other. I also don't believe, as you
mention later in this post, that one's interest level is important to this
hobby.

>
> > So, why is it so difficult for you to understand that people can and do

make
> > the decision that the CW part of this hobby is something they are not
> > interested in? Are you saying that there is nothing you would not try
to
> > see if you liked it or not? You don't know yourself well enough?
>
>
> If a person does not want to take the Morse test, that is their right
> and privilege. They won't get the HF ticket however.
>

At least not right now, eh?

>
> If they are interested in the ARS, but do not learn Morse because they
> don't like it, they are not as interested as someone who does make the
> effort.
>
> - Mike KB3EIA -
>

But, who dictates that "interest" is a necessity for this hobby/avocation?
I don't care about someone's interest level. There are, what Jim/N2EY(?),
650,000+ amateurs in this country alone. Of them, there are numbers of
every kind of thinking and interest level, right? I don't care about
someone's "interest." I care that once they are a licensed amateur they
conduct themselves within the parameters of the FCC's R&R. That is all that
is required.

Kim W5TIT

113. Re: Latest News - Morse Code Test May Not "Die" at ITU Conference.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-03 03:34:45 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <be087o$a96@library2.airnews.net>
Source record: 69950

"Mike Coslo" <mjc5@psu.edu> wrote in message
news:3F02D887.1090208@psu.edu...
> Kim W5TIT wrote:
>
> > Dee, no doubt CW has its benefits. Contrary to a lot of the "pro-CW"
folks,
> > the "anti-CW" folks recognize its capabilities. (It's silly to even put
the
> > groups in such diverse categories.) However, that does not negate the
> > argument that, even though it may be quite beneficial, there are those
of us
> > who simply choose not to learn it well enough for practicability (eh?).
>
>
> You don't have to use it, just learn it. I don't like the stupid
> satellite questions on the test, but I had to learn them. (sorry
> satellite folks) If we threw out all the parts that some people did not
> want to learn, there would soon be no test whatsoever.
>

You are speaking of the written exam, and I think it should be made tougher
and harder to pass. But, I don't think there is a necessity to "test"
knowledge of a mode.

>
> Let's make the case:
>
>
> Satellite stations - this is a very mode-specific section
>
> Strike
>

Well, OK, but replace it with lots more tought stuff.

>
> Band edges - most hams I know have a ARRL band page by their
> rigs.
>
> Strike
>

DITTO

>
> Theory - Many hams never plan to homebrew and some even have

> other people wire their stations for them.
>
> Strike
>

DITTO

>
> Packet questions? Mode specific and most hams aren't interested
> in packet
>
> Strike
>
> Questions about SSTV Mode specific, and many hams never plan to
> use SSTV
>
> Strike
>
> Baudot code questions? Give me a break!
>
> Strike
>
> Test equipment questions? In this day of appliance operations,
> who needs those sort of questions?
>
> Strike
>
> I'll stop now, but for every type of question on the test, there is a
> person who thinks it doesn't belong there.
>
> - Mike KB3EIA -
>
>

Ditto, ditto, etc. I think the written part of the exam should have regulatory questions, and a lot of them. I also think the written part of the exam should include more than just Part 97 of the R&R...what about the 1934 Act? Lots more on that.

The written exam should include a great deal of questions on the safety issues related the operating of amateur equipment and antennas, etc.

Much tougher written and wish there was a way not to have it published. But, that's me. YMMV

Kim W5TIT

114. Re: Using ham bands for educational / research project

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-03 03:44:42 UTC
From: "S. Sampson" <nospam@cox.net>
Message-ID: <KENMa.562804$vU3.528240@news1.central.cox.net>
Source record: 70102
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.amateur.digital.misc

"Ralph Mowery" <rmowery@ctc.net> wrote
>
> I would say find a comercial frequency and use it.

What does that mean? That his application is illegal, or you just don't
want him to experiment on the Ham bands?

> You did not mention the frequency that you would be using .

The only frequency he could use would be VHF and shorter wavelengths,
due to the automatic features he needs.

> If under 30 mhz it will be would wide.

World wide?? What does that have to do with anything?

> If in the UHF and above you may go ok. Just remember you will be subject
> to a shared frequency and others may use that frequency.

Duh... Although most VHF and UHF bands are about as empty as
the U.S. treasury, and two people using the same frequency would be as
likely as being hit with a metorite.

> Sounds like one way or beacon modes to me.

That's because you're very ignorant of the rules:

http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/regulations/news/part97/

115. Re: License for 2-way radio supporting both GMRS/FRS???

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-03 03:59:33 UTC
From: "D. Stussy" <kd6lvw@bde-arc.ampr.org>
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.56.0307030359070.1050@kd6lvw.ampr.org>
Source record: 70103

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On Wed, 1 Jul 2003, Ryan wrote:
> "D. Stussy" <kd6lvw@bde-arc.ampr.org> wrote in message
> > FCC Licensing Information
> >
> > Channels 1 thru 14 transmit on FRS frequencies.
> > Channels 15 thru 22 transmit on GMRS frequencies.
> > Operation on GMRS frequencies requires a license from the FCC.
> >
> > Then there is another paragraph that talks about how to get an FCC form 605.
> >
> > The inference I draw from this is that the manufacturer in this case believes
> > that NO license is required as long as one transmits only on the FRS channels
> > and not on the GMRS channels. A license is required only when transmitting on
> > the 8 GMRS-only channels. [Whether a GMRS license is needed or not with
> > respect to FRS-only use is the matter being debated by some.]
> >
> > Has anyone seen anything different in any other radio's manual?
>
> Does the instruction manual say anything about power output on the
> shared
> FRS/GMRS channels? These are usually 1-7 if the radio conforms to
> "1-14 FRS,
> 15-22 GMRS". If its above 500mW its not legal for FRS use, and must
> conform to GMRS regulations. Wacky ain't it?

In the case of my radio, it's 500mW regardless of service (i.e. even on GMRS,
it's 500mW).
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116. 5 MHz very popular and it's only a half hour old

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-03 04:25:56 UTC
From: Robert Casey <wa2ise@ix.netcom.com>
Message-ID: <3F03B054.2040504@ix.netcom.com>
Source record: 70104

Wow! 5 MHz really lit up like a light bulb at the stroke of midnight!

117. Re: Latest News - Morse Code Test May Not "Die" at ITU Conference.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-03 12:23:14 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030703082314.18497.00001064@mb-m05.aol.com>
Source record: 70105

In article <cuvyxnansvbet.hheyqme.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>, "Phil Kane" <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop> writes:

>On Wed, 2 Jul 2003 12:14:44 -0500, Dan/W4NTI wrote:
>
>>No Phil its not meaningless. The next 'attack' by the 'cw deprived' will be
>>to abolish CW on the air. Watch and see.
>
> If Morse wasn't prohibited in the maritime community after all the
> ocean-going large ships stopped carrying Morse-qualified radio
> officers and both the USCG and the public coast stations stopped
> offering Morse service, what makes you think that it would be
> abolished for the ham community when the requirement for Morse
> testing is deleted?

Several things:

1) The number of ships is far less than the number of hams, and they're much more spread out.

2) For the most part, the systems that replaced Morse in the maritime services don't use the same frequencies as Morse did.

3) The driving force behind the maritime service changes is/was saving $$. Ham radio is different.

4) Some of us don't quickly forget statements like:

"no setasides for legacy modes!"

and

"those in the minority should learn to take 'no' for an answer and get on with life"

(those are just a small sample)
>
> The "CWDC" (CW Deprived Conspiracy) can try hard - it won't do any good.

Rather than an outright ban, we may see a form of "crowding out". There will be pressure to widen the 'phone/image bands still more.

It is interesting to note how many folks really think that the non-phone/image parts of the HF bands are "CW-only" and are completely ignorant of the fact that data modes are authorized on all of them.
>
> Watch and see. <ggg>
>

I hope you're right.

>--
> 73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane
> Amateur Extra Class the
> old-fashioned way.

If the code test isn't meaningful, why sign your post that way?

73 de Jim, N2EY

also the old-fashioned way

118. Re: Latest News - Morse Code Test May Not "Die" at ITU Conference.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-03 12:31:35 UTC
From: N2EY@AOL.COM
Message-ID: <c2356669.0307030431.4bd4263@posting.google.com>
Source record: 70106

"Bill Sohl" <billsohl@mindspring.com> wrote in message
news:<be00lo$qr6$1@slb3.atl.mindspring.net>...
> "Dan/W4NTI" <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com> wrote in message
> news:bdv3v4$le0$1@slb5.atl.mindspring.net...
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> > Dan/W4NTI
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> Dan,
>
> That's the nuttiest thing said in this newsgroup in many moons.

I have to disagree with that, Bill! Plenty of nuttiness to go around
on all sides of the issue. Surrealism, too.
>
> Assuming your prophesy were true, of what benefit
> would banning CW provide to anyone?

Depends on who considers what a "benefit". Remember when the national
speed limit was 55, and speedometers on new cars had to stop at 85?
There were folks who saw those rules as benefiting society.

As Dan/W4NTI points out in another post, there's the issue of "more
room for 'phone", particularly to those who don't realize that there
are no CW-only HF/MF subbands. There are also those who want things
like DSSS on amateur HF, even though the problems caused by such
operation have been explained to them in detail.

Another "benefit" to some would be the fact that without CW/Morse,
quite a few hams would simply leave amateur radio. At least some of
the most experienced, conservative, competitive and knowledgeable hams
would simply pack it in. The kind who are sometimes called "elitist,
jackbooted thugs" "radio gods" "modem emulators" and other terms of
endearment. Which would suit a few folks just fine.

The amateur radio "culture" would change too, and become more
homogenized. Less diversity and variety. Some folks are afraid of
differences, y'know. Who was it that said 'those in the minority
should learn to take "no" for an answer and just get on with life'?

Now none of this means that those who are against the TEST are all
against the MODE, too - far from it. The anti-code folks are few and
far between, but they DO exist. To deny their existence is far
"nuttier" than anything Dan has written.

It's true that no mode except spark has ever been banned in amateur radio, and spark was only banned after practically everyone had stopped using it. But there have been movements to ban AM and NBFM phone from amateur HF, usually in the form of proposed bandwidth restrictions.

btw, Bill, have you picked a date for The Pool?

73 de Jim, N2EY

WWHD

119. Re: Using ham bands for educational / research project

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-03 13:36:30 UTC
From: Duane Allen <computeruser@sprintmail.com>
Message-ID: <3F043297.6070307@sprintmail.com>
Source record: 70107
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.amateur.digital.misc

Leo Szumel wrote:
> Hi,
>
> What we'd like to do is use amateur radio for some university research
> projects. ...
>
> I've examined Part 97 rules and tried to read as many applicable threads
> as possible. My interpretation is that:
>
> ...
> (b) AR can be used for educational (non-commercial) purposes
> ...
>
> Part (b) is the most shaky becaues it seems to dependon "reasonable use"
> and other gray terms. Certainly my proposed use is not "hobby" ...

Section 97.113(c) prohibits transmission of "Communications in which the station licensee or control operator has a pecuniary interest, including communications on behalf of an employer."

Are you being employeed by UC to conduct university research projects?

I would think that the University already has or can easily get non-amateur resources (both hardware and spectrum allocation) that would support your research projects. The challenging task is finding out who may have such resources. In addition to checking with the project lead faculty, you may need to check with the department head and the college dean. An often overlooked channel for information is contacting the purchasing persons at the department/college/campus levels. They know who requisitioned what. From there you can go to the requisitioners and find out what administrative activities they went through for licensing.

Good luck,

Duane Allen
N6JPO

120. Re: Using ham bands for educational / research project

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-03 13:54:46 UTC
From: Duane Allen <computeruser@sprintmail.com>
Message-ID: <3F043790.1000608@sprintmail.com>
Source record: 70108
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.amateur.digital.misc

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> ...
>
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Section 97.113(a)(3) prohibits transmission of "Communications in which the station licensee or control operator has a pecuniary interest, including communications on behalf of an employer."

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I would think that the University already has or can easily get non-amateur resources (both hardware and spectrum allocation) that would support your research projects. The challenging task is finding out who may have such resources. In addition to checking with the project lead faculty, you may need to check with the department head and the college dean. An often overlooked channel for information is contacting the purchasing persons at the department/college/campus levels. They know who requisitioned what. From there you can go to the requisitioners and find out what administrative activities they went through for licensing.

Good luck,

Duane Allen
N6JPO

121. Re: 24 hours to 5MHz operations

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-03 13:58:45 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu>
Message-ID: <3F043695.1030007@psu.edu>
Source record: 70110

Robert Casey wrote:
> I clipped my diode, and did some crude tests of my bandwidth and
> it looks good. And it loads fine into a dummy load. 50 watts.
> We'll see if I can get the rig to load into my antenna. It should
> be compliant, as the dipole antenna isn't even cut for the band.
>
> Anyone else prepared to get on 5 here?
>

I might take a listen, but frankly, the whole 5 mHz thing is pretty underwhelming to me. Hopefully there won't be too many fights over those 5 channels.

- Mike KB3EIA -

122. Re: Licenses: FCC Radiotelephone & Ham License Recerprocity?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-03 14:03:37 UTC
From: cdog46@yahoo.com
Message-ID: <f77eff0e.0307030603.5c1338d3@posting.google.com>
Source record: 70109

k4yz@aol.com (Steve Robeson, K4CAP) wrote in message
news:<5c01b95b.0307020714.6b17c4bf@posting.google.com>...
> cdog46@yahoo.com (cappy anderson) wrote in message
news:<f77eff0e.0307011257.2963e9cb@posting.google.com>...
>
> > I have a general radiotelehone operatorslicense with a radar
> > endorsment. Can I get an amateur license without taking the test(s).
> > No reason why I could take the test but that I am very time
> > constrained. Thanks in advance.
>
> Anderson? GROL? Want's to shortcut testing? Is this genetic?
>
> Steve, K4YZ

Steve-
I knew I was inviting abuse when I asked the question. If you knew
a little about the GROL test you might not be so sarcastic.

I have a license to practice law also. States-wisely grant
recirprocity in many situations. I also have a severe learning
disability. So taking tests is a mamouth pain where I sit down.

States, and the Ferderal government have a lot of recirprocity in many
area from drivers licenses to professional licenses-just in case you
didn't know.

Not all of us can be or would be as smug just because one has an
amateur license.
Regards
Cappy Anderson

123. Re: Latest News - Morse Code Test May Not "Die" at ITU Conference.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-03 14:15:44 UTC
From: Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93AD685A22B4Aelektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>
Source record: 70111

"Kim W5TIT" <fahgedit@nomail.net> wrote in
news:be087o$a96@library2.airnews.net:

> "Mike Coslo" <mjc5@psu.edu> wrote in message
> news:3F02D887.1090208@psu.edu...
>> Kim W5TIT wrote:
>>
>> > Dee, no doubt CW has its benefits. Contrary to a lot of the
>> > "pro-CW" folks, the "anti-CW" folks recognize its capabilities.
>> > (It's silly to even put the groups in such diverse categories.)
>> > However, that does not negate the argument that, even though it may
>> > be quite beneficial, there are those of us who simply choose not to
>> > learn it well enough for practicability (eh?).
>>
>>
>> You don't have to use it, just learn it. I don't like the stupid
>> satellite questions on the test, but I had to learn them. (sorry
>> satellite folks) If we threw out all the parts that some people did
>> not want to learn, there would soon be no test whatsoever.
>>

I'd be happy to have as many _questions_ on the _written_exams_ about
Morse as about each other mode. A ham should _know_about_ all the modes.
What offends a lot of us is a _practical_ test in only _one_ mode. To
take your example, if you had to track a satellite pass and work someone
via satellite to get a licence, and that was the only practical test, that
wouldn't be right either, as it would be an unbalanced requirement
relative to all the other things you can do in the hobby. If you want to
have a practical test, how about soldering? At least it's not mode-
specific.

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> You are speaking of the written exam, and I think it should be made
> tougher and harder to pass. But, I don't think there is a necessity to
> "test" knowledge of a mode.
>
>>
>> Let's make the case:
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>> Satellite stations - this is a very mode-specific section
>>
>> Strike
>>
>

> Well, OK, but replace it with lots more tought stuff.
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>> Band edges - most hams I know have a ARRL band page by their rigs.
>>
>> Strike
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>
> DITTO
>
>>
>> Theory - Many hams never plan to homebrew and some even have
>> other people wire their stations for them.
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>> Strike
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>
> DITTO
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>>
>> Packet questions? Mode specific and most hams aren't interested
>> in packet
>>
>> Strike
>>
>> Questions about SSTV Mode specific, and many hams never plan to
>> use SSTV
>>
>> Strike
>>
>> Baudot code questions? Give me a break!
>>
>> Strike
>>
>> Test equipment questions? In this day of appliance operations, who
>> needs those sort of questions?
>>
>> Strike
>>
>> I'll stop now, but for every type of question on the test, there is a
>> person who thinks it doesn't belong there.
>>
>> - Mike KB3EIA -
>>
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> Ditto, ditto, etc. I think the written part of the exam should have
> regulatory questions, and a lot of them. I also think the written part
> of the exam should include more than just Part 97 of the R&R...what
> about the 1934 Act? Lots more on that.

>
> The written exam should include a great deal of questions on the safety
> issues related the operating of amateur equipment and antennas, etc.
>
> Much tougher written and wish there was a way not to have it published.
> But, that's me. YMMV
>
> Kim W5TIT
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124. Re: Latest News - Morse Code Test May Not "Die" at ITU Conference.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-03 14:25:29 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu>
Message-ID: <3F043CD9.3070205@psu.edu>
Source record: 70112

Bill Sohl wrote:
> "Mike Coslo" <mjc5@psu.edu> wrote in message
> news:3F02D354.1070209@psu.edu...
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>>Kim W5TIT wrote:
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>>>Dan, I can understand your exasperation with people who choose not to
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> learn
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>>>CW or decide that they don't like it. However, that is as far as the
>>>understanding goes. It seems impossible to me that you can't understand
>>>that people know what they do, or don't, like.
>>
>>We all have to learn things that we may not like all that much. I had
>>to sit and learn classes in school that I found boring to distraction.
>
>
> The issue is that morse has lost the need for exclusive
> testing as a separate test element. Your analogy isn't equivalent
> to boring school classes because the goal of those classes is and was
> within the objectives of providing a complete education.

I might beg to differ. I took many classes that were just about
irrelevant to just about anything. They were mandated to be taken
though. And that to me sounds just about like the arguments aginst Morse
code testing.

> FCC
> licensing is not, however, the means to mandate a specific
> skill capability for one mode.
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>>>For instance, I happen to absolutely know I would not enjoy jumping out
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> of
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>>>an airplane to parachute. I've never tried it, no. But I don't intend
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> to
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>>>because "it's just not me."
>>
>>But if you wanted to parachute out of planes, you would indeed have to

>>jump out of a plane. I know that sounds redundant or maybe redumbdant,
>>but it helps prove my point. You aren't that interested in that sort of
>>hobby, so you don't do it. It is strange that so many people have a
>>problem with my basic premise: that people who aren't willing to learn
>>the requirements are not all that interested in the ARS. In this case,
>>the requirement is the Morse test.
>
>
> Sorry, you are expanding a lack of interest in morse as
> a defining element as to one's overall interest in
> amateur radio. That is simply untrue. There are thousands of
> hams that have ZERO interest in morse, many have even
> passed the tests to advance, yet they are excellent hams.

No I am not! I'm saying that if you don't learn the prescribed items,
you are not all that interested.

Let's take the hot button Morse code away from the topic for a second,
and use the example posted by some other person here recently. In his
post, he mentioned that some Service buddies who already know Morse code
would take the ARS tests as a way of getting off base and for a change
of pace for a day. They did well on the Morse part of the test, but with
one apparent exception, failed the written exam.

Learning the written portions of the exam was not all that important to
them. After all, they were just doing this for a lark.

They were not really all that interested in getting thier ticket.

People who took the time to study and learn for the *written* portion
of the test had more interest in being a ham than those who did notwant
to take the time to study for the written portion of the test.

It is exactly the same thing. I've been careful to point out that my
argument is completely separate from whether Morse should be tested at all.

> Bottom line: Knowledge of morse is neither a positive or negative
> indication of any individual's interest(s) in ham radio.

It is if you have to pass a test for it before access.

- Mike KB3EIA -

125. Re: License for 2-way radio supporting both GMRS/FRS???

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-03 15:23:34 UTC
From: "Dick Carroll;" <dixie@townsqr.com>
Message-ID: <be1hpm$2aq$0@208.206.142.71>
Source record: 70113

"D. Stussy" wrote:

> On Wed, 1 Jul 2003, Ryan wrote:
> > "D. Stussy" <kd6lvw@bde-arc.ampr.org> wrote in message
> > > FCC Licensing Information
> > >
> > > Channels 1 thru 14 transmit on FRS frequencies.
> > > Channels 15 thru 22 transmit on GMRS frequencies.
> > > Operation on GMRS frequencies requires a license from the FCC.
> > >
> > > Then there is another paragraph that talks about how to get an FCC form 605.
> > >
> > > The inference I draw from this is that the manufacturer in this case believes
> > > that NO license is required as long as one transmits only on the FRS channels
> > > and not on the GMRS channels. A license is required only when transmitting on
> > > the 8 GMRS-only channels. [Whether a GMRS license is needed or not with
> > > respect to FRS-only use is the matter being debated by some.]
> > >
> > > Has anyone seen anything different in any other radio's manual?
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> > Does the instruction manual say anything about power output on the
> > shared
> > FRS/GMRS channels? These are usually 1-7 if the radio conforms to
> > "1-14 FRS,
> > 15-22 GMRS". If its above 500mW its not legal for FRS use, and must
> > conform to GMRS regulations. Wacky ain't it?
>
> In the case of my radio, it's 500mW regardless of service (i.e. even on GMRS,
> it's 500mW).

But that 500mw will get you 5 miles on GMRS but only 2 on FRS!

126. Re: Licenses: FCC Radiotelephone & Ham License Recerprocity?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-03 15:35:21 UTC
From: "William H. O'Hara, III" <whoohara@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93AD760DE71E4AX2A3DA5M1512AODKAMO@65.100.3.61>
Source record: 70114

>>You can take a "license in a day" class where all the
>>material is taught in a day. At least 75% of the
>>participants passed the test on the first try, including
>>children and others without the technical background.
>>
>>The test is question pool format. The questions and answers
>>are published. If the class is not scheduled soon enough,
>>just buy one of the question pool study books. Review this
>>book for one or two days and memorize the questions and
>>answers. After studying the book, take the next amateur
>>radio test.
>>
>>
> You can practice on-line: http://www.qrz.com/ham/index.html
> and http://www.wvara.org/wvexam/
> and http://www.aa9pw.com/

I heartily recommend www.hamtestonline.com
It tracks your progress on each section. A
person might actually learn some of the stuff
with J.C.'s website. It is worth the money.

Bill

127. Re: Latest News - Morse Code Test May Not "Die" at ITU Conference.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-03 16:44:52 UTC
From: N2EY@AOL.COM
Message-ID: <c2356669.0307030844.35ba6102@posting.google.com>
Source record: 70115

"Kim" <donteventry@nomail.net> wrote in message news:<be087n$a96@library2.airnews.net>...
> "Mike Coslo" <mjc5@psu.edu> wrote in message
> news:3F02D354.1070209@psu.edu...
> > Kim wrote:
> >
> > > Dan, I can understand your exasperation with people who choose not to
> > > learn
> > > CW or decide that they don't like it. However, that is as far as the
> > > understanding goes. It seems impossible to me that you can't understand
> > > that people know what they do, or don't, like.

Kim,

Have you *ever* had the experience of "having to" try something you
thought you wouldn't like, and finding out you really enjoyed it?

Do you know anyone who has had such an experience?
> >
> > We all have to learn things that we may not like all that much. I had
> > to sit and learn classes in school that I found boring to distraction.
>
> I think there's a difference between what we "must" learn in school for a
> real degree vs. what we must know to operate as a licensed amateur. I don't
> need an amateur license to "get by" in life. I do need my High School
> Diploma, or better, to get by.

That reasoning works to support Mike's argument. If a high school
diploma is a practical necessity, why should it require ANY
non-essentials? Those nonessentials could be considered arbitrary,
capricious, irrelevant, discriminatory, hazing, etc. OTOH, since a ham
license is not a necessity, it can require all sorts of stuff that
some would say is nonessential.

> > > For instance, I happen to absolutely know I would not enjoy jumping out
> > > of
> > > an airplane to parachute. I've never tried it, no. But I don't intend
> > > to
> > > because "it's just not me."
> >
> > But if you wanted to parachute out of planes, you would indeed have to
> > jump out of a plane. I know that sounds redundant or maybe redumbdant,
> > but it helps prove my point. You aren't that interested in that sort of
> > hobby, so you don't do it. It is strange that so many people have a
> > problem with my basic premise: that people who aren't willing to learn
> > the requirements are not all that interested in the ARS. In this case,
> > the requirement is the Morse test.

Not really a good analogy, because in order to parachute you have to
jump out of, or off of, something.

> I don't have a problem with the CW requirement for an amateur ticket on its
> face. However, if its primary purpose is that of "filtering" people from
> the hobby, as many attitudes seem to demonstrate, then I am all about
> getting the requirement outta here.

I think what really bothers some folks about the code test is the fact
that it acts as a "Great Equalizer". Very few prospective hams already
know the code, which means that, when starting out to get a license,
the Ph.D. in EE is placed on the same playing field as the elementary
school kid. It can't be learned (by most people) by reading a book or
watching a video, or picked up in bits and pieces here and there.
Guessing doesn't help you pass it.

Also, once you learn it, the code is extremely useful in amateur
radio. Particularly HF/MF amateur radio.

> I do not believe that a knowledge of CW
> makes one any better a ham than any other.

I think it does. Maybe not the test itself alone, but the USE of the
mode. It's a useful skill for hams to have. That doesn't mean it MUST
be tested, however.

> I also don't believe, as you
> mention later in this post, that one's interest level is important to this
> hobby.

> > > So, why is it so difficult for you to understand that people can and do
> > > make
> > > the decision that the CW part of this hobby is something they are not
> > > interested in? Are you saying that there is nothing you would not try
> > > to
> > > see if you liked it or not? You don't know yourself well enough?

> > If a person does not want to take the Morse test, that is their right
> > and privilege. They won't get the HF ticket however.
>
> At least not right now, eh?
>
You got a date in The Pool yet? (see the thread by that name)
> >
> > If they are interested in the ARS, but do not learn Morse because they
> > don't like it, they are not as interested as someone who does make the
> > effort.

> But, who dictates that "interest" is a necessity for this hobby/avocation?

The FCC, among others. If someone is interested in the ARS, but does
not bother to get a license because they don't like taking (written)
tests or studying for same, then they are not as interested as someone
who does make the effort.

> I don't care about someone's interest level. There are, what Jim/N2EY(?),
> 650,000+ amateurs in this country alone.

686,802 as of yesterday. ;-)

But how many of them are active?

> Of them, there are numbers of
> every kind of thinking and interest level, right? I don't care about
> someone's "interest." I care that once they are a licensed amateur they
> conduct themselves within the parameters of the FCC's R&R.

OK, fine - now how do we assure that? Look at the enforcement actions by FCC - hams of all license classes being cited for doing dumb things. Each and every one of them had to pass a written test - in most cases, several written tests. Yet they break the rules, and in most cases the violations are not technical things like a misadjusted or broken rig. Instead, most of the violations I read about today are "operating" violations - jamming, cussing, failure to ID, operation outside of one's license privileges, etc. Really basic stuff that was covered at the Novice level.

Yet almost all of that stuff happens using voice modes, rather than CW or data modes. There must be reasons for the enormous disparity in behavior.

> That is all that is required.

So how do we get it?

73 de Jim, N2EY

128. Re: Using ham bands for educational / research project

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-03 19:04:25 UTC
From: "S. Sampson" <nospam@cox.net>
Message-ID: <Z6%Ma.570970$vU3.22988@news1.central.cox.net>
Source record: 70116
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.amateur.digital.misc

"Duane Allen" <computeruser@sprintmail.com> wrote
>
> Are you being employeed by UC to conduct university research projects?

Graduate students aren't considered employee's of a University.

129. Re: Licenses: FCC Radiotelephone & Ham License Recerprocity?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-03 19:48:31 UTC
From: Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
Message-ID: <cuvyxnansvbet.hhgixsm.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 70117

On 3 Jul 2003 07:03:37 -0700, cappy anderson wrote:

>Steve-
> I knew I was inviting abuse when I asked the question. If you knew
>a little about the GROL test you might not be so sarcastic.

Cappy - if you knew the history of another poster here named Anderson, who posts under several different names and causes a lot of H and D, you would understand Steve's comment. Perhaps Steve will explain it to you in e-mail.

> I have a license to practice law also. States-wisely grant
>recirprocity in many situations.

I've been arm-wrestling with the State of Oregon over granting reciprocity for my California bar admission for years. Even though the California Bar Exam is a lot tougher than the Oregon exam, Oregon will not grant reciprocity - or even provide the mini exam that California provides to Oregon licensees - because Califonia does not grant "clear" reciprocity as Washington and Idaho do. Who will blink first?

Anyhow, I practice Federal law (primarily before the FCC) with no problem but it's just a pain to deal with having to get a local attorney to handle local matters stemming from my FCC practice.

>I also have a severe learning disability. So taking tests is a mamouth
>pain where I sit down.

And I'm a senior citizen with limited eyesight on the reading level, so I too won't take any more written exams. I'd have no problem passing an oral exam but they don't do it that way.

>States, and the Ferderal government have a lot of recirprocity in many
>area from drivers licenses to professional licenses-just in case you
>didn't know.
>
>Not all of us can be or would be as smug just because one has an
>amateur license.

But the bottom line is that holding a Radiotelephone license carries no element credit for the Amateur license and vice versa, because the services and the things that are required to be tested for are radically different. I've held both for over 50 years.....

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73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane

From a Clearing in the Silicon Forest
Beaverton (Washington County) Oregon

130. Re: Latest News - Morse Code Test May Not "Die" at ITU Conference.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-03 19:48:31 UTC
From: Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
Message-ID: <cuvyxnansvbet.hhgjooo.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 70118

On 03 Jul 2003 12:23:14 GMT, N2EY wrote:

>4) Some of us don't quickly forget statements like:
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>"no setasides for legacy modes!"
>and
>"those in the minority should learn to take 'no' for an answer and
>get on with life"
>
>(those are just a small sample)

More reason not to ban Morse. Illigitimati non carburundum.

>> 73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane
>> Amateur Extra Class the
>> old-fashioned way.
>
>If the code test isn't meaningful, why sign your post that way?

It was meaningful "in those days". The meaning was "if you want
the privileges, you gotta' pass the test."

Do not confuse my attitude about the test with the use/allowance of
the mode.

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73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane

131. Re: Using ham bands for educational / research project

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-03 19:48:31 UTC
From: Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
Message-ID: <cuvyxnansvbet.hhgjbvn.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 70119
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.digital.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy

On Thu, 03 Jul 2003 13:54:46 GMT, Duane Allen wrote:

>I would think that the University already has or can easily get
>non-amateur resources (both hardware and spectrum allocation) that would
>support your research projects. The challenging task is finding out who
>may have such resources. In addition to checking with the project lead
>faculty, you may need to check with the department head and the college
>dean. An often overlooked channel for information is contacting the
>purchasing persons at the department/college/campus levels. They know
>who requisitioned what. From there you can go to the requisitioners and
>find out what administrative activities they went through for licensing.

Yes, UC does have such resources, and the source of who has what
where throughout the UC system is the Office of the Vice President
of Administration, located on the UC Berkeley campus.

At least that's who we used to deal with concerning radio spectrum
assignment and licensing matters for the UC system.

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73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane

132. Re: Using ham bands for educational / research project

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-03 19:54:04 UTC
From: Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
Message-ID: <cuvyxnansvbet.hhgk9fp.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 70120
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.digital.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy

On Thu, 03 Jul 2003 19:04:25 GMT, S. Sampson wrote:

>> Are you being employeed by UC to conduct university research projects?
>
>Graduate students aren't considered employee's of a University.

However, when I did my graduate research at UCLA 40+ years ago, the
result was considered "for" the University, not for me as a private
individual.

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73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane

133. Re: Latest News - Morse Code Test May Not "Die" at ITU Conference.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-03 20:31:40 UTC
From: Bill Sohl <billsohl@mindspring.com>
Message-ID: <be244m$3p8$1@slb5.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 70121

"N2EY" <n2ey@aol.com> wrote in message
news:20030703082314.18497.00001064@mb-m05.aol.com...
> In article <cuvyxnansvbet.hheyqme.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>, "Phil
Kane"
> <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop> writes:
>
> >On Wed, 2 Jul 2003 12:14:44 -0500, Dan/W4NTI wrote:
> >
> >>No Phil its not meaningless. The next 'attack' by the 'cw deprived'
will be
> >>to abolish CW on the air. Watch and see.
> >
> > If Morse wasn't prohibited in the maritime community after all the
> > ocean-going large ships stopped carrying Morse-qualified radio
> > officers and both the USCG and the public coast stations stopped
> > offering Morse service, what makes you think that it would be
> > abolished for the ham community when the requirement for Morse
> > testing is deleted?
>
> Several things:
>
> 1) The number of ships is far less than the number of hams, and they're
much
> more spread out.
>
> 2) For the most part, the systems that replaced Morse in the maritime
services
> don't use the same frequencies as Morse did.
>
> 3) The driving force behind the maritime service changes is/was saving $$.
Ham
> radio is different.
>
> 4) Some of us don't quickly forget statements like:
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> "no setasides for legacy modes!"
>
> and
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> "those in the minority should learn to take 'no' for an answer and get on
with
> life"
>
> (those are just a small sample)

> >
> > The "CWDC" (CW Deprived Conspiracy) can try hard - it won't do any
good.
>
> Rather than an outright ban, we may see a form of "crowding out". There
will be
> pressure to widen the 'phone/image bands still more.

If proponents of CW make full usage of the bands, then there
won't be a valid argument to widen phone segments. Remember
too that the non-phone segments also support data.

> It is interesting to note how many folks really think that the
non-phone/image
> parts of the HF bands are "CW-only" and are completely ignorant of the
fact
> that data modes are authorized on all of them.

Exactly why I wrote the comment above. There are only two CW only
segments and all hams have access to them now... they are 50.0-50.1
and 144.0 to 144.1.

Cheers,
Bill K2UNK

134. Re: Latest News - Morse Code Test May Not "Die" at ITU Conference.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-03 20:44:50 UTC
From: "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net>
Message-ID: <6B0Na.4964$Vx2.2424219@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com>
Source record: 70093

"Kim W5TIT" <fahgedit@nomail.net> wrote in message
news:be087n$a96@library2.airnews.net...
> "Mike Coslo" <mjc5@psu.edu> wrote in message
> news:3F02D354.1070209@psu.edu...
> > Kim W5TIT wrote:
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> > > Dan, I can understand your exasperation with people who choose not to
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> > > understanding goes. It seems impossible to me that you can't
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> > > that people know what they do, or don't, like.
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> > We all have to learn things that we may not like all that much. I had
> > to sit and learn classes in school that I found boring to distraction.
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> I think there's a difference between what we "must" learn in school for a
> real degree vs. what we must know to operate as a licensed amateur. I
don't
> need an amateur license to "get by" in life. I do need my High School
> Diploma, or better, to get by.
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Yes you need the high school diploma to get by in life but you don't "need" a lot of the subjects that you are required to learn. How often do you use history in daily life unless you are a teacher or politician? Who needs to have knowledge of Shakespeare and other classic literature to get by in daily life? Yet to get that high school diploma (which you need), you have to take subjects that are "unneeded". However, they are considered part of a well rounded basic education so you have to take them and pass them to get that diploma.

Dee D. Flint, N8UZE

135. Re: Latest News - Morse Code Test May Not "Die" at ITU Conference.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-03 20:52:03 UTC
From: "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net>
Message-ID: <TH0Na.5000$Vx2.2425082@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com>
Source record: 70094

"Alun Palmer" <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote in message
news:Xns93AD685A22B4Aelektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4...
> "Kim W5TIT" <fahgedit@nomail.net> wrote in
> news:be087o$a96@library2.airnews.net:
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> > "Mike Coslo" <mjc5@psu.edu> wrote in message
> > news:3F02D887.1090208@psu.edu...
> >> Kim W5TIT wrote:
> >>
> >> > Dee, no doubt CW has its benefits. Contrary to a lot of the
> >> > "pro-CW" folks, the "anti-CW" folks recognize its capabilities.
> >> > (It's silly to even put the groups in such diverse categories.)
> >> > However, that does not negate the argument that, even though it may
> >> > be quite beneficial, there are those of us who simply choose not to
> >> > learn it well enough for practicability (eh?).
> >>
> >>
> >> You don't have to use it, just learn it. I don't like the stupid
> >> satellite questions on the test, but I had to learn them. (sorry
> >> satellite folks) If we threw out all the parts that some people did
> >> not want to learn, there would soon be no test whatsoever.
> >>
>
> I'd be happy to have as many _questions_ on the _written_exams_ about
> Morse as about each other mode. A ham should _know_about_ all the modes.
> What offends a lot of us is a _practical_ test in only _one_ mode. To
> take your example, if you had to track a satellite pass and work someone
> via satellite to get a licence, and that was the only practical test, that
> wouldn't be right either, as it would be an unbalanced requirement
> relative to all the other things you can do in the hobby. If you want to
> have a practical test, how about soldering? At least it's not mode-
> specific.
>

Actually I agree with having a soldering test. I consider it a basic skill that all hams should have at least to the extent of soldering a PL259 connector to coax and demonstrating that they have achieved continuity and no shorts.

The difference between CW and satellite is that CW is commonly used (about 50% of hams use CW some to all of the time) and it is cheap to use. Satellite is uncommon and expensive. In addition, it takes actually having a basic, minimal skill level at CW to judge whether one wishes to pursue it to a useful level thus the prospective ham should be required to learn a basic minimum.

Dee D. Flint, N8UZE

136. Re: Using ham bands for educational / research project

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-03 21:10:28 UTC
From: "S. Sampson" <nospam@cox.net>
Message-ID: <8Z0Na.574967$vU3.189815@news1.central.cox.net>
Source record: 70122
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.digital.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy

"Phil Kane" <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop> wrote
> > S. Sampson wrote:
> >
> >> Are you being employeed by UC to conduct university research projects?
> >
> >Graduate students aren't considered employee's of a University.
>
> However, when I did my graduate research at UCLA 40+ years ago, the
> result was considered "for" the University, not for me as a private
> individual.

I would put it this way: If the University intends to patent any part of the research, then the ARS should not be used.

137. Re: Latest News - Morse Code Test May Not "Die" at ITU Conference.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-03 21:33:17 UTC
From: "Dick Carroll;" <dixie@townsqr.com>
Message-ID: <be27et$ke6$0@208.206.142.96>
Source record: 70123

Mike Coslo wrote:

> Bill Sohl wrote:
> > "Mike Coslo" <mjc5@psu.edu> wrote in message
> > news:3F02D354.1070209@psu.edu...
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> >Kim W5TIT wrote:
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> >>>Dan, I can understand your exasperation with people who choose not to
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> >>We all have to learn things that we may not like all that much. I had
> >>to sit and learn classes in school that I found boring to distraction.
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> > The issue is that morse has lost the need for exclusive
> > testing as a separate test element. Your analogy isn't equivalent
> > to boring school classes because the goal of those classes is and was
> > within the objectives of providing a complete education.
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> I might beg to differ. I took many classes that were just about
> irrelevant to just about anything. They were mandated to be taken
> though. And that to me sounds just about like the arguments aginst Morse
> code testing.
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> > FCC
> > licensing is not, however, the means to mandate a specific
> > skill capability for one mode.
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> >>>For instance, I happen to absolutely know I would not enjoy jumping out
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> >>>an airplane to parachute. I've never tried it, no. But I don't intend
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> >>>because "it's just not me."
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> >>But if you wanted to parachute out of planes, you would indeed have to
> >>jump out of a plane. I know that sounds redundant or maybe redumbdant,
> >>but it helps prove my point. You aren't that interested in that sort of
> >>hobby, so you don't do it. It is strange that so many people have a
> >>problem with my basic premise: that people who aren't willing to learn
> >>the requirements are not all that interested in the ARS. In this case,
> >>the requirement is the Morse test.
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> > Sorry, you are expanding a lack of interest in morse as
> > a defining element as to one's overall interest in
> > amateur radio. That is simply untrue. There are thousands of
> > hams that have ZERO interest in morse, many have even
> > passed the tests to advance, yet they are excellent hams.
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> No I am not! I'm saying that if you don't learn the prescribed items,
> you are not all that interested.
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> Let's take the hot button Morse code away from the topic for a second,
> and use the example posted by some other person here recently. In his
> post, he mentioned that some Service buddies who already know Morse code
> would take the ARS tests as a way of getting off base and for a change
> of pace for a day. They did well on the Morse part of the test, but with
> one apparent exception, failed the written exam.
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> Learning the written portions of the exam was not all that important to
> them. After all, they were just doing this for a lark.
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> They were not really all that interested in getting thier ticket.
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> People who took the time to study and learn for the *written* portion
> of the test had more interest in being a ham than those who did notwant
> to take the time to study for the written portion of the test.
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> It is exactly the same thing. I've been careful to point out that my
> argument is completely separate from whether Morse should be tested at all.
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>
> > Bottom line: Knowledge of morse is neither a positive or negative
> > indication of any individual's interest(s) in ham radio.
>
> It is if you have to pass a test for it before access.

Actually that says it all, Mike, and is the point I've stressed for a long time
that is always pooh-poohed by the code/code test bashers. They just won't
recognize it for what it is.

Or maybe they *can't*.

138. Is Fred At It Again?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-03 21:34:09 UTC
From: Roger <Anon@anon.com>
Message-ID: <be27ge$la2$0@pita.alt.net>
Source record: 70124

"GM" <melzer@not.relevant> wrote in message
news:sj79gvkcufdudj85aldfvl5houobb6evvs@4ax.com...
On Thu, 3 Jul 2003 15:35:44 -0500, "Claude" <Anon@anon.com> wrote:

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>"Patrick C" <Carter_P@ncvillage.net> wrote in message
>news:3fac5b41.3946510622@ncvillage.net...
>On Thu, 03 Jul 2003 15:51:18 GMT, dsouter@-remove-bellsouth.net (Don
Souter)
>wrote:
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>>
>>There is a Frog user who has been flooding the Usenet newsgroups
>>rec.radio.shortwave, rec.radio.amateur.misc, and rec.radio.scanner for
>>almost three months now. Lately, he has taken to using my name and
>>reposting long, controversial anti-government and anti-gay screeds.
>>His posts frequently exceed a BI that indicates net abuse, and his
>>posts have also been listed in the NoCeM bulletins. The flooder is a
>>true net-abuser.
>>
>>I have tried to use the information in the Frog headers to file a
>>complaint, but they lead nowhere. I am considering filing complaints
>>with the French authorities at this point, but would rather resolve it
>>with Frog.
>>
>>Can anyone in this news group provide me with a working abuse address?
>>
>>Thanks,
>>Don Souter
>
>Here's a working abuse address where you can complain ya dipshit netcop.
>
>http://www.elysee.fr/ang/ecrire/mail_.htm
>
>
>And heres to YOU, Patrick!
>

You are a troll. You post from alt.net and usenetserver.com. You
aren't fooling anyone. We are taking this newsgroup back and nothing
you can do will stop that.

These are the handles you have used in the past couple of months
including but not limited to--

<snip>

.....
It is just old Fred posting again and again...maybe it is time to send a thank you letter to Chalybeate Road. The poor old fart has too much time on his hands.

139. Re: Latest News - Morse Code Test May Not "Die" at ITU Conference.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-03 21:41:32 UTC
From: Bill Sohl <billsohl@mindspring.com>
Message-ID: <be28mkmqb1@slb9.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 70125

"Mike Coslo" <mcoslo@adelphia.net> wrote in message
news:3F038F3F.8080205@adelphia.net...
> Bill Sohl wrote:
> > "Dan/W4NTI" <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com> wrote in message
> > news:bdv3v4$le0$1@slb5.atl.mindspring.net...
> >
> >>No Phil its not meaningless. The next 'attack' by the 'cw deprived'
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> >>to abolish CW on the air. Watch and see.
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> > Dan,
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> > That's the nuttiest thing said in this newsgroup in many moons.
> >
> > Assuming your prophesy were true, of what benefit
> > would banning CW provide to anyone?
>
> More bandwidth for SSB.

The bandwidth is NOT exclusive to CW today. In the end, if the non-phone
segments aren't used then the expansion of phone might be considered...
but the FCC isn't going to ban CW to make it happen. That's just more
"chicken little" talk.

Cheers,
Bill K2UNK

140. Re: Latest News - Morse Code Test May Not "Die" at ITU Conference.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-03 21:46:17 UTC
From: Bill Sohl <billsohl@mindspring.com>
Message-ID: <be28mlmqb2@slb9.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 70126

"N2EY" <N2EY@AOL.COM> wrote in message
news:c2356669.0307030431.4bd4263@posting.google.com...
> "Bill Sohl" <billsohl@mindspring.com> wrote in message
news:<be00lo$qr6$1@slb3.atl.mindspring.net>...
> > "Dan/W4NTI" <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com> wrote in message
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> > Dan,
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> > That's the nuttiest thing said in this newsgroup in many moons.
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> I have to disagree with that, Bill! Plenty of nuttiness to go around
> on all sides of the issue. Surrealism, too.
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> > Assuming your prophesy were true, of what benefit
> > would banning CW provide to anyone?
>
> Depends on who considers what a "benefit". Remember when the national
> speed limit was 55, and speedometers on new cars had to stop at 85?
> There were folks who saw those rules as benefiting society.
>
> As Dan/W4NTI points out in another post, there's the issue of "more
> room for 'phone", particularly to those who don't realize that there
> are no CW-only HF/MF subbands. There are also those who want things
> like DSSS on amateur HF, even though the problems caused by such
> operation have been explained to them in detail.
>
> Another "benefit" to some would be the fact that without CW/Morse,
> quite a few hams would simply leave amateur radio. At least some of
> the most experienced, conservative, competitive and knowledgeable hams
> would simply pack it in. The kind who are sometimes called "elitist,
> jackbooted thugs" "radio gods" "modem emulators" and other terms of
> endearment. Which would suit a few folks just fine.
>
> The amateur radio "culture" would change too, and become more
> homogenized. Less diversity and variety. Some folks are afraid of
> differences, y'know. Who was it that said 'those in the minority
> should learn to take "no" for an answer and just get on with life'?

>
> Now none of this means that those who are against the TEST are all
> against the MODE, too - far from it. The anti-code folks are few and
> far between, but they DO exist. To deny their existence is far
> "nuttier" than anything Dan has written.

Bottom line...exactly what chance of approval would you give
a petition for rules change that would outlaw CW in the next few
years?

> It's true that no mode except spark has ever been banned in amateur
> radio, and spark was only banned after practically everyone had
> stopped using it. But there have been movements to ban AM and NBFM
> phone from amateur HF, usually in the form of proposed bandwidth
> restrictions.

AM phone...excellent example of an ancient mode that some
would say should be banned but is still allowed 40 years after
the major shift to SSB.

> btw, Bill, have you picked a date for The Pool?

I need to understand the treaty approval process before picking a
date. For now I'll target 1/1/04.

Cheers
Bill K2UNK

141. Re: Latest News - Morse Code Test May Not "Die" at ITU Conference.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-03 21:51:13 UTC
From: Bill Sohl <billsohl@mindspring.com>
Message-ID: <be28mmmqb3@slb9.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 70127

"Dick Carroll;" <dixie@townsqr.com> wrote in message
news:be27et$ke6$0@208.206.142.96...
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> Mike Coslo wrote:
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long time
> that is always pooh-poohed by the code/code test bashers. They just won't
> recognize it for what it is.
> Or maybe they *can't*.

So a nocode tech has no interest in amateur radio because s/he
didn't take a morse test then? Bunk.

Same old, same old.

Cheers,
Bill K2UNK

142. Re: 5 MHz very popular and it's only a half hour old

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-03 22:50:29 UTC
From: Dan/W4NTI <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com>
Message-ID: <be2bsk$5p5$1@slb4.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 70128

I just got on and the band really quite alive. Assuming all are actually running 50 watts Im quite impressed.

Time 5.49 central

Dan/W4NTI

"Robert Casey" <wa2ise@ix.netcom.com> wrote in message news:3F03B054.2040504@ix.netcom.com...
> Wow! 5 MHz really lit up like a light bulb at the stroke of midnight!
>

143. Re: License for 2-way radio supporting both GMRS/FRS???

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-03 22:59:10 UTC
From: "D. Stussy" <kd6lvw@bde-arc.ampr.org>
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.56.0307032259270.1255@kd6lvw.ampr.org>
Source record: 70129

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On Thu, 3 Jul 2003, Dick Carroll; wrote:
> "D. Stussy" wrote:
> > On Wed, 1 Jul 2003, Ryan wrote:
> > > "D. Stussy" <kd6lvw@bde-arc.ampr.org> wrote in message
> > > > FCC Licensing Information
> > > >
> > > > Channels 1 thru 14 transmit on FRS frequencies.
> > > > Channels 15 thru 22 transmit on GMRS frequencies.
> > > > Operation on GMRS frequencies requires a license from the FCC.
> > > >
> > > > Then there is another paragraph that talks about how to get an FCC form 605.
> > > >
> > > > The inference I draw from this is that the manufacturer in this case believes
> > > > that NO license is required as long as one transmits only on the FRS channels
> > > > and not on the GMRS channels. A license is required only when transmitting on
> > > > the 8 GMRS-only channels. [Whether a GMRS license is needed or not with
> > > > respect to FRS-only use is the matter being debated by some.]
> > > >
> > > > Has anyone seen anything different in any other radio's manual?
> > >
> > > Does the instruction manual say anything about power output on the
> > > shared
> > > FRS/GMRS channels? These are usually 1-7 if the radio conforms to
> > > "1-14 FRS,
> > > 15-22 GMRS". If its above 500mW its not legal for FRS use, and must
> > > conform to GMRS regulations. Wacky ain't it?
> >
> > In the case of my radio, it's 500mW regardless of service (i.e. even on GMRS,
> > it's 500mW).
>
> But that 500mw will get you 5 miles on GMRS but only 2 on FRS!

Now isn't it interesting that the 5 MHz difference (462 vs 467) makes such a
distance difference..... :-)
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144. Re: 5 MHz very popular and it's only a half hour old

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-03 23:20:51 UTC
From: Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
Message-ID: <cuvyxnansvbet.hhgtlzq.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 70130

On Thu, 3 Jul 2003 17:50:29 -0500, Dan/W4NTI wrote:

>I just got on and the band really quite alive. Assuming all are actually
>running 50 watts Im quite impressed.
>
>Time 5.49 central

"All quiet on the Western Front" - just a few heterodynes......

4:14 pm Pacific

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73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane

From a Clearing in the Silicon Forest
Beaverton (Washington County) Oregon

145. Re: 5 MHz very popular and it's only a half hour old

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-03 23:58:03 UTC
From: Dan/W4NTI <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com>
Message-ID: <be2fra$3v3$1@slb6.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 70131

Bit early out on the left coast. Check it later...heck you know that.

Dan/W4NTI
"Phil Kane" <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop> wrote in message
news:cuvyxnansvbet.hhgtlzq.pminews@netnews.comcast.net...
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146. Re: Using ham bands for educational / research project

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-04 00:23:22 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030703202322.01814.00000217@mb-m10.aol.com>
Source record: 70132

Note: The following is just my interpretation of the rules.

In article <bdvrsrcit1@woodrow.ucdavis.edu>, Leo Szumel
<please_use_my_last_name@ieee.org> writes:

>> If you don't use a specified code, you must identify using a specified
>code.
>> For example, if you design your own protocol (unspecified code), then you
>> should design the system to ID every 10 minutes, or every transmission.
>
>That should not be a problem. I envisage we would use an unspecified
>code for our data transmissions, but we could self-identify with an RTTY
>broadcast every 10 min. This will all be computer-controlled so that
>should be easy.

I think there's a problem with using a code that is not publicly available. ID
is not enough; if the message cannot be read by a suitably-equipped monitoring
station (read: FCC) what you have is a form of encryption.

Amateurs are not allowed to intentionally encrypt or otherwise conceal
transmission meaning or content, with one exception: remote control commands.
So the "turn off" command would be OK to encrypt, but not the data coming from
the remote sensors.

73 es GL de Jim, N2EY

147. Re: Latest News - Morse Code Test May Not "Die" at ITU Conference.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-04 00:37:14 UTC
From: "Dick Carroll;" <dixie@townsqr.com>
Message-ID: <be2i7q$t3g$0@208.207.71.145>
Source record: 70133

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Bill Sohl wrote:

> "Dick Carroll;" <dixie@townsqr.com> wrote in message
> news:be27et$ke6$0@208.206.142.96...
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> > Mike Coslo wrote:
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> > > Bill Sohl wrote:
> > > > "Mike Coslo" <mjc5@psu.edu> wrote in message
> > > > news:3F02D354.1070209@psu.edu...
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> > > >>Kim W5TIT wrote:
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> > > >>>Dan, I can understand your exasperation with people who choose not to
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> > > > learn
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> > > >>>CW or decide that they don't like it. However, that is as far as the
> > > >>>understanding goes. It seems impossible to me that you can't
> understand
> > > >>>that people know what they do, or don't, like.
> > > >>
> > > >>We all have to learn things that we may not like all that much. I had
> > > >>to sit and learn classes in school that I found boring to distraction.
> > > >
> > > >
> > > > The issue is that morse has lost the need for exclusive
> > > > testing as a separate test element. Your analogy isn't equivalent
> > > > to boring school classes because the goal of those classes is and was
> > > > within the objectives of providing a complete education.
> > >
> > > I might beg to differ. I took many classes that were just about
> > > irrelevant to just about anything. They were mandated to be taken
> > > though. And that to me sounds just about like the arguments aginst Morse
> > > code testing.
> > >
> > > > FCC
> > > > licensing is not, however, the means to mandate a specific
> > > > skill capability for one mode.
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> > > >>>For instance, I happen to absolutely know I would not enjoy jumping
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> out
> > > >>
> > > > of
> > > >
> > > >>>an airplane to parachute. I've never tried it, no. But I don't
> intend
> > > >>
> > > > to
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> > > >>>because "it's just not me."
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> > > >>But if you wanted to parachute out of planes, you would indeed have to
> > > >>jump out of a plane. I know that sounds redundant or maybe redumbdant,
> > > >>but it helps prove my point. You aren't that interested in that sort
> of
> > > >>hobby, so you don't do it. It is strange that so many people have a
> > > >>problem with my basic premise: that people who aren't willing to learn
> > > >>the requirements are not all that interested in the ARS. In this case,
> > > >>the requirement is the Morse test.
> > > >
> > > >
> > > > Sorry, you are expanding a lack of interest in morse as
> > > > a defining element as to one's overall interest in
> > > > amateur radio. That is simply untrue. There are thousands of
> > > > hams that have ZERO interest in morse, many have even
> > > > passed the tests to advance, yet they are excellent hams.
> > >
> > > No I am not! I'm saying that if you don't learn the prescribed
> items,
> > > you are not all that interested.
> > >
> > > Let's take the hot button Morse code away from the topic for a
> second,
> > > and use the example posted by some other person here recently. In his
> > > post, he mentioned that some Service buddies who already know Morse code
> > > would take the ARS tests as a way of getting off base and for a change
> > > of pace for a day. They did well on the Morse part of the test, but with
> > > one apparent exception, failed the written exam.
> > >
> > > Learning the written portions of the exam was not all that
> important to
> > > them. After all, they were just doing this for a lark.
> > >
> > > They were not really all that interested in getting thier
> ticket.
> > >
> > > People who took the time to study and learn for the *written*
> portion
> > > of the test had more interest in being a ham than those who did notwant
> > > to take the time to study for the written portion of the test.

> > >
> > > It is exactly the same thing. I've been careful to point out
> that my
> > > argument is completely separate from whether Morse should be tested at
> all.
> > >
> > >
> > > > Bottom line: Knowledge of morse is neither a positive or negative
> > > > indication of any individual's interest(s) in ham radio.
> > >
> > > It is if you have to pass a test for it before access.
> >
> > Actually that says it all, Mike, and is the point I've stressed for a
> long time
> > that is always pooh-poohed by the code/code test bashers. They just won't
> > recognize it for what it is.
> > Or maybe they *can't*.
>
> So a nocode tech has no interest in amateur radio because s/he
> didn't take a morse test then? Bunk.
>
> Same old, same old.

Yep, sure is. You still alter what is said to mean that which was NOT said. Or
maybe you
don't get it.

A no-code tech has a limited interest in ham radio or he'd become something
other than
a no-code tech. WITHOUT whining about the requirements. And many do just that.

148. CW Requirement Abolished

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-04 01:37:03 UTC
From: Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93ADDBDF2BE7Felektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>
Source record: 70134

Yes it's true. The final report of WRC 2003 is here:-

http://www.iaru.org/rel030703.html

149. Re: Latest News - Morse Code Test May Not "Die" at ITU Conference.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-04 01:41:56 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <be2nv7$fnj@library1.airnews.net>
Source record: 70138

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"Dan/W4NTI" <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com> wrote in message
news:bdv3mj$ncd$1@slb0.atl.mindspring.net...
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> "Kim W5TIT" <fahgedit@nomail.net> wrote in message
> news:bdtfsr$sdb@library1.airnews.net...
> > "Dan/W4NTI" <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com> wrote in message
> > news:bdn68m$sod$1@slb5.atl.mindspring.net...
> > >
> > > "Steve Fleckenstein" <spfleck@zzcitlinkzz.net> wrote in message
> > > news:0_qLa.1016$jC.583@news02.roc.ny...
> > > >
> > > > > Hey Steve, Thanks for the respectful reply.
> > > >
> > > > My pleasure.
> > > >
> > > >
> > > > > 1. Will you get your General or Extra ticket *before* the Morse
test
> > is
> > > > > dropped?
> > > >
> > > > No
> > > >
> > > > >
> > > > > 2. Will you get your General or Extra ticket *after* the Morse
> > > > > Requirement is dropped?
> > > > >
> > > >
> > > > Yes
> > > >
> > > > Why ?
> > > >
> > > > Because I have better things to do in life than study for a mode of
> > > > operation (CW) that I will rarely if at all use.
> > > >
> > >
> > > >
> > > > Steve
> > > > N2UBP
> > > >
> > > >
> > >
> > > I have NEVER understood how someone can make a statement like that.
How
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> > do
> > > you KNOW you won't like it if you do learn it?
> > >
> > > Don't you see your cutting yourself off from a major part of ham radio
> > based
> > > on what?
> > >
> > > Dan/W4NTI
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> > Dan, I can understand your exasperation with people who choose not to
> learn
> > CW or decide that they don't like it. However, that is as far as the
> > understanding goes. It seems impossible to me that you can't understand
> > that people know what they do, or don't, like.
> >
> > For instance, I happen to absolutely know I would not enjoy jumping out
of
> > an airplane to parachute. I've never tried it, no. But I don't intend
to
> > because "it's just not me." I also absolutely know that I would not
want
> to
> > live anywhere but here in the United States. I've never lived outside
the
> > United States (except as a tiny child), and I don't intend to, because I
> > like it fine living anywhere in the United States and I'm not inclined
to
> > experiment with anywhere else.
> >
> > So, why is it so difficult for you to understand that people can and do
> make
> > the decision that the CW part of this hobby is something they are not
> > interested in? Are you saying that there is nothing you would not try
to
> > see if you liked it or not? You don't know yourself well enough?
> >
> > Kim W5TIT
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>
> Back in my younger days my attitude was as follows; I hope I never get to
a
> point in my life that I would say I wish I would have done..... That
> probably explains my attitude a bit.
>
> No I would not jump out of a perfectly good aircraft. Although I think I
> would have enjoyed doing so...again in my younger days.
>

> To keep my comments in context. I stand by my statement about CW. Giving
> it up before giving it a try is not comprehendable to me.
>
> Do you think I was born with a silver key in my mouth? Not hardly. It
was
> just as much a struggle for me to learn it as anyone else.
>
> I could have stopped at 5 and got my 'Technician ticket' and stayed there
> for decades until the FCC dropped the HF CW to 5. But I chose NOT TO DO
> THAT. I completely skipped the Technician. I went from Novice straight
to
> General, then up. I did so because I knew if I would have gotten on two
> meter AM as a Novice, I would have gotten the Tech then stayed a Tech. I
> forced myself to learn CW. And one day I passed that 12 wpm block. And I
> KEPT pushing myself to get better. Thats my story. Perhaps that will
> explain why I think as I do.
>
> I am challenge oriented. And I was a Army Sgt. hi hi
>
> Dan/W4NTI
>
>

And I don't think there is anything at all "wrong" with the way you chose to do it. BUT, I also know you're not one of those hams who believes you're better than any other...

Kim W5TIT

150. Re: Latest News - Morse Code Test May Not "Die" at ITU Conference.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-04 01:44:08 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <be2nv8$fnj@library1.airnews.net>
Source record: 70136

"Mike Coslo" <mcoslo@adelphia.net> wrote in message
news:3F031853.9090506@adelphia.net...
> Bill Sohl wrote:
> >
> > Bottom line: Knowledge of morse is neither a positive or negative
> > indication of any individual's interest(s) in ham radio.
>
> It is if a person refuses to learn it, or waits until the requirement
> goes away.
>
>

Mike, I think you'll be quite disappointed if you "trust" in someone's
interest level based on their relationship (or lack of) with CW.

Kim W5TIT

151. Re: Latest News - Morse Code Test May Not "Die" at ITU Conference.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-04 01:45:28 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <be2nv9$fnj@library1.airnews.net>
Source record: 70137

"Mike Coslo" <mcoslo@adelphia.net> wrote in message
news:3F031AFB.3030804@adelphia.net...
> Dan/W4NTI wrote:
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> > I could have stopped at 5 and got my 'Technician ticket' and stayed
there
> > for decades until the FCC dropped the HF CW to 5. But I chose NOT TO DO
> > THAT. I completely skipped the Technician. I went from Novice straight
to
> > General, then up. I did so because I knew if I would have gotten on two
> > meter AM as a Novice, I would have gotten the Tech then stayed a Tech.
I
> > forced myself to learn CW. And one day I passed that 12 wpm block. And
I
> > KEPT pushing myself to get better. Thats my story. Perhaps that will
> > explain why I think as I do.
>
> Thank you Dan! You made just about perfect illustration of what I was
> saying. You were interested enough, and definitely MORE interested thatn
> those who chose not to do what you did.
>
> - Mike KB3EIA -
>

You really think that just because someone learns CW, they have "more"
interest in ham radio? You really do, Mike?

Oh well...

Kim W5TIT

152. Is that digital sounding chirping on the new 5MHz freqs the primary user?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-04 01:47:53 UTC
From: Robert Casey <wa2ise@ix.netcom.com>
Message-ID: <3F04DCC9.7090305@ix.netcom.com>
Source record: 70135

Sometimes I hear a piccalo-rtty-ish digital signal on one or more of our new
5Mhz frequencies. Is that the primary user of these freqs trying to use
their
allocations and hams clogging the channel? Or is it from outside the USA?
The signal strength is weak, so maybe it is from region 1 or 3.

153. Re: CW Requirement Abolished

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-04 02:26:16 UTC
From: Bill Sohl <billsohl@mindspring.com>
Message-ID: <be2oqddc1@slb6.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 70139

"Alun Palmer" <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote in message
news:Xns93ADDBDF2BE7Felektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4...
> Yes it's true. The final report of WRC 2003 is here:-
>
> http://www.iaru.org/rel030703.html

Here's the rewrite of 25.5 and 25.6

The IARU web site has release it final report on WRC 2003.

You can read the full report at: http://www.iaru.org/rel030703.html

The final version of S25.5 & S25.6 are:

25.5 &#65533;3 1) Administrations shall determine whether or not a person
seeking a licence to operate an amateur station shall demonstrate
the ability to send and receive texts in Morse code signals.

25.6 2) Administrations shall verify the operational and technical
qualifications of any person wishing to operate an amateur station.
Guidance for standards of competence may be found in the
most recent version of Recommendation ITU-RM.1544.

They say the effective date is July 5, 2003.

Cheers,
Bill K2UNK

154. Re: Latest News - Morse Code Test May Not "Die" at ITU Conference.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-04 02:29:25 UTC
From: Bill Sohl <billsohl@mindspring.com>
Message-ID: <be2p40osk1@slb6.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 70141

As an international treaty requirement Morse knowledge
has died as of 7/5/03:

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Cheers,
Bill K2UNK

155. Re: WRC-03 Opened In Geneva June 9

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-04 02:31:26 UTC
From: Bill Sohl <billsohl@mindspring.com>
Message-ID: <be2p41osk2@slb6.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 70142

WRC is over...
As an international treaty requirement Morse knowledge
has ended as of 7/5/03:

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The final version of S25.5 & S25.6 are:

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most recent version of Recommendation ITU-RM.1544.

They say the effective date is July 5, 2003.

Cheers,
Bill K2UNK

156. Re: Latest News - Morse Code Test May Not "Die" at ITU Conference.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-04 02:31:45 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <be2oto$f6@library1.airnews.net>
Source record: 70140

"N2EY" <N2EY@AOL.COM> wrote in message
news:c2356669.0307030844.35ba6102@posting.google.com...
> "Kim" <donteventry@nomail.net> wrote in message
news:<be087n$a96@library2.airnews.net>...
> > "Mike Coslo" <mjc5@psu.edu> wrote in message
> > news:3F02D354.1070209@psu.edu...
> > > Kim wrote:
> > >
> > > > Dan, I can understand your exasperation with people who choose not
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> > > > learn
> > > > CW or decide that they don't like it. However, that is as far as
the
> > > > understanding goes. It seems impossible to me that you can't
understand
> > > > that people know what they do, or don't, like.
>
> Kim,
>
> Have you *ever* had the experience of "having to" try something you
> thought you wouldn't like, and finding out you really enjoyed it?
>

I'll truly have to get back to you on that! Just sitting here thinking
about it, I can come up with more examples of things that I knew I would not
like that have come true:

1. Moving to Texas. Yes, I have "become accustomed" to being down here.
But I'd much rather really be right back up in my hometown with the
Battenkill River, Goose Egg Mountain, the Vermont border in eye's sight,
etc.

2. Working in downtown Dallas. Again yes, I have "become accustomed" to it,
but I knew I would not like it and I really don't. It's just that the
darned money is so good, 'spose I am willing to sacrifice a little to have
the money...

3. Having kids. Seriously. All the time I was growing up and as a
teen-ager, I knew I would not like having kids. Well, I tried a couple out.
I love both of them dearly and my granddaughter is divine--but I'd never go
through having kids again if I could go back and knew then what I know now

>
> Do you know anyone who has had such an experience?
>

I'd have to check. I don't know.

> > >
> > > We all have to learn things that we may not like all that much. I had
> > > to sit and learn classes in school that I found boring to distraction.
> >
> > I think there's a difference between what we "must" learn in school for
a
> > real degree vs. what we must know to operate as a licensed amateur. I
don't
> > need an amateur license to "get by" in life. I do need my High School
> > Diploma, or better, to get by.
>
> That reasoning works to support Mike's argument. If a high school
> diploma is a practical necessity, why should it require ANY
> non-essentials?
>

Oh, well. I don't think it should. I think things such as Sports and Band, etc, (the so-called extra-curicular activities) should be in there--as I think they help form skills that will be needed in the world. But, in the regular K-12 school years, I think things such as elective courses really need to be "rethunk." I took Greek Mythology, Philosophy, Psychology, etc., in my years of High School, but I really don't think they should have been available and don't think they should be today: EXCEPT, perhaps, in magnet schools (down here, the term magnet school, defines schooling set aside for "gifted" children).

>
> Those nonessentials could be considered arbitrary,
> capricious, irrelevant, discriminatory, hazing, etc.
>

Exactly, and I think they are to some extent, at least on a regular campus. Those of who were involved in classes such as Latin and, well, the "renaissance" courses(?) were considered quite the nerds--and we considered anyone outside our circle as squares. There was nothing to teach us that people have different interests and that all are OK. Well, at least nothing taught more strongly than teen-age hormones raged! LOL

>
> OTOH, since a ham
> license is not a necessity, it can require all sorts of stuff that
> some would say is nonessential.
>

And, does. And, again, I think the non-essential stuff should be removed. I'd rather see a majority of hams define what is non-essential, though; and I'd like to see those decisions being made without ego or prejudice.

> > > >
> > > > For instance, I happen to absolutely know I would not enjoy jumping
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> > > > of
> > > > an airplane to parachute. I've never tried it, no. But I don't
intend
> > > > to
> > > > because "it's just not me."
> > >
> > > But if you wanted to parachute out of planes, you would indeed have to
> > > jump out of a plane. I know that sounds redundant or maybe redumbdant,
> > > but it helps prove my point. You aren't that interested in that sort
of
> > > hobby, so you don't do it. It is strange that so many people have a
> > > problem with my basic premise: that people who aren't willing to learn
> > > the requirements are not all that interested in the ARS. In this case,
> > > the requirement is the Morse test.
>
> Not really a good analogy, because in order to parachute you have to
> jump out of, or off of, something.
>
> > I don't have a problem with the CW requirement for an amateur ticket on
its
> > face. However, if its primary purpose is that of "filtering" people
from
> > the hobby, as many attitudes seem to demonstrate, then I am all about
> > getting the requirement outta here.
>
> I think what really bothers some folks about the code test is the fact
> that it acts as a "Great Equalizer". Very few prospective hams already
> know the code, which means that, when starting out to get a license,
> the Ph.D. in EE is placed on the same playing field as the elementary
> school kid. It can't be learned (by most people) by reading a book or
> watching a video, or picked up in bits and pieces here and there.
> Guessing doesn't help you pass it.
>

Many of us do have such a problem with being on an "even playing field,"
don't we? Pity.

>
> Also, once you learn it, the code is extremely useful in amateur
> radio. Particularly HF/MF amateur radio.
>
> > I do not believe that a knowledge of CW
> > makes one any better a ham than any other.
>
> I think it does. Maybe not the test itself alone, but the USE of the
> mode. It's a useful skill for hams to have. That doesn't mean it MUST
> be tested, however.
>

Ah, but would there be alternatives you would consider as a good
replacement, since CW--after all--is such an issue among hams?

> >
> > I also don't believe, as you
> > mention later in this post, that one's interest level is important to
this
> > hobby.
>
> > > > So, why is it so difficult for you to understand that people can and
do
> > > > make
> > > > the decision that the CW part of this hobby is something they are
not
> > > > interested in? Are you saying that there is nothing you would not
try
> > > > to
> > > > see if you liked it or not? You don't know yourself well enough?
>
> > > If a person does not want to take the Morse test, that is their right
> > > and privilege. They won't get the HF ticket however.
> >
> > At least not right now, eh?
> >
> You got a date in The Pool yet? (see the thread by that name)
>

No, haven't looked at that one. I'll check it out.

> > >
> > > If they are interested in the ARS, but do not learn Morse because they
> > > don't like it, they are not as interested as someone who does make the
> > > effort.
>
> > But, who dictates that "interest" is a necessity for this
hobby/avocation?
>
> The FCC, among others. If someone is interested in the ARS, but does
> not bother to get a license because they don't like taking (written)
> tests or studying for same, then they are not as interested as someone
> who does make the effort.
>

To the extent that meeting requirements could be considered as indicating
interest, I suppose you have a point. I was thinking more in terms of, if
the requirements were reduced, would it mean there were "less interested"
hams? Heck, for me, anyone who persists through the brickabrack that
happens in this hobby is surely demonstrating an increble interest!! I have
practically given up on ham radio. Between my husband and I, there is not
one radio (of about 25) that is connected right now. It's just too damned
much of a political hotbed for anyone who truly wants to be involved in ham
radio (at least around here).

> >
> > I don't care about someone's interest level. There are, what

Jim/N2EY(?),
> > 650,000+ amateurs in this country alone.
>
> 686,802 as of yesterday. ;-)
>
> But how many of them are active?
>

Heh heh. Two here aren't.

> >
> > Of them, there are numbers of
> > every kind of thinking and interest level, right? I don't care about
> > someone's "interest." I care that once they are a licensed amateur they
> > conduct themselves within the parameters of the FCC's R&R.
>
> OK, fine - now how do we assure that? Look at the enforcement actions
> by FCC - hams of all license classes being cited for doing dumb
> things. Each and every one of them had to pass a written test - in
> most cases, several written tests. Yet they break the rules, and in
> most cases the violations are not technical things like a misadjusted
> or broken rig. Instead, most of the violations I read about today are
> "operating" violations - jamming, cussing, failure to ID, operation
> outside of one's license privileges, etc. Really basic stuff that was
> covered at the Novice level.
>
> Yet almost all of that stuff happens using voice modes, rather than CW
> or data modes. There must be reasons for the enormous disparity in
> behavior.
>
> > That is all that is required.
>
> So how do we get it?
>
> 73 de Jim, N2EY
>

Well, adhering to the FCC R&R is not a choice. At least it isn't if one
gets caught. And, if more hams were willing to "snitch" on each other,
there'd be a better chance of catching those who don't abide by regulation.

Kim W5TIT

157. Re: Latest News - Morse Code Test May Not "Die" at ITU Conference.

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Source record: 70143

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> > Bill Sohl wrote:
> > > "Mike Coslo" <mjc5@psu.edu> wrote in message
> > > news:3F02D354.1070209@psu.edu...
> > >
> > >>Kim W5TIT wrote:
> > >>
> > >>
> > >>>Dan, I can understand your exasperation with people who choose not to
> > >>
> > > learn
> > >
> > >>>CW or decide that they don't like it. However, that is as far as the
> > >>>understanding goes. It seems impossible to me that you can't
understand
> > >>>that people know what they do, or don't, like.
> > >>
> > >>We all have to learn things that we may not like all that much. I had
> > >>to sit and learn classes in school that I found boring to distraction.
> > >
> > >
> > > The issue is that morse has lost the need for exclusive
> > > testing as a separate test element. Your analogy isn't equivalent
> > > to boring school classes because the goal of those classes is and was
> > > within the objectives of providing a complete education.
> >
> > I might beg to differ. I took many classes that were just about
> > irrelevant to just about anything. They were mandated to be taken
> > though. And that to me sounds just about like the arguments aginst Morse
> > code testing.
> >
> > > FCC
> > > licensing is not, however, the means to mandate a specific
> > > skill capability for one mode.
> > >
> > >
> > >>>For instance, I happen to absolutely know I would not enjoy jumping
out
> > >>
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> > > of
> > >
> > >>>an airplane to parachute. I've never tried it, no. But I don't
intend
> > >>
> > > to
> > >
> > >>>because "it's just not me."
> > >>
> > >>But if you wanted to parachute out of planes, you would indeed have to
> > >>jump out of a plane. I know that sounds redundant or maybe redumbdant,
> > >>but it helps prove my point. You aren't that interested in that sort
of
> > >>hobby, so you don't do it. It is strange that so many people have a
> > >>problem with my basic premise: that people who aren't willing to learn
> > >>the requirements are not all that interested in the ARS. In this case,
> > >>the requirement is the Morse test.
> > >
> > >
> > > Sorry, you are expanding a lack of interest in morse as
> > > a defining element as to one's overall interest in
> > > amateur radio. That is simply untrue. There are thousands of
> > > hams that have ZERO interest in morse, many have even
> > > passed the tests to advance, yet they are excellent hams.
> >
> > No I am not! I'm saying that if you don't learn the prescribed
items,
> > you are not all that interested.
> >
> > Let's take the hot button Morse code away from the topic for a
second,
> > and use the example posted by some other person here recently. In his
> > post, he mentioned that some Service buddies who already know Morse code
> > would take the ARS tests as a way of getting off base and for a change
> > of pace for a day. They did well on the Morse part of the test, but with
> > one apparent exception, failed the written exam.
> >
> > Learning the written portions of the exam was not all that
important to
> > them. After all, they were just doing this for a lark.
> >
> > They were not really all that interested in getting thier
ticket.
> >
> > People who took the time to study and learn for the *written*
portion
> > of the test had more interest in being a ham than those who did notwant
> > to take the time to study for the written portion of the test.
> >
> > It is exactly the same thing. I've been careful to point out

that my
> > argument is completely separate from whether Morse should be tested at
all.
> >
> >
> > > Bottom line: Knowledge of morse is neither a positive or negative
> > > indication of any individual's interest(s) in ham radio.
> >
> > It is if you have to pass a test for it before access.
>
> Actually that says it all, Mike, and is the point I've stressed for a
long time
> that is always pooh-poohed by the code/code test bashers. They just won't
> recognize it for what it is.
>
> Or maybe they *can't*.
>

And you obviously can't regognize that taking a series of written exams
proves probably more interest in ham radio than one single CW test.

Kim W5TIT

158. Re: The Pool

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-04 02:40:02 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <be2pd8$gj1@library1.airnews.net>
Source record: 70144

"N2EY" <n2ey@aol.com> wrote in message
news:20030701185356.02222.00000551@mb-m16.aol.com...
> In article <Xns93AB6B0027EA3elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>, Alun Palmer
> <elektros@yahoo.com> writes:
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> >>> It just has to be nodded through at the plenary session. This allows
> >>> those countries mentioned, plus Germany to retain CW testing without
> >>> it seeming that it no longer relates to ITU rules, whilst also
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> >> through the various levels of rubberstamping. My wild guess is no more
> >> than a year from today.
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particular
> >date, and the winner should be whoever is closest.
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> K2ASP has MArch 15, 2004. I have April 15, 2004. Pick a date!
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> 73 de Jim, N2EY
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OK. So we're picking dates for when the CW requirement (as it exists now)
will be dropped? Gosh. I think it's going to take a lot longer than a
year. Let's say five years; so, by June of 2008.

Heh heh, the real test here is whether many of us will be around RRAP to
roundabout on it when it happens, unless it does happen in the short term.

Kim W5TIT

159. Re: FCC's response to my inquiry on license of FRS/GMRS

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-04 02:51:34 UTC
From: "William H. O'Hara, III" <whoohara@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93ADE8A45B472AX2A3DA5M1512AODKAMO@65.100.3.61>
Source record: 70145
Cross-posted to: alt.radio.family,rec.radio.amateur.policy

"thomas" <word_pass@hotmail.com> wrote in
news:bdq4os$ucoss$1@ID-170256.news.dfncis.de:

> This is not true in the case of the federal tax. I saw it
> clearly on one IRS pub, that if you filed tax incorrectly
> based on a response from an IRS agent, you will not be
> charged the penalty, even if you have to pay the right
> amount later.

Which publication? A letter ruling covers you. Nothing
else from the IRS will provide protection. The publications
can be wrong. If it is not a regulation, section of the code,
or some solid legal point based on a case in YOUR circuit,
then you have nothing solid.

> Applying the same principle here, you **may** be right that
> I may still need to pay a license fee if I get caught. But
> I won't be fined $10000, given that I have the print-out of
> the official FCC email.

Yes, you would be fined. A google search to unearth this
thread would not help your case, either. :)

Bill

160. Re: FCC's response to my inquiry on license of FRS/GMRS

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-04 03:33:19 UTC
From: thomas <word_pass@hotmail.com>
Message-ID: <be2sif$li8n$1@ID-170256.news.dfncis.de>
Source record: 70146
Cross-posted to: alt.radio.family,rec.radio.amateur.policy

Ridiculous.

Why are you guys so confident with your interpretation of the law? You are so confident that you even think I have already bought your theory?!

Did I EVER post in this newsgroup that I agreed with any of you many 'experts' here?

Did I ever post in this newsgroup that I believe the FCC's response is wrong and you guys are right?

Did I ever post in this newsgroup that I will take your words instead of FCC's?

Come on, you guys weigh yourselves too much.

Since some people here are really so **stupid**, I would like to reinstate my position on this whole license issue:

1. I don't believe the interpretations, responses from every single person who thinks I need a license. I don't believe them from the very beginning. I have never believed them.

2. I take the official words from FCC as 100% correct. I never doubt them. And I will follow them. It's funny to see someone simply can't understand one of my arguments based on an imaginary scenario in order to disprove my opposite opinion.

3. My original question was my first post in this group. Now I will opt to leave this group for ever, based the number of ridiculous posts here. I will find a more intelligent place with more **human** common sense.

4. Although I don't believe the responses from many anonymous, and/or unauthorized, and/or unofficial, and/or over-confident people here, I really appreciate your helps. Thank you. Thanks a million.

Tom

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> Bill

161. Re: FCC's response to my inquiry on license of FRS/GMRS

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-04 04:09:46 UTC
From: Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
Message-ID: <cuvyxnansvbet.hhh6b2s.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 70147
Cross-posted to: alt.radio.family,rec.radio.amateur.policy

On Thu, 3 Jul 2003 23:33:19 -0400, thomas wrote:

>3. My original question was my first post in this group. Now I will opt to
>leave this group for ever, based the number of ridiculous posts here. I
>will find a more intelligent place with more **human** common sense.

Goodbye, Tom. Remember that if you ever need a communications
attorney to represent you in an FCC case, that's what I do for a
living, whether you "like" or "agree" with my interpretations or
not.

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73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane

162. Re: 5 MHz very popular and it's only a half hour old

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-04 04:09:46 UTC
From: Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
Message-ID: <cuvyxnansvbet.hhh5zir.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 70148

On Thu, 3 Jul 2003 18:58:03 -0500, Dan/W4NTI wrote:

>Bit early out on the left coast. Check it later...heck you know that.

Of course. It's active now (8:40 pm)

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73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane

163. Re: The Pool

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-04 04:19:57 UTC
From: Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93AE359BAEE3elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>
Source record: 70149

"Kim W5TIT" <fahgedit@nomail.net> wrote in
news:be2pd8$gj1@library1.airnews.net:

> "N2EY" <n2ey@aol.com> wrote in message
> news:20030701185356.02222.00000551@mb-m16.aol.com...
>> In article <Xns93AB6B0027EA3elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>, Alun Palmer
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>> 73 de Jim, N2EY
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> now) will be dropped? Gosh. I think it's going to take a lot longer
> than a year. Let's say five years; so, by June of 2008.
>
> Heh heh, the real test here is whether many of us will be around RRAP
> to roundabout on it when it happens, unless it does happen in the short
> term.
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> Kim W5TIT
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>

Well Kim, the ITU have actually abolished it effective July 5th, 2003. Do
you really think it will take the FCC five years to implement? I don't
think that even they are that slow!

73 de Alun, N3KIP

164. Re: CW Requirement Abolished

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-04 06:35:03 UTC
From: k4yz@aol.com
Message-ID: <5c01b95b.0307032235.568909f1@posting.google.com>
Source record: 70150

Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote in message
news:<Xns93ADDBDF2BE7Felektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>...
> Yes it's true. The final report of WRC 2003 is here:-
>
> http://www.iaru.org/rel030703.html

Easy there fellas...The TREATY requirement may be negated, but we
are still under >FCC< regulation...let's give them a day or two to see
how they are going to handle this.

73

Steve, K4YZ

165. Re: Licenses: FCC Radiotelephone & Ham License Recerprocity?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-04 06:44:29 UTC
From: k4yz@aol.com
Message-ID: <5c01b95b.0307032244.4f615452@posting.google.com>
Source record: 69951

cdog46@yahoo.com (cappy anderson) wrote in message
news:<f77eff0e.0307030603.5c1338d3@posting.google.com>...
> k4yz@aol.com (Steve Robeson, K4CAP) wrote in message
news:<5c01b95b.0307020714.6b17c4bf@posting.google.com>...
> > cdog46@yahoo.com (cappy anderson) wrote in message
news:<f77eff0e.0307011257.2963e9cb@posting.google.com>...
> >
> > > I have a general radiotelehone operatorslicense with a radar
> > > endorsment. Can I get an amateur license without taking the test(s).
> > > No reason why I could take the test but that I am very time
> > > constrained. Thanks in advance.
> >
> > Anderson? GROL? Want's to shortcut testing? Is this genetic?
> >
> > Steve, K4YZ
>
> Steve-
> I knew I was inviting abuse when I asked the question. If you knew
> a little about the GROL test you might not be so sarcastic.

I know quite a bit about the GROL, and I have stated that I think
there SHOULD be some sort of "bridge test" for GROL holders, ie:
questions on Amateur related regulations and practice.

> I have a license to practice law also. States-wisely grant
> recirprocity in many situations. I also have a severe learning
> disability. So taking tests is a mamouth pain where I sit down.

Is it any worse than being deaf? I know CW ops who have no
"conventional" hearing yet they are able to operate CW and have passed
the requisite test.

I also know Amateurs who are blind, and they have passed the
requisite written tests.

> States, and the Ferderal government have a lot of recirprocity in many
> area from drivers licenses to professional licenses-just in case you
> didn't know.

I am quite aware. I also hold professional licensure that
requires various endorsements for reciprocity. PITA, but that's the
problem of living in a Republic.

> Not all of us can be or would be as smug just because one has an
> amateur license.

You need to know a bit more about the histroy of another Anderson here who is a bit more than "smug" to understand the "humor" of the moment.

I wish you well in pursuit of an Amateur license, and I'd support any RM or NPRM that the FCC issued suggesting such a GROL/Amateur bridge test.

73

Steve, K4YZ

166. Re: CW Requirement Abolished

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-04 10:56:03 UTC
From: Bill Sohl <billsohl@mindspring.com>
Message-ID: <be3mmgtif1@slb2.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 69952

"Steve Robeson, K4CAP" <k4yz@aol.com> wrote in message
news:5c01b95b.0307032235.568909f1@posting.google.com...
> Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote in message
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> Easy there fellas...The TREATY requirement may be negated, but we
> are still under >FCC< regulation...let's give them a day or two to see
> how they are going to handle this.
> Steve, K4YZ

No one said otherwise. Clearly the issue of code testing now becomes
a country by country decision.

Cheers,
Bill K2UNK

167. Re: CW Requirement Abolished

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-04 12:55:42 UTC
From: lk <lklose@net-link.net>
Message-ID: <vgaud5n09nel39@corp.supernews.com>
Source record: 69953

"Bill Sohl" <billsohl@mindspring.com> wrote in message
news:be2oqddc1@slb6.atl.mindspring.net...
>
> "Alun Palmer" <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote in message
> news:Xns93ADDBDF2BE7Felektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4...
> > Yes it's true. The final report of WRC 2003 is here:-
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> > http://www.iaru.org/rel030703.html
>
> Here's the rewrite of 25.5 and 25.6
>
>
> The IARU web site has release it final report on WRC 2003.
>
> You can read the full report at: http://www.iaru.org/rel030703.html
>
> The final version of S25.5 & S25.6 are:
>
> 25.5 &#65533;3 1) Administrations shall determine whether or not a person
> seeking a licence to operate an amateur station shall demonstrate
> the ability to send and receive texts in Morse code signals.
>
>
> 25.6 2) Administrations shall verify the operational and technical
> qualifications of any person wishing to operate an amateur station.
> Guidance for standards of competence may be found in the
> most recent version of Recommendation ITU-RM.1544.
> ----------
> They say the effective date is July 5, 2003.

And adopted July 4, 2003 Independence Day!

Larry

168. Re: FCC's response to my inquiry on license of FRS/GMRS

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-04 12:59:06 UTC
From: Guessing <Guessing@connectnet.net>
Message-ID: <GTeNa.87583$Pc5.35371@fed1read01>
Source record: 69954
Cross-posted to: alt.radio.family,rec.radio.amateur.policy

Tom -- this sort of thing happens in all walks of life. family, friends, strangers, at work, church -- just about every where. Just a slice of life. Get used to it.

As you did -- best go to the Horses mouth. Seek recognized credible sources.

The best posters on the NG's back up there advice with credible sources, others just guess, others harass, others don't know but think they do. Ignore the guessers and harassers. After all you did get the right advice -- Write the FCC.

Lots of very good advice can be found on the NG's, but one must weed thru the others.

After all it is free and unmoderated.

Keep the faith and enjoy the radio. Hope a Ham license is in your future. Lots of exciting modes and things to accomplish within that discipline.

And all the junk from the legal beagles and tax arguments should have been else where.

Perhaps rec.law. controversy -- NOT HERE -- but oh well.

The ANON posters such as myself don't want our mail boxes full of hate mail and we don't want spammers to have our address. I had over 200 spams a week from Asia, mortgage companies, Hams selling something, et al. So try to keep a low profile.

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> unauthorized, and/or unofficial, and/or over-confident people here, I
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> appreciate your helps. Thank you. Thanks a million.
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> Tom
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169. Happy Independence Day

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-04 13:00:34 UTC
From: Bert Craig <wa2si@arrl.netNOSPAM>
Message-ID: <STeNa.20912$5h.6400388@news4.srv.hcvlny.cv.net>
Source record: 69955

Wishing a safe and happy Independence Day to everybody and their
families/friends.

--
73 de Bert
WA2SI

170. Re: The Pool

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-04 13:00:53 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030704090053.08200.00000605@mb-m25.aol.com>
Source record: 69956

In article <Xns93AE359BAEE3elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>, Alun Palmer
<elektros@yahoo.com> writes:

>Well Kim, the ITU have actually abolished it effective July 5th, 2003. Do
>you really think it will take the FCC five years to implement? I don't
>think that even they are that slow!

Kim has a point, Alun, but I think 5 years is a bit much. Look how long it took
'em to do the Restructuring. And we're still waiting on some NPRMs.

But I'm sticking with the date I posted. Less than a year.

73 de Jim, N2EY

171. Re: CW Requirement Abolished

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-04 13:00:54 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030704090054.08200.00000606@mb-m25.aol.com>
Source record: 69957

In article <5c01b95b.0307032235.568909f1@posting.google.com>, k4yz@aol.com (Steve Robeson, K4CAP) writes:

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>how they are going to handle this.

I think the FCC's hands are tied until the treaty is ratified. Then all it should take is what I remember being called an "Executive Order" dumping Element 1.

It could be as simple as 'Effective (fill in date here), completion of Element 1 is waived as a license requirement". One sentence.

73 de Jim, N2EY

172. Re: FCC's response to my inquiry on license of FRS/GMRS

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-04 13:30:13 UTC
From: hugh <hughe@frontiernet.net>
Message-ID: <3F0582EA.10400@frontiernet.net>
Source record: 69958
Cross-posted to: alt.radio.family,rec.radio.amateur.policy

Cant argue with a door, Or someone who wants to argue.
Let him go

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Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-04 14:33:42 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <be4374$40@library2.airnews.net>
Source record: 69959

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> >> >>> It just has to be nodded through at the plenary session. This
> >> >>> allows those countries mentioned, plus Germany to retain CW
> >> >>> testing without it seeming that it no longer relates to ITU rules,
> >> >>> whilst also allowing every other country to dump CW teasting.
> >> >>
> >> >> We oughta have a pool on how long it takes The Congress and FCC to
> >> >> get through the various levels of rubberstamping. My wild guess is
> >> >> no more than a year from today.
> >>
> >> >I would think about the same, but surely we should each guess a
> >> >particular date, and the winner should be whoever is closest.
> >> >
> >> K2ASP has MArch 15, 2004. I have April 15, 2004. Pick a date!
> >>
> >> 73 de Jim, N2EY
> >>
> >
> > OK. So we're picking dates for when the CW requirement (as it exists
> > now) will be dropped? Gosh. I think it's going to take a lot longer
> > than a year. Let's say five years; so, by June of 2008.
> >
> > Heh heh, the real test here is whether many of us will be around RRAP
> > to roundabout on it when it happens, unless it does happen in the short
> > term.
> >
> > Kim W5TIT
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>
> Well Kim, the ITU have actually abolished it effective July 5th, 2003. Do
> you really think it will take the FCC five years to implement? I don't
> think that even they are that slow!

>
> 73 de Alun, N3KIP

We'll see. I think it's going to depend upon the fervor for which the amateur radio community approaches the FCC and all that bit of "stuff." Tradition is a strong thing, and I think tradition may have a lot to do with how timely the cancellation of a CW requirement will be.

Kim W5TIT

174. Re: Save our shortwave from white noise at S9 - stop BPL/PLC

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-04 15:02:11 UTC
From: robkemp90210@hotmail.com
Message-ID: <6114e4af.0307040702.715ccaf1@posting.google.com>
Source record: 69960

And if you do decide to try and operate, BPL is sensitive to ham transmissions. When you shut down Internet access for blocks and the power company blames you the "social" consequences will be huge.

"Dan/W4NTI" <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com> wrote in message news:<bdv4dttin1@slb5.atl.mindspring.net>...
> According to what I heard on the RSGB site...it ain't gonna be white noise.
> Its gonna be high levels of carriers all over the spectrum. As high as 30/9
> withing 30 feet of a source. Inside and outside the houses.
>
> Dan/W4NTI
>
> "Rob Kemp" <robkemp90210@hotmail.com> wrote in message
> news:6114e4af.0307020548.40399b53@posting.google.com...
> > Save our shortwave from white noise at S9 - stop BPL/PLC
> >
> > Comments are due on or before July 7, 2003. The FCC now is accepting
> > electronically filed comments via its Electronic Comment Filing System
> > (ECFS).
> >
> > http://gullfoss2.fcc.gov/prod/ecfs/upload_v2.cgi
> >
> > In the "Proceeding" field, enter "03-104" and complete the required
> > fields. Comments may be typed into a form or you may attach a file
> > containing your comments.
> >
> > Full details are here;
> > http://www.arrl.org/news/features/2003/06/19/2/?nc=1
> >
> > Many good comments have been filed, some you may like to review are
> > here;
> > Links may have line wrapped - cut and paste in two parts or visit;
> > http://www.eham.net/articles/5876
> >
> > IEEE comment
> >
> http://gullfoss2.fcc.gov/prod/ecfs/retrieve.cgi?native_or_pdf=pdf&id_documen
> t=6514283353
> >
> > North American Shortwave Association
> >
> http://gullfoss2.fcc.gov/prod/ecfs/retrieve.cgi?native_or_pdf=pdf&id_documen
> t=6514282987
> >

> > Ham - good overview
> >
> http://gullfoss2.fcc.gov/prod/ecfs/retrieve.cgi?native_or_pdf=pdf&id_documen
> t=6514156997
> >
> > Aura communications
> >
> http://gullfoss2.fcc.gov/prod/ecfs/retrieve.cgi?native_or_pdf=pdf&id_documen
> t=6514282951
> >
> > Amherst Alliance
> >
> http://gullfoss2.fcc.gov/prod/ecfs/retrieve.cgi?native_or_pdf=pdf&id_documen
> t=6514147416
> >
> > More information on this issue can be found at:
> > http://www.eham.net/articles/5769

175. Re: CW Requirement Abolished

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-04 15:04:47 UTC
From: lk <lklose@net-link.net>
Message-ID: <vgb5v6q9rhcmae@corp.supernews.com>
Source record: 69961

"N2EY" <n2ey@aol.com> wrote in message
news:20030704090054.08200.00000606@mb-m25.aol.com...
> In article <5c01b95b.0307032235.568909f1@posting.google.com>, k4yz@aol.com
> (Steve Robeson, K4CAP) writes:
>
> >Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote in message
> >news:<Xns93ADDBDF2BE7Felektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>...
> >> Yes it's true. The final report of WRC 2003 is here:-
> >>
> >> http://www.iaru.org/rel030703.html
> >
> > Easy there fellas...The TREATY requirement may be negated, but we
> >are still under >FCC< regulation...let's give them a day or two to see
> >how they are going to handle this.
>
> I think the FCC's hands are tied until the treaty is ratified. Then all it
> should take is what I remember being called an "Executive Order" dumping
> Element 1.
>
> It could be as simple as 'Effective (fill in date here), completion of
Element
> 1 is waived as a license requirement". One sentence.

I think the FCC will, at minimum update, Part 97 for the WRC 2003 changes.
They could do it with a "Memorandum Opinion & Order", or update Part 97
and restructure frequency allocation with a Notice of Proposed Rule Making.

This should be a hot topic at the VEC conference held at the end of July.

I would not expect much action until August. But that just a guess.

Larry KC8EPO

176. Re: CW problems with arabs and ex-USSR

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-04 15:19:06 UTC
From: lk <lklose@net-link.net>
Message-ID: <vgb6q25tdp9tea@corp.supernews.com>
Source record: 69962

"Phil Kane" <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop> wrote in message
news:cuvyxnansvbet.hhcoyb0.pminews@netnews.comcast.net...
> On 1 Jul 2003 14:31:19 GMT, Alun Palmer wrote:
>
> >> We oughta have a pool on how long it takes The Congress and FCC to get
> >> through the various levels of rubberstamping. My wild guess is no more
> >> than a year from today.
>
> >I would think about the same, but surely we should each guess a
particular
> >date, and the winner should be whoever is closest.
>
> Put me down for March 15, 2004.
>
> "Beware the Ides of March."
> 73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane

Put me down for December 31, 2003.

"Clean desk rule"
Larry KC8EPO

177. Re: The Pool

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-04 15:24:43 UTC
From: lk <lklose@net-link.net>
Message-ID: <vgb74hme0a2v6d@corp.supernews.com>
Source record: 69963

"N2EY" <N2EY@AOL.COM> wrote in message
news:c2356669.0307020448.4896bb7d@posting.google.com...
> So far:
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> K2ASP: March 15, 2004
> AA2QA: April 1, 2004
> N2EY: April 15, 2004
> N3KIP: May 1, 2004
KC8EPO: Dec 20, 2003

Larry

178. Re: CW problems with arabs and ex-USSR

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-04 15:28:30 UTC
From: Bert Craig <wa2si@arrl.netNOSPAM>
Message-ID: <y2hNa.21356$5h.6817841@news4.srv.hcvlny.cv.net>
Source record: 69964

Oh, what the hey! Put me down for September 13, 2003.

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73 de Bert
WA2SI

"lk" <lklose@net-link.net> wrote in message
news:vgb6q25tdp9tea@corp.supernews.com...
> "Phil Kane" <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop> wrote in message
> news:cuvyxnansvbet.hhcoyb0.pminews@netnews.comcast.net...
> > On 1 Jul 2003 14:31:19 GMT, Alun Palmer wrote:
> >
> > >> We oughta have a pool on how long it takes The Congress and FCC to
get
> > >> through the various levels of rubberstamping. My wild guess is no
more
> > >> than a year from today.
> >
> > >I would think about the same, but surely we should each guess a
> particular
> > >date, and the winner should be whoever is closest.
> >
> > Put me down for March 15, 2004.
> >
> > "Beware the Ides of March."
> > 73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane
>
> Put me down for December 31, 2003.
>
> "Clean desk rule"
> Larry KC8EPO
>
>

179. Re: Happy Independence Day

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-04 15:41:43 UTC
From: Scott Unit 69 <scott_unit_69@yahoo.moc>
Message-ID: <3F05A037.98DD588C@yahoo.moc>
Source record: 69965

Bert Craig wrote:
>
> Wishing a safe and happy Independence Day to everybody and their
> families/friends.
>
> --
> 73 de Bert
> WA2SI

Back at 'cha, Bert. And here's to freedom of CW!!!

11 meters has been hopping. Made a contact in Missouri, then turned off
the noisy radio, and spent the rest talking to all the guys on 2 meters.

It's nice to have some more bands to use when one is trashed...

Scott, KB3xxx

180. Re: Latest News - Morse Code Test "Died" at ITU Conference.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-04 15:53:58 UTC
From: Scott Unit 69 <scott_unit_69@yahoo.moc>
Message-ID: <3F05A316.166101BF@yahoo.moc>
Source record: 69966

Kim W5TIT wrote:
>
> "Mike Coslo" <mcoslo@adelphia.net> wrote in message
> news:3F031853.9090506@adelphia.net...
> > Bill Sohl wrote:
> > >
> > > Bottom line: Knowledge of morse is neither a positive or negative
> > > indication of any individual's interest(s) in ham radio.
> >
> > It is if a person refuses to learn it, or waits until the requirement
> > goes away.
> >
> >
>
> Mike, I think you'll be quite disappointed if you "trust" in someone's
> interest level based on their relationship (or lack of) with CW.
>
> Kim W5TIT

But, Kim, if he was forced to learn it, so should everyone else.
What's fair is fair.

I know more about radios and electronics then these appliance
operators getting Generals and Extras. How 'bout we drop the
code, and add an Element 5, that can't be studied for because
the questions aren't passed around beforehand? Make sure one
really knows his/her technical stuff before allowing a super
extra class license. How about essay or fill-in-the-blank
type questions instead of multiple-guess type questions?

I thought the Technician test was easy. I didn't even study.
The questions on the General I saw while waiting, were easy
looking. The guy across the table didn't know about skip
propagation. Of course, I couldn't help him...

181. Re: The Pool

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-04 16:23:31 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030704122331.24390.00000931@mb-m19.aol.com>
Source record: 69967

In article <be4374$40@library2.airnews.net>, "Kim" <nowaynohow@nomail.net>
writes:

>We'll see. I think it's going to depend upon the fervor for which the
>amateur radio community approaches the FCC and all that bit of "stuff."

There will be proposals all over the place. The smart money will wait for
treaty ratification.

>Tradition is a strong thing, and I think tradition may have a lot to do with
>how timely the cancellation of a CW requirement will be.

Look at how much effect 'tradition' had on the restructuring. Zip, nil, nada.

The restructuring R&O made it clear, IMHO, that the one and only reason FCC
kept Element 1 was the treaty requirement. It would be illogical for FCC to
keep Element 1 now that there's no more treaty requirement. Even though we're
talking govt. regulations, I can't imagine FCC being that illogical and
reversing itself.

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So the big question is: What OTHER changes should be made?

73 de Jim, N2EY

WWHD

182. Re: The Pool

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-04 16:35:52 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <be4acc$95s@library1.airnews.net>
Source record: 69968

"N2EY" <n2ey@aol.com> wrote in message
news:20030704122331.24390.00000931@mb-m19.aol.com...
> In article <be4374$40@library2.airnews.net>, "Kim" <nowaynohow@nomail.net>
> writes:
>
> >We'll see. I think it's going to depend upon the fervor for which the
> >amateur radio community approaches the FCC and all that bit of "stuff."
>
> There will be proposals all over the place. The smart money will wait for
> treaty ratification.
>
> >Tradition is a strong thing, and I think tradition may have a lot to do
with
> >how timely the cancellation of a CW requirement will be.
>
> Look at how much effect 'tradition' had on the restructuring. Zip, nil,
nada.
>

True, but that was for a *reduction* in the requirement. I'm not so sure there will be major support for a complete elimination of the CW requriement--in some form or another.

The pity is that we must go through this again. The amateur community is still not over the backlash from the changes a few years ago.

>
> The restructuring R&O made it clear, IMHO, that the one and only reason
FCC
> kept Element 1 was the treaty requirement. It would be illogical for FCC
to
> keep Element 1 now that there's no more treaty requirement. Even though
we're
> talking govt. regulations, I can't imagine FCC being that illogical and
> reversing itself.
>

heh heh, and that was tongue-in-cheek, right? The FCC is a government entity=large corporate entity. Right? At least that's the way I see it. I wonder how much shareholders realize that there is complete insanity inside the realm of large corporate entities who constantly spend huge dollars on organizational/operational changes, often just to change again in less than a year!

> --
>

> So the big question is: What OTHER changes should be made?
>
> 73 de Jim, N2EY
>
> WWHD
>

OK, what is WWHD? I know it's "What Would [something] Do," but what? I am so much more of a "go with the flow" kind of person that I'll just follow along with whatever everyone else decides. In the world of consensus, consider me--usually--an abstainer, if that is the term...

Kim W5TIT

183. Re: The Pool

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-04 17:33:18 UTC
From: Bert Craig <wa2si@arrl.netNOSPAM>
Message-ID: <yTiNa.21781$5h.7161956@news4.srv.hcvlny.cv.net>
Source record: 69969

"lk" <lklose@net-link.net> wrote in message
news:vgb74hme0a2v6d@corp.supernews.com...
>
> "N2EY" <N2EY@AOL.COM> wrote in message
> news:c2356669.0307020448.4896bb7d@posting.google.com...
> > So far:
> >
> > K2ASP: March 15, 2004
> > AA2QA: April 1, 2004
> > N2EY: April 15, 2004
> > N3KIP: May 1, 2004
> KC8EPO: Dec 20, 2003
WA2SI: Sept 13, 2003
>
> Larry

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73 de Bert
WA2SI

184. Re: FCC's response to my inquiry on license of FRS/GMRS

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-04 20:04:08 UTC
From: horseshoe7@yahoo.com
Message-ID: <5f4fe4c2.0307041204.257d540e@posting.google.com>
Source record: 69970
Cross-posted to: alt.radio.family,rec.radio.amateur.policy

"thomas" <word_pass@hotmail.com> wrote in message
news:<be2sif$li8n$1@ID-170256.news.dfncis.de>...
>
> 3. My original question was my first post in this group. Now I will opt to
> leave this group for ever, based the number of ridiculous posts here. I
> will find a more intelligent place with more **human** common sense.
>

That is the sane decision... the only reason I'm responding on RRAP,
was because the original post was cross-posted to ARF too, and I
didn't these wacko interpretations to be given any credence in a
non-RRAP forum.

Happy Independence Day.

- Stewart

185. Re: The Pool

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-04 20:34:35 UTC
From: Robert Casey <wa2ise@ix.netcom.com>
Message-ID: <3F05E4DB.7060400@ix.netcom.com>
Source record: 69971

N2EY wrote:

>The restructuring R&O made it clear, IMHO, that the one and only reason FCC
>kept Element 1 was the treaty requirement. It would be illogical for FCC to
>keep Element 1 now that there's no more treaty requirement. Even though we're
>talking govt. regulations, I can't imagine FCC being that illogical and
>reversing itself.
>
>
If it's the same people in charge at the FCC, yes.

186. Re: CW Requirement Abolished

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-04 22:55:55 UTC
From: Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
Message-ID: <cuvyxnansvbet.hhikj4t.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 69972

On Fri, 4 Jul 2003 11:04:47 -0400, lk wrote:

>I think the FCC will, at minimum update, Part 97 for the WRC 2003 changes.
>They could do it with a "Memorandum Opinion & Order", or update Part 97
>and restructure frequency allocation with a Notice of Proposed Rule Making.
>
>This should be a hot topic at the VEC conference held at the end of July.
>
>I would not expect much action until August. But that just a guess.

The Senate must ratify the changed treaty, and IIRC a certain
number of the signatory Administrations have to ratify (or whatever
they do to accept the treaty in their own countries) for the changes
to go into effect.

In essence, the signatories in Geneva are saying "we'll take it back
home and see what the (monarch, parliament, soviet, whatever) thinks
about it".

I just hope that it gets speedier and more respectful treatment in
The Senate than the 1979 WARC treaty did.

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73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane

187. Re: CW Requirement Abolished

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-04 22:55:56 UTC
From: Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
Message-ID: <cuvyxnansvbet.hhikqxu.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 69973

On 04 Jul 2003 13:00:54 GMT, N2EY wrote:

>I think the FCC's hands are tied until the treaty is ratified. Then all it
>should take is what I remember being called an "Executive Order" dumping
>Element 1.

"Executive Order" is what its name implies - and order by the
President. Regulatory agencies don't work on that level. It will
be an Order - probably by the Chief of the Wireless Telecomm Bureau
or even the Division Chief under delegated authority. If we're
lucky it will be without NPRM or NOI because it removes a burden
on the licensee.

>It could be as simple as 'Effective (fill in date here), completion of Element
>1 is waived as a license requirement". One sentence.

One can hope.

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73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane

188. Re: Latest News - Morse Code Test "Died" at ITU Conference.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-04 22:55:56 UTC
From: Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
Message-ID: <cuvyxnansvbet.hhikzfv.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 69974

On Fri, 04 Jul 2003 11:53:58 -0400, Scott Unit 69 wrote:

>How about essay or fill-in-the-blank
>type questions instead of multiple-guess type questions?

This presumes that the examiners are at the professional level and
can properly grade an essay-type question.

No sweat for me and I'm sure for several others here. I have a PE in
several states and have taught electronics at the University level.
What about all the other VEs out there?

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73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane

189. Re: Latest News - Morse Code Test May Not "Die" at ITU Conference.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-04 23:08:17 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
Message-ID: <3F060917.3050706@adelphia.net>
Source record: 69975

Bill Sohl wrote:
> "Dick Carroll;" <dixie@townsqr.com> wrote in message

<some snippage>

>>that is always pooh-poohed by the code/code test bashers. They just won't
>>recognize it for what it is.
>>Or maybe they *can't*.
>
>
> So a nocode tech has no interest in amateur radio because s/he
> didn't take a morse test then? Bunk.
>
> Same old, same old.

Gee Bill, that ain't been said! Lets see if I can help out here....

I was a NoCode Tech once. I was interested, and took the test necessary to get that license.

Then I was interested in getting my General ticket. Here, I needed to learn Morse code in addition to another written exam. But I was interested, and learned and passed the tests (flunked the MOrse first time around) I got the General ticket.

Then I was interested in getting the extra frequency bandwidth and whatever else that the Extra ticket gives. So I studied for and passed the test.

In each case, I was "interested" in something. I could have stopped anywhere along the line, and while exercising my right to not learn something, the only effect would have been to not get the license.

Would you agree that a person who takes the Extra test is more interested in getting the Extra ticket than a person possessing a General license who does not want to because they won't get all that much in the way of privileges?

What I find strange is that some who are distinctly anti-code test are having trouble with what I am saying here.

It is either that I am having trouble expressing myself, or that some folk are just not going to hear what I am saying no matter how many times I say it..

Okay one more time. Two young ladies are thinking about getting their drivers licenses. Ida Know wants to get a drivers license, but she is terrified of three point turns, to the point that she says "Forget it,

I'll just walk or take the bus".

Her friend, Ella Fyno, is also concerned about the three point turn. But she decides that even if she hardly ever uses the three point turn, that she'll buckle down and learn how. She works on the three point turn, eventually passes her license test, and now is happily driving.

WHO was MORE interested in getting that drivers license?

It's not a comparison of the relationship of driving a car to an Amateur license, or silly names I come up with. It is a question of different people with different levels of interest in something.

- Mike KB3EIA -

190. Re: Latest News - Morse Code Test May Not "Die" at ITU Conference.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-04 23:10:28 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
Message-ID: <3F06099B.6020602@adelphia.net>
Source record: 69976

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Dick Carroll; wrote:
>
> Bill Sohl wrote:
>
>
>>"Dick Carroll;" <dixie@townsqr.com> wrote in message
>>news:be27et$ke6$0@208.206.142.96...
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>>>
>>>Mike Coslo wrote:
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>>>
>>>>Bill Sohl wrote:
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>>>>>"Mike Coslo" <mjc5@psu.edu> wrote in message
>>>>>news:3F02D354.1070209@psu.edu...
>>>>>
>>>>>
>>>>>>Kim W5TIT wrote:
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>>>>>>
>>>>>>>Dan, I can understand your exasperation with people who choose not to
>>>>>>
>>>>>learn
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>>>>>
>>>>>>CW or decide that they don't like it. However, that is as far as the
>>>>>>understanding goes. It seems impossible to me that you can't
>>>>>>
>>understand
>>
>>>>>>that people know what they do, or don't, like.
>>>>>>
>>>>>>We all have to learn things that we may not like all that much. I had
>>>>>>to sit and learn classes in school that I found boring to distraction.
>>>>>
>>>>>
>>>>>The issue is that morse has lost the need for exclusive
>>>>>testing as a separate test element. Your analogy isn't equivalent
>>>>>to boring school classes because the goal of those classes is and was
>>>>>within the objectives of providing a complete education.
>>>>
>>>> I might beg to differ. I took many classes that were just about
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>>>>irrelevant to just about anything. They were mandated to be taken
>>>>though. And that to me sounds just about like the arguments aginst Morse
>>>>code testing.
>>>>
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>>>>> FCC
>>>>>licensing is not, however, the means to mandate a specific
>>>>>skill capability for one mode.
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>>>>>>>For instance, I happen to absolutely know I would not enjoy jumping
>>>>>>
>>out
>>
>>>>>of
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>>>>>
>>>>>>>an airplane to parachute. I've never tried it, no. But I don't
>>>>>>
>>intend
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>>>>>to
>>>>>
>>>>>
>>>>>>>because "it's just not me."
>>>>>>
>>>>>>But if you wanted to parachute out of planes, you would indeed have to
>>>>>>jump out of a plane. I know that sounds redundant or maybe redumbdant,
>>>>>>but it helps prove my point. You aren't that interested in that sort
>>>>>
>>of
>>
>>>>>>hobby, so you don't do it. It is strange that so many people have a
>>>>>>problem with my basic premise: that people who aren't willing to learn
>>>>>>the requirements are not all that interested in the ARS. In this case,
>>>>>>the requirement is the Morse test.
>>>>>
>>>>>
>>>>>Sorry, you are expanding a lack of interest in morse as
>>>>>a defining element as to one's overall interest in
>>>>>amateur radio. That is simply untrue. There are thousands of
>>>>>hams that have ZERO interest in morse, many have even
>>>>>passed the tests to advance, yet they are excellent hams.
>>>>
>>>> No I am not! I'm saying that if you don't learn the prescribed
>>>
>>items,
>>
>>>>you are not all that interested.

>>>>
>>>> Let's take the hot button Morse code away from the topic for a
>>>
>>second,
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>>>>and use the example posted by some other person here recently. In his
>>>>post, he mentioned that some Service buddies who already know Morse code
>>>>would take the ARS tests as a way of getting off base and for a change
>>>>of pace for a day. They did well on the Morse part of the test, but with
>>>>one apparent exception, failed the written exam.
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>>>> Learning the written portions of the exam was not all that
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>>important to
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>>>>them. After all, they were just doing this for a lark.
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>>>> They were not really all that interested in getting thier
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>>ticket.
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>>>> People who took the time to study and learn for the *written*
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>>portion
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>>>>of the test had more interest in being a ham than those who did notwant
>>>>to take the time to study for the written portion of the test.
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>>>> It is exactly the same thing. I've been careful to point out
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>>that my
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>>>>argument is completely separate from whether Morse should be tested at
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>>all.
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>>>>>Bottom line: Knowledge of morse is neither a positive or negative
>>>>>indication of any individual's interest(s) in ham radio.
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>>> Actually that says it all, Mike, and is the point I've stressed for a
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>>long time
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>>>that is always pooh-poohed by the code/code test bashers. They just won't
>>>recognize it for what it is.
>>>Or maybe they *can't*.
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>>So a nocode tech has no interest in amateur radio because s/he
>>didn't take a morse test then? Bunk.
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>>Same old, same old.
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> Yep, sure is. You still alter what is said to mean that which was NOT said. Or
> maybe you
> don't get it.
>
> A no-code tech has a limited interest in ham radio or he'd become something
> other than
> a no-code tech. WITHOUT whining about the requirements. And many do just that.

Thank you, Dick! I've been wondering if I'd turned into an idiot! My
whole career is based on concise communication, and people seem to be
having trouble understanding what I'm printing.

- Mike KB3EIA -

191. Re: Latest News - Morse Code Test May Not "Die" at ITU Conference.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-04 23:14:12 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
Message-ID: <3F060A7A.9040706@adelphia.net>
Source record: 69977

Kim W5TIT wrote:
> "Mike Coslo" <mcoslo@adelphia.net> wrote in message
> news:3F031853.9090506@adelphia.net...
>
>>Bill Sohl wrote:
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>>>Bottom line: Knowledge of morse is neither a positive or negative
>>>indication of any individual's interest(s) in ham radio.
>>
>>It is if a person refuses to learn it, or waits until the requirement
>>goes away.
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>
> Mike, I think you'll be quite disappointed if you "trust" in someone's
> interest level based on their relationship (or lack of) with CW.

Not the CW, Kim. It's any part of the testing regimen that a person "won't" take. If a person refuses to take the Extra test, they aren't that interested in being an Extra.

Let's even take your own case. You're a Tech Plus, IIRC. Are you interested in taking the General test? If yes, you'll be studying for it. If not, then you aren't that interested in becoming a General.

- Mike KB3EIA -

192. 40 meters fixed, sort of

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-04 23:20:17 UTC
From: Dan/W4NTI <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com>
Message-ID: <be520e$56t$1@slb0.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 69978

Will all the hubub about dropping CW. The change in six years on 40 meters will be very important to ham radio.

We in region 2 (North/South America) stay the same. BUT Region 1 and 3 moves the broadcast crap above 7200. AND Europe gets another 100 kc. From 7.0 to 7.2.

About time.

Dan/W4NTI

193. Re: Latest News - Morse Code Test May Not "Die" at ITU Conference.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-05 00:27:50 UTC
From: Bert Craig <wa2si@arrl.netNOSPAM>
Message-ID: <aYoNa.24110$5h.8175597@news4.srv.hcvlny.cv.net>
Source record: 69979

"Mike Coslo" <mcoslo@adelphia.net> wrote in message
news:3F060917.3050706@adelphia.net...
> some
> folk are just not going to hear what I am saying no matter how many
> times I say it..

Bingo!

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73 de Bert
WA2SI

194. Re: Latest News - Morse Code Test May Not "Die" at ITU Conference.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-05 00:34:39 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
Message-ID: <3F061D55.6080001@adelphia.net>
Source record: 69980

Kim W5TIT wrote:
> "Mike Coslo" <mcoslo@adelphia.net> wrote in message
> news:3F031AFB.3030804@adelphia.net...
>
>>Dan/W4NTI wrote:
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>>>I could have stopped at 5 and got my 'Technician ticket' and stayed
>>
> there
>
>>>for decades until the FCC dropped the HF CW to 5. But I chose NOT TO DO
>>>THAT. I completely skipped the Technician. I went from Novice straight
>>
> to
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>>>General, then up. I did so because I knew if I would have gotten on two
>>>meter AM as a Novice, I would have gotten the Tech then stayed a Tech.
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> I
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>>>forced myself to learn CW. And one day I passed that 12 wpm block. And
>>
> I
>
>>>KEPT pushing myself to get better. Thats my story. Perhaps that will
>>>explain why I think as I do.
>>
>>Thank you Dan! You made just about perfect illustration of what I was
>>saying. You were interested enough, and definitely MORE interested thatn
>>those who chose not to do what you did.
>>
>>- Mike KB3EIA -
>>
>
>
> You really think that just because someone learns CW, they have "more"
> interest in ham radio? You really do, Mike?
>
> Oh well...

As long as it is one of the requirements, most certainly it is! I don't care if a person ever uses Morse code aftward, but as long as it is a test requirement.....

Take my case. I'm a pretty smart guy, despite a person here who thinks I'm a hockey puck. But picking up Morse code was really difficult for me. But I really wanted that ticket, so I learned it. The Written parts were a breeze.

Now let's say I figured I'd just wait till the Morse requirement went away before I went to the trouble of testing. That would have meant that I was interested, but not interested enough to study for and take the test - I was just as interested in waiting.

- Mike KB3EIA -

195. Re: CW Requirement Abolished

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-05 02:12:58 UTC
From: "D. Stussy" <kd6lvw@bde-arc.ampr.org>
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.56.0307050214050.1429@kd6lvw.ampr.org>
Source record: 69981

> And adopted July 4, 2003 Independence Day!

....OK, so when do the "no code extras" start? :-)

196. Re: Is that digital sounding chirping on the new 5MHz freqs the primaryuser?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-05 02:17:42 UTC
From: "Dick Carroll;" <dixie@townsqr.com>
Message-ID: <be5cg6$7d1$0@208.206.142.77>
Source record: 69982

Robert Casey wrote:

> Sometimes I hear a piccalo-rtty-ish digital signal on one or more of our new
> 5Mhz frequencies. Is that the primary user of these freqs trying to use
> their
> allocations and hams clogging the channel? Or is it from outside the USA?
> The signal strength is weak, so maybe it is from region 1 or 3.

It isn't weak in the Midwest, in fact I've already wondered if hams are causing interference to it since you can hear a few QSO's right along with it. May be we'll hear about all that interference we're causing, maybe not. We probably aren't interfering with the transfer of their data communications, but they might not like hams talking over their digital transmissions.

Dick

197. Re: CW Requirement Abolished

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-05 02:23:29 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030704222329.14837.00001164@mb-m03.aol.com>
Source record: 69984

In article <cuvyxnansvbet.hhikqxu.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>, "Phil Kane" <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop> writes:

>On 04 Jul 2003 13:00:54 GMT, N2EY wrote:
>
>>I think the FCC's hands are tied until the treaty is ratified. Then all it >>should take is what I remember being called an "Executive Order" dumping >>Element 1.
>
> "Executive Order" is what its name implies - and order by the
> President. Regulatory agencies don't work on that level.

(Homer Simpson voice): DOH!!!

You ever need somebody to explain the difference between Advance Approach Medium and Medium Advance Approach, I'll return the favor....

> It will
> be an Order - probably by the Chief of the Wireless Telecomm Bureau
> or even the Division Chief under delegated authority. If we're
> lucky it will be without NPRM or NOI because it removes a burden
> on the licensee.

Well, our definitions of "luck" may differ, but I would be surprised if FCC does the whole NPRM dog-and-pony show.
>
>>It could be as simple as 'Effective (fill in date here), completion of >>Element 1 is waived as a license requirement". One sentence.
>
> One can hope.

They'd prolly make it a little longer, deleting the Element and its references in the Part 97. But the above would have the same effect.

73 de Jim, N2EY

198. Re: Latest News - Morse Code Test "Died" at ITU Conference.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-05 02:23:30 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030704222330.14837.00001165@mb-m03.aol.com>
Source record: 69985

In article <cuvyxnansvbet.hhikzfv.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>, "Phil Kane" <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop> writes:

>On Fri, 04 Jul 2003 11:53:58 -0400, Scott Unit 69 wrote:
>
>>How about essay or fill-in-the-blank
>>type questions instead of multiple-guess type questions?
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> This presumes that the examiners are at the professional level and
> can properly grade an essay-type question.
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> No sweat for me and I'm sure for several others here. I have a PE in
> several states and have taught electronics at the University level.
> What about all the other VEs out there?
>
I have BSEE and MSEE from University of Pa. and Drexel, respectively. Also can do 40 wpm Morse and build my own ham rigs. (It ain't braggin' if ya really done it...)

The big problem with essay and fill-in-the-blank questions is that the answers are not 100% objective. There's always a measure of judgement involved.

For example, take a simple question like "what is the length of a half-wave dipole cut for 7.1 MHz?" With multiple choice, the QPC says that one answer (say, 66 feet) is the correct one and all others are incorrect.

But with essays and fill-in-the-blank, what tolerance do we put on the correct answer? Is 67 feet acceptable? 68 feet? 66 feet 3 inches? The person being tested could write a long dissertation on tapering elements, the effect of ground, wire/tubing sizes, etc., and come up with a whole raneg of arguably-correct answers.

And that's just a simple question. When you start getting into explanations and diagrams, it gets really hairy.

From what I have researched, FCC went to multiple-choice questions for all ham exams no later than 1961. At least 42 years ago, probably more. Try convincing them that they've been wrong all this time.

73 de Jim, N2EY

199. Re: 40 meters fixed, sort of

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-05 02:23:31 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030704222331.14837.00001166@mb-m03.aol.com>
Source record: 69983

In article <be520e$56t$1@slb0.atl.mindspring.net>, "Dan/W4NTI"
<w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com> writes:

>The change in six years on 40 meters
>will be very important to ham radio.
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>We in region 2 (North/South America) stay the same. BUT Region 1 and 3
>moves the broadcast crap above 7200. AND Europe gets another 100 kc. >From
7.0 to 7.2.
>
FANTASTIC! This effectively doubles the amount of 7 MHz spectrum available to
amateurs on a worldwide basis!

40 is one of the best all-around bands. It's good for domestic and DX work. You
can get out with limited power, and the antennas aren't too big. Almost always
usable around the clock and around the sunspot cycle.

The only thing wrong with 40 is there isn't enough of it.

> About time

Dang straight. The nonsense of sharing with megawatt SWBC has gone on since
before WW2.

Now to get the resto of the band for regions 1 and 3.

73 de Jim, N2EY

200. Re: Latest News - Morse Code Test May Not "Die" at ITU Conference.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-05 02:34:20 UTC
From: "Dick Carroll;" <dixie@townsqr.com>
Message-ID: <be5dfc$9ns$0@208.206.142.77>
Source record: 69986

Mike Coslo wrote:

> Dick Carroll; wrote:
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> > Bill Sohl wrote:
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> >>"Dick Carroll;" <dixie@townsqr.com> wrote in message
> >>news:be27et$ke6$0@208.206.142.96...
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> >>>Mike Coslo wrote:
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> >>>>Bill Sohl wrote:
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> >>>>>"Mike Coslo" <mjc5@psu.edu> wrote in message
> >>>>>news:3F02D354.1070209@psu.edu...
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> >>>>>
> >>>>>>Kim W5TIT wrote:
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> >>>>>>>Dan, I can understand your exasperation with people who choose not to
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> >>>>>>learn
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> >>>>>>>CW or decide that they don't like it. However, that is as far as the
> >>>>>>>understanding goes. It seems impossible to me that you can't
> >>>>>>
> >>>>>>understand
> >>>>>>
> >>>>>>>that people know what they do, or don't, like.
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> >>>>>>We all have to learn things that we may not like all that much. I had
> >>>>>>to sit and learn classes in school that I found boring to distraction.
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> >>>>>The issue is that morse has lost the need for exclusive
> >>>>>testing as a separate test element. Your analogy isn't equivalent
> >>>>>to boring school classes because the goal of those classes is and was
> >>>>>within the objectives of providing a complete education.

> >>>>
> >>>> I might beg to differ. I took many classes that were just about
> >>>>irrelevant to just about anything. They were mandated to be taken
> >>>>though. And that to me sounds just about like the arguments aginst Morse
> >>>>code testing.
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> >>>>> FCC
> >>>>>licensing is not, however, the means to mandate a specific
> >>>>>skill capability for one mode.
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> >>>>>>For instance, I happen to absolutely know I would not enjoy jumping
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> >>>>>>out
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> >>>>>>of
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> >>>>>>an airplane to parachute. I've never tried it, no. But I don't
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> >>>>>>to
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> >>>>>>because "it's just not me."
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> >>>>>>But if you wanted to parachute out of planes, you would indeed have to
> >>>>>>jump out of a plane. I know that sounds redundant or maybe redumbdant,
> >>>>>>but it helps prove my point. You aren't that interested in that sort
> >>>>>
> >>>>>of
> >>>>>
> >>>>>>hobby, so you don't do it. It is strange that so many people have a
> >>>>>>problem with my basic premise: that people who aren't willing to learn
> >>>>>>the requirements are not all that interested in the ARS. In this case,
> >>>>>>the requirement is the Morse test.
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> >>>>>
> >>>>>Sorry, you are expanding a lack of interest in morse as
> >>>>>a defining element as to one's overall interest in
> >>>>>amateur radio. That is simply untrue. There are thousands of
> >>>>>hams that have ZERO interest in morse, many have even
> >>>>>passed the tests to advance, yet they are excellent hams.
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> >>>> No I am not! I'm saying that if you don't learn the prescribed
> >>>
> >>items,

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> >>>>you are not all that interested.
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> >>>> Let's take the hot button Morse code away from the topic for a
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> >>>>and use the example posted by some other person here recently. In his
> >>>>post, he mentioned that some Service buddies who already know Morse code
> >>>>would take the ARS tests as a way of getting off base and for a change
> >>>>of pace for a day. They did well on the Morse part of the test, but with
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> Thank you, Dick! I've been wondering if I'd turned into an idiot! My
> whole career is based on concise communication, and people seem to be
> having trouble understanding what I'm printing.

Naw, Mike, they just don't wnat to hear it, then now and never. To their good fortune, history has finally caught up with them in a way they were never able to keep up. It's an accident of the evolution of technology. But nothing has changed. CW is still just as useful and versatile as ever. It's just that they still won't ever understand, and now no one will insist that they even try.

201. Re: Latest News - Morse Code Test "Died" at ITU Conference.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-05 02:50:40 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
Message-ID: <3F063D36.4010701@adelphia.net>
Source record: 69987

N2EY wrote:
> In article <cuvyxnansvbet.hhikzfv.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>, "Phil Kane"
> <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop> writes:
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>>>type questions instead of multiple-guess type questions?
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>> several states and have taught electronics at the University level.
>> What about all the other VEs out there?
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> I have BSEE and MSEE from University of Pa. and Drexel, respectively. Also can
> do 40 wpm Morse and build my own ham rigs. (It ain't braggin' if ya really done
> it...)
>
> The big problem with essay and fill-in-the-blank questions is that the answers
> are not 100% objective. There's always a measure of judgement involved.

Big time! You can't even get objectivity on multiple guess. I remember
the first technician job I got. I had to take a test, and one of the
questions was "What temperature does solder melt at?" There were several
different answers to choose from. I kind of though it was a trick
question, so I answered "Yes". The supervisor went over the test with
me later, and noted the odd answer. I told him that any of those
temperatures would work, depending on the alloy of the solder. He said I
was still wrong, that the answer was such and such. I told him that was
okayu for 60/40 solder. He told me I was still wrong. I wanted to keep
the job, so I said "Okay!"

> For example, take a simple question like "what is the length of a half-wave
> dipole cut for 7.1 MHz?" With multiple choice, the QPC says that one answer
> (say, 66 feet) is the correct one and all others are incorrect.
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> tested could write a long dissertation on tapering elements, the effect of
> ground, wire/tubing sizes, etc., and come up with a whole raneg of

> arguably-correct answers.

Yup. Go check out rraa. There is a former member of this group involved
in a months long debate. Just as a sample of the lengths some will go to
to prove they are "right". Who would arbitrate contested answers?

> And that's just a simple question. When you start getting into explanations and
> diagrams, it gets really hairy.
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> From what I have researched, FCC went to multiple-choice questions for all ham
> exams no later than 1961. At least 42 years ago, probably more. Try convincing
> them that they've been wrong all this time.

They aren't wrong. There is a certain temptation to expect new hams to
be great whizzes at RF. Those tests are only the beginning......

- Mike KB3EIA -

202. Re: Tech+ to General upgrade question

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-05 03:11:33 UTC
From: bro <grainum@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <3F0641E5.490C4A3E@yahoo.com>
Source record: 70010

N2EY wrote:

> In article <c170eb26.0307042215.333a4ebf@posting.google.com>, grainum@yahoo.com
> (bro) writes:
>
> >> (5) An unexpired (or expired) FCC-granted Novice Class operator license
> >grant:
> >> Element 1.
> >>
> >> (6) A CSCE: Each element the CSCE indicates the examinee passed within the
> >> previous 365 days.
> >>
> >> (7) An unexpired (or expired less than 5 years) FCC-issued commercial
> >> radiotelegraph operator license or permit: Element 1.
> >>
> >> (8) An expired FCC-issued Technician Class operator license document
> >granted
> >> before March 21, 1987: Element 3.
> >>
> >> (9) An expired or unexpired FCC-issued Technician Class operator license
> >> document granted before February 14, 1991: Element 1.
> >>
> >> (b) No examination credit, except as herein provided, shall be allowed on
> >the
> >> basis of holding or having held any other license grant or document.
> >>
> >> (End of Part 97 quote)
> >>
> >> Note that an old expired Tech can be good for Element 3, and an old expired
> >> Novice or Tech can be good for Element 1. But a CSCE more than 365 days old
> >> gives no credit. Only a license can carry element credit beyond 365 days.
> >>
> >> >It is good "forever" for the purpose of granting the Novice HF
> >> >privileges to a Technician.
> >>
> >> Yup.
> >>
> >> > How's that for Uncle Sam logic?
> >>
> >> Makes no sense at all.
> >>
> >> It gets worse - consider these scenarios:
> >>
> >> Expired Novice or Tech-with-code licenses are good for Element 1, but other

> >> expired-beyond-the-grace-period licenses are not. So someone who held a
> >Novice
> >> 50 years ago and let it expire gets Element 1 credit, but someone who held
> >an
> >> Extra and let it expire 732 days ago gets no credit.
> >>
> >> In similar fashion, an expired Tech from before March 21, 1987 is worth
> >Element
> >> 3, but not Element 2! Also, no other expired-beyond-the-grace-period
> >license is
> >> worth written element credit.
> >>
> >> Huh?
> >>
> >> 73 de Jim, N2EY
> >
> >
> >Ok now how about this?
> >
> >My license is now expired, but....
> >
> >I have sitting on my desk:
> >an origional 01/14/86 issued "Technician License" and
> >an origional 07/11/89 issued "Technician License (address change)
> >
> >If i gave to a VE the earlier issued lic. do I get credit for elements
> >1 and 3, giving me a general class now? With no retesting?
> > I think at that time gen and tech written were the same, only
> >needing faster
> > code for the gen.
> >
> >Or
> >If i gave the VE the latter issued lic. do I get credit only for the
> >code, meaning i must retake the written tech and general?
>
> Brian,
>
> The earlier license carries credit for Element 1 (5 wpm code) and Element 3
> (General written). See paragraphs (9) and (8). But it does not carry credit for
> Element 2 (Technician written!). Even though the Tech and General written were
> the same in 1986, they're not the same now.
>
> So the thing to do is to brush up on Element 2. It's 35 questions, multiple
> choice, and the Q&A pools are available for free download at several websites.
> You can also do online practice exams for any written element to see how well
> the studying is going.
>
> When you're ready to try the Element 2 exam, go to a VE session, present your
> 1986 license and take Element 2. Once Element 2 is passed, you'll have a
> General.

>
> In fact, while you're there, try Element 4 (Extra). Costs nothing but your
> time, and you might wind up an Extra.
>
> 73 es GL de Jim, N2EY.

Awesome! Thanks for advice!

As of yesterday, I was thinking I'd have to retest for everything , so I downloaded the new tech pool from ARRL. Taking that test is going to be no problem. I think i could get a 80 or 90 percent if i had to answer the whole 500 or so question pool now now.

So like you say, mabe start studying for the Extra also. Why not.

Just to be sure, do you know of any web sites that throw 35 questions at you and grade you?

Oh yes, and if I give the VE the 1986 licence will he know my most currently expired one is from 1989? (from some data base or something), giving me only Element one.

Again, Thank you kindly
Brian

203. Re: CW Requirement Abolished

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-05 03:18:27 UTC
From: "Dick Carroll;" <dixie@townsqr.com>
Message-ID: <be5g23$g3g$0@208.206.142.81>
Source record: 69988

"D. Stussy" wrote:

> > And adopted July 4, 2003 Independence Day!
>
> ....OK, so when do the "no code extras" start? :-)

You mean the "Lighter than Air" extras.

204. Re: Tech+ to General upgrade question

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-05 06:15:33 UTC
From: grainum@yahoo.com
Message-ID: <c170eb26.0307042215.333a4ebf@posting.google.com>
Source record: 69989

> (5) An unexpired (or expired) FCC-granted Novice Class operator license grant:
> Element 1.
>
> (6) A CSCE: Each element the CSCE indicates the examinee passed within the
> previous 365 days.
>
> (7) An unexpired (or expired less than 5 years) FCC-issued commercial
> radiotelegraph operator license or permit: Element 1.
>
> (8) An expired FCC-issued Technician Class operator license document granted
> before March 21, 1987: Element 3.
>
> (9) An expired or unexpired FCC-issued Technician Class operator license
> document granted before February 14, 1991: Element 1.
>
> (b) No examination credit, except as herein provided, shall be allowed on the
> basis of holding or having held any other license grant or document.
>
> (End of Part 97 quote)
>
> Note that an old expired Tech can be good for Element 3, and an old expired
> Novice or Tech can be good for Element 1. But a CSCE more than 365 days old
> gives no credit. Only a license can carry element credit beyond 365 days.
>
> >It is good "forever" for the purpose of granting the Novice HF
> >privileges to a Technician.
>
> Yup.
>
> > How's that for Uncle Sam logic?
>
> Makes no sense at all.
>
> It gets worse - consider these scenarios:
>
> Expired Novice or Tech-with-code licenses are good for Element 1, but other
> expired-beyond-the-grace-period licenses are not. So someone who held a Novice
> 50 years ago and let it expire gets Element 1 credit, but someone who held an
> Extra and let it expire 732 days ago gets no credit.
>
> In similar fashion, an expired Tech from before March 21, 1987 is worth Element
> 3, but not Element 2! Also, no other expired-beyond-the-grace-period license is
> worth written element credit.
>

> Huh?
>
> 73 de Jim, N2EY

Ok now how about this?

My license is now expired, but....

I have sitting on my desk:
an origional 01/14/86 issued "Technician License" and
an origional 07/11/89 issued "Technician License (address change)

If i gave to a VE the earlier issued lic. do I get credit for elements
1 and 3, giving me a general class now? With no retesting?
I think at that time gen and tech written were the same, only
needing faster
code for the gen.

Or
If i gave the VE the latter issued lic. do I get credit only for the
code, meaning i must retake the written tech and general?

Help!
Brian

205. Re: The Freeband Hobby

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-05 07:22:12 UTC
From: Eric Oyen - N7ZZT <n7zzt@hotmail.com>
Message-ID: <pan.2003.07.05.07.22.12.37691@hotmail.com>
Source record: 69990
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.misc

On Mon, 30 Jun 2003 13:42:01 +0000, gw wrote:

>
>
> you know.......why is it this newsgroup seems to have such problems
> with guys whose call letters start with n7 ???? anyways eric you win
> the limp wrist award today for bragging about your homebuilt bullshit
> 2 element beam and your lousy freekin 25 watts..........bang ,
> bang!!!!!!!!!
aaaaaw! whats the matter little boy? you get spanked again?

The fact is, I can work anyplace I want within the part 97 rules and the bands I am authorised on (6 meters and up). I have to worry a little about power output, but thats not much of a problem considering. Still, I worked a place on 6 you couldn't get to on 11 meters.

Oh yeah, aren't you the one thats been spam flooding the various rec.radio.* groups lately (seem to see your name in there a lot).

besides, if you can't run with the big dogs, don't get off the porch!

DE N7ZZT
Phoenix, Arizona

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the difference between intelligence and stupidity is that intelligence has its limits.

206. My Comments On RM-10740, the "Wi-Fi" Petition

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-05 07:22:34 UTC
From: k4yz@aol.com
Message-ID: <5c01b95b.0307042322.2015ea73@posting.google.com>
Source record: 69991

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Commission, Greetings,

While I appreciate the concerns of the persons who approach you on this occassion and request an FCC-determined bandwidth limitation for Amateur Radio HF applications, I must object to the concept and principle.

Although there have been some persons who have used inordinately wide modulation techniques in order to be intentionally disruptive, I believe the Commission should act to punish those who do so...NOT to limit the opportunity of legitimate experimenters and afficionados of various modulation techniques.

This mode of "wide fidelity" for SSB techniques should, in my opinion, be subject to the same cooperative band planning (so-called "Gentleman's Agreements") that the Commission recognizes and encourages for any other modulation or emission type except where overwhelming band constraints exist (ie: the already narrow "WARC" bands and the new 60 meter channels)

Thank-you for this opportunity to participate in the democratic process of our Government.

Paratus et Vigilans

Steven J Robeson, LPN
Amateur Radio licensee K4YZ
151 12th Avenue NW
Winchester, TN 37398

207. Re: Latest News - Morse Code Test "Died" at ITU Conference.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-05 07:31:32 UTC
From: k4yz@aol.com
Message-ID: <5c01b95b.0307042331.5bf669d3@posting.google.com>
Source record: 69992

"Phil Kane" <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop> wrote in message
news:<cuvyxnansvbet.hhikzfv.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>...
> On Fri, 04 Jul 2003 11:53:58 -0400, Scott Unit 69 wrote:
>
> >How about essay or fill-in-the-blank
> >type questions instead of multiple-guess type questions?
>
> This presumes that the examiners are at the professional level and
> can properly grade an essay-type question.
>
> No sweat for me and I'm sure for several others here. I have a PE in
> several states and have taught electronics at the University level.
> What about all the other VEs out there?

I am up for it...Questions that only active Amateurs and those
who continue thier electronics "education" would be able to tackle.

I'd also like to see the ARRL install "code testing" at
ARRL-sponsored hamfests akin to thier on-the-air code proficiency
program...Obviously NOT for official VE purposes, but just for the fun
of it...

73

Steve, K4YZ

208. Re: 40 meters fixed, sort of

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-05 09:51:33 UTC
From: kelly@dvol.com
Message-ID: <d22b54c3.0307050151.6047f7ae@posting.google.com>
Source record: 69993

"Dan/W4NTI" <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com> wrote in message
news:<be520e$56t$1@slb0.atl.mindspring.net>...
> Will all the hubub about dropping CW. The change in six years on 40 meters
> will be very important to ham radio.
>
> We in region 2 (North/South America) stay the same. BUT Region 1 and 3
> moves the broadcast crap above 7200.

Moving the BC signals out of the 7.000-7.100 Region 2 CW and digital
haunts and into motormouth country above 7.200 oughta draw a
discussion or two about who really gains what with this move.

> AND Europe gets another 100 kc. From
> 7.0 to 7.2.
>
> About time.

Amen.

>
> Dan/W4NTI

w3rv

209. Re: CW Requirement Abolished

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-05 11:04:07 UTC
From: dputnick@alumni.caltech.edu
Message-ID: <be6bb7$hj9$1@naig.caltech.edu>
Source record: 69994

D. Stussy <kd6lvw@att.net> wrote:
>....OK, so when do the "no code extras" start? :-)

Hi Dieter, be careful. If we're out of CW testing jobs,
Tak and I will have time to hassle you front table guys!
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Don Putnick
dputnick@alumni.caltech.edu

210. Re: Latest News - Morse Code Test May Not "Die" at ITU Conference.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-05 12:14:30 UTC
From: Bill Sohl <billsohl@mindspring.com>
Message-ID: <be6flh$j5a$1@slb6.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 69995

"Mike Coslo" <mcoslo@adelphia.net> wrote in message
news:3F060A7A.9040706@adelphia.net...
> Kim W5TIT wrote:
> > "Mike Coslo" <mcoslo@adelphia.net> wrote in message
> > news:3F031853.9090506@adelphia.net...
> >
> >>Bill Sohl wrote:
> >>
> >>>Bottom line: Knowledge of morse is neither a positive or negative
> >>>indication of any individual's interest(s) in ham radio.
> >>
> >>It is if a person refuses to learn it, or waits until the requirement
> >>goes away.

Balogny... What this states is that all non-coded techs
have insufficiient interest in "ham radio." Note the above
does not specify any license level whereas below the
poster changes to a specific referral to Extra. That is NOT
how the original post started out.

> > Mike, I think you'll be quite disappointed if you "trust" in someone's
> > interest level based on their relationship (or lack of) with CW.
>
> Not the CW, Kim. It's any part of the testing regimen that a person
> "won't" take. If a person refuses to take the Extra test, they aren't
> that interested in being an Extra.

So what. They may have less interest in Extra, but
that does not equate to a broader lack of interest
in "ham radio" (rather than just Extra) as the original post
was first articulated.

> Let's even take your own case. You're a Tech Plus, IIRC. Are you
> interested in taking the General test? If yes, you'll be studying for
> it. If not, then you aren't that interested in becoming a General.
> - Mike KB3EIA -

Fair enough on the specific application to General. BUT, would
you state that Kim doesn't have a positive interest in "ham radio"
just because she doesn't upgrade?

Cheers,
Bill K2UNK

211. Re: Latest News - Morse Code Test May Not "Die" at ITU Conference.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-05 12:20:52 UTC
From: Bill Sohl <billsohl@mindspring.com>
Message-ID: <be6g19$7hk$1@slb6.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 70001

"Mike Coslo" <mcoslo@adelphia.net> wrote in message
news:3F06099B.6020602@adelphia.net...
> Dick Carroll; wrote:

(SNIP)

> > A no-code tech has a limited interest in ham radio or he'd become
something
> > other than
> > a no-code tech. WITHOUT whining about the requirements. And many do just
that.
>
> Thank you, Dick! I've been wondering if I'd turned into an idiot! My
> whole career is based on concise communication, and people seem to be
> having trouble understanding what I'm printing.

The problem is that Dick believes he can define "limited interest in radio"
to anyone who doesn't upgrade all the way to Extra. That's a crock!
If I take Dick's mindset, then I have never met any ham that could not
be catagorized as having a unlimited interest in ham radio simply
because I have yet to meet any ham that has done and/or has an
interest and practices ALL modes of operation on all available
bands.

Cheers,
Bill K2UNK

212. Re: The Pool

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-05 12:23:34 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030705082334.04207.00001333@mb-m01.aol.com>
Source record: 70000

In article <be4acc$95s@library1.airnews.net>, "Kim" <dont hassleme@nomail.net>
writes:

>"N2EY" <n2ey@aol.com> wrote in message
>news:20030704122331.24390.00000931@mb-m19.aol.com...
>> In article <be4374$40@library2.airnews.net>, "Kim" <nowaynohow@nomail.net>
>> writes:
>>
>> >We'll see. I think it's going to depend upon the fervor for which the
>> >amateur radio community approaches the FCC and all that bit of "stuff."
>>
>> There will be proposals all over the place. The smart money will wait for
>> treaty ratification.
>>
>> >Tradition is a strong thing, and I think tradition may have a lot to do
>> >with how timely the cancellation of a CW requirement will be.
>>
>> Look at how much effect 'tradition' had on the restructuring. Zip, nil,
>>nada.
>
>True, but that was for a *reduction* in the requirement. I'm not so sure
>there will be major support for a complete elimination of the CW
>requriement--in some form or another.

The majority of comments to the Restructuring were for at least two code
speeds. FCC said no.

IMHO the majority opinion today, even among those who haven't taken a code
test, is that Element 1 should stay. But there is no requirement that FCC
follow majority opinion.

And we may not even get the chance to express an opinion. Once the treaty is
ratified, FCC has the authority to simply dump Element 1 with no NPRM or NOI.
>
>The pity is that we must go through this again.

Tell it to those who will write the proposals to dump Element 1

>The amateur community is
>still not over the backlash from the changes a few years ago.

Heck, there are some who are not over the changes of 1968-69 - even though they
were not hams back then!

You think this is bad, Kim, you shoulda heard the wailing and moaning and
gnashing of teeth back in the '60s when "Incentive Licensing" was proposed and
enacted.

>> The restructuring R&O made it clear, IMHO, that the one and only reason
>> FCC kept Element 1 was the treaty requirement. It would be illogical for FCC
>> to keep Element 1 now that there's no more treaty requirement. Even though
>> we're talking govt. regulations, I can't imagine FCC being that illogical
and
>> reversing itself.
>
>heh heh, and that was tongue-in-cheek, right?

Yes and no ;-)

>The FCC is a government entity=large corporate entity. Right?

Right.

>At least that's the way I see it. I
>wonder how much shareholders realize that there is complete insanity inside
>the realm of large corporate entities who constantly spend huge dollars on
>organizational/operational changes, often just to change again in less than
>a year!
>
All true. But in the area of code testing, FCC has been constantly moving in
the direction of reduction/elimination for at least 28 years.

Of course that doesn't mean they will act logically now that the end is in
sight.

Are you saying we should keep Element 1, Kim?
>> --
>>
>> So the big question is: What OTHER changes should be made?
>>
>> 73 de Jim, N2EY
>>
>> WWHD
>>
>
>OK, what is WWHD?

Send me an email. I won't abuse or share the address.

73 de Jim, N2EY
>

213. Re: The Pool

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-05 12:23:35 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030705082335.04207.00001334@mb-m01.aol.com>
Source record: 69996

In article <3F05E4DB.7060400@ix.netcom.com>, Robert Casey
<wa2ise@ix.netcom.com> writes:

>N2EY wrote:
>
>>The restructuring R&O made it clear, IMHO, that the one and only reason FCC
>>kept Element 1 was the treaty requirement. It would be illogical for FCC to
>>keep Element 1 now that there's no more treaty requirement. Even though
>we're
>>talking govt. regulations, I can't imagine FCC being that illogical and
>>reversing itself.
>>
>>
>If it's the same people in charge at the FCC, yes.
>
I don't think that's much of a factor, Robert.

Look at the history of code testing, and amateur license testing in general, in the USA over the past 28 years. FCC has been slowly nibbling away at it, or trying to, since at least 1975. Little by little, the requirements have been reduced and the tests made easier to pass until now the single remaining test is about as basic as can be made. The only exception is the removal of multiple-choice code tests.

I doubt very much that FCC will change direction at this point.

73 de Jim, N2EY

214. Re: CW Requirement Abolished

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-05 12:23:35 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030705082335.04207.00001335@mb-m01.aol.com>
Source record: 69998

In article <be3mmgtif1@slb2.atl.mindspring.net>, "Bill Sohl"
<billsohl@mindspring.com> writes:

>"Steve Robeson, K4CAP" <k4yz@aol.com> wrote in message
>news:5c01b95b.0307032235.568909f1@posting.google.com...
>> Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote in message
>news:<Xns93ADDBDF2BE7Felektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>...
>> > Yes it's true. The final report of WRC 2003 is here:-
>> >
>> > http://www.iaru.org/rel030703.html
>>
>> Easy there fellas...The TREATY requirement may be negated, but we
>> are still under >FCC< regulation...let's give them a day or two to see
>> how they are going to handle this.
>> Steve, K4YZ
>
>No one said otherwise.

Look at the thread title, Bill. "CW Requirement Abolished" - not "Treaty No
Longer Requires Code Test" or "S25.5 Revised" or anything like that. The casual
observer would think the code test is gone. Not yet,

>Clearly the issue of code testing now becomes
>a country by country decision.

Only once the new treaty is accepted by the various countries.

73 de Jim, N2EY

215. Re: Tech+ to General upgrade question

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-05 12:23:36 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030705082336.04207.00001336@mb-m01.aol.com>
Source record: 69999

In article <c170eb26.0307042215.333a4ebf@posting.google.com>, grainum@yahoo.com (bro) writes:

>> (5) An unexpired (or expired) FCC-granted Novice Class operator license
>grant:
>> Element 1.
>>
>> (6) A CSCE: Each element the CSCE indicates the examinee passed within the
>> previous 365 days.
>>
>> (7) An unexpired (or expired less than 5 years) FCC-issued commercial
>> radiotelegraph operator license or permit: Element 1.
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>> (8) An expired FCC-issued Technician Class operator license document
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>> before March 21, 1987: Element 3.
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>> (9) An expired or unexpired FCC-issued Technician Class operator license
>> document granted before February 14, 1991: Element 1.
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>> basis of holding or having held any other license grant or document.
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>> (End of Part 97 quote)
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>> Note that an old expired Tech can be good for Element 3, and an old expired
>> Novice or Tech can be good for Element 1. But a CSCE more than 365 days old
>> gives no credit. Only a license can carry element credit beyond 365 days.
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>> >It is good "forever" for the purpose of granting the Novice HF
>> >privileges to a Technician.
>>
>> Yup.
>>
>> > How's that for Uncle Sam logic?
>>
>> Makes no sense at all.
>>
>> It gets worse - consider these scenarios:
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>> expired-beyond-the-grace-period licenses are not. So someone who held a
>Novice

>> 50 years ago and let it expire gets Element 1 credit, but someone who held
>an
>> Extra and let it expire 732 days ago gets no credit.
>>
>> In similar fashion, an expired Tech from before March 21, 1987 is worth
>Element
>> 3, but not Element 2! Also, no other expired-beyond-the-grace-period
>license is
>> worth written element credit.
>>
>> Huh?
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>> 73 de Jim, N2EY
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>Ok now how about this?
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>My license is now expired, but....
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>I have sitting on my desk:
>an origional 01/14/86 issued "Technician License" and
>an origional 07/11/89 issued "Technician License (address change)
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>needing faster
> code for the gen.
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>Or
>If i gave the VE the latter issued lic. do I get credit only for the
>code, meaning i must retake the written tech and general?

Brian,

The earlier license carries credit for Element 1 (5 wpm code) and Element 3 (General written). See paragraphs (9) and (8). But it does not carry credit for Element 2 (Technician written!). Even though the Tech and General written were the same in 1986, they're not the same now.

So the thing to do is to brush up on Element 2. It's 35 questions, multiple choice, and the Q&A pools are available for free download at several websites. You can also do online practice exams for any written element to see how well the studying is going.

When you're ready to try the Element 2 exam, go to a VE session, present your 1986 license and take Element 2. Once Element 2 is passed, you'll have a General.

In fact, while you're there, try Element 4 (Extra). Costs nothing but your time, and you might wind up an Extra.

73 es GL de Jim, N2EY.

216. Re: CW Requirement Abolished

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-05 12:23:37 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030705082337.04207.00001337@mb-m01.aol.com>
Source record: 69997

In article <Pine.LNX.4.56.0307050214050.1429@kd6lvw.ampr.org>, "D. Stussy"
<kd6lvw@bde-arc.ampr.org> writes:

>> And adopted July 4, 2003 Independence Day!
>
>....OK, so when do the "no code extras" start? :-)
>
You in The Pool, yet? (see thread by that name)

73 de Jim, N2EY

217. Re: CW problems with arabs and ex-USSR

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-05 12:26:24 UTC
From: Bill Sohl <billsohl@mindspring.com>
Message-ID: <be6geokqt1@slb5.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 70002

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"lk" <lklose@net-link.net> wrote in message
news:vgb6q25tdp9tea@corp.supernews.com...
> "Phil Kane" <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop> wrote in message
> news:cuvyxnansvbet.hhcoyb0.pminews@netnews.comcast.net...
> > On 1 Jul 2003 14:31:19 GMT, Alun Palmer wrote:
> >
> > >> We oughta have a pool on how long it takes The Congress and FCC to
get
> > >> FCC to get through the various levels of rubberstamping.
> > >> My wild guess is no more than a year from today.
> >
> > >I would think about the same, but surely we should each guess a
> > >particular date, and the winner should be whoever is closest.
> >
> > Put me down for March 15, 2004.
> > "Beware the Ides of March."
> > 73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane
>
> Put me down for December 31, 2003.
>
> "Clean desk rule"
> Larry KC8EPO

Word has it that the UK will drop it within a month or so.

Cheers,
Bill K2UNK
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218. Re: The Pool

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-05 12:28:15 UTC
From: Bill Sohl <billsohl@mindspring.com>
Message-ID: <be6h66tsf1@slb6.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 70003

Some time yesterday or the day before I tossed in 1/1/04
for myself.

Bill K2UNK

"Bert Craig" <wa2si@arrl.netNOSPAM> wrote in message
news:yTiNa.21781$5h.7161956@news4.srv.hcvlny.cv.net...
> "lk" <lklose@net-link.net> wrote in message
> news:vgb74hme0a2v6d@corp.supernews.com...
> >
> > "N2EY" <N2EY@AOL.COM> wrote in message
> > news:c2356669.0307020448.4896bb7d@posting.google.com...
> > > So far:
> > >
> > > K2ASP: March 15, 2004
> > > AA2QA: April 1, 2004
> > > N2EY: April 15, 2004
> > > N3KIP: May 1, 2004
> > KC8EPO: Dec 20, 2003
> WA2SI: Sept 13, 2003
> >
> > Larry
>
> --
> 73 de Bert
> WA2SI
>
>

219. Re: The Pool

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-05 12:38:38 UTC
From: Bill Sohl <billsohl@mindspring.com>
Message-ID: <be6h67tsf2@slb6.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 70004

"Kim W5TIT" <fahgedit@nomail.net> wrote in message
news:be4acc$95s@library1.airnews.net...
> "N2EY" <n2ey@aol.com> wrote in message
> news:20030704122331.24390.00000931@mb-m19.aol.com...
> > In article <be4374$40@library2.airnews.net>, "Kim"
<nowaynohow@nomail.net>
> > writes:
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> > >We'll see. I think it's going to depend upon the fervor for which the
> > >amateur radio community approaches the FCC and all that bit of "stuff."
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> > There will be proposals all over the place. The smart money will wait
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> > >Tradition is a strong thing, and I think tradition may have a lot to do
> with
> > >how timely the cancellation of a CW requirement will be.
> >
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> nada.
> >
>
> True, but that was for a *reduction* in the requirement. I'm not so sure
> there will be major support for a complete elimination of the CW
> requriement--in some form or another.

But the "will" of the amateur community doesn't make
the rule or rule change. As Jim noted, the FCC already
weighed in on morse testing not being required EXCEPT
to meet the former treaty requirement S25.5.

> The pity is that we must go through this again. The amateur community is
> still not over the backlash from the changes a few years ago.

Don't let the rantings in this newsgroup serve as an indicator.
I hear nothing being discussed on the air and even if a few
diehards are pissed off, they'll either get over it someday or
die with their own complaining attitudes.

> > The restructuring R&O made it clear, IMHO, that the one and only reason
> > reason FCC kept Element 1 was the treaty requirement. It would
> > be illogical for FCC to
> > keep Element 1 now that there's no more treaty requirement. Even though
> > we're talking govt. regulations, I can't imagine

> > FCC being that illogical and reversing itself.
> >
>
> heh heh, and that was tongue-in-cheek, right? The FCC is a government
> entity=large corporate entity. Right? At least that's the way I see it.
I
> wonder how much shareholders realize that there is complete insanity
inside
> the realm of large corporate entities who constantly spend huge dollars on
> organizational/operational changes, often just to change again in less
than
> a year!

Here's the question?
Tell us WHY the FCC wouldn't dump the code test now?

> > So the big question is: What OTHER changes should be made?

None are really needed at all. Some might make sense, but
there's really no reason why 5wpm couldn't just be dropped
totally with no other changes needed.

Cheers,
Bill K2UNK

220. Re: CW Requirement Abolished

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-05 12:40:34 UTC
From: Bill Sohl <billsohl@mindspring.com>
Message-ID: <be6h67tsf3@slb6.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 70005

"D. Stussy" <kd6lvw@bde-arc.ampr.org> wrote in message
news:Pine.LNX.4.56.0307050214050.1429@kd6lvw.ampr.org...
> > And adopted July 4, 2003 Independence Day!
>
> ....OK, so when do the "no code extras" start? :-)

Join the "pool" party and add your quesstimate. There's
another thread that is carrying the quesses.

Cheers,
Bill K2UNK

221. Re: CW Requirement Abolished

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-05 12:42:02 UTC
From: Bill Sohl <billsohl@mindspring.com>
Message-ID: <be6h8r$be2$1@slb6.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 70006

"N2EY" <n2ey@aol.com> wrote in message
news:20030704090054.08200.00000606@mb-m25.aol.com...
> In article <5c01b95b.0307032235.568909f1@posting.google.com>, k4yz@aol.com
> (Steve Robeson, K4CAP) writes:
>
> >Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote in message
> >news:<Xns93ADDBDF2BE7Felektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>...
> >> Yes it's true. The final report of WRC 2003 is here:-
> >>
> >> http://www.iaru.org/rel030703.html
> >
> > Easy there fellas...The TREATY requirement may be negated, but we
> >are still under >FCC< regulation...let's give them a day or two to see
> >how they are going to handle this.
>
> I think the FCC's hands are tied until the treaty is ratified. Then all it
> should take is what I remember being called an "Executive Order" dumping
> Element 1.
>
> It could be as simple as 'Effective (fill in date here), completion of
Element
> 1 is waived as a license requirement". One sentence.
>
> 73 de Jim, N2EY

Agree completely.

Cheers,
Bill K2UNK

222. Re: The Pool

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-05 13:01:11 UTC
From: Bill Sohl <billsohl@mindspring.com>
Message-ID: <be6ics$kd6$1@slb4.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 70007

"N2EY" <n2ey@aol.com> wrote in message
news:20030705082334.04207.00001333@mb-m01.aol.com...
> In article <be4acc$95s@library1.airnews.net>, "Kim" <dont
hassleme@nomail.net>
> writes:
>
> >"N2EY" <n2ey@aol.com> wrote in message
> >news:20030704122331.24390.00000931@mb-m19.aol.com...
> >> In article <be4374$40@library2.airnews.net>, "Kim"
<nowaynohow@nomail.net>
> >> writes:
> >>
> >> >We'll see. I think it's going to depend upon the fervor for which the
> >> >amateur radio community approaches the FCC and all that bit of
"stuff."
> >>
> >> There will be proposals all over the place. The smart money will wait
for
> >> treaty ratification.
> >>
> >> >Tradition is a strong thing, and I think tradition may have a lot to
do
> >> >with how timely the cancellation of a CW requirement will be.
> >>
> >> Look at how much effect 'tradition' had on the restructuring. Zip, nil,
> >>nada.
> >
> >True, but that was for a *reduction* in the requirement. I'm not so sure
> >there will be major support for a complete elimination of the CW
> >requriement--in some form or another.
>
> The majority of comments to the Restructuring were for at least two code
> speeds. FCC said no.
>
> IMHO the majority opinion today, even among those who haven't taken a code
> test, is that Element 1 should stay. But there is no requirement that FCC
> follow majority opinion.

Do you seriously believe that the 200 thousand or more
non-code techs support keeping element 1? And, as you
note below...this ain't no ballot issue.

> And we may not even get the chance to express an opinion. Once the treaty
is
> ratified, FCC has the authority to simply dump Element 1 with no NPRM or

NOI.

Zactly!

> >The pity is that we must go through this again.
>
> Tell it to those who will write the proposals to dump Element 1
>
> >The amateur community is
> >still not over the backlash from the changes a few years ago.
>
> Heck, there are some who are not over the changes of 1968-69 - even though
they
> were not hams back then!

I must be living in a cave then as I've
yet to meet anyone that wasn't a ham
prior to 68/69 yet is complaining
of the changes made then.

> You think this is bad, Kim, you shoulda heard the wailing and moaning and
> gnashing of teeth back in the '60s when "Incentive Licensing" was proposed
and
> enacted.

BUT that denied existing privilegs to many hams...espeially Generals.
No such LOSS of privileges would accompany the end of Element 1.

(SNIP)

> >At least that's the way I see it. I
> >wonder how much shareholders realize that there is complete insanity
inside
> >the realm of large corporate entities who constantly spend huge dollars
on
> >organizational/operational changes, often just to change again in less
than
> >a year!
> >
> All true. But in the area of code testing, FCC has been constantly moving
in
> the direction of reduction/elimination for at least 28 years.
>
> Of course that doesn't mean they will act logically now that the end is in
> sight.
>
> Are you saying we should keep Element 1, Kim?

Should be an interesting answer :-)

Cheers,
Bill K2UNK

223. Re: CW Requirement Abolished

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-05 13:57:03 UTC
From: vshah101@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030705095703.24464.00000101@mb-m22.aol.com>
Source record: 70008

From: n2ey@aol.com (N2EY)
Date: 7/4/2003 10:23 PM Eastern

>(Homer Simpson voice): DOH!!!

Its Fri 10pm, July 4, Independence Day- Ham. DOH!!!

HaHaHaHaHa!*

From: "D. Stussy" kd6lvw
Date: 7/4/2003 10:12 PM Eastern Daylight Time

>> And adopted July 4, 2003 Independence Day!

Independence of code test?

>....OK, so when do the "no code extras" start? :-)

Probably won't be completely signed until Aug2.

By the way-

Its Fri 10pm, July 4, Independence Day- Ham.

HaHaHaHaHa!*

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*No "BW"s was harmed in the use of this "HaHa".

224. Re: CW Requirement Abolished

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-05 14:09:11 UTC
From: vshah101@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030705100911.24464.00000102@mb-m22.aol.com>
Source record: 70009

I wrote:

>Its Fri 10pm, July 4, Independence Day- Ham. DOH!!!
>
>HaHaHaHaHa!

Sorry, I take that back. Although there are more fitting times when you did deserve it, on this occasion it does not necessarily deserve a HaHa.

Too bad. Now it has lost its impact. I already said that (HaHaHaHaHa!), so now I can't say that again when it truly does apply.

225. Re: CW Requirement Abolished

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-05 15:15:47 UTC
From: Robert Casey <wa2ise@ix.netcom.com>
Message-ID: <3F06EBA3.4040704@ix.netcom.com>
Source record: 70011

Phil Kane wrote:

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>
>>It could be as simple as 'Effective (fill in date here), completion of Element
>>1 is waived as a license requirement". One sentence.
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>>
>
> One can hope.
>
>
>
I'd think that they would just edit the list of requirements for the
various ham
licenses. The code requirement would just be deleted. It would go from

Tech: element 2
General elements 1, 2 and 3
Extra elements 1, 2, 3 and 4

to

Tech element 2
General elements 2 and 3
Extra elements 2, 3 and 4

Where element 1 is the 5wpm code, 2 is tech written, 3 is general
written, and
4 is the extra written.

226. Re: Is that digital sounding chirping on the new 5MHz freqs the primaryuser?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-05 15:20:22 UTC
From: Robert Casey <wa2ise@ix.netcom.com>
Message-ID: <3F06ECB6.3040401@ix.netcom.com>
Source record: 70012

Dick Carroll; wrote:

>Robert Casey wrote:
>
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>
>>Sometimes I hear a piccalo-rtty-ish digital signal on one or more of our new
>>5Mhz frequencies. Is that the primary user of these freqs trying to use
>>their
>>allocations and hams clogging the channel? Or is it from outside the USA?
>>The signal strength is weak, so maybe it is from region 1 or 3.
>>
>>
>
> It isn't weak in the Midwest, in fact I've already wondered if hams are causing
>interference to it since you can hear a few QSO's right along with it. May be
>we'll hear about all that interference we're causing, maybe not. We probably
>aren't interfering with the transfer of their data communications, but they
>might not like hams talking over their digital transmissions.
>
>
>
Now that the novelity of the new band is wearing off, I think hams are
starting to avoid the
channels with the digital signals. As secondary users, we are supposed
to avoid interfering
with them, and accept any interference from them to us.

227. Re: Latest News - Morse Code Test May Not "Die" at ITU Conference.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-05 15:29:23 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <be6rb4$7ns@library2.airnews.net>
Source record: 70015

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"Mike Coslo" <mcoslo@adelphia.net> wrote in message news:3F060917.3050706@adelphia.net...
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>
> Bill Sohl wrote:
> > "Dick Carroll;" <dixie@townsqr.com> wrote in message
>
> <some snippage>
>
> >>that is always pooh-poohed by the code/code test bashers. They just won't
> >>recognize it for what it is.
> >>Or maybe they *can't*.
> >
> >
> > So a nocode tech has no interest in amateur radio because s/he
> > didn't take a morse test then? Bunk.
> >
> > Same old, same old.
>
>
> Gee Bill, that ain't been said! Lets see if I can help out here....
>
> I was a NoCode Tech once. I was interested, and took the test necessary
> to get that license.
>
> Then I was interested in getting my General ticket. Here, I needed to
> learn Morse code in addition to another written exam. But I was
> interested, and learned and passed the tests (flunked the MOrse first
> time around) I got the General ticket.
>
> Then I was interested in getting the extra frequency bandwidth and
> whatever else that the Extra ticket gives. So I studied for and passed
> the test.

>
>
> In each case, I was "interested" in something. I could have stopped
> anywhere along the line, and while exercising my right to not learn
> something, the only effect would have been to not get the license.
>
> Would you agree that a person who takes the Extra test is more
> interested in getting the Extra ticket than a person possessing a
> General license who does not want to because they won't get all that
> much in the way of privileges?
>
> What I find strange is that some who are distinctly anti-code test are
> having trouble with what I am saying here.
>
> It is either that I am having trouble expressing myself, or that some
> folk are just not going to hear what I am saying no matter how many
> times I say it..
>
>
> Okay one more time. Two young ladies are thinking about getting their
> drivers licenses. Ida Know wants to get a drivers license, but she is
> terrified of three point turns, to the point that she says "Forget it,
> I'll just walk or take the bus".
>
> Her friend, Ella Fyno, is also concerned about the three point turn.
> But she decides that even if she hardly ever uses the three point turn,
> that she'll buckle down and learn how. She works on the three point
> turn, eventually passes her license test, and now is happily driving.
>
> WHO was MORE interested in getting that drivers license?
>
> It's not a comparison of the relationship of driving a car to an
> Amateur license, or silly names I come up with. It is a question of
> different people with different levels of interest in something.
>
> - Mike KB3EIA -
>

BUT, Mike, it sounded (and still does just a little bit) that you weren't comparing license level interest to license level interest. It sounded more, to me, like you were comparing Novice in ham radio is less interested that General in ham radio.

I would say to you, if you in any way think like that, that I know many higher class licensed individuals who have a long way to catch up in the drive and ambition I had (had=past tense) to promote amateur radio. I was *very* interested in ham radio--probably more than any other ham I personally know.

The drive to "get more" doesn't equal a level of interest in amateur radio. In my opinion. Your drive to become an Extra sounds more like an ambition

to thumb your nose at those who did not.

Kim W5TIT

228. Re: Latest News - Morse Code Test May Not "Die" at ITU Conference.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-05 15:37:15 UTC
From: "Dick Carroll;" <dixie@townsqr.com>
Message-ID: <be6rbb$td4$0@208.206.142.103>
Source record: 70013

Bill Sohl wrote:

> "Mike Coslo" <mcoslo@adelphia.net> wrote in message
> news:3F06099B.6020602@adelphia.net...
> > Dick Carroll; wrote:
>
> (SNIP)
>
> > > A no-code tech has a limited interest in ham radio or he'd become
> something
> > > other than
> > > a no-code tech. WITHOUT whining about the requirements. And many do just
> that.
> >
> > Thank you, Dick! I've been wondering if I'd turned into an idiot! My
> > whole career is based on concise communication, and people seem to be
> > having trouble understanding what I'm printing.
>
> The problem is that Dick believes he can define "limited interest in radio"
> to anyone who doesn't upgrade all the way to Extra. That's a crock!

Wrong again, Bill. I define limited interest in ham radio as limited interest
in ham radio.

>
> If I take Dick's mindset, then I have never met any ham that could not
> be catagorized as having a unlimited interest in ham radio simply
> because I have yet to meet any ham that has done and/or has an
> interest and practices ALL modes of operation on all available
> bands.

There's your crock! Some of you guys who have a 'special' attitude
toward Morse code seem to have other kinks as well.
There are Freebanders who have an interest in ham radio, some of them
have posted here. I suppose they have just as much interest as a no code tech or
an extra, by your measure. The small matter of a license must not matter.
If one has ANY interest, he has just as much as anyone else!
Are you awake yet?

229. Re: Latest News - Morse Code Test May Not "Die" at ITU Conference.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-05 15:37:38 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <be6rb5$7ns@library2.airnews.net>
Source record: 70014

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> Dick Carroll; wrote:
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> > Bill Sohl wrote:
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> >
> >>"Dick Carroll;" <dixie@townsqr.com> wrote in message
> >>news:be27et$ke6$0@208.206.142.96...
> >>
> >>>
> >>>Mike Coslo wrote:
> >>>
> >>>
> >>>>Bill Sohl wrote:
> >>>>
> >>>>>"Mike Coslo" <mjc5@psu.edu> wrote in message
> >>>>>news:3F02D354.1070209@psu.edu...
> >>>>>
> >>>>>
> >>>>>>Kim W5TIT wrote:
> >>>>>>
> >>>>>>
> >>>>>>
> >>>>>>>Dan, I can understand your exasperation with people who choose not
to
> >>>>>>
> >>>>>>learn
> >>>>>>
> >>>>>>
> >>>>>>>CW or decide that they don't like it. However, that is as far as
the
> >>>>>>>understanding goes. It seems impossible to me that you can't
> >>>>>>
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> >>understand
> >>
> >>>>>>>that people know what they do, or don't, like.
> >>>>>>
> >>>>>>We all have to learn things that we may not like all that much. I
had
> >>>>>>to sit and learn classes in school that I found boring to
distraction.
> >>>>>
> >>>>>
> >>>>>The issue is that morse has lost the need for exclusive
> >>>>>testing as a separate test element. Your analogy isn't equivalent
> >>>>>to boring school classes because the goal of those classes is and was
> >>>>>within the objectives of providing a complete education.
> >>>>
> >>>> I might beg to differ. I took many classes that were just
about
> >>>>irrelevant to just about anything. They were mandated to be taken
> >>>>though. And that to me sounds just about like the arguments aginst
Morse
> >>>>code testing.
> >>>>
> >>>>
> >>>>> FCC
> >>>>>licensing is not, however, the means to mandate a specific
> >>>>>skill capability for one mode.
> >>>>>
> >>>>>
> >>>>>
> >>>>>>>>>>For instance, I happen to absolutely know I would not enjoy jumping
> >>>>>>
> >>>>>>out
> >>>>>>
> >>>>>>of
> >>>>>
> >>>>>
> >>>>>>>>>>an airplane to parachute. I've never tried it, no. But I don't
> >>>>>>
> >>>>>>intend
> >>>>>>
> >>>>>>to
> >>>>>
> >>>>>
> >>>>>>>>>>because "it's just not me."
> >>>>>>
> >>>>>>But if you wanted to parachute out of planes, you would indeed have
to
> >>>>>>jump out of a plane. I know that sounds redundant or maybe
redumbdant,
> >>>>>>but it helps prove my point. You aren't that interested in that sort

> >>>>>
> >>of
> >>
> >>>>>>hobby, so you don't do it. It is strange that so many people have a
> >>>>>>problem with my basic premise: that people who aren't willing to
learn
> >>>>>>the requirements are not all that interested in the ARS. In this
case,
> >>>>>>the requirement is the Morse test.
> >>>>>
> >>>>>
> >>>>>Sorry, you are expanding a lack of interest in morse as
> >>>>>a defining element as to one's overall interest in
> >>>>>amateur radio. That is simply untrue. There are thousands of
> >>>>>hams that have ZERO interest in morse, many have even
> >>>>>passed the tests to advance, yet they are excellent hams.
> >>>>
> >>>> No I am not! I'm saying that if you don't learn the prescribed
> >>>
> >>items,
> >>
> >>>>you are not all that interested.
> >>>>
> >>>> Let's take the hot button Morse code away from the topic for a
> >>>
> >>second,
> >>
> >>>>and use the example posted by some other person here recently. In his
> >>>>post, he mentioned that some Service buddies who already know Morse
code
> >>>>would take the ARS tests as a way of getting off base and for a change
> >>>>of pace for a day. They did well on the Morse part of the test, but
with
> >>>>one apparent exception, failed the written exam.
> >>>>
> >>>> Learning the written portions of the exam was not all that
> >>>
> >>important to
> >>
> >>>>them. After all, they were just doing this for a lark.
> >>>>
> >>>> They were not really all that interested in getting thier
> >>>
> >>ticket.
> >>
> >>>> People who took the time to study and learn for the *written*
> >>>
> >>portion
> >>
> >>>>of the test had more interest in being a ham than those who did

notwant
> >>>>to take the time to study for the written portion of the test.
> >>>>
> >>>> It is exactly the same thing. I've been careful to point out
> >>>
> >>that my
> >>
> >>>>argument is completely separate from whether Morse should be tested at
> >>>
> >>all.
> >>
> >>>>
> >>>>>Bottom line: Knowledge of morse is neither a positive or negative
> >>>>>indication of any individual's interest(s) in ham radio.
> >>>>
> >>>> It is if you have to pass a test for it before access.
> >>>
> >>> Actually that says it all, Mike, and is the point I've stressed for a
> >>
> >>long time
> >>
> >>>that is always pooh-poohed by the code/code test bashers. They just
won't
> >>recognize it for what it is.
> >>Or maybe they *can't*.
> >>
> >>So a nocode tech has no interest in amateur radio because s/he
> >>didn't take a morse test then? Bunk.
> >>
> >>Same old, same old.
> >
> >
> > Yep, sure is. You still alter what is said to mean that which was NOT
said. Or
> > maybe you
> > don't get it.
> >
> > A no-code tech has a limited interest in ham radio or he'd become
something
> > other than
> > a no-code tech. WITHOUT whining about the requirements. And many do just
that.
>
> Thank you, Dick! I've been wondering if I'd turned into an idiot! My
> whole career is based on concise communication, and people seem to be
> having trouble understanding what I'm printing.
>
> - Mike KB3EIA -
>
>

Then, I would suggest that both of you carry your angst out on the populace of the entire community that has not even chosen to take a ham radio exam!

A no-code tech has a limited interest in *becoming a General Class, or above, licensee* and that is it. For someone to believe that interest level in ham radio as a whole is guided by how "high" a license class someone is, is absolutely ludicrous.

I would daresay that, if one could accurately measure somehow, there are no doubt a higher PERCENTAGE of General-and-above hams who aren't even active any more. Note that I have said percentage, so it has nothing to do with numbers. So, how would you geniuses explain that a Extra class ham has so much "more interest" in ham radio that they've DROPPED OUT of the hobby, while a Novice or Tech is still in?

Good grief.

Kim W5TIT

230. Re: Latest News - Morse Code Test May Not "Die" at ITU Conference.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-05 15:39:26 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <be6reh$emn@library2.airnews.net>
Source record: 70016

"Mike Coslo" <mcoslo@adelphia.net> wrote in message
news:3F060A7A.9040706@adelphia.net...
> Kim W5TIT wrote:
> > "Mike Coslo" <mcoslo@adelphia.net> wrote in message
> > news:3F031853.9090506@adelphia.net...
> >
> >>Bill Sohl wrote:
> >>
> >>>Bottom line: Knowledge of morse is neither a positive or negative
> >>>indication of any individual's interest(s) in ham radio.
> >>
> >>It is if a person refuses to learn it, or waits until the requirement
> >>goes away.
> >>
> >>
> >
> >
> > Mike, I think you'll be quite disappointed if you "trust" in someone's
> > interest level based on their relationship (or lack of) with CW.
>
> Not the CW, Kim. It's any part of the testing regimen that a person
> "won't" take. If a person refuses to take the Extra test, they aren't
> that interested in being an Extra.
>
> Let's even take your own case. You're a Tech Plus, IIRC. Are you
> interested in taking the General test? If yes, you'll be studying for
> it. If not, then you aren't that interested in becoming a General.
>
> - Mike KB3EIA -
>

Mike, you keep bouncing back and forth between whehter your issue is that someone who doesn't take a General exam is less interested in being a General, or someone who doesn't take a General exam is less interested in *ham radio*.

Thus, I give up even trying to understand your issue.

Kim W5TIT

231. Re: Latest News - Morse Code Test May Not "Die" at ITU Conference.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-05 15:41:27 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <be6ria$m4f@library2.airnews.net>
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You guys are totally bouncing off the walls.

Kim W5TIT

"Dick Carroll;" <dixie@townsqr.com> wrote in message
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> > > Bill Sohl wrote:
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> > >>"Dick Carroll;" <dixie@townsqr.com> wrote in message
> > >>news:be27et$ke6$0@208.206.142.96...
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> > >>>Mike Coslo wrote:
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> > >>>>Bill Sohl wrote:
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> > >>>>>"Mike Coslo" <mjc5@psu.edu> wrote in message
> > >>>>>news:3F02D354.1070209@psu.edu...
> > >>>>>
> > >>>>>
> > >>>>>>Kim W5TIT wrote:
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> > >>>>>>
> > >>>>>>>Dan, I can understand your exasperation with people who choose
not to
> > >>>>>>
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> > >>>>>learn
> > >>>>>
> > >>>>>
> > >>>>>>>CW or decide that they don't like it. However, that is as far as
the
> > >>>>>>>understanding goes. It seems impossible to me that you can't
> > >>>>>>
> > >>understand
> > >>
> > >>>>>>>that people know what they do, or don't, like.
> > >>>>>>
> > >>>>>>We all have to learn things that we may not like all that much. I
had
> > >>>>>>to sit and learn classes in school that I found boring to
distraction.
> > >>>>>
> > >>>>>
> > >>>>>The issue is that morse has lost the need for exclusive
> > >>>>>testing as a separate test element. Your analogy isn't equivalent
> > >>>>>to boring school classes because the goal of those classes is and
was
> > >>>>>within the objectives of providing a complete education.
> > >>>>
> > >>>> I might beg to differ. I took many classes that were just
about
> > >>>>irrelevant to just about anything. They were mandated to be taken
> > >>>>though. And that to me sounds just about like the arguments aginst
Morse
> > >>>>code testing.
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> > >>>>
> > >>>> FCC
> > >>>>licensing is not, however, the means to mandate a specific
> > >>>>skill capability for one mode.
> > >>>>>
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> > >>>>>
> > >>>>>>>For instance, I happen to absolutely know I would not enjoy
jumping
> > >>>>>>
> > >>out
> > >>
> > >>>>>of
> > >>>>>
> > >>>>>
> > >>>>>>>an airplane to parachute. I've never tried it, no. But I don't
> > >>>>>>
> > >>intend
> > >>
> > >>>>>to

> > >>>>>
> > >>>>>
> > >>>>>>>because "it's just not me."
> > >>>>>>
> > >>>>>>But if you wanted to parachute out of planes, you would indeed
have to
> > >>>>>>jump out of a plane. I know that sounds redundant or maybe
redumbdant,
> > >>>>>>but it helps prove my point. You aren't that interested in that
sort
> > >>>>>
> > >>of
> > >>
> > >>>>>>hobby, so you don't do it. It is strange that so many people have
a
> > >>>>>>problem with my basic premise: that people who aren't willing to
learn
> > >>>>>>the requirements are not all that interested in the ARS. In this
case,
> > >>>>>>the requirement is the Morse test.
> > >>>>>
> > >>>>>
> > >>>>>Sorry, you are expanding a lack of interest in morse as
> > >>>>>a defining element as to one's overall interest in
> > >>>>>amateur radio. That is simply untrue. There are thousands of
> > >>>>>hams that have ZERO interest in morse, many have even
> > >>>>>passed the tests to advance, yet they are excellent hams.
> > >>>>
> > >>>> No I am not! I'm saying that if you don't learn the
prescribed
> > >>>
> > >>items,
> > >>
> > >>>>you are not all that interested.
> > >>>>
> > >>>> Let's take the hot button Morse code away from the topic for
a
> > >>>
> > >>second,
> > >>
> > >>>>and use the example posted by some other person here recently. In
his
> > >>>>post, he mentioned that some Service buddies who already know Morse
code
> > >>>>would take the ARS tests as a way of getting off base and for a
change
> > >>>>of pace for a day. They did well on the Morse part of the test, but
with
> > >>>>one apparent exception, failed the written exam.
> > >>>>

> > >>>> Learning the written portions of the exam was not all that
> > >>>
> > >>important to
> > >>
> > >>>>them. After all, they were just doing this for a lark.
> > >>>>
> > >>>> They were not really all that interested in getting thier
> > >>>
> > >>ticket.
> > >>
> > >>>> People who took the time to study and learn for the
written
> > >>>
> > >>portion
> > >>
> > >>>>of the test had more interest in being a ham than those who did
notwant
> > >>>>to take the time to study for the written portion of the test.
> > >>>>
> > >>>> It is exactly the same thing. I've been careful to point out
> > >>>
> > >>that my
> > >>
> > >>>>argument is completely separate from whether Morse should be tested
at
> > >>>
> > >>all.
> > >>
> > >>>>
> > >>>>>Bottom line: Knowledge of morse is neither a positive or negative
> > >>>>>indication of any individual's interest(s) in ham radio.
> > >>>>
> > >>>> It is if you have to pass a test for it before access.
> > >>>
> > >>> Actually that says it all, Mike, and is the point I've stressed for
a
> > >>
> > >>long time
> > >>
> > >>>that is always pooh-poohed by the code/code test bashers. They just
won't
> > >>>recognize it for what it is.
> > >>>Or maybe they *can't*.
> > >>
> > >>So a nocode tech has no interest in amateur radio because s/he
> > >>didn't take a morse test then? Bunk.
> > >>
> > >>Same old, same old.
> > >
> > >

> > > Yep, sure is. You still alter what is said to mean that which was NOT said. Or
> > > maybe you
> > > don't get it.
> > >
> > > A no-code tech has a limited interest in ham radio or he'd become something
> > > other than
> > > a no-code tech. WITHOUT whining about the requirements. And many do just that.
> >
> > Thank you, Dick! I've been wondering if I'd turned into an idiot! My
> > whole career is based on concise communication, and people seem to be
> > having trouble understanding what I'm printing.
>
> Naw, Mike, they just don't wnat to hear it, then now and never. To their
> good fortune, history has finally caught up with them in a way they were never
> able to keep up. It's an accident of the evolution of technology. But nothing has
> changed. CW is still just as useful and versatile as ever. It's just that they
> still won't ever understand, and now no one will insist that they even try.
>

232. Re: CW Requirement Abolished

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-05 15:43:19 UTC
From: vshah101@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030705114319.24570.00000117@mb-m22.aol.com>
Source record: 70018

From: Robert Casey wa2ise@ix.netcom.com

>I'd think that they would just edit the list of requirements for the
>various ham
>licenses. The code requirement would just be deleted. It would go from
>
>Tech: element 2
>General elements 1, 2 and 3
>Extra elements 1, 2, 3 and 4
>
>to
>
>Tech element 2
>General elements 2 and 3
>Extra elements 2, 3 and 4
>
>Where element 1 is the 5wpm code, 2 is tech written, 3 is general
>written, and
>4 is the extra written.
Eliminate the code testing requirement for the <written> license classes.

Yes that's what they should do. Basic integrity in Amateur Radio testing
requires that. The code should not be in the path way in between the written
tests.

Code has nothing to do with the written material. It's a different kind of
skill. And it's a single skill independent of other skills. Just as various
awards are recognized individually, like Worked All States, one can recognize
code skill separately from the written tests.

233. Re: Latest News - Morse Code Test May Not "Die" at ITU Conference.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-05 15:46:49 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <be6rsc$gj0@library2.airnews.net>
Source record: 70019

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news:be6flh$j5a$1@slb6.atl.mindspring.net...
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> "Mike Coslo" <mcoslo@adelphia.net> wrote in message
> news:3F060A7A.9040706@adelphia.net...
> > Kim W5TIT wrote:
> > > "Mike Coslo" <mcoslo@adelphia.net> wrote in message
> > > news:3F031853.9090506@adelphia.net...
> > >
> > >>Bill Sohl wrote:
> > >>
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> > >>
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> > >>goes away.
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> Balogny... What this states is that all non-coded techs
> have insufficiient interest in "ham radio." Note the above
> does not specify any license level whereas below the
> poster changes to a specific referral to Extra. That is NOT
> how the original post started out.
>

EXACTLY. I'm waiting to see (re: another post in this thread from me) when the campaign is going to start against everyone who's *"never bothered"* to TAKE a ham radio exam. And, how can it be *"explained away"* that there is probably a higher percentage of General-and-above license holders who are no longer even active. WOW, now that's interest for you!

THEN, and not least of all, I agree Bill. These guys are bouncing all over the topic.

> > >
> > > Mike, I think you'll be quite disappointed if you "trust" in someone's

> > > interest level based on their relationship (or lack of) with CW.
> >
> > Not the CW, Kim. It's any part of the testing regimen that a person
> > "won't" take. If a person refuses to take the Extra test, they aren't
> > that interested in being an Extra.
>
> So what. They may have less interest in Extra, but
> that does not equate to a broader lack of interest
> in "ham radio" (rather than just Extra) as the original post
> was first articulated.
>
> > Let's even take your own case. You're a Tech Plus, IIRC. Are you
> > interested in taking the General test? If yes, you'll be studying for
> > it. If not, then you aren't that interested in becoming a General.
> > - Mike KB3EIA -
>
> Fair enough on the specific application to General. BUT, would
> you state that Kim doesn't have a positive interest in "ham radio"
> just because she doesn't upgrade?

THANK YOU!! Let's see what the answer is. Because, I'm willing to bet that the answer is going to do one of two things: 1) it will skirt around the question entirely and never be answered or, 2) it will be totally ignored.

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>
> Cheers,
> Bill K2UNK
>

Kim W5TIT

234. Re: Latest News - Morse Code Test May Not "Die" at ITU Conference.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-05 15:48:41 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <be6rvs$ad6@library2.airnews.net>
Source record: 70020

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X-Priority: 3
X-MSMail-Priority: Normal
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> "Mike Coslo" <mcoslo@adelphia.net> wrote in message
> news:3F06099B.6020602@adelphia.net...
> > Dick Carroll; wrote:
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> (SNIP)
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> something
> > > other than
> > > a no-code tech. WITHOUT whining about the requirements. And many do
just
> that.
> >
> > Thank you, Dick! I've been wondering if I'd turned into an idiot! My
> > whole career is based on concise communication, and people seem to be
> > having trouble understanding what I'm printing.
>
> The problem is that Dick believes he can define "limited interest in
radio"
> to anyone who doesn't upgrade all the way to Extra. That's a crock!
> If I take Dick's mindset, then I have never met any ham that could not
> be catagorized as having a unlimited interest in ham radio simply
> because I have yet to meet any ham that has done and/or has an
> interest and practices ALL modes of operation on all available
> bands.
>
> Cheers,
> Bill K2UNK
>

Well, Hell. Dick needs to "own up" (for a change) to his opinion and
totally turn his back on anyone who's too damned lazy and disinterested to
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get into the hobby of ham radio... How dare anyone be so lame! :|

Kim W5TIT

235. Re: 40 meters fixed, sort of

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-05 15:51:48 UTC
From: "Dick Carroll;" <dixie@townsqr.com>
Message-ID: <be6s6kvrd0@208.206.142.103>
Source record: 70021

Brian Kelly wrote:

>
> Moving the BC signals out of the 7.000-7.100 Region 2 CW and digital
> haunts and into motormouth country above 7.200 oughta draw a
> discussion or two about who really gains what with this move.

I don't think it'll matter much. 7.2-7.2 has long had a full share of SWBC
anyway, and it wouldn't surprise me to see the BC units that move to just move on up above 7.3, assuming
that as a possibility.

Dick

236. Re: Tech+ to General upgrade question

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-05 15:53:43 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <be6s99$903@library2.airnews.net>
Source record: 70022

"N2EY" <n2ey@aol.com> wrote in message
news:20030705082336.04207.00001336@mb-m01.aol.com...
> In article <c170eb26.0307042215.333a4ebf@posting.google.com>,
grainum@yahoo.com
> (bro) writes:
>
> >> (5) An unexpired (or expired) FCC-granted Novice Class operator license
> >grant:
> >> Element 1.
> >>
> >> (6) A CSCE: Each element the CSCE indicates the examinee passed within
the
> >> previous 365 days.
> >>
> >> (7) An unexpired (or expired less than 5 years) FCC-issued commercial
> >> radiotelegraph operator license or permit: Element 1.
> >>
> >> (8) An expired FCC-issued Technician Class operator license document
> >granted
> >> before March 21, 1987: Element 3.
> >>
> >> (9) An expired or unexpired FCC-issued Technician Class operator
license
> >> document granted before February 14, 1991: Element 1.
> >>
> >> (b) No examination credit, except as herein provided, shall be allowed
on
> >the
> >> basis of holding or having held any other license grant or document.
> >>
> >> (End of Part 97 quote)
> >>
> >> Note that an old expired Tech can be good for Element 3, and an old
expired
> >> Novice or Tech can be good for Element 1. But a CSCE more than 365 days
old
> >> gives no credit. Only a license can carry element credit beyond 365
days.
> >>
> >> >It is good "forever" for the purpose of granting the Novice HF
> >> >privileges to a Technician.
> >>
> >> Yup.
> >>

> >> > How's that for Uncle Sam logic?
> >>
> >> Makes no sense at all.
> >>
> >> It gets worse - consider these scenarios:
> >>
> >> Expired Novice or Tech-with-code licenses are good for Element 1, but
other
> >> expired-beyond-the-grace-period licenses are not. So someone who held a
> >Novice
> >> 50 years ago and let it expire gets Element 1 credit, but someone who
held
> >an
> >> Extra and let it expire 732 days ago gets no credit.
> >>
> >> In similar fashion, an expired Tech from before March 21, 1987 is worth
> >Element
> >> 3, but not Element 2! Also, no other expired-beyond-the-grace-period
> >license is
> >> worth written element credit.
> >>
> >> Huh?
> >>
> >> 73 de Jim, N2EY
> >
> >
> >Ok now how about this?
> >
> >My license is now expired, but....
> >
> >I have sitting on my desk:
> >an origional 01/14/86 issued "Technician License" and
> >an origional 07/11/89 issued "Technician License (address change)
> >
> >If i gave to a VE the earlier issued lic. do I get credit for elements
> >1 and 3, giving me a general class now? With no retesting?
> > I think at that time gen and tech written were the same, only
> >needing faster
> > code for the gen.
> >
> >Or
> >If i gave the VE the latter issued lic. do I get credit only for the
> >code, meaning i must retake the written tech and general?
>
> Brian,
>
> The earlier license carries credit for Element 1 (5 wpm code) and Element
3
> (General written). See paragraphs (9) and (8). But it does not carry
credit for

> Element 2 (Technician written!). Even though the Tech and General written
were
> the same in 1986, they're not the same now.
>
> So the thing to do is to brush up on Element 2. It's 35 questions,
multiple
> choice, and the Q&A pools are available for free download at several
websites.
> You can also do online practice exams for any written element to see how
well
> the studying is going.
>
> When you're ready to try the Element 2 exam, go to a VE session, present
your
> 1986 license and take Element 2. Once Element 2 is passed, you'll have a
> General.
>
> In fact, while you're there, try Element 4 (Extra). Costs nothing but your
> time, and you might wind up an Extra.
>
> 73 es GL de Jim, N2EY.
>
>

Whoops, I came into this thread late, Jim, so please forgive (I had to find another thread with a semblance of logic to it...whew). OK, I notice that the poster said his license is now expired (but I'm not sure if how long it's been expired).

I am "coaching" a former ham. His license expired well over 2 years ago and he was a pre-1987 Technician. I told him he needs to re-enter the hobby fresh, as if he'd never been there.

Was I right?

Kim W5TIT

237. Re: Latest News - Morse Code Test May Not "Die" at ITU Conference.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-05 16:02:07 UTC
From: Scott Unit 69 <scott_unit_69@yahoo.moc>
Message-ID: <3F06F67F.906A0190@yahoo.moc>
Source record: 70023

> Mike, you keep bouncing back and forth between whehter your issue is that
> someone who doesn't take a General exam is less interested in being a
> General, or someone who doesn't take a General exam is less interested in
> *ham radio*.

He's pissed because his beloved CW is going away...

Think I'll run up the street and take a General test in
preparation of the new rules.

238. Re: Latest News - Morse Code Test May Not "Die" at ITU Conference.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-05 16:23:52 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030705122352.18497.00001125@mb-m05.aol.com>
Source record: 70024

In article <be2p2s$dbm@library1.airnews.net>, "Kim W5TIT" <fahgedit@nomail.net> writes:

>And you obviously can't regognize that taking a series of written exams
>proves probably more interest in ham radio than one single CW test.

That depends on the written exams, doesn't it? Big difference between a nobrainer exam and one that requires real understanding of the material.

For example, one problem could show a known voltage source and two resistors of a given value, and ask what the current flow is. Another problem could show a complex network of sources and resistors, some known, some unknown, and ask what value(s) of certain components are needed to cause certain voltages and currents to appear elsewhere in the network.

And that's just ONE question. Imagine an exam full of questions of that complexity.

Q&A pool? No biggie - just have a couple hundred network problems of the type described above, all with different topologies, values and solutions.

How about Smith Chart questions? Same principles apply.

But the current writtens aren't like that.

The key point is that most prospective hams have to learn code from ground zero, but don't have to learn the written material that way.

Then again, there could be questions like

"what is the air-speed velocity of an unladen sparrow?"

73 de Jim, N2EY

WWHD

239. Re: Latest News - Morse Code Test May Not "Die" at ITU Conference.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-05 16:36:14 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
Message-ID: <3F06FEAE.4080703@adelphia.net>
Source record: 70025

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Bill Sohl wrote:
> "Mike Coslo" <mcoslo@adelphia.net> wrote in message
> news:3F060A7A.9040706@adelphia.net...
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>>Kim W5TIT wrote:
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>>>>It is if a person refuses to learn it, or waits until the requirement
>>>>goes away.
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> Balogny... What this states is that all non-coded techs
> have insufficiient interest in "ham radio."

Where did I say insufficient, Bill? I'm talking levels of interest here.

> Note the above
> does not specify any license level whereas below the
> poster changes to a specific referral to Extra. That is NOT
> how the original post started out.

I Gots no clue here, Bill.

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>>>interest level based on their relationship (or lack of) with CW.
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>>Not the CW, Kim. It's any part of the testing regimen that a person
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>>that interested in being an Extra.
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> So what. They may have less interest in Extra, but
> that does not equate to a broader lack of interest
> in "ham radio" (rather than just Extra) as the original post
> was first articulated.
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The tech might be interested in only the things that the technician license gives him or her. The person who wants to experience more of what the ARS has to offer will be *more* interested.

I feel sorry for the person who is *more* interested, but won't get involved. I have to say that doesn't make much sense to me either.

>
>>Let's even take your own case. You're a Tech Plus, IIRC. Are you
>>interested in taking the General test? If yes, you'll be studying for
>>it. If not, then you aren't that interested in becoming a General.
>>- Mike KB3EIA -
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>
> Fair enough on the specific application to General. BUT, would
> you state that Kim doesn't have a positive interest in "ham radio"
> just because she doesn't upgrade?

I think Kim probably does have a pretty positive interest in Ham radio. But I would hazard a guess that it isn't as intense as say mine. As far as I know, she is content with her current privleges. To me, she is operating at her present interest level and is happy with that. And that is just fine.

I think you are getting my "levels of interest" idea mixed up with some sort of positive/negative thing.

- Mike KB3EIA -

240. Re: Latest News - Morse Code Test May Not "Die" at ITU Conference.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-05 16:47:34 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
Message-ID: <3F070156.60906@adelphia.net>
Source record: 70026
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Kim W5TIT wrote:

> Then, I would suggest that both of you carry your angst out on the populace
> of the entire community that has not even chosen to take a ham radio exam!

Hardly! I'm not preaching condemnation on anyone because of their lack
of interest.

> A no-code tech has a limited interest in *becoming a General Class, or
> above, licensee* and that is it. For someone to believe that interest level
> in ham radio as a whole is guided by how "high" a license class someone is,
> is absolutely ludicrous.

I was a no NCT. But my interests extended beyond that. If they didn't,
I would still be a NCT.

> I would daresay that, if one could accurately measure somehow, there are no
> doubt a higher PERCENTAGE of General-and-above hams who aren't even active
> any more. Note that I have said percentage, so it has nothing to do with
> numbers. So, how would you geniuses explain that a Extra class ham has so
> much "more interest" in ham radio that they've DROPPED OUT of the hobby,
> while a Novice or Tech is still in?

It is entirely possible to *lose* interest also. If the ham becomes
inactive, that is the case. It's a dynamic sort of hobby. I would say an
Active Extra has more interest in the hobby than an inactive one.

> Good grief.

- Mike KB3EIA -

241. Re: Latest News - Morse Code Test May Not "Die" at ITU Conference.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-05 17:02:28 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
Message-ID: <3F0704D4.6020103@adelphia.net>
Source record: 70027

Kim W5TIT wrote:
<Some more trimming here for ths long post>

> EXACTLY. I'm waiting to see (re: another post in this thread from me) when
> the campaign is going to start against everyone who's *"never bothered"* to
> TAKE a ham radio exam. And, how can it be *"explained away"* that there is
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> longer even active. WOW, now that's interest for you!

> THEN, and not least of all, I agree Bill. These guys are bouncing all over
> the topic.

Let me phrase the issue as I see it.

People often have hobbies as a part of their spare time.

Generally, a person takes up a hobby that interests them.

If there is some requirement of the hobby that the person does not
like, they have two choices put up with the requirement or not get
involved. Examples might be I though about getting a pilot's license at
one time. But the expense of getting the license, then joining a club to
share a plane with several others, and I changed my mind. I guess I
wasn't as interested as the person who goes through all that and gets
his or her pilot's license.

In short, I was not that interested.

My final original point was that that a person who would not study
Morse code in order to get a General license must have an interest akin
to mine towards piloting a plane. That is to say "Thanks but no thanks."

>>
>>Fair enough on the specific application to General. BUT, would
>>you state that Kim doesn't have a positive interest in "ham radio"
>>just because she doesn't upgrade?
>
>
> THANK YOU!! Let's see what the answer is. Because, I'm willing to bet that
> the answer is going to do one of two things: 1) it will skirt around the
> question entirely and never be answered or, 2) it will be totally ignored.
>

I think I answered the question, Kim. You can tell me if I skirted the
issue or not.

- Mike KB3EIA -

242. Re: The Pool

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-05 17:39:20 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <be72fb$41i@library2.airnews.net>
Source record: 70028

"N2EY" <n2ey@aol.com> wrote in message
news:20030705082334.04207.00001333@mb-m01.aol.com...
> In article <be4acc$95s@library1.airnews.net>, "Kim" <dont
hassleme@nomail.net>
> writes:
>
>
> >At least that's the way I see it. I
> >wonder how much shareholders realize that there is complete insanity
inside
> >the realm of large corporate entities who constantly spend huge dollars
on
> >organizational/operational changes, often just to change again in less
than
> >a year!
> >
> All true. But in the area of code testing, FCC has been constantly moving
in
> the direction of reduction/elimination for at least 28 years.
>
> Of course that doesn't mean they will act logically now that the end is in
> sight.
>
> Are you saying we should keep Element 1, Kim?
> >> --

Oh goodness, what a loaded question, and that is very astute of you (you'll understand that comment much more than many here, I suspect <GRIN>). I don't want to seem like I'm hedging, and I'm a damned good debater, but let me preface my "final answer" with the following:

It is extremely disappointing to me to see that this hobby is so populated by people who are so pleased with themselves and under the apparent impression that a ham radio license includes the authority to gnash and hate anyone different from themselves.

I believe that CW testing has promulgated such behavior as above. It is a "governmental approval" for a specific mode, thereby warranting that anyone who has taken and passed this mode test is, somehow, of a higher regard to the FCC and, at least, to fellow hams.

Over time, the CW testing has (by many hams) been a filtering device to keep their ideas of "no gooders" out of the hobby--promoting a "good 'ol boy" concept. This is attitude is horrendous in a "goodwill" hobby, and displays of it are terribly disturbing to me. As amateur radio operators we are

ambassadors of the United States. And, to get so petty as to some of the arguments spoken in this newsgroup, and even more comments I hear on the air, it makes me totally embarrassed to even bring the hobby of ham radio up to anyone any more.

Now, all that given, I respect the tradition of CW. Contrary to such people as Dick Carroll and Larry Roll, who go off half-cocked thinking they "know" who someone is based on their dislike of the mode of CW, most of we who are new to the hobby are quite respectful of the tradition of ham radio, and know good talent on CW when we see it--indeed even love to watch someone doing it.

Yes, I want CW to stay as a testing element and I think 5wpm is sufficient. I also think it should be sending OR receiving (not both), and I think that waivers should only be given upon the agreement of 2 doctors that a certain handicap is, indeed, the complaint of any particular individual. Heck, maybe the Federal Gov't. could even come up with approved doctors--they approve VEs, right? I hear too many stories of hams who have no business being any class of ham where CW was required--because they DON'T know CW.

People such as those mentioned earlier here are reprehensible in their opinion (in *my* opinion <GRIN>), and it is their behavior that does more to harm ham radio than the choices others make NOT to learn CW or who choose not to use CW once they've passed and exam requirement. I am happy to have *anyone* in the hobby--even those with not-so-great-operating practices, as long as they are friendly, promote ham radio as a positive experience, and encourage others to simply JOIN, not to GET TO EXTRA.

Kim W5TIT

243. Re: The Pool

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-05 17:44:39 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <be72p9$rc4@library2.airnews.net>
Source record: 70029

"Bill Sohl" <billsohl@mindspring.com> wrote in message
news:be6ics$kd6$1@slb4.atl.mindspring.net...
>
> "N2EY" <n2ey@aol.com> wrote in message
> news:20030705082334.04207.00001333@mb-m01.aol.com...
> >
> > Of course that doesn't mean they will act logically now that the end is
in
> > sight.
> >
> > Are you saying we should keep Element 1, Kim?
>
> Should be an interesting answer :-)
>
> Cheers,
> Bill K2UNK
>

And, one that disappoints you, I'm sure, Bill. Sorry, but it's my opinion.

Kim W5TIT

244. Re: The Pool

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-05 17:50:57 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <be7353$8vl@library2.airnews.net>
Source record: 70030

"Bill Sohl" <billsohl@mindspring.com> wrote in message
news:be6h67tsf2@slb6.atl.mindspring.net...
>
> "Kim W5TIT" <fahgedit@nomail.net> wrote in message
> news:be4acc$95s@library1.airnews.net...
>
> > The pity is that we must go through this again. The amateur community
is
> > still not over the backlash from the changes a few years ago.
>
> Don't let the rantings in this newsgroup serve as an indicator.
> I hear nothing being discussed on the air and even if a few
> diehards are pissed off, they'll either get over it someday or
> die with their own complaining attitudes.
>

While it's true that I have not even listened to amateur radio in quite a
while--probably at least six months anyway--the last time I had a radio on
there was still quite frequent "intonations" around here that express dismay
and a great divide between longer-licensed amateurs and newer-licensed
amateurs. My opinions certainly do not emanate from this newsgroup--I
shudder to think that you'd believe that of me, Bill.

> > >
> > > The restructuring R&O made it clear, IMHO, that the one and only
reason
> > > reason FCC kept Element 1 was the treaty requirement. It would
> > > be illogical for FCC to
> > > keep Element 1 now that there's no more treaty requirement. Even
though
> > > we're talking govt. regulations, I can't imagine
> > > FCC being that illogical and reversing itself.
> > >
> >
> > heh heh, and that was tongue-in-cheek, right? The FCC is a government
> > entity=large corporate entity. Right? At least that's the way I see
it.
> I
> > wonder how much shareholders realize that there is complete insanity
> inside
> > the realm of large corporate entities who constantly spend huge dollars
on
> > organizational/operational changes, often just to change again in less
> than
> > a year!

>
> Here's the question?
> Tell us WHY the FCC wouldn't dump the code test now?
>

WOW, that is a good question. And, one I don't think I have a good answer for. So, maybe the FCC will just drop it. The only thing I can generally think of, is that they have no more "incentive" to drop it than to just leave it as it is.

Kim W5TIT

245. Re: CW Requirement Abolished

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-05 17:54:07 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <be73b1$f31@library2.airnews.net>
Source record: 70031

"D. Stussy" <kd6lvw@bde-arc.ampr.org> wrote in message
news:Pine.LNX.4.56.0307050214050.1429@kd6lvw.ampr.org...
> > And adopted July 4, 2003 Independence Day!
>
> ....OK, so when do the "no code extras" start? :-)

And it begins...

Kim W5TIT

246. Re: Latest News - Morse Code Test May Not "Die" at ITU Conference.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-05 18:01:53 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <be73pk$d3k@library2.airnews.net>
Source record: 70032

What in the world is this?

"Kim W5TIT" <fahgedit@nomail.net> wrote in message
news:be6rb4$7ns@library2.airnews.net...
> X-A-Notice: References line has been trimmed due to 512 byte
limitationAbuse-Reports-To: abuse at airmail.net to report improper postings
> NNTP-Proxy-Relay: library2.airnews.net
> NNTP-Posting-Time: Sat, 05 Jul 2003 10:37:08 -0500 (CDT)
> NNTP-Posting-Host: !Zq7b1k-YJ*ei?9+Z_>b (Encoded at Airnews!)
> X-Priority: 3
> X-MSMail-Priority: Normal
> X-Newsreader: Microsoft Outlook Express 6.00.2800.1158
> X-MimeOLE: Produced By Microsoft MimeOLE V6.00.2800.1165
>

Anyone know?

Kim W5TIT

247. Re: Latest News - Morse Code Test May Not "Die" at ITU Conference.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-05 18:12:13 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <be74d0$cca@library2.airnews.net>
Source record: 70033
Body handling: HTML body converted to readable text

X-A-Notice: References line has been trimmed due to 512 byte limitationAbuse-Reports-To: abuse at airmail.net to report improper postings
NNTP-Proxy-Relay: library2.airnews.net
NNTP-Posting-Time: Sat, 05 Jul 2003 13:11:44 -0500 (CDT)
NNTP-Posting-Host: !\oQX1k-X)1%Y#l0N'#A (Encoded at Airnews!)
X-Priority: 3
X-MSMail-Priority: Normal
X-Newsreader: Microsoft Outlook Express 6.00.2800.1158
X-MimeOLE: Produced By Microsoft MimeOLE V6.00.2800.1165

"Mike Coslo" wrote in message
news:3F070156.60906@adelphia.net...
> Kim W5TIT wrote:
>
> getting mad at the length of the posts! 8^) >
>

OH! Is that what that is all about?

> > Then, I would suggest that both of you carry your angst out on the
populace
> > of the entire community that has not even chosen to take a ham radio
exam!
>
> Hardly! I'm not preaching condemnation on anyone because of their lack
> of interest.
>

It did not come across that way.

>
> > A no-code tech has a limited interest in *becoming a General Class, or
> > above, licensee* and that is it. For someone to believe that interest
level
> > in ham radio as a whole is guided by how "high" a license class someone
is,
> > is absolutely ludicrous.
>
> I was a no NCT. But my interests extended beyond that. If they didn't,
> I would still be a NCT.
>

Just about any license class can get as involved in their "privilege range"
as any other license class. What additional things are you doing in ham
radio at a higher class license than when you were a NCT? (Other than CW,

of course) And, why were you not doing them as a NCT?

>
> > I would daresay that, if one could accurately measure somehow, there are
no
> > doubt a higher PERCENTAGE of General-and-above hams who aren't even
active
> > any more. Note that I have said percentage, so it has nothing to do
with
> > numbers. So, how would you geniuses explain that a Extra class ham has
so
> > much "more interest" in ham radio that they've DROPPED OUT of the hobby,
> > while a Novice or Tech is still in?
>
> It is entirely possible to *lose* interest also. If the ham becomes
> inactive, that is the case. It's a dynamic sort of hobby. I would say an
> Active Extra has more interest in the hobby than an inactive one.
>
> > Good grief.
>
> - Mike KB3EIA -
>

Your distinguishment noted. It just seems that in some of the posts you
were straying from that concept.

Kim W5TIT

248. Re: Latest News - Morse Code Test May Not "Die" at ITU Conference.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-05 20:02:37 UTC
From: vshah101@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030705160237.28644.00000136@mb-m19.aol.com>
Source record: 70034

From: Mike Coslo:

>My final original point was that that a person who would not study
>Morse code in order to get a General license must have an interest akin
>to mine towards piloting a plane. That is to say "Thanks but no thanks."
>

The skill has to be relevant. You should not use some unrelated skill as some sort of barrier to getting a higher license class

Morse code does not necessarily show more interest. Its possible that someone not interested in Morse may have an interest in many more areas therefore having more interest in amateur radio than some that are mostly interested in Morse code.

Putting this artificial barrier may have the effect of blocking out those with more ability or interest in favor of those with less ability or interest. The only thing being that some with less ability or interest learned Morse code, did HF, and not much else. A higher license class should represent more ability (in the skills tested), not less.

Code has nothing to do with the written material. It's a different kind of skill. And it's a single skill independent of other skills. Just as various awards are recognized individually, like Worked All States, one can recognize code skill separately from the written tests.

The written tests are classes of technical ability. By placing code in between, it implies that someone that learned code automatically and instantly also has higher technical ability. We know that's not true. For example, degreed EEs tend to have higher technical ability since they have already studied some of the material. They would still have to review the rf specific areas, and the areas on regulations.

The code should not be in the path way in between the written tests. Basic integrity in Amateur Radio testing requires that.

249. Re: Tech+ to General upgrade question

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-05 20:23:31 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030705162331.14458.00000865@mb-m02.aol.com>
Source record: 70036

In article <be6s99$903@library2.airnews.net>, "Kim"
<pleasepleasepleasenospam@nomail.net> writes:

>Whoops, I came into this thread late, Jim, so please forgive (I had to find
>another thread with a semblance of logic to it...whew).

That's a BIG job, Kim!

>OK, I notice that
>the poster said his license is now expired (but I'm not sure if how long
>it's been expired).

He's beyond the grace period.
>
>I am "coaching" a former ham. His license expired well over 2 years ago and
>he was a pre-1987 Technician. I told him he needs to re-enter the hobby
>fresh, as if he'd never been there.
>
>Was I right?

To put it delicately - it depends.

If he can find his old license, and the dates on it prove he was a pre-1987
Tech, then he only needs to pass Element 2 (Tech written, 35 Q) to get a
General. That old expired license carries credit for 5 wpm code and General
written, as I read Part 97.

If he goes for Extra he only needs Element 2 and Element 4

If he can't find his old license, things get a bit more involved.

73 de Jim, N2EY
>

250. Re: Tech+ to General upgrade question

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-05 20:23:32 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030705162332.14458.00000866@mb-m02.aol.com>
Source record: 70035

In article <3F0641E5.490C4A3E@yahoo.com>, bro <grainum@yahoo.com> writes:

>> In fact, while you're there, try Element 4 (Extra). Costs nothing but your
>> time, and you might wind up an Extra.
>>
>> 73 es GL de Jim, N2EY.
>
>Awesome! Thanks for advice!
>
You're welcome.

>As of yesterday, I was thinking I'd have to retest for everything , so I
>downloaded the new tech pool from ARRL. Taking that test is going to be no
>problem. I think i could get a 80 or 90 percent if i had to answer the whole
500 >or so question pool now now.

See? Nothing to it.
>
>So like you say, mabe start studying for the Extra also. Why not.
>
'zactly. Go for it.

>Just to be sure, do you know of any web sites that throw 35 questions at you
>and grade you?

Not offhand, but I know they exist. Try a Google search. I will do so and post
the results when I have a chance (this is being written offline and will be
AutoAol'ed to post).

>Oh yes, and if I give the VE the 1986 licence will he know my most currently
>expired one is from 1989? (from some data base or something), giving me only
>Element one.

Doesn't matter. Your 1986 license documentation overrides the 1989 license
documentation. The reason for the difference is that the Tech test changed on
March 21, 1987. The '86 license proves you took the "old" test, and that's all
that matters.

If it were me, I'd bring the original licenses and a copy or two.
>
>Again, Thank you kindly

Weclome back and good luck!

73 de Jim, N2EY

251. Re: CW Requirement Abolished

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-05 21:19:16 UTC
From: lk <lklose@net-link.net>
Message-ID: <vgeg9a9vpclta3@corp.supernews.com>
Source record: 70037

"Kim W5TIT" <fahgedit@nomail.net> wrote in message
news:be73b1$f31@library2.airnews.net...
> "D. Stussy" <kd6lvw@bde-arc.ampr.org> wrote in message
> news:Pine.LNX.4.56.0307050214050.1429@kd6lvw.ampr.org...
> > > And adopted July 4, 2003 Independence Day!
> > >
> > > ....OK, so when do the "no code extras" start? :-)
> >
> > And it begins...
> > Kim W5TIT

Is it the end of the beginning; or the beginning of the end?

Larry

252. Re: Latest News - Morse Code Test May Not "Die" at ITU Conference.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-05 21:25:58 UTC
From: Dwight Stewart <stewart@say.net>
Message-ID: <BB2CBAA6.1E18F%stewart@say.net>
Source record: 70038

"Bill Sohl" wrote:

> As an international treaty requirement Morse knowledge
> has died as of 7/5/03:

Oh, boy. Now we can start the speculation and rumors about when the FCC itself will do something in response to that. This "discussion" should be good for a few months of argument in this newsgroup. Too late - I see that has already started. ;)

Dwight Stewart (W5NET)

http://www.qsl.net/w5net/

253. Re: Latest News - Morse Code Test May Not "Die" at ITU Conference.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-05 21:36:47 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
Message-ID: <3F07451F.5040300@adelphia.net>
Source record: 70039

Kim W5TIT wrote:
> What in the world is this?
>
> "Kim W5TIT" <fahgedit@nomail.net> wrote in message
> news:be6rb4$7ns@library2.airnews.net...
>
>>X-A-Notice: References line has been trimmed due to 512 byte
>
> limitationAbuse-Reports-To: abuse at airmail.net to report improper postings
>
>>NNTP-Proxy-Relay: library2.airnews.net
>>NNTP-Posting-Time: Sat, 05 Jul 2003 10:37:08 -0500 (CDT)
>>NNTP-Posting-Host: !Zq7b1k-YJ*ei?9+Z_>b (Encoded at Airnews!)
>>X-Priority: 3
>>X-MSMail-Priority: Normal
>>X-Newsreader: Microsoft Outlook Express 6.00.2800.1158
>>X-MimeOLE: Produced By Microsoft MimeOLE V6.00.2800.1165
>>
>
>
> Anyone know?

The posts were not being trimmed. So eventuallly they got so big that
your newsgroup provider started snipping off parts of them.

- Mike KB3EIA -

254. The curse for HF bands

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-05 21:37:23 UTC
From: Anonymous Sender <anonymous@remailer.metacolo.com>
Message-ID: <b755894c213fde14a1115a3cc9cf2088@remailer.metacolo.com>
Source record: 70040

The fastest countries to abolish Morse
will conquer the HF bands. New hams on HF will need transceivers, antennas,
etc ... so the economy of these countries will grow with new ham shops.
Perharps a new generation of low cost
HF transceivers (CB like) will appear
on the market considering that the mass of customers will be important and that an IC-7800
is not required to make a good QSO.
$300 is a good price to introduce a
25W SSB monoband (40m for example).
Im sure that CB manufacturers will
sell soon low cost ham equipments for
HF bands and not only for 10m like
today, because companies like ICOM has
lost their spirit of simple transceivers
like the IC-202.
Think, an IC-202 like for 40m sold $300.
At least 1.000.000 are sold on the first
week.

255. Re: Latest News - Morse Code Test May Not "Die" at ITU Conference.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-05 21:38:40 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
Message-ID: <3F074590.9070503@adelphia.net>
Source record: 70041

Kim W5TIT wrote:

> Your distinguishment noted. It just seems that in some of the posts you
> were straying from that concept.

There were so many different angles with the different people involved
in this thread, that it was getting pretty hard to keep track of what
was what.

- Mike KB3EIA -

256. Re: Latest News - Morse Code Test May Not "Die" at ITU Conference.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-05 21:48:07 UTC
From: lbudney@pobox.com
Message-ID: <ubrw8od9j.fsf@pobox.com>
Source record: 70042

"Dick Carroll;" <dixie@townsqr.com> writes:
>
> Wrong again, Bill. I define limited interest in ham radio as limited
> interest in ham radio.

Where Ham Radio isn't Ham Radio if the CW testing requirement is
dropped. I approve of keeping the requirement, but I dispute your
right to define the ARS in terms like these.

Regards,
Len.

257. Re: Latest News - Morse Code Test May Not "Die" at ITU Conference.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-05 21:56:36 UTC
From: lbudney@pobox.com
Message-ID: <u7k6wocvg.fsf@pobox.com>
Source record: 70043

vshah101@aol.com (Vshah101) writes:
>
> The skill has to be relevant. You should not use some unrelated
> skill as some sort of barrier to getting a higher license class

Why does it have to be relevant? If the participants in the ARS really
want to impose a swimming requirement, then so what?

> Morse code does not necessarily show more interest.

Refusal to pay the cost shows that you perceive the benefit to be
worth less than that. The cost is some 20 hours learning code. You
feel that joining ARS isn't worth the 20 hours of your time.

> Putting this artificial barrier may have the effect of blocking out
> those with more ability or interest in favor of those with less
> ability or interest.

Adding requirements is unlikely to block the highly-qualified more
than it blocks the less-qualified.

> Code has nothing to do with the written material. It's a different
> kind of skill.

Sure. So?

> And it's a single skill independent of other skills.

Sure. So?

> ...one can recognize code skill separately from the written tests.

One could. So?

> The written tests are classes of technical ability.

Arguably, not all relevant. Who actually uses spread-spectrum as an
operating mode?

> The code should not be in the path way in between the written tests. Basic
> integrity in Amateur Radio testing requires that.

It is not an integrity issue.

Regards,
Len.

258. Re: The Pool

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-05 22:06:59 UTC
From: lbudney@pobox.com
Message-ID: <u1xx4oce6.fsf@pobox.com>
Source record: 70044

"Kim W5TIT" <fahgedit@nomail.net> writes:
>
> It is extremely disappointing to me to see that this hobby is so
> populated by people who are so pleased with themselves and under the
> apparent impression that a ham radio license includes the authority
> to gnash and hate anyone different from themselves...I believe that
> CW testing has promulgated such behavior...

Ridiculous. All achievements encourage pride, which in some translates into arrogance. If we beefed up the written tests, and eliminated CW, then the arrogance would remain. It's the nature of the beast.

On the flip side, forcing an up-front investment usually promotes a sense of responsibility. That's why in real estate we usually require hand money along with an offer to buy.

> Over time, the CW testing has (by many hams) been a filtering device
> to keep their ideas of "no gooders" out of the hobby--promoting a
> "good 'ol boy" concept.

Barriers to entry have their uses. All the best organizations have them. Compare CB radio, which has none.

> As amateur radio operators we are ambassadors of the United States.

That's just a piece of rhetoric, used to help justify allocation of spectrum by a post-world-war congress. Hams represent only themselves.

> Yes, I want CW to stay as a testing element and I think 5wpm is
> sufficient.

I'm with you--though I'd just as soon see a five-tier license structure with higher code speeds at the highest levels. Something like, oh, Novice, Technician, General, Advanced and Extra would be great, maybe requiring 20 WPM copying for the Extra. :-)

> I am happy to have *anyone* in the hobby--even those with
> not-so-great-operating practices, as long as they are friendly,
> promote ham radio as a positive experience, and encourage others to
> simply JOIN, not to GET TO EXTRA.

Basically agree, depending what "not-so-great" means exactly. :-)

Regards,
Len.

259. Re: Latest News - Morse Code Test "Died" at ITU Conference.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-05 22:08:42 UTC
From: Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
Message-ID: <cuvyxnansvbet.hhkfi6z.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 70045

On 05 Jul 2003 02:23:30 GMT, N2EY wrote:

>The big problem with essay and fill-in-the-blank questions is that the answers
>are not 100% objective. There's always a measure of judgement involved.
>
>For example, take a simple question like "what is the length of a half-wave
>dipole cut for 7.1 MHz?" With multiple choice, the QPC says that one answer
>(say, 66 feet) is the correct one and all others are incorrect.

Want to make that one more fun? Do it like the 200 multi-guess
questions on the Multistate Bar Exam: give four choices - two are
obviously incorrect and two are "almost correct". Ask which of the
four is the -best- answer.

>But with essays and fill-in-the-blank, what tolerance do we put on the
>correct answer? Is 67 feet acceptable? 68 feet? 66 feet 3 inches? The
>person being tested could write a long dissertation on tapering elements,
>the effect of ground, wire/tubing sizes, etc., and come up with a whole
>range of arguably-correct answers.

And run into an examiner who doesn't understand all the nuances of
such an answer.....

>From what I have researched, FCC went to multiple-choice questions for all
>ham exams no later than 1961.

IIRC the Novice and Tech/General that I took in 1952 were all
multi-choice. The next written exam that I took was the Advanced in
1968 and by that time multi-choice was in place for a long time in
all FCC license exams with the exception of two pages of diagrams in
the Commercial Radiotelegraph Element 6 which had to be graded by an
engineer, not a regular examiner.

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73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane

260. Re: CW Requirement Abolished

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-05 22:08:42 UTC
From: Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
Message-ID: <cuvyxnansvbet.hhkevxy.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 70046

On 05 Jul 2003 02:23:29 GMT, N2EY wrote:

>You ever need somebody to explain the difference between Advance Approach
>Medium and Medium Advance Approach, I'll return the favor....

Doesn't that depend on whether it's under GCOR or NORAC?

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73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane
PNW Milepost 754 -- Tillamook District
"No Defects, No Defects"....

261. Re: The curse for HF bands

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-05 22:21:23 UTC
From: lbudney@pobox.com
Message-ID: <uwuewmx5p.fsf@pobox.com>
Source record: 70047

Anonymous Sender <anonymous@remailer.metacolo.com> writes:
>
> ...so the economy of these countries will grow with new ham shops.

Bwahahahaha! So there are enough people clamoring to become hams, but who refuse to learn CW, that they'll make a noticeable impact on their country's GDP when the code requirement is dropped? Thanks for a great laugh.

> Perharps a new generation of low cost HF transceivers (CB like) will
> appear on the market...

Remains to be seen. I'll be glad if it does.

Regards,
Len.

262. Re: The Pool

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-05 22:22:30 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <be7j28$ffi@library2.airnews.net>
Source record: 70048

<lbudney@pobox.com> wrote in message news:u1xx4oce6.fsf@pobox.com...
> "Kim W5TIT" <fahgedit@nomail.net> writes:
> >
> > It is extremely disappointing to me to see that this hobby is so
> > populated by people who are so pleased with themselves. . . [snip]
>
> Ridiculous. All achievements encourage pride, which in some translates
> into arrogance. If we beefed up the written tests, and eliminated CW,
> then the arrogance would remain. It's the nature of the beast.
>

True, there are always those that are arrogant. However, is it possible
that the CW testing requirement enhances one's tendency to do that?

>
> > Over time, the CW testing has (by many hams) been a filtering device. .
. [snip]
>
> Barriers to entry have their uses. All the best organizations have
> them. Compare CB radio, which has none.
>

I'd have to see some examples. I was not aware that "filtering" was that
widely in use.

> >
> > As amateur radio operators we are ambassadors of the United States.
>
> That's just a piece of rhetoric, used to help justify allocation of
> spectrum by a post-world-war congress. Hams represent only themselves.
>

Well, I don't take it as a piece of rhetoric. I take it seriously.

>
> > I am happy to have *anyone* in the hobby--even those with
> > not-so-great-operating practices, . . . [snip]
>
> Basically agree, depending what "not-so-great" means exactly. :-)
>
> Regards,
> Len.
>

There are those who get all upset over things such as someone saying "10-4"
or "turn my house around," etc. Or those that habitually just make a call

without checking to see if a freq is in use, etc.

Kim W5TIT
Sorry so short, but I've seen a few of my posts today that have some error related to being too long...

263. Re: The Pool

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-05 22:37:11 UTC
From: lbudney@pobox.com
Message-ID: <usmpkmwfd.fsf@pobox.com>
Source record: 70049

"Kim W5TIT" <fahgedit@nomail.net> writes:
> <lbudney@pobox.com> wrote:
>>
>> ...If we beefed up the written tests, and eliminated CW, then the
>> arrogance would remain. It's the nature of the beast.
>
> True, there are always those that are arrogant. However, is it
> possible that the CW testing requirement enhances one's tendency to
> do that?

I doubt it--people are arrogant that they can drive a stick-shift. I think anything that takes effort to attain, becomes a point of pride--even if it's only the ability to spit into a cup without missing.

>> Barriers to entry have their uses. All the best organizations have
>> them. Compare CB radio, which has none.
>
> I'd have to see some examples. I was not aware that "filtering" was
> that widely in use.

They're in very wide use. The Army has physical exams and boot camp. These reflect operational needs, but any DI will tell you that there's more to it than that, and that a primary aspect of boot camp is the hazing.

Many organizations use rank in this way; the various scouting organizations, the elks, masons, the Grange, etc.

Many organizations, if not most, have an induction process followed by a loyalty oath; the masons again, most religions, fraternities, the Mafia. In the case of fraternities and the like, the induction process involves hazing and tests of loyalty. In the case of religions, the masons, the grange, etc., the induction process involves revealing secrets, along with tests of loyalty. In the case of Mensa, it involves taking an IQ test. (It should be noted that this tiny requirement doesn't do much: most Mensa members never attend a single meeting.)

Those organizations that demand various sorts of effort from their members tend to receive the most loyalty. (I remember when CB was pretty clean--even though the required license was a formality. My parents let us use it freely, and the only problem we really saw was congestion.)

>> That's just a piece of rhetoric, used to help justify allocation of
>> spectrum by a post-world-war congress. Hams represent only

>> themselves.
>
> Well, I don't take it as a piece of rhetoric. I take it seriously.

I'm glad; it can only have a positive impact on one's conduct. Though
I wonder what your callsign tells our muslim neighbors about America,
ambassador W5TIT? ;-/

>> Basically agree, depending what "not-so-great" means exactly. :-)
>
> There are those who get all upset over things such as someone saying
> "10-4"...

Anyone who says "10-4", and isn't a cop, is a poser[*]. The only
correct response is "Roger Dodger, copy that."

Regards,
Len.

[*] Anyone who spells it "poseur", is also a poser.

264. Re: The Pool

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-05 23:00:06 UTC
From: Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
Message-ID: <cuvyxnansvbet.hhkhpm1.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 70050

On Sat, 5 Jul 2003 08:38:38 -0400, Bill Sohl wrote:

>Here's the question?
>Tell us WHY the FCC wouldn't dump the code test now?

Because it's the summertime and the chances of some key person in the path being on annual leave (governmentese for "vacation") is higher than any other time except the last two weeks in December.

One learns rapidly not to do essential business with any Federal agency between Independence Day and Labor Day and between Thanksgiving and New Years' Day. That's Reality Island.

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73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane

265. Re: CW problems with arabs and ex-USSR

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-05 23:00:06 UTC
From: Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
Message-ID: <cuvyxnansvbet.hhkgn30.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 70051

On Sat, 5 Jul 2003 08:26:24 -0400, Bill Sohl wrote:

>Word has it that the UK will drop it within a month or so.

Does the UK have to take the new treaty before Lord So-and-so who takes it into committee and then to the House of Lords for a debate followed by a vote and thence to the Queen to make it binding on the UK or can the Director-General of the RA do that at the stroke of a (ball-point quill) pen?

I'm sure in Somalia it gets done whenever Warlord Biggshott says so.

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73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane

266. Re: The Pool

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-05 23:00:07 UTC
From: Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
Message-ID: <cuvyxnansvbet.hhkhz42.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 70052

On 05 Jul 2003 12:23:34 GMT, N2EY wrote:

>You think this is bad, Kim, you shoulda heard the wailing and moaning and
>gnashing of teeth back in the '60s when "Incentive Licensing" was proposed
>and enacted.

Or the wailing and gnashing of teeth back in 1952 when one couldn't
get an Advanced any more.....I had to wait until 1968 to get mine,
and that was before the "incentive licensing" splitups started.

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73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane

267. Re: The Pool

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-05 23:08:02 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <be7lnj$g14@library2.airnews.net>
Source record: 70053

<lbudney@pobox.com> wrote in message news:usmpkmwfd.fsf@pobox.com...
> "Kim W5TIT" <fahgedit@nomail.net> writes:
> > <lbudney@pobox.com> wrote:
> >
> > Well, I don't take it as a piece of rhetoric. I take it seriously.
>
> I'm glad; it can only have a positive impact on one's conduct. Though
> I wonder what your callsign tells our muslim neighbors about America,
> ambassador W5TIT? ;-/
>

Well, likely as not, the religious sect (no matter where located) is going to have a problem with my callsign. I daresay the religious group you mention would have a problem even that I am a "woman in a man's hobby." <GRIN> However, in all seriousness, I've been in contact with quite a few outside our boundaries, all having the chuckle in their voice as they returned a call.

I think it says that we Americans are quite lighthearted and enjoy having a good time while in serious endeavors.

> >>
> >> Basically agree, depending what "not-so-great" means exactly. :-)
> >
> > There are those who get all upset over things such as someone saying
> > "10-4"...
>
> Anyone who says "10-4", and isn't a cop, is a poser[*]. The only
> correct response is "Roger Dodger, copy that."
>
> Regards,
> Len.
>
>
> [*] Anyone who spells it "poseur", is also a poser.
>

heh heh!!!!!

Kim W5TIT

268. Re: The Pool

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-05 23:20:05 UTC
From: Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
Message-ID: <cuvyxnansvbet.hhkj0e3.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 70054

On Sat, 05 Jul 2003 22:37:11 GMT, lbudney@pobox.com wrote:

>In the case of Mensa, it involves taking an IQ test. (It should be noted
>that this tiny requirement doesn't do much: most Mensa members never
>attend a single meeting.)

Joining another organization for which I wouldn't have the time or
deep inclination to be active in is the reason why I never joined
Mensa or the Masonic Order, both of which I had been "proselytized"
for although they supposedly have rules prohibiting members from doing
that.

>Anyone who says "10-4", and isn't a cop, is a poser[*]. The only
>correct response is "Roger Dodger, copy that."

I know a whole bunch of hams who are cops (I do a lot of ARES/RACES
work with them) and everyone seems to be able to keep their jargon
separate.

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73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane

269. Re: Latest News - Morse Code Test May Not "Die" at ITU Conference.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-05 23:46:22 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
Message-ID: <3F07637D.30701@adelphia.net>
Source record: 70055

Vshah101 wrote:
> From: Mike Coslo:
>
>
>>My final original point was that that a person who would not study
>>Morse code in order to get a General license must have an interest akin
>>to mine towards piloting a plane. That is to say "Thanks but no thanks."
>>
>
>
> The skill has to be relevant. You should not use some unrelated skill as some
> sort of barrier to getting a higher license class
>
> Morse code does not necessarily show more interest. Its possible that someone
> not interested in Morse may have an interest in many more areas therefore
> having more interest in amateur radio than some that are mostly interested in
> Morse code.

No, of course interest in Morse code does not in itself show more
interest in the ARS in general.

My thoughts were that if a person is really interested in something,
they will pursue that, even if there are some parts that they are not
concerned with.

- Mike KB3EIA -

270. Re: CW Requirement Abolished

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-05 23:47:11 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
Message-ID: <3F0763AE.9080904@adelphia.net>
Source record: 70056

lk wrote:
> "Kim W5TIT" <fahgedit@nomail.net> wrote in message
> news:be73b1$f31@library2.airnews.net...
>
>>"D. Stussy" <kd6lvw@bde-arc.ampr.org> wrote in message
>>news:Pine.LNX.4.56.0307050214050.1429@kd6lvw.ampr.org...
>>
>>>>And adopted July 4, 2003 Independence Day!
>>>
>>>....OK, so when do the "no code extras" start? :-)
>>
>>And it begins...
>>Kim W5TIT
>
>
> Is it the end of the beginning; or the beginning of the end?

It's the beginning of the end of the beginning.

- Mike KB3EIA -

271. Re: 40 meters fixed, sort of

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-05 23:51:14 UTC
From: Dan/W4NTI <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com>
Message-ID: <be7o6eqqc1@slb9.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 70057

"Dick Carroll;" <dixie@townsqr.com> wrote in message
news:be6s6kvrd0@208.206.142.103...
>
>
> Brian Kelly wrote:
>
> >
> > Moving the BC signals out of the 7.000-7.100 Region 2 CW and digital
> > haunts and into motormouth country above 7.200 oughta draw a
> > discussion or two about who really gains what with this move.
>
> I don't think it'll matter much. 7.2-7.2 has long had a full share of
SWBC
> anyway, and it wouldn't surprise me to see the BC units that move to just
move on up above 7.3, assuming
> that as a possibility.
>
> Dick
>

I think the MAJOR improvement will be opening to EXCLUSIVE AMATEUR 7.0 to
7.2. That will enhance the band world wide.

I used to operate from Germany (DA2LJ 71-74/76-79) and 40 was a total mess.
This was BEFORE the major digital influx. There just is not enough room on
40 for the rest of the world.

And when the band is good and Europe rolls in...forget it. It is a regular
zoo. In six years the Europeans can spread out.

Dan/W4NTI

272. Re: Tech+ to General upgrade question

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-05 23:54:12 UTC
From: "D. Stussy" <kd6lvw@bde-arc.ampr.org>
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.56.0307052354250.1599@kd6lvw.ampr.org>
Source record: 70058

>...
> Ok now how about this?
>
> My license is now expired, but....
>
> I have sitting on my desk:
> an origional 01/14/86 issued "Technician License" and
> an origional 07/11/89 issued "Technician License (address change)
>
> If i gave to a VE the earlier issued lic. do I get credit for elements
> 1 and 3, giving me a general class now? With no retesting?
> I think at that time gen and tech written were the same, only
> needing faster
> code for the gen.
>
> Or
> If i gave the VE the latter issued lic. do I get credit only for the
> code, meaning i must retake the written tech and general?

Neither.

You get credit for elements 1 and 3, but must take element 2 (tech written).

Your first premise is wrong because you must take a test.

Your last premise is wrong because you do not have to take the general written element.

273. Re: CW Requirement Abolished

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-05 23:55:57 UTC
From: "D. Stussy" <kd6lvw@bde-arc.ampr.org>
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.56.0307052357350.1599@kd6lvw.ampr.org>
Source record: 70060

On Sat, 5 Jul 2003, Donald R. Putnick wrote:
> D. Stussy <kd6lvw@att.net> wrote:
> >....OK, so when do the "no code extras" start? :-)
>
> Hi Dieter, be careful. If we're out of CW testing jobs,
> Tak and I will have time to hassle you front table guys!

Don't worry; Scott and I will put you to work grading written tests....

274. Re: The curse for HF bands

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-05 23:57:06 UTC
From: Dan/W4NTI <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com>
Message-ID: <be7ohe$29g$1@slb3.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 70059

Nope...never happen...until they turn the test into a 20 question open book.
That will be for the extra. Then the crap will hit the fan.

Course by then BPL will destroy HF anyway.

Dan/W4NTI

<lbudney@pobox.com> wrote in message news:uwuewmx5p.fsf@pobox.com...
> Anonymous Sender <anonymous@remailer.metacolo.com> writes:
> >
> > ...so the economy of these countries will grow with new ham shops.
>
> Bwahahahaha! So there are enough people clamoring to become hams, but
> who refuse to learn CW, that they'll make a noticeable impact on their
> country's GDP when the code requirement is dropped? Thanks for a great
> laugh.
>
> > Perharps a new generation of low cost HF transceivers (CB like) will
> > appear on the market...
>
> Remains to be seen. I'll be glad if it does.
>
> Regards,
> Len.
>

275. Re: CW Requirement Abolished

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-05 23:58:20 UTC
From: "D. Stussy" <kd6lvw@bde-arc.ampr.org>
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.56.0307052358500.1599@kd6lvw.ampr.org>
Source record: 70061

On Sat, 5 Jul 2003, N2EY wrote:
> In article <be3mmgtif1@slb2.atl.mindspring.net>, "Bill Sohl"
> <billsohl@mindspring.com> writes:
>
> >"Steve Robeson, K4CAP" <k4yz@aol.com> wrote in message
> >news:5c01b95b.0307032235.568909f1@posting.google.com...
> >> Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote in message
> >news:<Xns93ADDBDF2BE7Felektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>...
> >> > Yes it's true. The final report of WRC 2003 is here:-
> >> >
> >> > http://www.iaru.org/rel030703.html
> >>
> >> Easy there fellas...The TREATY requirement may be negated, but we
> >> are still under >FCC< regulation...let's give them a day or two to see
> >> how they are going to handle this.
> >> Steve, K4YZ
> >
> >No one said otherwise.

Actually, didn't the FCC say back in 2000 that the ONLY reason they kept a code element in the requirements was the International Treaty requirement, which has now disappeared?

> Look at the thread title, Bill. "CW Requirement Abolished" - not "Treaty No
> Longer Requires Code Test" or "S25.5 Revised" or anything like that. The casual
> observer would think the code test is gone. Not yet,
>
> >Clearly the issue of code testing now becomes
> >a country by country decision.
>
> Only once the new treaty is accepted by the various countries.

Simple: Congress ratifies it and the next day, the FCC creates the "no code extra."

276. Re: My Comments On RM-10740, the "Wi-Fi" Petition

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-06 00:02:25 UTC
From: "D. Stussy" <kd6lvw@bde-arc.ampr.org>
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.56.0307060003080.1599@kd6lvw.ampr.org>
Source record: 70062

I certainly hope that you didn't caption your response using the term "Wi-Fi"
for that may get sent over to the COMPUTER NETWORKING specialist - after all,
that acronym applies to 802.11b transmissions, not this "wide-band-SSB" crap.

277. Re: Tech+ to General upgrade question

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-06 00:06:44 UTC
From: "D. Stussy" <kd6lvw@bde-arc.ampr.org>
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.56.0307060007270.1599@kd6lvw.ampr.org>
Source record: 70063

>...
> I am "coaching" a former ham. His license expired well over 2 years ago and
> he was a pre-1987 Technician. I told him he needs to re-enter the hobby
> fresh, as if he'd never been there.
>
> Was I right?

No.

He does have to take element 2, but upon presentation of his pre-87 expired technician license, that element 2 test will give him a GENERAL class license, not technician (as it would for someone who was starting "fresh").

278. Re: CW Requirement Abolished

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-06 01:16:26 UTC
From: Arnie Macy <kt4st@csam.net>
Message-ID: <be7tdv$285gl$1@ID-166180.news.dfncis.de>
Source record: 70064

"Kim W5TIT" wrote ...

> And it begins...
>
> Kim W5TIT
>
>

Let them vent, Kim. If it were the other way around, you would feel the
same way. I knew this was coming for a long time, so I've made peace with
it. The truth be told, it's not going to change the way I operate a bit.
As a bit of an aside, the two "Morse" operators at field day were still the
most popular -- we gave the club the most points and had the most on-lookers
(some things will never change) :-))

v/r

Arnie -
KT4ST
FISTS 2940

279. Re: CW Requirement Abolished

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-06 01:19:49 UTC
From: Arnie Macy <kt4st@csam.net>
Message-ID: <be7tkb$26o5m$1@ID-166180.news.dfncis.de>
Source record: 70065

"Vshah101" wrote ...

> I wrote:
>
> >Its Fri 10pm, July 4, Independence Day- Ham. DOH!!!
> >
> >HaHaHaHaHa!
>
> Sorry, I take that back. Although there are more fitting times when you
did
> deserve it, on this occasion it does not necessarily deserve a HaHa.
>
> Too bad. Now it has lost its impact. I already said that (HaHaHaHaHa!), so
now
> I can't say that again when it truly does apply.
>

As I see it, your nothing but a big JERK. When the day comes that you need some help with that antenna, electronics, or building project, remember how you treated the guys you disagreed with when they tell you to pound sand.

Arnie -
KT4ST

280. Renewed my license "on-line", only took 4 Hours

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-06 01:25:34 UTC
From: Arnie Macy <kt4st@csam.net>
Message-ID: <be7tv4$29elu$1@ID-166180.news.dfncis.de>
Source record: 70066

I went to the FCC ULS site the other day and renewed my license online. Since I have dial-up, it took three hours to download the software and another hour to post the information once I entered it. Sheesh. Well, at least I don't have to do that but once every ten years. :-))

Arnie -
KT4ST

281. Re: CW Requirement Abolished

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-06 01:48:22 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
Message-ID: <3F078024.5040908@adelphia.net>
Source record: 70067

Arnie Macy wrote:
> "Vshah101" wrote ...
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>>I wrote:
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>>>>Its Fri 10pm, July 4, Independence Day- Ham. DOH!!!
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>>>>HaHaHaHaHa!
>>
>>Sorry, I take that back. Although there are more fitting times when you
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> did
>
>>deserve it, on this occasion it does not necessarily deserve a HaHa.
>>
>>Too bad. Now it has lost its impact. I already said that (HaHaHaHaHa!), so
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> now
>
>>I can't say that again when it truly does apply.
>>
>
>
> As I see it, your nothing but a big JERK. When the day comes that you need
> some help with that antenna, electronics, or building project, remember how
> you treated the guys you disagreed with when they tell you to pound sand.

Remember Arnie, we're talking about the same guy who says he'll help fellow amateurs put an antenna up, but not take it down because he isn't learning anything doing that.

He doesn't realize that *he* is his own worst enemy.

- Mike KB3EIA -

282. Re: The Pool

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-06 02:23:24 UTC
From: lk <lklose@net-link.net>
Message-ID: <vgf23jk9q1p18e@corp.supernews.com>
Source record: 70068

"Phil Kane" <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop> wrote in message
news:cuvyxnansvbet.hhkhpm1.pminews@netnews.comcast.net...
> On Sat, 5 Jul 2003 08:38:38 -0400, Bill Sohl wrote:
>
> >Here's the question?
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> the path being on annual leave (governmentese for "vacation") is
> higher than any other time except the last two weeks in December.
>
> One learns rapidly not to do essential business with any Federal
> agency between Independence Day and Labor Day and between
> Thanksgiving and New Years' Day. That's Reality Island.
> --
> 73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane

Since the gestation period of a Report & Order is one year,
what different does it make when you start?

As you know, government can move mountains, particular ones
they created, but it takes a long time.

Larry kc8epo

283. Re: Latest News - Morse Code Test May Not "Die" at ITU Conference.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-06 03:42:32 UTC
From: Bill Sohl <billsohl@mindspring.com>
Message-ID: <be861f$6su$1@slb0.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 70071

<lbudney@pobox.com> wrote in message news:u7k6wocvg.fsf@pobox.com...
> vshah101@aol.com (Vshah101) writes:
> >
> > The skill has to be relevant. You should not use some unrelated
> > skill as some sort of barrier to getting a higher license class
>
> Why does it have to be relevant? If the participants in the ARS really
> want to impose a swimming requirement, then so what?

Luckily, the "participants" in the ARS do NOT
get to impose any requirements at all. The FCC makes
the rules and, as a government entity, it has NO justification
to make requirements that can not be justified.

Cheers,
Bill K2UNK

284. Re: Tech+ to General upgrade question

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-06 03:43:19 UTC
From: Jim Hampton <aa2qa@frontiernet.net>
Message-ID: <rVMNa.16008$Jx5.5780@news02.roc.ny>
Source record: 70069

Kim,

The problem with the questions and answers is that as they change, unless someone actually learned the theory behind it, one may have to restudy. I let all of my licenses go in the early 80s (commercial telegraph, 1st phone, radar, amateur extra). When I decided to get back into amateur radio, I simply appeared for the exam and spent dang near 3 hours for all of the tests (back in 1993 - I'm up for renewal in a few months). I doubt any of the former licenses carried any weight, but I didn't worry about it and it didn't matter. (the 20 word per minute cw exam did have me a bit nervous as I hadn't copied any cw since 1969 LOL).

73 from Rochester, NY
Jim AA2QA

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Version: 6.0.497 / Virus Database: 296 - Release Date: 7/4/03

285. Re: 40 meters fixed, sort of

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-06 03:44:34 UTC
From: Jim Hampton <aa2qa@frontiernet.net>
Message-ID: <CWMNa.16017$Rp5.6688@news02.roc.ny>
Source record: 70070

I wonder if they eliminate CW (all but certain, but not to as when), will
they expand the phone bands downward a bit?

73 from Rochester, NY
Jim AA2QA

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Version: 6.0.497 / Virus Database: 296 - Release Date: 7/4/03

286. Re: The Pool

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-06 03:50:12 UTC
From: Bill Sohl <billsohl@mindspring.com>
Message-ID: <be86ni$g7m$1@slb6.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 70072

"Kim W5TIT" <fahgedit@nomail.net> wrote in message
news:be72p9$rc4@library2.airnews.net...
> "Bill Sohl" <billsohl@mindspring.com> wrote in message
> news:be6ics$kd6$1@slb4.atl.mindspring.net...
> >
> > "N2EY" <n2ey@aol.com> wrote in message
> > news:20030705082334.04207.00001333@mb-m01.aol.com...
> > >
> > > Of course that doesn't mean they will act logically now that the end
is
> in
> > > sight.
> > >
> > > Are you saying we should keep Element 1, Kim?
> >
> > Should be an interesting answer :-)
> >
> > Cheers,
> > Bill K2UNK
> >
>
> And, one that disappoints you, I'm sure, Bill. Sorry, but it's my
opinion.
>
> Kim W5TIT

But you didn't answer the question.
Should the USA keep Element 1 now that the treaty
has changed?

Cheers,
Bill K2UNK

>
>

287. Re: The Pool

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-06 03:54:20 UTC
From: Bill Sohl <billsohl@mindspring.com>
Message-ID: <be86nj$g7m$2@slb6.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 70073

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"Kim W5TIT" <fahgedit@nomail.net> wrote in message
news:be7353$8vl@library2.airnews.net...
> "Bill Sohl" <billsohl@mindspring.com> wrote in message
> news:be6h67$tsf$2@slb6.atl.mindspring.net...
> >
> > "Kim W5TIT" <fahgedit@nomail.net> wrote in message
> > news:be4acc$95s@library1.airnews.net...
> >
> > > The pity is that we must go through this again. The amateur community
> is
> > > still not over the backlash from the changes a few years ago.
> >
> > Don't let the rantings in this newsgroup serve as an indicator.
> > I hear nothing being discussed on the air and even if a few
> > diehards are pissed off, they'll either get over it someday or
> > die with their own complaining attitudes.
> >
>
> While it's true that I have not even listened to amateur radio in quite a
> while--probably at least six months anyway--the last time I had a radio on
> there was still quite frequent "intonations" around here that express
dismay
> and a great divide between longer-licensed amateurs and newer-licensed
> amateurs. My opinions certainly do not emanate from this newsgroup--I
> shudder to think that you'd believe that of me, Bill.
>
> > > >
> > > > The restructuring R&O made it clear, IMHO, that the one and only
> reason
> > > > reason FCC kept Element 1 was the treaty requirement. It would
> > > > be illogical for FCC to
> > > > keep Element 1 now that there's no more treaty requirement. Even
> though
> > > > we're talking govt. regulations, I can't imagine
> > > > FCC being that illogical and reversing itself.
> > > >
> > >
> > > heh heh, and that was tongue-in-cheek, right? The FCC is a government
> > > entity=large corporate entity. Right? At least that's the way I see
> it.
> > I
> > > wonder how much shareholders realize that there is complete insanity
> > inside
> > > the realm of large corporate entities who constantly spend huge
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dollars
> on
> > > organizational/operational changes, often just to change again in less
> > than
> > > a year!
> >
> > Here's the question?
> > Tell us WHY the FCC wouldn't dump the code test now?
> >
>
> WOW, that is a good question. And, one I don't think I have a good answer
> for. So, maybe the FCC will just drop it. The only thing I can generally
> think of, is that they have no more "incentive" to drop it than to just
> leave it as it is.

But the FCC does indeed have an incentive...simplification
of the licensing process and minimizing rules to the
fullest extent possible.

Cheers,
Bill K2UNK

288. Re: CW Requirement Abolished

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-06 04:01:39 UTC
From: Bill Sohl <billsohl@mindspring.com>
Message-ID: <be878l$qn7$1@slb9.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 70075

"D. Stussy" <kd6lvw@bde-arc.ampr.org> wrote in message
news:Pine.LNX.4.56.0307052358500.1599@kd6lvw.ampr.org...
> On Sat, 5 Jul 2003, N2EY wrote:
> > In article <be3mmgtif1@slb2.atl.mindspring.net>, "Bill Sohl"
> > <billsohl@mindspring.com> writes:
> >
> > >"Steve Robeson, K4CAP" <k4yz@aol.com> wrote in message
> > >news:5c01b95b.0307032235.568909f1@posting.google.com...
> > >> Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote in message
> > >news:<Xns93ADDBDF2BE7Felektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>...
> > >> > Yes it's true. The final report of WRC 2003 is here:-
> > >> >
> > >> > http://www.iaru.org/rel030703.html
> > >>
> > >> Easy there fellas...The TREATY requirement may be negated, but
we
> > >> are still under >FCC< regulation...let's give them a day or two to
see
> > >> how they are going to handle this.
> > >> Steve, K4YZ
> > >
> > >No one said otherwise.
>
> Actually, didn't the FCC say back in 2000 that the ONLY reason they kept a
code
> element in the requirements was the International Treaty requirement,
which has
> now disappeared?

That's how most of us read the R&O.

> > Look at the thread title, Bill. "CW Requirement Abolished" - not "Treaty
No
> > Longer Requires Code Test" or "S25.5 Revised" or anything like that. The
casual
> > observer would think the code test is gone. Not yet,
> >
> > >Clearly the issue of code testing now becomes
> > >a country by country decision.
> >
> > Only once the new treaty is accepted by the various countries.

There is no global vote of acceptance. It is NOW a country
by country decision. Some countries probably have no formal
ratification at all and simply accept the new treaty as of 7/5/03.

The USA goes through a "ratification" of the treaty which takes
some time...but it will be ratified because to not ratify leaves
the USA totally out of the agreement. If the USA didn't
ratify the new treaty, the old treaty isn't "resurrected", but
rather the USA would simply not be a party to the treaty
at all.

> Simple: Congress ratifies it and the next day, the FCC creates the "no
code
> extra."

Works for me.

Cheers,
Bill K2UNK

289. Re: CW Requirement Abolished

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-06 04:02:08 UTC
From: Arnie Macy <kt4st@csam.net>
Message-ID: <be874s$26i7s$1@ID-166180.news.dfncis.de>
Source record: 70074

"Mike Coslo" wrote ...

> Remember Arnie, we're talking about the same guy who says he'll help
> fellow amateurs put an antenna up, but not take it down because he isn't
> learning anything doing that.
>
> He doesn't realize that *he* is his own worst enemy.

Doesn't surprise me, Mike. Based on what I've read of his posts.

Arnie -

290. Re: Latest News - Morse Code Test May Not "Die" at ITU Conference.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-06 04:39:45 UTC
From: "Dick Carroll;" <dixie@townsqr.com>
Message-ID: <be896h$m11$0@208.207.71.157>
Source record: 70076

lbudney@pobox.com wrote:

> "Dick Carroll;" <dixie@townsqr.com> writes:
> >
> > Wrong again, Bill. I define limited interest in ham radio as limited
> > interest in ham radio.
>
> Where Ham Radio isn't Ham Radio if the CW testing requirement is
> dropped. I approve of keeping the requirement, but I dispute your
> right to define the ARS in terms like these.
>

Oh. So you don't believe that limited interest is actually limited
interest. I see.
And Morse code wasn't mentioned, at least by me. REQUIREMENTS for the
license was.

291. Re: The Pool

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-06 04:42:54 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <be89bm$4md@library1.airnews.net>
Source record: 70077

"Bill Sohl" <billsohl@mindspring.com> wrote in message
news:be86ni$g7m$1@slb6.atl.mindspring.net...
>
> "Kim W5TIT" <fahgedit@nomail.net> wrote in message
> news:be72p9$rc4@library2.airnews.net...
> >
> > And, one that disappoints you, I'm sure, Bill. Sorry, but it's my
> opinion.
> >
> > Kim W5TIT
>
> But you didn't answer the question.
> Should the USA keep Element 1 now that the treaty
> has changed?
>
> Cheers,
> Bill K2UNK
>

I'm sure you read the post by now, Bill, right?

Kim W5TIT

292. Re: The Pool

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-06 04:45:40 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <be89gs$spm@library1.airnews.net>
Source record: 70078

"Bill Sohl" <billsohl@mindspring.com> wrote in message
news:be86nj$g7m$2@slb6.atl.mindspring.net...
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> "Kim W5TIT" <fahgedit@nomail.net> wrote in message
> news:be7353$8vl@library2.airnews.net...
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> > leave it as it is.
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> But the FCC does indeed have an incentive...simplification
> of the licensing process and minimizing rules to the
> fullest extent possible.
>
> Cheers,
> Bill K2UNK
>

Going back to the "corporate entity" theory; the FCC would spend more dollars revamping the program than to just stay with it the way it is. And, dropping the CW element wouldn't do a thing in terms of minimizing any R&R, would it?

Kim W5TIT

293. Re: 40 meters fixed, sort of

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-06 06:41:34 UTC
From: "paulfriedman@comcast.net" <p.paulfriedman@comcast.net>
Message-ID: <ywPNa.46575$926.5359@sccrnsc03>
Source record: 70079

"Jim Hampton" <aa2qa@frontiernet.net> wrote in message
news:CWMNa.16017$Rp5.6688@news02.roc.ny...
> I wonder if they eliminate CW (all but certain, but not to as when), will
> they expand the phone bands downward a bit?
>
> 73 from Rochester, NY
> Jim AA2QA
>
>
> ---
> Outgoing mail is certified Virus Free.
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> Version: 6.0.497 / Virus Database: 296 - Release Date: 7/4/03
>

Jim:

That is exactly the question I have been wondering about. There might be considerable pressure -- on servarl bands, but particulalry 40 (extend phone down to 7100 to give 100 Khz "overlap" from Region 2 to the rest of the world).

Hecklers, please note: I did not state a position vis-a-vis CW, the testing thereof, or the Iraqi War.. just wondering if there will be a push here.

73

Paul AB0SI

294. Re: rsgb special offer join rsgb for ï¿½1.05 or $2 for a year

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-06 06:50:29 UTC
From: g3zhi@hotmail.com
Message-ID: <3f08c467.2509702@news.btinternet.com>
Source record: 70080
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy

the application form clearly says 'copies accepted'

rsgb have since said they will not accept scans
but as they do not say that in the original offer what they say in
the offer stands

but if wish you could get a uk ham to photocopy the advert
from july radcom - mail it to you or fax it - fill it in - then mail
it back to rsgb with $2

as the offer says it is open to all

take advantage of it - its a great offer not to be missed

73 ian

On 5 Jul 2003 22:25:05 GMT, AMNaser@muslimvillage.net (Abdullah Mutlag
Naser Mussaed Hawran Shbeib Al-Mutairi) wrote:

>On Sat, 5 Jul 2003 20:37:33 +0000 (UTC), g3zhi <g3zhi@hotmail.com> wrote:
>> Join the Radio Society of Great Britain for ï¿½1.05 or 2 US dollars
>>
>> Normal membership cost is ï¿½42.50 but if you join in July
>>
>> with the RSGB special offer Membership will cost you ï¿½1.05
>>
>> Thatï¿½s a massive saving of ï¿½41.45 pounds!
>>
>> For that you get one years membership of RSGB which includes the RSGB
>> national radio magazine Radcom.
>>
>> Go to http://www.qsl.net/g3zhi/rsgb.jpg for the application form.
>>
>> http://www.qsl.net/g3zhi
>
>Except that the offer won't work. If you go to www.rsgb.org and look
>up the offer, you'll see that only ORIGINAL Radcom pages or
>photocopies thereof will work. The web page explicitly says that
>SCANS WON'T WORK, and that's what is at the qsl.net URL. The rsgb
>wants to keep this a member -> nonmember solicitation and has
>therefore disqualified such things as jpeg images.
>
>Sorry, g3zhi, but you are wrong.

295. Re: My Comments On RM-10740, the "Wi-Fi" Petition

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-06 07:21:09 UTC
From: k4yz@aol.com
Message-ID: <5c01b95b.0307052321.44109dac@posting.google.com>
Source record: 70081

"D. Stussy" <kd6lvw@bde-arc.ampr.org> wrote in message
news:<Pine.LNX.4.56.0307060003080.1599@kd6lvw.ampr.org>...

> I certainly hope that you didn't caption your response using the term "Wi-Fi"
> for that may get sent over to the COMPUTER NETWORKING specialist - after all,
> that acronym applies to 802.11b transmissions, not this "wide-band-SSB" crap.

Oooops.

And remember...one man's "crap" is another man's fortune.

73

Steve, K4YZ

296. Re: 40 meters fixed, sort of

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-06 08:10:01 UTC
From: kelly@dvol.com
Message-ID: <d22b54c3.0307060010.5dc7900e@posting.google.com>
Source record: 70082

"Dick Carroll;" <dixie@townsqr.com> wrote in message
news:<be6s6kvrd0@208.206.142.103>...
> Brian Kelly wrote:
>
> >
> > Moving the BC signals out of the 7.000-7.100 Region 2 CW and digital
> > haunts and into motormouth country above 7.200 oughta draw a
> > discussion or two about who really gains what with this move.
>
> I don't think it'll matter much. 7.2-7.(3) has long had a full share of SWBC
> anyway,

The BC stations in 7.0-7.1 have always seemed to me to be much more of
a problem than they are in 7.2-7.3 but maybe that's just a perception
on my part. Beyond that cleaning out 7.0-7.1 will be a huge
improvement for the CW and digital crowd but the phone guys will still
have work to do at upcoming WRCs to obtain the same improvements.

> and it wouldn't surprise me to see the BC units that
> move to just move on up above 7.3, assumingthat as a possibility.

That would certainly make sense, would completely eliminate the
conflict between the hams and the BC industry, everybody would win. I
have no idea how or why the BC stations choose their specific
operating freqs within their bands. Gotta be strategies involved. Any
clues here?

One thing I do know is that significant freq shifts can cost the BC
stations a bunch of money because the equipment and antenna arrays are
purpose-built & tweaked for operating on specific freqs. I understand
that they cannot just grab a big knob and twist it to QSY 150 kHz like
we can. I 'spose this is why it'll take six years to fully implement
their move out of 7.0-7.1.

>
> Dick

Brian

297. Re: 40 meters fixed, sort of

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-06 08:33:17 UTC
From: kelly@dvol.com
Message-ID: <d22b54c3.0307060033.1df9bf0b@posting.google.com>
Source record: 70083
Body handling: HTML body converted to readable text

"paulfriedman@comcast.net" wrote in message news:...
> "Jim Hampton" wrote in message
> news:CWMNa.16017$Rp5.6688@news02.roc.ny...
> > I wonder if they eliminate CW (all but certain, but not to as when), will
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> That is exactly the question I have been wondering about. There might be
> considerable pressure -- on servarl bands, but particulalry 40 (extend phone
> down to 7100 to give 100 Khz "overlap" from Region 2 to the rest of the
> world).
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> Hecklers, please note: I did not state a position vis-a-vis CW, the testing
> thereof, or the Iraqi War.. just wondering if there will be a push here.

That "push" was already underway on all bands long before I became a
ham a half century ago.

> 73
>
> Paul AB0SI

w3rv

298. Re: The curse for HF bands

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-06 08:43:20 UTC
From: kelly@dvol.com
Message-ID: <d22b54c3.0307060043.4f3fa72c@posting.google.com>
Source record: 70084

Anonymous Sender <anonymous@remailer.metacolo.com> wrote in message
news:<b755894c213fde14a1115a3cc9cf2088@remailer.metacolo.com>...
> The fastest countries to abolish Morse
> will conquer the HF bands. New hams on HF will need transceivers, antennas,
> etc ... so the economy of these countries will grow with new ham shops.
> Perharps a new generation of low cost
> HF transceivers (CB like) will appear
> on the market considering that the mass of customers will be important and that an
IC-7800 is not required to make a good QSO.
> $300 is a good price to introduce a
> 25W SSB monoband (40m for example).
> Im sure that CB manufacturers will
> sell soon low cost ham equipments for
> HF bands and not only for 10m like
> today, because companies like ICOM has
> lost their spirit of simple transceivers
> like the IC-202.
> Think, an IC-202 like for 40m sold $300.
> At least 1.000.000 are sold on the first
> week.

You're suffering visions of grandeur. A million decent new 40M antennas?

Never happen, none of it.

w3rv

299. License Renewal Directly with FCC - FREE!

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-06 10:35:04 UTC
From: bob <news@elinkusa.com>
Message-ID: <sXSNa.83531$lo.7513797@newsread2.prod.itd.earthlink.net>
Source record: 70085

It recently came time to think about renewing my license (same call for 46 years) and I started looking to find the proper form. The ham sites on the Internet seem to have several outfits advertising to renew your license for a fee, and I have got a few mailings of similar offers. The ARRL site seems to push VEC use for renewals (at a fee I suppose) but, in all fairness to the ARRL, I didn't spend that much time looking on their site for renewal information. I did find, today, their page at
http://www.arrl.org/arrlvec/#renewals which is somewhat to the point.

The point is, renewals can be done by the licensee quickly and easily, and FREE, directly with the FCC. (See the FCC link in the ARRL link above). I did this less than a week ago (it took only a couple of minutes) and my renewed license arrived today in the mail. I used the ID and password they sent me a couple of years ago, which you will need.

I know a lot of you already know this, but thought I'd pass my experience along to some others. The bottom line is, it's quick and free to do it yourself if you know what
you are doing. If you don't, then pay someone $6 -$10 to do it for you.

Hope this info. helps someone out. -Bob

300. Re: The Pool

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-06 10:54:49 UTC
From: Bill Sohl <billsohl@mindspring.com>
Message-ID: <be8vc0$lu0$1@slb6.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 70086

"Kim W5TIT" <fahgedit@nomail.net> wrote in message
news:be89bm$4md@library1.airnews.net...
> "Bill Sohl" <billsohl@mindspring.com> wrote in message
> news:be86ni$g7m$1@slb6.atl.mindspring.net...
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> > news:be72p9$rc4@library2.airnews.net...
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> > has changed?
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> > Cheers,
> > Bill K2UNK
> >
>
> I'm sure you read the post by now, Bill, right?
>
> Kim W5TIT

Yes, saw it a few minutes after asking in the post above.

Cheers,
Bill K2UNK

301. Re: The Pool

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-06 11:01:02 UTC
From: Bill Sohl <billsohl@mindspring.com>
Message-ID: <be8vnk$ud4$1@slb2.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 70087

"Kim W5TIT" <fahgedit@nomail.net> wrote in message
news:be89gs$spm@library1.airnews.net...
> "Bill Sohl" <billsohl@mindspring.com> wrote in message
> news:be86nj$g7m$2@slb6.atl.mindspring.net...
> >
> > "Kim W5TIT" <fahgedit@nomail.net> wrote in message
> > news:be7353$8vl@library2.airnews.net...
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> >
> > But the FCC does indeed have an incentive...simplification
> > of the licensing process and minimizing rules to the
> > fullest extent possible.
> >
> > Cheers,
> > Bill K2UNK
> >
>
> Going back to the "corporate entity" theory; the FCC would spend more
> dollars revamping the program than to just stay with it the way it is.

Yey that ISwhat they are paid to do.

> And, dropping the CW element wouldn't do
> a thing in terms of minimizing any R&R, would it?

Sure it would. It reduces test requirements and
avoids processing the Element 1 has been passed
data from VECs.

More likly than the above, however, will be the movement
of other countries to a nocode structure (e.g. UK, Netherlands,
and others). It appears...although I don't know the legal
detains for those countries, that they may move to nocode
within weeks or only a few months.

Cheers,
Bill K2UNK

> Kim W5TIT
>
>

302. Re: Latest News - Morse Code Test May Not "Die" at ITU Conference.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-06 11:07:47 UTC
From: lbudney@pobox.com
Message-ID: <u3chjx67w.fsf@pobox.com>
Source record: 70088

"Bill Sohl" <billsohl@mindspring.com> writes:
> <lbudney@pobox.com> wrote:
>>
>> Why does it have to be relevant? If the participants in the ARS
>> really want to impose a swimming requirement, then so what?
>
> Luckily, the "participants" in the ARS do NOT get to impose any
> requirements at all. The FCC makes the rules and, as a government
> entity, it has NO justification to make requirements that can not be
> justified.

Agreed; the government lacks this power. I think you'll find that the
demands of the ARS licensees could constitute "justification", if the
FCC so desired. It is, ultimately, regulating a big club after all.
It's very strange business, really.

Regards,
Len.

303. Re: Latest News - Morse Code Test May Not "Die" at ITU Conference.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-06 11:11:58 UTC
From: lbudney@pobox.com
Message-ID: <uy8zbvrgh.fsf@pobox.com>
Source record: 70089

"Dick Carroll;" <dixie@townsqr.com> writes:
> lbudney@pobox.com wrote:
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>>> Wrong again, Bill. I define limited interest in ham radio as limited
>>> interest in ham radio.
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>> Where Ham Radio isn't Ham Radio if the CW testing requirement is
>> dropped. I approve of keeping the requirement, but I dispute your
>> right to define the ARS in terms like these.
>
> Oh. So you don't believe that limited interest is actually limited
> interest. I see.

You aren't that dense, so of course you're making this straw man on purpose. You define "limited interest in CW" to be "limited interest in ARS" because you define ARS as inherently including CW. Since that's the topic under discussion, you are begging the question.

I believe in keeping the CW requirement, and even adding a few more requirements, precisely to enhance the loyalty of licensees and to discourage those who wouldn't be active anyway, or would engage in bad practice. But I don't beg the original question; I've pointed out that a swimming requirement would do almost as well.

IOW, I believe in weeding out those whose interest in ARS is sufficiently limited that he refuses to take and pass the swimming test--but I wouldn't say, "If you aren't interested in swimming a mile, you aren't interested in ARS."

Likewise with CW.

Regards,
Len.

304. Re: The Pool

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-06 11:15:03 UTC
From: lbudney@pobox.com
Message-ID: <uu19zvrbc.fsf@pobox.com>
Source record: 70090

"Bill Sohl" <billsohl@mindspring.com> writes:
>
> But the FCC does indeed have an incentive...simplification of the
> licensing process and minimizing rules to the fullest extent
> possible.

If the motivation you state was the _only_ motivation, then ARS would have a pro forma license like 1970s CB radio, or maybe none at all.

They have other incentives, too. One is minimizing bad operators who will QRM services in ARS or in other bands. Another may or may not be to discourage participation in ARS and whittle away bandwidth for lucrative reallocation, or at least to keep it small enough that the need for new bandwidth is minimized.

Regards,
Len.

305. Re: The Pool

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-06 11:16:29 UTC
From: lbudney@pobox.com
Message-ID: <uptknvr8y.fsf@pobox.com>
Source record: 70091

"Bill Sohl" <billsohl@mindspring.com> writes:
> "Kim W5TIT" <fahgedit@nomail.net> wrote:
>>
>> And, dropping the CW element wouldn't do a thing in terms of
>> minimizing any R&R, would it?
>
> Sure it would. It reduces test requirements and avoids processing
> the Element 1 has been passed data from VECs.

Minimal. As you say, it's just "element 1 has been passed" data. The
VECs shoulder all the hassles, and the testee shoulders the expenses.

Regards,
Len.

306. Re: 40 meters fixed, sort of

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-06 11:17:45 UTC
From: lbudney@pobox.com
Message-ID: <ullvbvr6u.fsf@pobox.com>
Source record: 70092

"Jim Hampton" <aa2qa@frontiernet.net> writes:
>
> I wonder if they eliminate CW (all but certain, but not to as when),
> will they expand the phone bands downward a bit?

I hope not. If they do, I hope the band plans still reserve the CW
spectrum, and hams obey them.

Regards,
Len.

307. Re: Latest News - Morse Code Test May Not "Die" at ITU Conference.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-06 12:30:06 UTC
From: lk <lklose@net-link.net>
Message-ID: <vggu6ujr2eiq11@corp.supernews.com>
Source record: 70164

<lbudney@pobox.com> wrote in message news:u3chjx67w.fsf@pobox.com...
> "Bill Sohl" <billsohl@mindspring.com> writes:
> > <lbudney@pobox.com> wrote:
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> >> Why does it have to be relevant? If the participants in the ARS
> >> really want to impose a swimming requirement, then so what?
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> > Luckily, the "participants" in the ARS do NOT get to impose any
> > requirements at all. The FCC makes the rules and, as a government
> > entity, it has NO justification to make requirements that can not be
> > justified.
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> Agreed; the government lacks this power. I think you'll find that the
> demands of the ARS licensees could constitute "justification", if the
> FCC so desired. It is, ultimately, regulating a big club after all.
> It's very strange business, really.

The limits of power for government agencies is
found in 5 USC 706 that provides:

"To the extent necessary to decision and when presented,
the reviewing court shall decide all relevant questions of law,
interpret constitutional and statutory provisions, and
determine the meaning or applicability of the terms
of an agency action."

"The reviewing court shall -
(1) compel agency action unlawfully withheld or
unreasonably delayed; and
(2) hold unlawful and set aside agency action,
findings, and conclusions found to be -
(A) arbitrary, capricious, an abuse of discretion, or
otherwise not in accordance with law;
(B) contrary to constitutional right, power,
privilege, or immunity;
(C) in excess of statutory jurisdiction, authority, or
limitations, or short of statutory right;
(D) without observance of procedure required by law;
(E) unsupported by substantial evidence in a case
subject to sections 556 and 557 of this title or
otherwise reviewed on the record of an agency
hearing provided by statute; or
(F) unwarranted by the facts to the extent that the
facts are subject to trial de novo by the reviewing court."

"In making the foregoing determinations, the court shall
review the whole record or those parts of it cited by a party,
and due account shall be taken of the rule of prejudicial error."

The Morse code exams are unnecessary [arbitrary].
5 USC 706(2)(A).

The only thing strange thing about this is how long the
ITU and FCC allowed this nonsense to continue.

Larry, kc8epo

308. Re: CW Requirement Abolished

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-06 13:14:50 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030706091450.10078.00000615@mb-m26.aol.com>
Source record: 70095

In article <cuvyxnansvbet.hhkevxy.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>, "Phil Kane"
<Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop> writes:

>On 05 Jul 2003 02:23:29 GMT, N2EY wrote:
>
>>You ever need somebody to explain the difference between Advance Approach
>>Medium and Medium Advance Approach, I'll return the favor....
>
> Doesn't that depend on whether it's under GCOR or NORAC?

A little. But the basic concepts are unchanged.

73 de Jim, N2EY

309. Re: Latest News - Morse Code Test "Died" at ITU Conference.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-06 13:46:43 UTC
From: kelly@dvol.com
Message-ID: <d22b54c3.0307060546.2b44cc1a@posting.google.com>
Source record: 70096

"Phil Kane" <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop> wrote in message
news:<cuvyxnansvbet.hhkfi6z.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>...
> On 05 Jul 2003 02:23:30 GMT, N2EY wrote:
>
> >The big problem with essay and fill-in-the-blank questions is that the answers
> >are not 100% objective. There's always a measure of judgement involved.
> >
> >For example, take a simple question like "what is the length of a half-wave
> >dipole cut for 7.1 MHz?" With multiple choice, the QPC says that one answer
> >(say, 66 feet) is the correct one and all others are incorrect.
>
> Want to make that one more fun? Do it like the 200 multi-guess
> questions on the Multistate Bar Exam: give four choices - two are
> obviously incorrect and two are "almost correct". Ask which of the
> four is the -best- answer.
>
> >But with essays and fill-in-the-blank, what tolerance do we put on the
> >correct answer? Is 67 feet acceptable? 68 feet? 66 feet 3 inches? The
> >person being tested could write a long dissertation on tapering elements,
> >the effect of ground, wire/tubing sizes, etc., and come up with a whole
> >range of arguably-correct answers.
>
> And run into an examiner who doesn't understand all the nuances of
> such an answer.....
>
> >From what I have researched, FCC went to multiple-choice questions for all
> >ham exams no later than 1961.
>
> IIRC the Novice and Tech/General that I took in 1952 were all
> multi-choice.

I was there then too, I'll vouch for that.

> The next written exam that I took was the Advanced in
> 1968 and by that time multi-choice was in place for a long time in
> all FCC license exams with the exception of two pages of diagrams in
> the Commercial Radiotelegraph Element 6 which had to be graded by an
> engineer, not a regular examiner.

I read somewhere that the reasons the FCC dropped the essay-type exams
of the '30's and earlier were (a) The answers were too subject to
interpretation by the examiner and/or the candidate knew the correct
answers but bungled the composition of his answers (b) Multiple choice
answer sheets can be much more quickly graded, almost automatically
with an overlay type checking mask.

w3rv

310. Re: Latest News - Morse Code Test May Not "Die" at ITU Conference.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-06 13:48:53 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
Message-ID: <3F082903.2010106@adelphia.net>
Source record: 70097

Dick Carroll; wrote:
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> lbudney@pobox.com wrote:
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>>"Dick Carroll;" <dixie@townsqr.com> writes:
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>>Where Ham Radio isn't Ham Radio if the CW testing requirement is
>>dropped. I approve of keeping the requirement, but I dispute your
>>right to define the ARS in terms like these.
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>
> Oh. So you don't believe that limited interest is actually limited
> interest. I see.
> And Morse code wasn't mentioned, at least by me. REQUIREMENTS for the
> license was.

I'm a bit confused by this whole thing, Dick. Even though we are talking about requirents - one of which is indeed the Morse code test - this whole argument is NOT about whether Morse code is good bad indifferent or whether it SHOULD be tested for or not.

It's about it being a tested requirement, and that being the case, a person's interest can be gauged by their willingness to get a license or not, based on their dislike of that test requirement.

If people don't want it to be about Morse code, substitute:

"I won't becoame a ham because I don't want to take a written test."

I won't become a ham, because I don't want to pay the testing fee."

I won't become a ham because I don't think there should be any questions about RF safety."

And I originally brough this up, so I know what I was speaking of.

I'm saying that a person who is willing to meet the requirements for a ham license is more interested in being a ham than a person who is not willing to meet the requirements.

Nothing mentioned about mode, or which particular requirement, nothing. Just meeting the requirements.

But some people seem to know what we're gonna say even before we say it.

There are only a few real arguments against my statement. That would be if a requirement were illegal, immoral, or causing harm to others. And last time I checked, there was nothing in the ARS licensing requirements that did that! 8^)

- Mike KB3EIA -

311. Re: Latest News - Morse Code Test May Not "Die" at ITU Conference.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-06 13:51:08 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
Message-ID: <3F08298A.5040300@adelphia.net>
Source record: 70098

lbudney@pobox.com wrote:
> "Dick Carroll;" <dixie@townsqr.com> writes:
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> purpose. You define "limited interest in CW" to be "limited interest
> in ARS" because you define ARS as inherently including CW. Since
> that's the topic under discussion, you are begging the question.

Where did Dick make that quote?

- Mike KB3EIA -

312. Re: Latest News - Morse Code Test May Not "Die" at ITU Conference.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-06 15:08:27 UTC
From: "Dick Carroll;" <dixie@townsqr.com>
Message-ID: <be9e1bgus0@208.206.142.84>
Source record: 70099

lbudney@pobox.com wrote:

> "Dick Carroll;" <dixie@townsqr.com> writes:
> > lbudney@pobox.com wrote:
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> >> right to define the ARS in terms like these.
> >
> > Oh. So you don't believe that limited interest is actually limited
> > interest. I see.
>
> You aren't that dense,

I was hoping you weren't, but that's becoming questionable.

> so of course you're making this straw man on
> purpose. You define "limited interest in CW" to be "limited interest
> in ARS" because you define ARS as inherently including CW. Since
> that's the topic under discussion, you are begging the question.

NO, that's not the topic under discussion. The topic under discussion was the REQUIREMENTS for licensing, whatever they might be. If you had been paying much attention to what's written here over time you'd already know that most of us who've been around a while learned whatever was needed to meet the test requirements, and that just happened to include Morse code. That was the point, made first in this thread by Mike Coslo.

>
>
> I believe in keeping the CW requirement, and even adding a few more
> requirements, precisely to enhance the loyalty of licensees and to
> discourage those who wouldn't be active anyway, or would engage in bad
> practice. But I don't beg the original question; I've pointed out that
> a swimming requirement would do almost as well.

Really? And how would a swimming requirement add to the operational capability of a ham radio operator? If you support Morse code testing I assume you already know how Morse code proficiency adds to the communications capability of a ham radio operator.

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> IOW, I believe in weeding out those whose interest in ARS is
> sufficiently limited that he refuses to take and pass the swimming
> test--but I wouldn't say, "If you aren't interested in swimming a
> mile, you aren't interested in ARS."

Ah, you're already the enemy of the code free, and that just cinches it.
"weed them out" will get you no friends and lots of enemies on here.

Since swimming has about as much to do with radiocommunication as
tiddlewinks you're just blowing smoke now. Interest level is interest level,

you can't change it by playing semantics.

313. Re: The curse for HF bands

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-06 15:21:42 UTC
From: Jim Hampton <aa2qa@frontiernet.net>
Message-ID: <a8XNa.20510$ta.12859@news02.roc.ny>
Source record: 70100

Low cost CB like? Do imagine that there may be a few 'other' things to consider in a true multi-band radio? The design has to minimize birdies and images *and* cover 160 meters through 10 meters at a minimum. The radio will have to have a modicum of controls, certainly far more than the average CB rig. Variable bandwidth, probably DSP, two vfos, splits, break in, and more. You mention a $300.00 monoband; consider that you can get 160 through 440 for under $1000.00 or 160 through 10 for around $700.00. That said, such radios have been built in the past; heathkit comes to mind. Nothing wrong with simple, per se, but once you've conquered 'simple', you have to buy a new radio. Then again, as 'anonymous sender', I suspect you might know that and the post is but a troll.

73 from Rochester, NY
Jim AA2QA

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314. Re: Latest News - Morse Code Test May Not "Die" at ITU Conference.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-06 15:22:58 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <be9erj$fn2@library2.airnews.net>
Source record: 70151

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X-MimeOLE: Produced By Microsoft MimeOLE V6.00.2800.1165

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> practice. But I don't beg the original question; I've pointed out that
> a swimming requirement would do almost as well.
>

Len, not to be argumentative, but there are numbers of hams who got their license even under more stringent testing requirements than the past few years, who are inactive and, of those still active, have terrible, terrible operating practices.

CW doesn't prove loyalty, staying active, or provide for positive operating practices. It simply means one has passed a CW test, don't you think?

Kim W5TIT

> IOW, I believe in weeding out those whose interest in ARS is
> sufficiently limited that he refuses to take and pass the swimming
> test--but I wouldn't say, "If you aren't interested in swimming a
> mile, you aren't interested in ARS."
>
> Likewise with CW.
>
> Regards,
> Len.
>

Again, I don't believe in "weeding out" anyone who can and wants to pass the requirements to get a ham license. And passing CW doesn't weed out anything, heck, listen to any of the HF frequencies that we all have heard with the creeps and nitwits on.

The only "area" in which the frequencies may prove out your belief is, literally, on the CW bands, where--simply because of the mode of operation--bad operating practices aren't easily facilitated. I know many hams who claim to be "pure of heart" for the sake of their fellow CW-only friends who, the minute they get on 2M or in an eyeball meeting, rival any bad practices I've heard and have the language of the rest of us when we are speaking verbally! <GRIN>

CW alone doesn't equal good operating, etc. The mode just simply doesn't facilitate anything but a jargon based language that is difficult to spend time swearing, cursing, etc.

Kim W5TIT

315. Re: Latest News - Morse Code Test May Not "Die" at ITU Conference.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-06 15:24:48 UTC
From: "Dick Carroll;" <dixie@townsqr.com>
Message-ID: <be9f00$jf3$0@208.206.142.84>
Source record: 70152

Mike Coslo wrote:

> lbudney@pobox.com wrote:
> > "Dick Carroll;" <dixie@townsqr.com> writes:
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> >>lbudney@pobox.com wrote:
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> > that's the topic under discussion, you are begging the question.
>
> Where did Dick make that quote?

Mike I guess we'll just have to let the thread speak for itself, to those
who
are capable of reading it!

Dick

316. Re: My Comments On RM-10740, the "Wi-Fi" Petition

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-06 15:26:29 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <be9f24$g4q@library2.airnews.net>
Source record: 70153

"Steve Robeson, K4CAP" <k4yz@aol.com> wrote in message
news:5c01b95b.0307052321.44109dac@posting.google.com...
> "D. Stussy" <kd6lvw@bde-arc.ampr.org> wrote in message
news:<Pine.LNX.4.56.0307060003080.1599@kd6lvw.ampr.org>...
>
> > I certainly hope that you didn't caption your response using the term
"Wi-Fi"
> > for that may get sent over to the COMPUTER NETWORKING specialist - after
all,
> > that acronym applies to 802.11b transmissions, not this "wide-band-SSB"
crap.
>
> Oooops.
>
> And remember...one man's "crap" is another man's fortune.
>
> 73
>
> Steve, K4YZ
>

Thank you, Steve! Well said...

Kim W5TIT

317. Re: Latest News - Morse Code Test May Not "Die" at ITU Conference.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-06 16:26:27 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <be9iik$m3b@library2.airnews.net>
Source record: 70154

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NNTP-Posting-Time: Sun, 06 Jul 2003 11:25:56 -0500 (CDT)
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X-Priority: 3
X-MSMail-Priority: Normal
X-Newsreader: Microsoft Outlook Express 6.00.2800.1158
X-MimeOLE: Produced By Microsoft MimeOLE V6.00.2800.1165

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> capability of a ham radio operator? If you support Morse code testing I
> assume you already know how Morse code proficiency adds to the
> communications capability of a ham radio operator.
>

And, in what way does a proficiency at a level indicate interest level of an amateur radio operator? What of those who could, at any time, conduct CW at a high speed, but who are no longer active? Doesn't "no longer active" equate to a low interest level in your mind?

Is your part of the debate on the *operational capability* of a ham (in which case you are right--the more modes a ham is skilled at, the better an operational capability he or she has)? Or, is your debate on the *interest level* of a ham (in which case--IMO--you are wrong--because the fact that someone can or will meet testing requirements to enter into something does not equate to interest level at all.

A parallel could be drawn that two applicants for jobs at a company meet the same requirements to get hired. But, one is a much more interested, i.e. loyal, dedicated, employee than another. That happens every day, Dick, and you surely won't deny that. Conversely, two people may study for, take, and pass an exam for whatever of license in ham radio. It is entirely possible that, in a matter of time, *EVEN THOUGH* they both demonstrated the same "level of interest" at the time of testing, one of them could be completely off the air, and have sold their stuff and moved on.

So, what exactly is your debate, Dick, and what is your position on the debate? It's a simple question, not to be answered with, "go back and read..." There is obvious confusion and you've created the confusion. So, would you help clear it up? I'm asking honestly. Can you answer without any of your typical rhetoric?

Kim W5TIT

318. TEST this server

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-06 16:41:00 UTC
From: Seagrams Seven <Seagrams@Seven.com>
Message-ID: <be9jf1$2uh9$1@adenine.netfront.net>
Source record: 70155

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Posted via news://freenews.netfront.net
Complaints to news@netfront.net
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319. Re: Latest News - Morse Code Test May Not "Die" at ITU Conference.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-06 16:49:58 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <be9jvl$2uug$1@adenine.netfront.net>
Source record: 70156

"Dick Carroll;" <dixie@townsqr.com> wrote in message
news:be9f00$jf3$0@208.206.142.84...
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> Mike I guess we'll just have to let the thread speak for itself, to those
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> are capable of reading it!
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> Dick
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How convenient, Dick... (however, very predictable)

Kim W5TIT

Posted via news://freenews.netfront.net
Complaints to news@netfront.net

320. Re: 40 meters fixed, sort of

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-06 17:30:21 UTC
From: Dan/W4NTI <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com>
Message-ID: <be9m88$19v$1@slb6.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 70157
Body handling: HTML body converted to readable text

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"Brian Kelly" wrote in message
news:d22b54c3.0307060033.1df9bf0b@posting.google.com...
> "paulfriedman@comcast.net" wrote in message
news:...
> > "Jim Hampton" wrote in message
> > news:CWMNa.16017$Rp5.6688@news02.roc.ny...
> > > I wonder if they eliminate CW (all but certain, but not to as when),
will
> > > they expand the phone bands downward a bit?
> > >
> > > 73 from Rochester, NY
> > > Jim AA2QA
> > >
> > >
> > > ---
> > > Outgoing mail is certified Virus Free.
> > > Checked by AVG anti-virus system (http://www.grisoft.com).
> > > Version: 6.0.497 / Virus Database: 296 - Release Date: 7/4/03
> > >
> >
> >
> > Jim:
> >
> > That is exactly the question I have been wondering about. There might be
> > considerable pressure -- on servarl bands, but particulalry 40 (extend
phone
> > down to 7100 to give 100 Khz "overlap" from Region 2 to the rest of the
> > world).
> >
> > Hecklers, please note: I did not state a position vis-a-vis CW, the
testing
> > thereof, or the Iraqi War.. just wondering if there will be a push here.
>
> That "push" was already underway on all bands long before I became a
> ham a half century ago.
>
>
> > 73
> >
> > Paul AB0SI
>
> w3rv
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Me being a CW operator have NO PROBLEM with expanding the SSB segements. In fact if 25, or ever 20kc was left to the CW only crowd at the bottom of the band...That would do just fine.

That means CW only.

Dan/W4NTI

321. Re: Renewed my license "on-line", only took 4 Hours

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-06 17:34:36 UTC
From: Dan/W4NTI <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com>
Message-ID: <be9mg6$68k$1@slb9.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 70158

Another reason to join the ARRL. For members license renewal is FREE.

Dan/W4NTI

"Arnie Macy" <kt4st@csam.net> wrote in message
news:be7tv4$29elu$1@ID-166180.news.dfncis.de...
> I went to the FCC ULS site the other day and renewed my license online.
> Since I have dial-up, it took three hours to download the software and
> another hour to post the information once I entered it. Sheesh. Well, at
> least I don't have to do that but once every ten years. :-))
>
> Arnie -
> KT4ST
>
>
>

322. Re: The Future of Ham Radio. CW is Dead.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-06 17:38:36 UTC
From: Dan/W4NTI <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com>
Message-ID: <be9mnmhrp1@slb0.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 70159

Its not a hobby. Its a SERVICE.

Therin lies the problem.....all you newguys have no idea of what ur talking about.

Dan/W4NTI

<ham21@2.lp> wrote in message news:be8j2g02ran@enews1.newsguy.com...
> On Sat, 05 Jul 2003 02:12:58 GMT, "D. Stussy" <kd6lvw@bde-arc.ampr.org> wrote:
>
> >> And adopted July 4, 2003 Independence Day!
> > >
> > >....OK, so when do the "no code extras" start? :-)
>
> There will be no Tech's, no General's and no Extra. There will be just Amateur
> Radio Operator licensee and a operator can operate on any frequency allowed to
> any Amateur Radio Operator.
> The stupid incentive licensing will go the way of the dinosaur. A fifty
> question test that you can obtain when you buy your ham radio and have
> notarized and mailed into W5YI with the $50 test application fee. If the person
> that takes the test gets 10 out of 50 questions correct then they can be issued
> a ham radio license.
> W1AW will be a dusty old building and the ARRL will be placed in the history
> books on how not to run a hobby organization.
>
>

323. Re: Renewed my license "on-line", only took 4 Hours

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-06 17:55:39 UTC
From: JJ <radiobuff0@mailcity.moc>
Message-ID: <3F08629B.601@mailcity.moc>
Source record: 70208

Dan/W4NTI wrote:
> Another reason to join the ARRL. For members license renewal is FREE.

License renewal if FREE to any licensed amateur, ARRL membership
is not necessary.

324. Re: The Future of Ham Radio. CW is Dead.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-06 18:00:04 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <be9o34$36$1@adenine.netfront.net>
Source record: 70160

"Dan/W4NTI" <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com> wrote in message
news:be9mnmhrp1@slb0.atl.mindspring.net...
> Its not a hobby. Its a SERVICE.
>
> Therin lies the problem.....all you newguys have no idea of what ur
talking
> about.
>
> Dan/W4NTI
>

Amateur Radio is "defined" by the FCC as a service. For many people, ham radio is a hobby and nothing more. For many others, it is a hobby and a service and they get involved with those areas of ham radio that are a service to others. There is no requirement from the FCC that people must conduct a service in the hobby of amateur radio.

CB is a service also. "Service" is simply a definition; moreover, a justification for the availability of frequencies to us "commoners." It distinguishes commercial use vs. hobby/personal use.

Kim W5TIT

Posted via news://freenews.netfront.net
Complaints to news@netfront.net

325. Re: Latest News - Morse Code Test May Not "Die" at ITU Conference.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-06 18:00:04 UTC
From: JJ <radiobuff0@mailcity.moc>
Message-ID: <3F0863A4.30106@mailcity.moc>
Source record: 70209

Dee D. Flint wrote:

> Yes you need the high school diploma to get by in life but you don't "need"
> a lot of the subjects that you are required to learn. How often do you use
> history in daily life unless you are a teacher or politician? Who needs to
> have knowledge of Shakespeare and other classic literature to get by in
> daily life?

If you are going to talk Shakespeare with my wife (High School
English Literature teacher) you better be able to recite the
prolog from the Canterbury tales in Olde English.

326. Re: 40 meters fixed, sort of

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-06 18:21:54 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030706142154.23307.00001213@mb-m29.aol.com>
Source record: 70161

In article <ullvbvr6u.fsf@pobox.com>, lbudney@pobox.com writes:

>"Jim Hampton" <aa2qa@frontiernet.net> writes:
>>
>> I wonder if they eliminate CW (all but certain, but not to as when),

Eliminate CW? I thought it was just the TEST that was going away!

;-)

>> will they expand the phone bands downward a bit?

That depends on who proposes what and how FCC reacts.

From everyhting I've read on the subject, it's clear to me that as soon as the revised treaty is ratified, FCC could just drop Element 1. No NPRM, no NOI, no comments, nothing, zip, nil, nada. FCC could honestly and accurately say that the whole issue had been debated and dealt with back in 1998-99 restructuring and again in the Wormsey-Adsit-Dinelli Petition for Reconsideration.

Changing subband allocations is a different issue entirely. NPRM, comments, etc. is almost certainly a requirement. A proposal to "refarm" the Novice/TechPlus subbands was sent to FCC some time back, and to my knowledge FCC hasn't acted on it yet other than to take comments and reply comments.
>
>I hope not. If they do, I hope the band plans still reserve the CW
>spectrum, and hams obey them.

All of the non-phone HF/MF subbands in the USA are shared between CW and digital modes. It would be a BIG mistake to reduce or eliminate them.

73 de Jim, N2EY
>

327. Re: CW Requirement Abolished

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-06 18:33:23 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030706143323.03929.00000734@mb-m28.aol.com>
Source record: 70163

In article <be7tdv$285gl$1@ID-166180.news.dfncis.de>, "Arnie Macy"
<kt4st@csam.net> writes:

>"Kim" wrote ...
>
>> And it begins...

>Let them vent, Kim. If it were the other way around, you would feel the
>same way. I knew this was coming for a long time, so I've made peace with
>it. The truth be told, it's not going to change the way I operate a bit.

Well said, Arnie. I agree 100%.

>As a bit of an aside, the two "Morse" operators at field day were still the
>most popular -- we gave the club the most points and had the most on-lookers
>(some things will never change) :-))

Conditions this year on FD weren't so hot. I have read many reports of FD
operations where the "Morse" QSOs outnumbered the 'phone QSOs, even though
there were more rigs dedicated to voice. Digital modes were a far, far distant
third.

Over the past few years, the total number of FD "Morse" QSOs has been growing
faster than the voice QSO totals. Wouldn't it be ironic if this was the year
"Morse" became No. 1 on FD?

73 de Jim, N2EY

FISTS #4360

WWHD
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>v/r
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>Arnie -
>KT4ST
>FISTS 2940
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328. Re: CW Requirement Abolished

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-06 18:33:24 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030706143324.03929.00000735@mb-m28.aol.com>
Source record: 70162

In article <Pine.LNX.4.56.0307052358500.1599@kd6lvw.ampr.org>, "D. Stussy"
<kd6lvw@bde-arc.ampr.org> writes:

>On Sat, 5 Jul 2003, N2EY wrote:
>> In article <be3mmgtif1@slb2.atl.mindspring.net>, "Bill Sohl"
>> <billsohl@mindspring.com> writes:
>>
>> >"Steve Robeson, K4CAP" <k4yz@aol.com> wrote in message
>> >news:5c01b95b.0307032235.568909f1@posting.google.com...
>> >> Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote in message
>> >news:<Xns93ADDBDF2BE7Felektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>...
>> >> > Yes it's true. The final report of WRC 2003 is here:-
>> >> >
>> >> > http://www.iaru.org/rel030703.html
>> >>
>> >> Easy there fellas...The TREATY requirement may be negated, but we
>> >> are still under >FCC< regulation...let's give them a day or two to see
>> >> how they are going to handle this.
>> >> Steve, K4YZ
>> >
>> >No one said otherwise.
>
>Actually, didn't the FCC say back in 2000 that the ONLY reason they kept a
>code element in the requirements was the International Treaty requirement,
>which has now disappeared?

That's how I read it.
>
>> Look at the thread title, Bill. "CW Requirement Abolished" - not "Treaty No
>> Longer Requires Code Test" or "S25.5 Revised" or anything like that. The
>> casual observer would think the code test is gone. Not yet,
>>
>> >Clearly the issue of code testing now becomes
>> >a country by country decision.
>>
>> Only once the new treaty is accepted by the various countries.
>
>Simple: Congress ratifies it and the next day, the FCC creates the "no code
>extra."
>
Naw, simpler than that. FCC just says "Element 1 waived for all applicants" or
"All applicants get credit for Element 1" or some such. One sentence and done.

You put a date in The Pool yet?

73 de Jim, N2EY

329. Re: Latest News - Morse Code Test May Not "Die" at ITU Conference.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-06 19:55:21 UTC
From: k4yz@aol.com
Message-ID: <5c01b95b.0307061155.20455c1@posting.google.com>
Source record: 70165

vshah101@aol.com (Vshah101) wrote in message
news:<20030705160237.28644.00000136@mb-m19.aol.com>...
> From: Mike Coslo:
>
> >My final original point was that that a person who would not study
> >Morse code in order to get a General license must have an interest akin
> >to mine towards piloting a plane. That is to say "Thanks but no thanks."
> >
>
> The skill has to be relevant. You should not use some unrelated skill as some
> sort of barrier to getting a higher license class.

Morse Code is not (has not) been irrelevent. It has been a legal
prerequisite for operation on HF allocations.

> Morse code does not necessarily show more interest. Its possible that someone
> not interested in Morse may have an interest in many more areas therefore
> having more interest in amateur radio than some that are mostly interested in
> Morse code.

If they are not interested enough to do what's necessary to get a
license, then they are not interested enough. Taking the time to get
past the 5WPM test, even when it's not one's primary interest,
certainly DOES show one's more interested than one who is not.

> Putting this artificial barrier may have the effect of blocking out those with
> more ability or interest in favor of those with less ability or interest. The
> only thing being that some with less ability or interest learned Morse code,
> did HF, and not much else. A higher license class should represent more ability
> (in the skills tested), not less.

An HF license DOES show more ability. I can do more with my HF
radio than YOU can, Vippy.

> Code has nothing to do with the written material. It's a different kind of
> skill. And it's a single skill independent of other skills. Just as various
> awards are recognized individually, like Worked All States, one can recognize
> code skill separately from the written tests.
>
> The written tests are classes of technical ability. By placing code in between,
> it implies that someone that learned code automatically and instantly also has
> higher technical ability. We know that's not true. For example, degreed EEs
> tend to have higher technical ability since they have already studied some of
> the material. They would still have to review the rf specific areas, and the
> areas on regulations.
>

> The code should not be in the path way in between the written tests. Basic
> integrity in Amateur Radio testing requires that.

The Morse Code test is NOT in the way of the written tests. You
may pass all the written tests without having passed the Code test.
My wife passed the written General WITHOUT having passed the Code
test. Has the CSCE to prove it.

Steve, K4YZ

330. Re: The Future of Ham Radio. CW is Dead.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-06 20:05:24 UTC
From: Dan/W4NTI <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com>
Message-ID: <be9ve4$g6m$1@slb5.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 70166

Typical woman. Says the same thing it 200 percent more bandwidth.

Dan/W4NTI

"Kim W5TIT" <fahgedit@nomail.net> wrote in message
news:be9o34$36$1@adenine.netfront.net...
> "Dan/W4NTI" <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com> wrote in message
> news:be9mnmhrp1@slb0.atl.mindspring.net...
> > Its not a hobby. Its a SERVICE.
> >
> > Therin lies the problem.....all you newguys have no idea of what ur
> talking
> > about.
> >
> > Dan/W4NTI
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>
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> radio is a hobby and nothing more. For many others, it is a hobby and a
> service and they get involved with those areas of ham radio that are a
> service to others. There is no requirement from the FCC that people must
> conduct a service in the hobby of amateur radio.
>
> CB is a service also. "Service" is simply a definition; moreover, a
> justification for the availability of frequencies to us "commoners." It
> distinguishes commercial use vs. hobby/personal use.
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> Kim W5TIT
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> ---
> Posted via news://freenews.netfront.net
> Complaints to news@netfront.net

331. Will Great Britian be first the drop cos exams?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-06 20:21:32 UTC
From: lk <lklose@net-link.net>
Message-ID: <vgh193n4turc66@corp.supernews.com>
Source record: 70167

"Bill Sohl" <billsohl@mindspring.com> wrote in message
news:be6geokqt1@slb5.atl.mindspring.net...
>
> Word has it that the UK will drop it within a month or so.

Looks like they will be first.

The Radio Society of Great Britian web site report:

"The Mandatory International Morse Requirement is to Cease
The mandatory international Morse requirement for access to
the HF bands is to cease. Colin Thomas, G3PSM, an advisor
to the UK delegation to the ITU World Radiocommunication
Conference, reported on Monday the 30th of June that the
mandatory Morse code requirement for HF access would
disappear at the end of the conference. However, if any
administration feels that it needs to keep the requirement,
it has the right to do so. Here in the UK, the Radiocommunications
Agency has already stated that it will bring in code-free
HF licences as soon as practical to do so. An announcement
will be made on GB2RS and on the RSGB website when
Full and Intermediate Class B amateurs can start using the
HF bands."

The Radiocommunications Agency reports:

"Amateur operation below 30 MHz - requirement for
Morse code test at 5 words per minute"

"Introduction and background"

"At present, radio amateurs wishing to operate in amateur bands
below 30 MHz must pass a test demonstrating their Morse code
abilities. Article 25.5 of the international Radio Regulations
obliges all national administrations (including the Agency) to
conduct such tests for access to these bands."

"The future need for this obligation is on the agenda of this
year's World Radio Conference (WRC-03), being held in
Geneva from 9 June to 4 July. Having consulted the amateur
community, the UK believes that the Morse test requirement
should be removed. We consider it likely that this will be
the majority view at the conference."

"To speed up the process of implementing WRC-03's decisions,
the Agency is now consulting on a proposal to remove the
Morse requirement for access to amateur bands below 30 MHz.

Please note that, if WRC-03 does not remove the requirement for Morse code tests, the Agency cannot proceed with the proposed removal within the UK. We are consulting now only so that the overall process may be accomplished more quickly."

"We propose to merge the A and B licence classes at Full and Intermediate levels, so that the UK licences comprise Foundation, Intermediate and Full. All licensees at each level will have access to all the frequencies forming part of their respective licences. Each licensee will keep his/her current call sign. If a licensee holds both an A and a B licence at the same level (which, if these proposals are accepted, will offer identical privileges), s/he will be asked to choose which call sign to retain by not renewing the other licence when it is next due for renewal. (The discarded licence may or may not be his/her first licence to fall for renewal.)"

332. Re: 40 meters fixed, sort of

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-06 20:46:38 UTC
From: Scott Unit 69 <scott_unit_69@yahoo.moc>
Message-ID: <3F088AAE.70D932C@yahoo.moc>
Source record: 70168

> From everyhting I've read on the subject, it's clear to me that as soon as the
> revised treaty is ratified, FCC could just drop Element 1. No NPRM, no NOI, no
> comments, nothing, zip, nil, nada. FCC could honestly and accurately say that
> the whole issue had been debated and dealt with back in 1998-99 restructuring
> and again in the Wormsey-Adsit-Dinelli Petition for Reconsideration.

Suits me just fine. Today, I passed element 3 by two questions, and missed
element 4 by two questions. Not one minute of study time, yet. Tomorrow
calls for a trip to the library to 621.38 for that extra test book they had...

Saving my pennies for that IC706MKIIG.

-Scott, a dual part operator, 95 & 97. (With the right radio for the band.)

333. Re: Latest News - Morse Code Test May Not "Die" at ITU Conference.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-06 21:31:32 UTC
From: lbudney@pobox.com
Message-ID: <uk7ave3yi.fsf@pobox.com>
Source record: 70169

Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net> writes:
> lbudney@pobox.com wrote:
>>
>> You define "limited interest in CW" to be "limited interest in ARS"
>> because you define ARS as inherently including CW. Since that's the
>> topic under discussion, you are begging the question.
>
> Where did Dick make that quote?

<http://tinyurl.com/g5wj>

Regards,
Len.

334. Re: Latest News - Morse Code Test May Not "Die" at ITU Conference.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-06 21:40:29 UTC
From: lbudney@pobox.com
Message-ID: <ufzlje3jm.fsf@pobox.com>
Source record: 70170

"Dick Carroll;" <dixie@townsqr.com> writes:
> Len wrote:
>>
>> You define "limited interest in CW" to be "limited interest in ARS"
>> because you define ARS as inherently including CW. Since that's the
>> topic under discussion, you are begging the question.
>
> NO, that's not the topic under discussion. The topic under discussion was
> the REQUIREMENTS for licensing, whatever they might be.

Let's run through this slowly. The question is whether the CW component of the ARS licensure requirement should be kept. (I say yes.)

If the requirement were dropped, then the ARS would have no CW requirement. Participation in the hobby would not involve the mandatory learning of code. The ARS would be a hobby in which some people learned code, and some people didn't. Clear?

Under that circumstance, people who got their "no-code extra" would be participants in the ARS. Some of them wouldn't know Morse Code at all. You would reply that they have "limited interest in the ARS". That would be untrue; they have plenty of interest in the ARS, but no interest in CW.

To equate "no interest in CW" with "limited interest in the ARS" involves defining the ARS as inherently requiring CW--that the ARS without CW isn't really the ARS at all. But whether the ARS should require CW at all is the topic under discussion. You're begging the question.

(It's possible to patch up your argument so that it doesn't beg the question. But saying, "You don't want to learn CW, therefore you aren't interested in the ARS" is pointless and begs the question.)

>> I believe in keeping the CW requirement, and even adding a few more
>> requirements, precisely to enhance the loyalty of licensees and to
>> discourage those who wouldn't be active anyway, or would engage in
>> bad practice...
>
> Really? And how would a swimming requirement add to the operational
> capability of a ham radio operator?

I didn't say it would. Learn to read. (Note: learning CW doesn't affect the operational capability of someone who never uses it.)

> If you support Morse code testing I assume you already know how
> Morse code proficiency adds to the communications capability of a
> ham radio operator.

Only if used. If not, the operator might as well have learned landline telegraph code. The benefit for the hobby would still accrue, though.

> Ah, you're already the enemy of the code free, and that just cinches
> it. "weed them out" will get you no friends and lots of enemies on
> here.

Barriers to entry are good. Weeding out the diffident is beneficial. If that ticks off the diffident, they can have a latte and a good cry, on the house.

> Since swimming has about as much to do with radiocommunication as
> tiddlewinks you're just blowing smoke now. Interest level is
> interest level, you can't change it by playing semantics.

Interest is demonstrated by making the effort. The nature of the effort is secondary--but if it meets some operational objective, so much the better.

Regards,
Len.

335. Re: Latest News - Morse Code Test May Not "Die" at ITU Conference.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-06 21:46:30 UTC
From: lbudney@pobox.com
Message-ID: <ubrw7e39k.fsf@pobox.com>
Source record: 70171

"Kim W5TIT" <fahgedit@nomail.net> writes:
> <lbudney@pobox.com> wrote:
>>
>> I believe in keeping the CW requirement, and even adding a few more
>> requirements, precisely to enhance the loyalty of licensees and to
>> discourage those who wouldn't be active anyway, or would engage in bad
>> practice...
>
> Len, not to be argumentative, but there are numbers of hams who got
> their license even under more stringent testing requirements than
> the past few years, who are inactive and, of those still active,
> have terrible, terrible operating practices.

You're right; it's a battle that can never be won. Refusing to fight
it only makes matters worse, unfortunately.

> CW doesn't prove loyalty, staying active, or provide for positive
> operating practices.

We won't know until we have hard data--which we won't have until the
requirement is dropped. Then we can ask: how many people got their
no-code extras? How many are active? How long did they stay active?

The issue is compounded because valid statistics on the current
situation are probably not available, so a comparison can never be
made. All we can do is theorize, which is (as one poster said) nothing
but blowing smoke.

> Again, I don't believe in "weeding out" anyone who can and wants to
> pass the requirements to get a ham license.

Me neither. I believe in "weeding out" those who won't. Exactly where
to place the bar is a danged good question.

> And passing CW doesn't weed out anything, heck, listen to any of the
> HF frequencies that we all have heard with the creeps and nitwits
> on.

Let's go vigilante and give their names to Riley--you and me. Whaddaya say?

> The only "area" in which the frequencies may prove out your belief
> is, literally, on the CW bands, where--simply because of the mode of
> operation--bad operating practices aren't easily facilitated.

That's one of the reasons I expect to use CW as my primary mode.

> CW alone doesn't equal good operating, etc.

Never said it did. Raising entry barriers to the right level, on the one hand, and beefing up enforcement, on the other, can sure help.

Regards,
Len.

PS Of course I'm also interested in CW for historical reasons, but that alone probably wouldn't make me advocate it as a licensure requirement.

336. Re: Latest News - Morse Code Test May Not "Die" at ITU Conference.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-06 22:22:23 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030706182223.04207.00001373@mb-m01.aol.com>
Source record: 70172

In article <20030705160237.28644.00000136@mb-m19.aol.com>, vshah101@aol.com (Vshah101) writes:

>From: Mike Coslo:
>
>>My final original point was that that a person who would not study
>>Morse code in order to get a General license must have an interest akin
>>to mine towards piloting a plane. That is to say "Thanks but no thanks."
>>
>
>The skill has to be relevant.

Morse code skill is relevant to amateur radio operation. Particularly HF/MF amateur radio operation.

>You should not use some unrelated skill as some
>sort of barrier to getting a higher license class

Agreed. Morse code skill, however, is related to amateur radio operation.

Have you ever listened to the HF/MF amateur radio bands, Vipul? Did you listen during Field Day this year?
>
>Morse code does not necessarily show more interest.

That's true. However, being willing to learn enough Morse code to pass a basic test on it shows that the person is willing to make the effort required.

>Its possible that someone
>not interested in Morse may have an interest in many more areas therefore
>having more interest in amateur radio than some that are mostly interested in
>Morse code.

Of course. However, for the time being, there is still a very basic Morse code skill test required for amateur radio licenses that have HF/MF privileges.
>
>Putting this artificial barrier may have the effect of blocking out those
>with more ability or interest in favor of those with less ability or interest.

Maybe.

It may also have the effect of meeting a soon-to-be-removed treaty requirement.

>The
>only thing being that some with less ability or interest learned Morse code,
>did HF, and not much else. A higher license class should represent more
>ability (in the skills tested), not less.

In case you hadn't noticed, all higher-class amateur radio licenses also require more written tests.
>
>Code has nothing to do with the written material. It's a different kind of
>skill. And it's a single skill independent of other skills.

That's why it gets its own test. If it could be tested as part of the written test, it would be.

>ust as various
>awards are recognized individually, like Worked All States, one can recognize
>code skill separately from the written tests.

Which is the way it is done. For now, anyway.

>The written tests are classes of technical ability.

Not really. They are basic tests that combine a wide range of material - rules and regulations, safety, operating practices, basic theory, and some technical knowledge.

Can everyone who has passed the written tests design and build a working amateur radio station?

>By placing code in between,
>it implies that someone that learned code automatically and instantly also
>has higher technical ability.

That's nonsense, Vipul. Pure unadulterated nonsense.

All of the higher class licenses also require additional written testing.

>We know that's not true.

Then why do you spread such lies and nonsense?

>For example, degreed EEs
>tend to have higher technical ability since they have already studied some of
>the material.

So what? Can all EEs design and build a working amateur radio station?

>They would still have to review the rf specific areas, and the
>areas on regulations.

Also safety, rules, operating practices.....
>
>The code should not be in the path way in between the written tests.

The old treaty requires it. The revised treaty doesn't.

>Basic integrity in Amateur Radio testing requires that.
>
No, it doesn't.

Here's a prediction for ya:

Sometime soon, the new treaty will be ratified. Soon after, FCC will drop Element 1 and there will be no more code testing for any class of amateur radio license in the USA.

There will be a brief surge of newcomers and a pile of upgrades, all of which will taper off in a year or two.

But the writtens will not be significantly changed. The technical ability of most hams will not significantly change. We will not see large numbers of EEs and others getting amateur licenses and changing things. We will not see a sudden, new techno-revolution in amateur radio. We will not see significantly more homebrewing, experimenting, or adoption of new technologies.

In short, you will have been proven wrong, Vipul. But you won't admit it.

337. Re: Latest News - Morse Code Test May Not "Die" at ITU Conference.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-06 23:49:52 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
Message-ID: <3F08B5DE.80905@adelphia.net>
Source record: 70173

lbudney@pobox.com wrote:
> Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net> writes:
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>>lbudney@pobox.com wrote:
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>>>You define "limited interest in CW" to be "limited interest in ARS"
>>>because you define ARS as inherently including CW. Since that's the
>>>topic under discussion, you are begging the question.
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>>Where did Dick make that quote?
>
>
> <http://tinyurl.com/g5wj>

I searched that message, and nowhere was to be found "Limited interest
in CW"

The closest thing I found was:
Dick> A no-code tech has a limited interest in ham radio or he'd become
Dick> something other than a no-code tech. WITHOUT whining about the
Dick>requirements. And many do just that.

There it is. You'll note that he specifically said "limited interest"
and not referred to CW except in the word "no-code tech". There is a
world of difference between that and your quote.

- Mike KB3EIA -

338. Re: Latest News - Morse Code Test May Not "Die" at ITU Conference.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-06 23:51:48 UTC
From: lbudney@pobox.com
Message-ID: <u7k6vdxgp.fsf@pobox.com>
Source record: 70174

Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net> writes:
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>>> Where did Dick make that quote?
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>> <http://tinyurl.com/g5wj>
>
> I searched that message, and nowhere was to be found "Limited
> interest in CW"

I get it. You don't know what "no-code" means. Sorry, can't help you.

Regards,
Len.

339. Re: Latest News - Morse Code Test May Not "Die" at ITU Conference.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-06 23:59:57 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
Message-ID: <3F08B83A.1060603@adelphia.net>
Source record: 70175

lbudney@pobox.com wrote:
> "Dick Carroll;" <dixie@townsqr.com> writes:
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>>Len wrote:
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>>>You define "limited interest in CW" to be "limited interest in ARS"
>>>because you define ARS as inherently including CW. Since that's the
>>>topic under discussion, you are begging the question.
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>>NO, that's not the topic under discussion. The topic under discussion was
>>the REQUIREMENTS for licensing, whatever they might be.
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> Let's run through this slowly. The question is whether the CW
> component of the ARS licensure requirement should be kept. (I say
> yes.)

Ahh, there the problem is! At some point in the dark past, I mentioned that I thought that a person who was interested in the ARS would take whatever tests thrown at them. I noted at the time that this was a separate issue from whether the Morse test should be kept or not.

To me it just seemed logical and a little obvious. We have a person or two here who say they refuse to get a license or advanced license because of the Morse code test. I have a really hard time concluding that they have more of an interest in Amateur radio than those who do take the tests.

note: no one has to become a ham, no one has to become a General or Extra.

- Mike KB3EIA -

340. Re: Latest News - Morse Code Test May Not "Die" at ITU Conference.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-07 00:18:39 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <beae8udve1@adenine.netfront.net>
Source record: 70176

Let's see if this new server gets all upset at a long post

<lbudney@pobox.com> wrote in message news:ubrw7e39k.fsf@pobox.com...
> "Kim W5TIT" <fahgedit@nomail.net> writes:
> > <lbudney@pobox.com> wrote:
> >>
> >> I believe in keeping the CW requirement, and even adding a few more
> >> requirements, precisely to enhance the loyalty of licensees and to
> >> discourage those who wouldn't be active anyway, or would engage in bad
> >> practice...
> > >
> > > Len, not to be argumentative, but there are numbers of hams who got
> > > their license even under more stringent testing requirements than
> > > the past few years, who are inactive and, of those still active,
> > > have terrible, terrible operating practices.
> >
> > You're right; it's a battle that can never be won. Refusing to fight
> > it only makes matters worse, unfortunately.
> >
> > > CW doesn't prove loyalty, staying active, or provide for positive
> > > operating practices.
> >
> > We won't know until we have hard data--which we won't have until the
> > requirement is dropped. Then we can ask: how many people got their
> > no-code extras? How many are active? How long did they stay active?
> >

Well, we kind of already have some pretty good barometers. Those HF hams
with the crappy operating practices that any one of us can listen to, right?
I'm not sure the current potential for the demise of CW as a testing element
will affect, one way or the other, the potential for good or bad operating
practices.

> >
> > The issue is compounded because valid statistics on the current
> > situation are probably not available, so a comparison can never be
> > made. All we can do is theorize, which is (as one poster said) nothing
> > but blowing smoke.
> >

Well, that is what is mostly done, here in this newsgruop anyway <GRIN>.

> > >
> > > Again, I don't believe in "weeding out" anyone who can and wants to
> > > pass the requirements to get a ham license.
> >

> Me neither. I believe in "weeding out" those who won't. Exactly where
> to place the bar is a danged good question.
>

You know what I have found? Nitwits that get on the air are often off the air pretty darned quick. I've found through listening and actively participating that a crappy operator is soon ignored by many and they get fed up and go away. The problem is the flow never ebbs with all the people getting into ham radio at any given point. There will *always* be crappy new operators and crappy old operators.

> >
> > And passing CW doesn't weed out anything, heck, listen to any of the
> > HF frequencies that we all have heard with the creeps and nitwits
> > on.
>
> Let's go vigilante and give their names to Riley--you and me. Whaddaya
say?
>

Heh heh, from what I hear a lot of the old geezers doing this have been there forever. And, I've given some names up before--to no avail. It depends on how close one is to the higher echelon. I'm pretty far down on the totem pole.

> >
> > The only "area" in which the frequencies may prove out your belief
> > is, literally, on the CW bands, where--simply because of the mode of
> > operation--bad operating practices aren't easily facilitated.
>
> That's one of the reasons I expect to use CW as my primary mode.
>

I'm not that desperate <BIG EVIL GRIN> for mere conversation. If I am that desperate I'll run down to my local Starbucks and find a "cool" person to talk to...LOL I hate to insult your intelligence by clarifying, but I do hope you'll take this in the light(hearted) that it is meant to be. Heck, Dick Carroll and Larry Roll can go on in anger/hate for a year or more with this one sentence...

> >
> > CW alone doesn't equal good operating, etc.
>
> Never said it did. Raising entry barriers to the right level, on the
> one hand, and beefing up enforcement, on the other, can sure help.
>

Oh, I know you didn't. But, I know that Dick Carroll and Larry Roll are reading my posts ;)

>
> Regards,
> Len.

>
> PS Of course I'm also interested in CW for historical reasons, but
> that alone probably wouldn't make me advocate it as a licensure
> requirement.
>

Tradition and a respect for it are the only reasons I advocate that 5 wpm remain as a testing requirement.

Kim W5TIT

Posted via news://freenews.netfront.net
Complaints to news@netfront.net

341. Re: Latest News - Morse Code Test "Died" at ITU Conference.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-07 00:22:17 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030706202217.04554.00000920@mb-m20.aol.com>
Source record: 70178

In article <d22b54c3.0307060546.2b44cc1a@posting.google.com>, kelly@dvol.com (Brian Kelly) writes:

>"Phil Kane" <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop> wrote in message
>news:<cuvyxnansvbet.hhkfi6z.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>...
>> On 05 Jul 2003 02:23:30 GMT, N2EY wrote:
>>
>> >The big problem with essay and fill-in-the-blank questions is that the
>answers
>> >are not 100% objective. There's always a measure of judgement involved.
>> >
>> >For example, take a simple question like "what is the length of a
>half-wave
>> >dipole cut for 7.1 MHz?" With multiple choice, the QPC says that one
>answer
>> >(say, 66 feet) is the correct one and all others are incorrect.
>>
>> Want to make that one more fun? Do it like the 200 multi-guess
>> questions on the Multistate Bar Exam: give four choices - two are
>> obviously incorrect and two are "almost correct". Ask which of the
>> four is the -best- answer.

Yup. Imagine the following answer sets to the question:

What is the length of a half-wave dipole cut for 7.1 MHz?

Answer set #1:

A) 25 feet
B) 40 feet
C) 66 feet
D) 90 feet

Answer set #2:

A) 65 feet
B) 67 feet
C) 66 feet
D) 68 feet

>>
>> >But with essays and fill-in-the-blank, what tolerance do we put on the
>> >correct answer? Is 67 feet acceptable? 68 feet? 66 feet 3 inches? The
>> >person being tested could write a long dissertation on tapering elements,
>> >the effect of ground, wire/tubing sizes, etc., and come up with a whole
>> >range of arguably-correct answers.
>>

>> And run into an examiner who doesn't understand all the nuances of
>> such an answer.....

Bingo. Heck, about a year and a half ago FCC recalled a few new questions
because the answers were wrong - this after they'd been reviewed by both the
QPC and FCC. Embarrassing.
>>
>> >From what I have researched, FCC went to multiple-choice questions for all
>> >ham exams no later than 1961.
>>
>> IIRC the Novice and Tech/General that I took in 1952 were all
>> multi-choice.
>
>I was there then too, I'll vouch for that.

The Advanced and Extra allegedly had some diagram content in that era. Of
course after Feb 1953 all it took was a General for full privs.
>
>> The next written exam that I took was the Advanced in
>> 1968 and by that time multi-choice was in place for a long time in
>> all FCC license exams with the exception of two pages of diagrams in
>> the Commercial Radiotelegraph Element 6 which had to be graded by an
>> engineer, not a regular examiner.
>
>I read somewhere that the reasons the FCC dropped the essay-type exams
>of the '30's and earlier were (a) The answers were too subject to
>interpretation by the examiner and/or the candidate knew the correct
>answers but bungled the composition of his answers (b) Multiple choice
>answer sheets can be much more quickly graded, almost automatically
>with an overlay type checking mask.

Also (c) Anyone who has half a brain can proctor and mark the test - no special
radio knowledge needed.

Speaking of overlay type checking masks, I recall when I first saw the answer
sheets and used the prescribed #2 pencils. I thought FCC had some sort of
computer marking system, and wondered whether it used optical methods (shining
a light through the paper, to be read by photocells) or electrical contacts
sensing the graphite from the pencil on the answer sheet. Imagine my
disappointment when the secretary at the FCC office merely put a punched paper
mask over the answer sheet.

73 de Jim, N2EY

>w3rv

342. Re: The curse for HF bands

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-07 00:22:18 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030706202218.04554.00000921@mb-m20.aol.com>
Source record: 70177

In article <uwuewmx5p.fsf@pobox.com>, lbudney@pobox.com writes:

>Anonymous Sender <anonymous@remailer.metacolo.com> writes:
>>
>> ...so the economy of these countries will grow with new ham shops.
>
>Bwahahahaha! So there are enough people clamoring to become hams, but
>who refuse to learn CW, that they'll make a noticeable impact on their
>country's GDP when the code requirement is dropped? Thanks for a great
>laugh.

It gets even funnier when you consider what has happened in Japan, which has long had a nocodetest QRP HF amateur license. Since 1995 the number of JA amateur stations has been dropping, along with JARL membership. JARL is now smaller than ARRL. If the trend of the past 8 years continues, soon there will be fewer Japanese amateur stations than there are US hams.

All this even though Japan is the home of Yeasu, Kenwood and Icom. Go figure.
>
>> Perharps a new generation of low cost HF transceivers (CB like) will
>> appear on the market...
>
>Remains to be seen. I'll be glad if it does.

What does "CB like" mean?

Currently, there is a wide selection of amateur HF/MF transceivers available new for less than $1000. Lots of good used equipment as well for even less money. Plus kits. As we head into a declining sunspot cycle, the need for multiband capability increases.
>
A prediction: We won't see significant changes in the equipment offered for sale to radio amateurs because of changes in code test requirements.

343. Re: Latest News - Morse Code Test May Not "Die" at ITU Conference.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-07 00:24:16 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <beaejg$e8d$1@adenine.netfront.net>
Source record: 70179

"Mike Coslo" <mcoslo@adelphia.net> wrote in message
news:3F08B83A.1060603@adelphia.net...
> lbudney@pobox.com wrote:
> > "Dick Carroll;" <dixie@townsqr.com> writes:
> > >
> > >>Len wrote:
> > >>
> > >>>You define "limited interest in CW" to be "limited interest in ARS"
> > >>>because you define ARS as inherently including CW. Since that's the
> > >>>topic under discussion, you are begging the question.
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> > >>NO, that's not the topic under discussion. The topic under discussion
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> > > Let's run through this slowly. The question is whether the CW
> > > component of the ARS licensure requirement should be kept. (I say
> > > yes.)
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> > Ahh, there the problem is! At some point in the dark past, I mentioned
> > that I thought that a person who was interested in the ARS would take
> > whatever tests thrown at them. I noted at the time that this was a
> > separate issue from whether the Morse test should be kept or not.
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> > To me it just seemed logical and a little obvious. We have a person or
> > two here who say they refuse to get a license or advanced license
> > because of the Morse code test. I have a really hard time concluding
> > that they have more of an interest in Amateur radio than those who do
> > take the tests.
> >
> > note: no one has to become a ham, no one has to become a General or Extra.
> >
> > - Mike KB3EIA -
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I don't know, Mike. In theory you may be right. But, in practicality, it
is my belief that someone can have an extreme interest in ham radio and
never get a license. For instance:

An FCC employee may take up some cause for amateur radio just because they
are extremely interested in see the service/hobby have whatever "cause" it
is they've decided to take up. (Good grief, follow that one, will ya? LOL)

A parent make have more interest in ham radio than many amateurs (proven by being very involved in legislative matters concerning ham radio) because their kid is involved.

And so it goes. I don't think anyone is more passionate about emergency service than I used to be, but I was never involved on the operational side--only on the training/process/advocacy side.

You see what I mean?

Kim W5TIT

Posted via news://freenews.netfront.net
Complaints to news@netfront.net

344. Re: Latest News - Morse Code Test May Not "Die" at ITU Conference.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-07 00:28:02 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
Message-ID: <3F08BECF.2060705@adelphia.net>
Source record: 70180

lbudney@pobox.com wrote:
> Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net> writes:
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>>>>Where did Dick make that quote?
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>>><http://tinyurl.com/g5wj>
>>
>>I searched that message, and nowhere was to be found "Limited
>>interest in CW"
>
>
> I get it. You don't know what "no-code" means. Sorry, can't help you.

No-code means a technician without the Morse code test. I was one once.

And I still don't see that quote.....

- Mike KB3EIA -

345. Re: Latest News - Morse Code Test May Not "Die" at ITU Conference.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-07 00:37:53 UTC
From: lbudney@pobox.com
Message-ID: <uy8zbcgrh.fsf@pobox.com>
Source record: 70181

Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net> writes:
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> Ahh, there the problem is! At some point in the dark past, I
> mentioned that I thought that a person who was interested in the ARS
> would take whatever tests thrown at them. I noted at the time that
> this was a separate issue from whether the Morse test should be kept
> or not.

Missed that. If so, I concede we have a misunderstanding! And, indeed,
that we agree. (My illustration using a swimming test is of course a
more extreme version of exactly what you say above.)

> To me it just seemed logical and a little obvious. We have a person
> or two here who say they refuse to get a license or advanced license
> because of the Morse code test. I have a really hard time concluding
> that they have more of an interest in Amateur radio than those who
> do take the tests.

I agree completely.

Regards,
Len.

346. Re: Latest News - Morse Code Test May Not "Die" at ITU Conference.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-07 00:42:15 UTC
From: lbudney@pobox.com
Message-ID: <uu19zcgk7.fsf@pobox.com>
Source record: 70182

"Kim W5TIT" <fahgedit@nomail.net> writes:
> "Mike Coslo" <mcoslo@adelphia.net> wrote:
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>> I have a really hard time concluding that they have more of an
>> interest in Amateur radio than those who do take the tests.
>
> I don't know, Mike. In theory you may be right. But, in
> practicality, it is my belief that someone can have an extreme
> interest in ham radio and never get a license.

Mike's position is roughly equivalent to an Austrian economist's: you can say you have an "extreme interest" in owning a Jaguar, but the people who pony up the $60K are _proving_ their "extreme interest". As Mises would say, people's words do not demonstrate their values--their actions do.

> And so it goes. I don't think anyone is more passionate about
> emergency service than I used to be, but I was never involved on the
> operational side--only on the training/process/advocacy side.

True, but that's a boundary case. Mike's position is unchanged if he replaces "interest in ARS" with "interest in participating in ARS" everywhere.

Regards,
Len.

347. Re: Latest News - Morse Code Test May Not "Die" at ITU Conference.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-07 00:47:27 UTC
From: lbudney@pobox.com
Message-ID: <uof07cgbk.fsf@pobox.com>
Source record: 70183

"Kim W5TIT" <fahgedit@nomail.net> writes:
> <lbudney@pobox.com> wrote:
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>> That's one of the reasons I expect to use CW as my primary mode.
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> I'm not that desperate <BIG EVIL GRIN> for mere conversation.

Heh. CW users don't usually converse anyway--they usually exchange RST reports. The payoff for me will be soldering a kit with my son, and then hearing him holler, "Mommy, Abba and I just talked to Korea!"

>>> CW alone doesn't equal good operating, etc.
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>> the one hand, and beefing up enforcement, on the other, can sure
>> help.
>
> Oh, I know you didn't. But, I know that Dick Carroll and Larry Roll
> are reading my posts ;)

I have a fondness for curmudgeons. They add pepper to life. As long as they don't insult me (too badly), I've got no quarrel with them.

> Tradition and a respect for it are the only reasons I advocate that
> 5 wpm remain as a testing requirement.

The ARS without morse does seem to me a bit like PB&J with no J. :-)

Regards,
Len.

348. Re: The curse for HF bands

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-07 00:50:29 UTC
From: lbudney@pobox.com
Message-ID: <uk7avcg6h.fsf@pobox.com>
Source record: 70184

n2ey@aol.com (N2EY) writes:
>
> ...consider what has happened in Japan, which has long had a
> nocodetest QRP HF amateur license. Since 1995 the number of JA
> amateur stations has been dropping, along with JARL membership. JARL
> is now smaller than ARRL.

That _is_ interesting! Acourse, one wonders how their 10-year-long
recession has impacted these statistics, for example. I'd tend to see
it as proving that lowering the bar actually reduces interest.

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>> Remains to be seen. I'll be glad if it does.
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> What does "CB like" mean?

I just took him to mean "cheap". I can get a reasonable 40-channel CB
in any truck stop for under $100.

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> requirements.

I'd tend to agree.

Regards,
Len.

349. Re: Latest News - Morse Code Test May Not "Die" at ITU Conference.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-07 00:53:30 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
Message-ID: <3F08C4C7.5050900@adelphia.net>
Source record: 70185

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Now I have a headache! 8^)

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> being very involved in legislative matters concerning ham radio) because
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> And so it goes. I don't think anyone is more passionate about emergency
> service than I used to be, but I was never involved on the operational
> side--only on the training/process/advocacy side.
>
> You see what I mean?

Well I'll admit for any possibility. It's a big strange world. I think
your situation kind of works for what I was saying though. For what you
were interested in, the technician's license was adequate.

Remember, I'm not saying that lack of interest is a bad thing.

What I am saying is that professed interest followed by not pursuing
that interest because of some "unfairness" (like CW testing) or somesuch
is pretty odd.

- Mike KB3EIA -

350. Re: Latest News - Morse Code Test May Not "Die" at ITU Conference.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-07 01:05:01 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
Message-ID: <3F08C779.3020404@adelphia.net>
Source record: 70186

lbudney@pobox.com wrote:
> Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net> writes:
>
>>Ahh, there the problem is! At some point in the dark past, I
>>mentioned that I thought that a person who was interested in the ARS
>>would take whatever tests thrown at them. I noted at the time that
>>this was a separate issue from whether the Morse test should be kept
>>or not.
>
>
> Missed that. If so, I concede we have a misunderstanding! And, indeed,
> that we agree. (My illustration using a swimming test is of course a
> more extreme version of exactly what you say above.)
>
>>To me it just seemed logical and a little obvious. We have a person
>>or two here who say they refuse to get a license or advanced license
>>because of the Morse code test. I have a really hard time concluding
>>that they have more of an interest in Amateur radio than those who
>>do take the tests.
>
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> I agree completely.

Phew! Actually I am glad you gave me that google link, because I went back and re-read the posts to figure out where this whole thing went astray. Seems it happened soon after I made my first post.

Seems that some of the more vociferous PCTA'ers agreed with me, and then the other side felt compelled to check in. From there, the simple statement got kind of stratified.

Oh well, time for a few Ibuprofen....

73 - Mike KB3EIA -

351. Re: Latest News - Morse Code Test May Not "Die" at ITU Conference.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-07 02:07:18 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <beakkm$j3u$1@adenine.netfront.net>
Source record: 70187

"Mike Coslo" <mcoslo@adelphia.net> wrote in message
news:3F08C4C7.5050900@adelphia.net...
> Kim W5TIT wrote:
> >
> > You see what I mean?
>
> Well I'll admit for any possibility. It's a big strange world. I think
> your situation kind of works for what I was saying though. For what you
> were interested in, the technician's license was adequate.
>

Uh, Tech+ thank you very much...LOL

Kim W5TIT

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>
> What I am saying is that professed interest followed by not pursuing
> that interest because of some "unfairness" (like CW testing) or somesuch
> is pretty odd.
>
> - Mike KB3EIA -
>

I understand. But, (as a woman I have to try and get the last word in here)
wouldn't you say that my studying for and taking the CW test made me as
interested a Tech+ as any other? By your way of thinking that is what I
surmise. BUT, I don't think it would be true...I wasn't the slightest bit
interested in CW or dedication to ham radio, et al. I *thought* I was going
to be interested in HF. An interest in what ham radio had to offer came
later, as I realized and learned what kind of fun was also to be had in the
hobby! Still, it was all on FM. I had just left the CB world and wasn't
"interested" in hearing the static of HF.

The above is entered very quickly without a lot of thought. I have been
building a program all this week so have just been "hanging out" here again.
I'm tired and beat by now...LOL

Kim W5TIT

Posted via news://freenews.netfront.net
Complaints to news@netfront.net

352. Re: Latest News - Morse Code Test May Not "Die" at ITU Conference.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-07 02:08:59 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <beaknr$j5l$1@adenine.netfront.net>
Source record: 70188

"Mike Coslo" <mcoslo@adelphia.net> wrote in message
news:3F08C779.3020404@adelphia.net...
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> lbudney@pobox.com wrote:
> > Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net> writes:
> >
> >>Ahh, there the problem is! At some point in the dark past, I
> >>mentioned that I thought that a person who was interested in the ARS
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> >>this was a separate issue from whether the Morse test should be kept
> >>or not.
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> > more extreme version of exactly what you say above.)
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> >>that they have more of an interest in Amateur radio than those who
> >>do take the tests.
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> Phew! Actually I am glad you gave me that google link, because I went
> back and re-read the posts to figure out where this whole thing went
> astray. Seems it happened soon after I made my first post.
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> Seems that some of the more vociferous PCTA'ers agreed with me, and
> then the other side felt compelled to check in. From there, the simple
> statement got kind of stratified.
>
> Oh well, time for a few Ibuprofen....
>
> 73 - Mike KB3EIA -
>
>

Yeah, and therein lies the difference with many of us. Only a few here
would carry the grudges to eternity...

While the rest of us move on to the next hotly debated topic...

Kim W5TIT :)

Posted via news://freenews.netfront.net
Complaints to news@netfront.net

353. Re: The Pool

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-07 02:51:37 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030706225137.15462.00001426@mb-m06.aol.com>
Source record: 70190

In article <be4acc$95s@library1.airnews.net>, "Kim W5TIT" <fahgedit@nomail.net>
writes:

>>
>
>OK, what is WWHD? I know it's "What Would [something] Do," but what? I am
>so much more of a "go with the flow" kind of person that I'll just follow
>along with whatever everyone else decides. In the world of consensus,
>consider me--usually--an abstainer, if that is the term...
>
>Kim W5TIT

Kim:

I ass-u-&-me that the "H" in "WWHD" is none other than Hiram Percy Maxim,
W1AW -- the father of Amateur Radio. So, the question is, What Would
Hiram Do? I think he'd see the way amateur radio is going and probably
start rotating in his grave!

73 de Larry, K3LT

354. Re: The Pool

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-07 02:51:37 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030706225137.15462.00001425@mb-m06.aol.com>
Source record: 70192

I think this will be a "back burner" issue for the FCC. My W.A.G.:

Sept. 15, 2004.

73 de Larry, K3LT

355. Re: Technicians on 5Mhz?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-07 02:51:38 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030706225138.15462.00001427@mb-m06.aol.com>
Source record: 70191

In article <e79dbd9b.0306292043.3ad83295@posting.google.com>, k0hb@arrl.net (K0HB) writes:

>Since Morse code is not an authorized mode on the 5MHz ham channels
>which open this week in the US, could a petition to allow
>non-morse-tested amateur radio licensees (Technicians) on these
>channels during FCC declared emergency communications be adopted by
>FCC? (Emergency comms being a prime reason advanced for the need for
>this allocation.) Since consideration of the removal of the ITU Morse
>test requirement may be delayed until a future WARC, this may issue
>may boil to the surface in coming months.
>
>This would certainly open up a wider pool of available licensees
>during communications emergencies which might require HF operations
>(tropical storms, widespread floods, and similar "non-localized"
>emergency comm incidents).
>
>Stow the flame-throwers for the moment, and comment dispassionately.
>
>73, de Hans, K0HB

Hansl:

The only "barrier" to Technicians using 5 MHz Amateur frequencies would be the requirement for those operating on the HF bands (10-meter Novice/Tech segment notwithstanding) to possess at least a General-class license. Since the ITU has eliminated the International Treaty requirement for code testing, and the FCC is sure to follow once the petitions start rolling in tomorrow morning, present Techs will soon be upgrading to General and Extra in large numbers -- thus providing more HF phone operators to go QRT once the band conditions no longer support that mode!

73 de Larry, K3LT

356. Re: Why digital modes are few used

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-07 02:51:39 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030706225139.15462.00001428@mb-m06.aol.com>
Source record: 70189

In article <bdv3ih$113eu8$4@ID-189073.news.dfncis.de>, "Ryan, KC8PMX"
<kc8pmx@diamondcs.net> writes:

>Larry.... it is "encrypted" in a sense. Otherwise my scanner should be able
>to recieve it no different than the voice comm's I already hear there. It
>is "encrypted" (or maybe a better choice of words being "encoded") in the
>sense that it needs to be encoded before sending over the air and decoded at
>the other end. And this is totally legal as long as the standards and such
>are publicized. Look at PSK31 and the 15-20+ other variations of the
>digital modes, are you now saying all of those modes are illegal?

Ryan:

I didn't say that at all, and you, yourself, stumbled on the truth: Amateur
Radio digital modes are "encoded," not "encrypted." Encryption implies that
a system is being utilized to obscure the meaning of the message to all
who do not possess the requisite decryption equipment and "key" to the
encryption method utilized. The "encoding" methods utilized in Amateur
Radio are public domain, and the equipment used to decode these signals
simply MUST provide positive and accurate decoding in order to work --
or else, nobody would spend good money to purchase them! "Encrypted"
signals have no use in the ARS -- and the FCC rules which prohibited
encrypted signals is quite correct considering the nature of our service.

>When was the last time you listened to a packet signal being transmitted and
>could tell what was being sent as far as the content of the message, merely
>by listening by ear? If you are that good, you have my respect, as it
>merely sounds like a digital "blurb" to me.

Never, of course. However, while operating RTTY, I can recognize my own
call sign being sent in Baudot code!

>Now do you understand what I meant by "encrypted?" The average "public" in
>"scannerland" does not have the capability to monitor that traffic as we do.

I was never confused over the meaning of the term "encrypted." Moreover,
the average public scanner owner can, indeed, decode packet signals for
the price of a TNC. This does not imply that packet signals are "encrypted"
in any way. If you thought otherwise, perhaps it is you who is/was confused!

73 de Larry, K3LT

357. Re: Latest News - Morse Code Test May Not "Die" at ITU Conference.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-07 03:34:47 UTC
From: k0hb@arrl.net
Message-ID: <e79dbd9b.0307061934.4dd0d22c@posting.google.com>
Source record: 70193

Dwight Stewart <stewart@say.net> wrote in message news:<BB2027D4.1D787%stewart@say.net>...

> At this point in the ITU conference, it does not look good for a change in
> the Morse Code proficiency requirement as a treaty obligation for
> high-frequency access.

The ITU no longer requires Morse testing, and has left it to each
Administration to decide for themselves if they wish to require the
test.

Thus it is now up to someone to petition FCC to remove the requirement
from US regulations.

Let the games begin (again).

With all kind wishes,

de Hans, K0HB

358. Re: Latest News - Morse Code Test May Not "Die" at ITU Conference.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-07 04:05:38 UTC
From: Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
Message-ID: <cuvyxnansvbet.hhmn6md.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 70194

On Thu, 03 Jul 2003 20:44:50 GMT, Dee D. Flint wrote:

>Yes you need the high school diploma to get by in life but you don't "need"
>a lot of the subjects that you are required to learn. How often do you use
>history in daily life unless you are a teacher or politician? Who needs to
>have knowledge of Shakespeare and other classic literature to get by in
>daily life?

In my "daily life" with my wife I -better- know that stuff because
we both make references to exotica in those areas, and one does not
want to be considered an ignoramus or unlettered by one's spouse, right?

--
73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane

359. Re: 40 meters fixed, sort of

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-07 04:05:38 UTC
From: Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
Message-ID: <cuvyxnansvbet.hhml2zc.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 70195

On 6 Jul 2003 01:10:01 -0700, Brian Kelly wrote:

>have no idea how or why the BC stations choose their specific
>operating freqs within their bands. Gotta be strategies involved. Any
>clues here?

Four times a year, the ITU International Frequency Registration Board (or whatever it's called nowadays) holds a conference for SW broadcast frequency assignment. Most of it is by paper submission and is routine "we've been on this frequency for 70 years....." stuff.

For new requests, the requesting Administration will have submitted info on the location of the transmitter, directionality and power, hours of service, and the target area. A computerized frequency coordination study is made by the IFRB to determine what frequency in the band in question would cause no harmful interference to existing (earlier priority date) stations. Quite often the coordination will be for less or different hours or power than requested to avoid any harmful interference to or from the applicant. This coordination will be "ratified" at the quarterly conference and a priority date assigned.

>One thing I do know is that significant freq shifts can cost the BC
>stations a bunch of money because the equipment and antenna arrays are
>purpose-built & tweaked for operating on specific freqs. I understand
>that they cannot just grab a big knob and twist it to QSY 150 kHz like
>we can. I 'spose this is why it'll take six years to fully implement
>their move out of 7.0-7.1.

Or so they say. A 150 kHz shift is no big deal as long as the broadcaster is willing to take the transmitter down for a period of time (weeks? months?) to find the proper coil and capacitor settings (synthesizers are a no-brainer nowadays). A good friend of mine was a tech at a SWBC station years ago and could do a band change with pre-set taps in less than two minutes (of course the walk-in 50 KW GE monster was shut off during that time).

The long lead time comes in not where the broadcaster has to order and install parallel equipment currently (from scratch it should take no more than 2 years at the very outside) but where the broadcaster wants to amortize the equipment, i.e. when they are ready to order a new transmitter they will order it for the new frequency.

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73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane

360. Re: Latest News - Morse Code Test May Not "Die" at ITU Conference.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-07 04:05:39 UTC
From: Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
Message-ID: <cuvyxnansvbet.hhmo65e.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 70197

On Sun, 6 Jul 2003 08:30:06 -0400, lk wrote:

>The Morse code exams are unnecessary [arbitrary].
>5 USC 706(2)(A).

Even though I agree with the testing being unnecessary, that's a pretty conclusory statement.

706(2)(A) deals with what happens with "arbitrary and capricious" decisions but does not define WHAT "arbitrary and capricious" decisions are. That definition comes from case law - see the many opinions of J. Skelley Wright and David G. Bazelon of the US Court of Appeals for the DC Circuit in the 1970s when these matters were defined and refined as applied to regulatoiry agencies. Those two judges were giants in the field of regulatory law, informally referred to as the Eighth and Ninth Commissioners for the way they massaged, mangled, and murdered those FCC decisions which they felt were "arbitrary and capricious".

Again - I've defined this for you before, Larry - an agency decision is "arbitrary and capricious" when there is no required notice and record, and when the decision does not make reference to the record and how it coincides or differs. In that regard, the requirement for code ability in years past could not be considered "arbitrary".

Read some of the pre-1960 decisions and some of the recent decisions to see what I am referring to as to style.
>
>The only thing strange thing about this is how long the
>ITU and FCC allowed this nonsense to continue.

As long as SOLAS designated CW Morse as a means of communication in worldwide safety and disaster systems, that was articulated justification for requiring amateur operators to be able to recognize and copy Morse code.

It's a moot point now anyhow.

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73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane
A real communications attorney

361. Re: Will Great Britian be first the drop cos exams?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-07 04:05:40 UTC
From: Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
Message-ID: <cuvyxnansvbet.hhmpdxg.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 70198

On Sun, 6 Jul 2003 16:21:32 -0400, lk wrote:

>
>"Bill Sohl" <billsohl@mindspring.com> wrote in message
>news:be6geokqt1@slb5.atl.mindspring.net...
>>
>> Word has it that the UK will drop it within a month or so.
>
>Looks like they will be first.

Still doesn't answer my question about whether the RA can do it
based solely on a report from the Delegation on what has been passed
or whether there is a formal ratification process either on the
Ministerial (agency) level or in Parliament as there is in the
Former Colonies.

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73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane

362. Re: The Future of Ham Radio. CW is Dead.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-07 04:05:40 UTC
From: Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
Message-ID: <cuvyxnansvbet.hhmozkf.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 70199

On Sun, 6 Jul 2003 13:00:04 -0500, Kim W5TIT wrote:

>> Its not a hobby. Its a SERVICE.

>Amateur Radio is "defined" by the FCC as a service. For many people, ham
>radio is a hobby and nothing more. For many others, it is a hobby and a
>service and they get involved with those areas of ham radio that are a
>service to others. There is no requirement from the FCC that people must
>conduct a service in the hobby of amateur radio.
>
>CB is a service also. "Service" is simply a definition; moreover, a
>justification for the availability of frequencies to us "commoners." It
>distinguishes commercial use vs. hobby/personal use.

The use of the term "service" in communications regulatory law does
not mean "service to the public" or "service to a master" or any
other common use of the word. It is, as you pointed out, a
categorization.

It has nothing to do with "availability of frequencies to us
commoners" or "distinguishes commercial use vs. hobby/personal use".
Other radio services regulated by the FCC are the Maritime Radio
Services, Broadcast Radio Services, Public Safety Radio Services,
Commercial Wireless Telecomm Services, etc. They hardly fit your
definition above.

The term is used in international communications law so it's natural
to be used in domestic communications law. If it makes you happier,
replace the term "Service" with the term "Licensing Group" and you
will be 100% accurate.

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73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane

363. Re: The Pool

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-07 04:05:41 UTC
From: Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
Message-ID: <cuvyxnansvbet.hhmpreh.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 70196

On Sat, 5 Jul 2003 22:23:24 -0400, lk wrote:

>Since the gestation period of a Report & Order is one year,
>what different does it make when you start?
>
That's an anecdotal statement. Perhaps that's the average, but
there is nothing that requires any particular minimum or maximum
time.

If there is enough "oomph" behind it, an R&O can be issued in one
day if it's a type that does not require public input. That would
have to be a Memorandum Opinion and Order drafted in a quick hurry,
of course, but if it's issued under delgated authority it just needs
one signature, and even if it's a full Commission MO&O it can be
bicycled through the five offices in less than an hour if everything
is lined up. I've seen them do that with various administrative
matters.

>As you know, government can move mountains, particular ones
>they created, but it takes a long time.

Except when they want it to be a short time.

--
73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane

364. Re: CW Requirement Abolished

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-07 05:02:41 UTC
From: Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93B1A99B3B02elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>
Source record: 70200

n2ey@aol.com (N2EY) wrote in
news:20030705082335.04207.00001335@mb-m01.aol.com:

> In article <be3mmgtif1@slb2.atl.mindspring.net>, "Bill Sohl"
> <billsohl@mindspring.com> writes:
>
>>"Steve Robeson, K4CAP" <k4yz@aol.com> wrote in message
>>news:5c01b95b.0307032235.568909f1@posting.google.com...
>>> Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote in message
>>> news:<Xns93ADDBDF2BE7Felektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>...
>>> > Yes it's true. The final report of WRC 2003 is here:-
>>> >
>>> > http://www.iaru.org/rel030703.html
>>>
>>> Easy there fellas...The TREATY requirement may be negated, but
>>> we
>>> are still under >FCC< regulation...let's give them a day or two to
>>> see how they are going to handle this.
>>> Steve, K4YZ
>>
>>No one said otherwise.
>
> Look at the thread title, Bill. "CW Requirement Abolished" - not
> "Treaty No Longer Requires Code Test" or "S25.5 Revised" or anything
> like that. The casual observer would think the code test is gone. Not
> yet,
>
>>Clearly the issue of code testing now becomes a country by country
>>decision.
>
> Only once the new treaty is accepted by the various countries.
>
> 73 de Jim, N2EY
>
>
>

OK. I could have worded it better. What I meant was the international
requirement to have code tests is gone. Actually, though, in several EU
countries the test will go within the next few weeks. The FCC will take a
little longer, though.

365. Re: CW problems with arabs and ex-USSR

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-07 05:07:48 UTC
From: Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93B1B77C9BCBelektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>
Source record: 70201

"Bill Sohl" <billsohl@mindspring.com> wrote in
news:be6geokqt1@slb5.atl.mindspring.net:

>
> "lk" <lklose@net-link.net> wrote in message
> news:vgb6q25tdp9tea@corp.supernews.com...
>> "Phil Kane" <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop> wrote in message
>> news:cuvyxnansvbet.hhcoyb0.pminews@netnews.comcast.net...
>> > On 1 Jul 2003 14:31:19 GMT, Alun Palmer wrote:
>> >
>> > >> We oughta have a pool on how long it takes The Congress and FCC to
>> > >> get FCC to get through the various levels of rubberstamping.
>> > >> My wild guess is no more than a year from today.
>> >
>> > >I would think about the same, but surely we should each guess a
>> > >particular date, and the winner should be whoever is closest.
>> >
>> > Put me down for March 15, 2004.
>> > "Beware the Ides of March." 73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane
>>
>> Put me down for December 31, 2003.
>>
>> "Clean desk rule"
>> Larry KC8EPO
>
> Word has it that the UK will drop it within a month or so.
>
> Cheers,
> Bill K2UNK
>
>
>

The UK are dropping the code test on the 20th. It was going to be August
1st, but they brought it forward to come before a big outdoor event that
the RSGB are holding on the 26th/27th of this month. Presumably, this is
to help the RSGB recruit more people into the hobby.

366. Re: CW problems with arabs and ex-USSR

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-07 05:10:02 UTC
From: Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93B1BD88719Belektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>
Source record: 70202

"Phil Kane" <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop> wrote in
news:cuvyxnansvbet.hhkgn30.pminews@netnews.comcast.net:

> On Sat, 5 Jul 2003 08:26:24 -0400, Bill Sohl wrote:
>
>>Word has it that the UK will drop it within a month or so.
>
> Does the UK have to take the new treaty before Lord So-and-so who
> takes it into committee and then to the House of Lords for a debate
> followed by a vote and thence to the Queen to make it binding on the
> UK or can the Director-General of the RA do that at the stroke of a
> (ball-point quill) pen?
>
> I'm sure in Somalia it gets done whenever Warlord Biggshott says so.
>
> --
> 73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane
>
>
>

They have to have a consultation period, but the RA 'cheated' by
publishing the consultation document before the WRC!

367. Re: Will Great Britian be first the drop cos exams?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-07 05:13:05 UTC
From: Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93B1C5D5B7B0elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>
Source record: 70203

"lk" <lklose@net-link.net> wrote in
news:vgh193n4turc66@corp.supernews.com:

>
> "Bill Sohl" <billsohl@mindspring.com> wrote in message
> news:be6geokqt1@slb5.atl.mindspring.net...
>>
>> Word has it that the UK will drop it within a month or so.
>
> Looks like they will be first.
>
> The Radio Society of Great Britian web site report:
>
> "The Mandatory International Morse Requirement is to Cease
> The mandatory international Morse requirement for access to
> the HF bands is to cease. Colin Thomas, G3PSM, an advisor
> to the UK delegation to the ITU World Radiocommunication
> Conference, reported on Monday the 30th of June that the
> mandatory Morse code requirement for HF access would
> disappear at the end of the conference. However, if any
> administration feels that it needs to keep the requirement,
> it has the right to do so. Here in the UK, the Radiocommunications
> Agency has already stated that it will bring in code-free
> HF licences as soon as practical to do so. An announcement
> will be made on GB2RS and on the RSGB website when
> Full and Intermediate Class B amateurs can start using the
> HF bands."
>
> The Radiocommunications Agency reports:
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> "Amateur operation below 30 MHz - requirement for
> Morse code test at 5 words per minute"
>
> "Introduction and background"
>
> "At present, radio amateurs wishing to operate in amateur bands
> below 30 MHz must pass a test demonstrating their Morse code
> abilities. Article 25.5 of the international Radio Regulations
> obliges all national administrations (including the Agency) to
> conduct such tests for access to these bands."
>
> "The future need for this obligation is on the agenda of this
> year's World Radio Conference (WRC-03), being held in
> Geneva from 9 June to 4 July. Having consulted the amateur

> community, the UK believes that the Morse test requirement
> should be removed. We consider it likely that this will be
> the majority view at the conference."
>
> "To speed up the process of implementing WRC-03's decisions,
> the Agency is now consulting on a proposal to remove the
> Morse requirement for access to amateur bands below 30 MHz.
> Please note that, if WRC-03 does not remove the requirement
> for Morse code tests, the Agency cannot proceed with the
> proposed removal within the UK. We are consulting now only so
> that the overall process may be accomplished more quickly."
>
> "We propose to merge the A and B licence classes at Full and
> Intermediate levels, so that the UK licences comprise Foundation,
> Intermediate and Full. All licensees at each level will have access
> to all the frequencies forming part of their respective licences.
> Each licensee will keep his/her current call sign. If a licensee
> holds both an A and a B licence at the same level (which, if these
> proposals are accepted, will offer identical privileges), s/he will
> be asked to choose which call sign to retain by not renewing the
> other licence when it is next due for renewal. (The discarded
> licence may or may not be his/her first licence to fall for renewal.)"
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I'm not sure. I think both Holland and Belgium plan to drop code testing
this month. The UK is doing it on the 20th, but they may not be the first.

368. Re: Latest News - Morse Code Test "Died" at ITU Conference.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-07 05:18:04 UTC
From: Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93B1D352B0EBelektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>
Source record: 70204

"Phil Kane" <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop> wrote in
news:cuvyxnansvbet.hhkfi6z.pminews@netnews.comcast.net:

> On 05 Jul 2003 02:23:30 GMT, N2EY wrote:
>
>>The big problem with essay and fill-in-the-blank questions is that the
>>answers are not 100% objective. There's always a measure of judgement
>>involved.
>>
>>For example, take a simple question like "what is the length of a
>>half-wave dipole cut for 7.1 MHz?" With multiple choice, the QPC says
>>that one answer (say, 66 feet) is the correct one and all others are
>>incorrect.
>
> Want to make that one more fun? Do it like the 200 multi-guess
> questions on the Multistate Bar Exam: give four choices - two are
> obviously incorrect and two are "almost correct". Ask which of the
> four is the -best- answer.
>

Phil, I'm a patent agent, and the 'patent bar' is that way too. That would
definitely be one way to make the tests harder!

>>But with essays and fill-in-the-blank, what tolerance do we put on the
>>correct answer? Is 67 feet acceptable? 68 feet? 66 feet 3 inches? The
>>person being tested could write a long dissertation on tapering
>>elements, the effect of ground, wire/tubing sizes, etc., and come up
>>with a whole range of arguably-correct answers.
>
> And run into an examiner who doesn't understand all the nuances of
> such an answer.....
>
>>From what I have researched, FCC went to multiple-choice questions for
>>all ham exams no later than 1961.
>
> IIRC the Novice and Tech/General that I took in 1952 were all
> multi-choice. The next written exam that I took was the Advanced in
> 1968 and by that time multi-choice was in place for a long time in
> all FCC license exams with the exception of two pages of diagrams in
> the Commercial Radiotelegraph Element 6 which had to be graded by an
> engineer, not a regular examiner.
>
> --
> 73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane
>

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>

369. Re: Latest News - Morse Code Test May Not "Die" at ITU Conference.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-07 05:25:29 UTC
From: Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93B1E7726A4Aelektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>
Source record: 70205

"Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net> wrote in
news:TH0Na.5000$Vx2.2425082@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com:

>
> "Alun Palmer" <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote in message
> news:Xns93AD685A22B4Aelektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4...
>> "Kim W5TIT" <fahgedit@nomail.net> wrote in
>> news:be087o$a96@library2.airnews.net:
>>
>> > "Mike Coslo" <mjc5@psu.edu> wrote in message
>> > news:3F02D887.1090208@psu.edu...
>> >> Kim W5TIT wrote:
>> >>
>> >> > Dee, no doubt CW has its benefits. Contrary to a lot of the
>> >> > "pro-CW" folks, the "anti-CW" folks recognize its capabilities.
>> >> > (It's silly to even put the groups in such diverse categories.)
>> >> > However, that does not negate the argument that, even though it
>> >> > may be quite beneficial, there are those of us who simply choose
>> >> > not to learn it well enough for practicability (eh?).
>> >>
>> >>
>> >> You don't have to use it, just learn it. I don't like the stupid
>> >> satellite questions on the test, but I had to learn them. (sorry
>> >> satellite folks) If we threw out all the parts that some people did
>> >> not want to learn, there would soon be no test whatsoever.
>> >>
>>
>> I'd be happy to have as many _questions_ on the _written_exams_ about
>> Morse as about each other mode. A ham should _know_about_ all the
>> modes. What offends a lot of us is a _practical_ test in only _one_
>> mode. To take your example, if you had to track a satellite pass and
>> work someone via satellite to get a licence, and that was the only
>> practical test, that wouldn't be right either, as it would be an
>> unbalanced requirement relative to all the other things you can do in
>> the hobby. If you want to have a practical test, how about soldering?
>> At least it's not mode- specific.
>>
>
> Actually I agree with having a soldering test. I consider it a basic
> skill that all hams should have at least to the extent of soldering a
> PL259 connector to coax and demonstrating that they have achieved
> continuity and no shorts.
>
> The difference between CW and satellite is that CW is commonly used

> (about 50% of hams use CW some to all of the time) and it is cheap to
> use. Satellite is uncommon and expensive. In addition, it takes
> actually having a basic, minimal skill level at CW to judge whether one
> wishes to pursue it to a useful level thus the prospective ham should
> be required to learn a basic minimum.
>
> Dee D. Flint, N8UZE
>
>

Well, Dee, CW isn't used by me, although I have never actually worked anyone through a satellite either. I question whether as many as 50% really use CW to any great extent. It's always the same few people in any club who come out to work CW at field day, and they have never been close to 50% in any ham club I've belonged to.

370. Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-07 05:27:00 UTC
From: k4yz@aol.com
Message-ID: <5c01b95b.0307062127.58297c11@posting.google.com>
Source record: 70206

Once the official FCC changes are made, by whatever method, I wonder how long it will take the unlicensed to become licensed...Now that there's NO excuse remaining?

Just wondering.

Steve, K4YZ

371. Re: My Comments On RM-10740, the "Wi-Fi" Petition

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-07 05:29:14 UTC
From: k4yz@aol.com
Message-ID: <5c01b95b.0307062129.5de6a84e@posting.google.com>
Source record: 70207

"Kim W5TIT" <fahgedit@nomail.net> wrote in message
news:<be9f24$g4q@library2.airnews.net>...
> "Steve Robeson, K4CAP" <k4yz@aol.com> wrote in message
> news:5c01b95b.0307052321.44109dac@posting.google.com...
> > "D. Stussy" <kd6lvw@bde-arc.ampr.org> wrote in message
> news:<Pine.LNX.4.56.0307060003080.1599@kd6lvw.ampr.org>...
> >
> > > I certainly hope that you didn't caption your response using the term
> "Wi-Fi"
> > > for that may get sent over to the COMPUTER NETWORKING specialist - after
> all,
> > > that acronym applies to 802.11b transmissions, not this "wide-band-SSB"
> crap.
> >
> > Oooops.
> >
> > And remember...one man's "crap" is another man's fortune.
> >
> > 73
> >
> > Steve, K4YZ
> >
>
> Thank you, Steve! Well said...
>
> Kim W5TIT

(Takes a bow, clutches roses and blows kisses to adoring audience...)

73

Steve, K4YZ

372. Re: Renewed my license "on-line", only took 4 Hours

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-07 10:22:57 UTC
From: Arnie Macy <kt4st@csam.net>
Message-ID: <bebhsk$380c2$1@ID-166180.news.dfncis.de>
Source record: 70210

"JJ" wrote ...

> License renewal if FREE to any licensed amateur, ARRL membership
> is not necessary.

Thanks, I'll remember that in ten years (grin)

Arnie -
KT4ST

373. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-07 11:11:10 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030707071110.09955.00000586@mb-m21.aol.com>
Source record: 70211

In article <5c01b95b.0307062127.58297c11@posting.google.com>, k4yz@aol.com (Steve Robeson, K4CAP) writes:

>Once the official FCC changes are made, by whatever method, I wonder
>how long it will take the unlicensed to become licensed...Now that
>there's NO excuse remaining?

There's always an excuse, Steve.

Here are some predictions for ya:

The dropping of the code test will not be accompanied by a significant change in the written exams.

The dropping of the code test will not be accompanied by a significant, sustained increase in growth rate of the ARS. There may be a short term surge, and lots of upgrades, but total numbers will not skyrocket.

The dropping of the code test will not be accompanied by a significant change in the modes and technologies used by hams. There will not be a technorevolution, nor big increases in experimentation or homebrewing. Just more of the same of what has been going on.

Let's see what happens in the UK. RSGB and RA have been pushing to drop the code test for a long time. Maybe they won't be disappointed.

> Just wondering.

Don't hold yer breath. The usual bureaucratic delay will slow things down here in the USA. And remember, those who get the licenses after the change will be raw, inexperienced newcomers, who will need our help and guidance as they are welcomed into the ARS.

73 de Jim, N2EY

374. Re: The curse for HF bands

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-07 11:11:11 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030707071111.09955.00000587@mb-m21.aol.com>
Source record: 70212

In article <uk7avcg6h.fsf@pobox.com>, lbudney@pobox.com writes:

>n2ey@aol.com (N2EY) writes:
>>
>> ...consider what has happened in Japan, which has long had a
>> nocodetest QRP HF amateur license. Since 1995 the number of JA
>> amateur stations has been dropping, along with JARL membership. JARL
>> is now smaller than ARRL.
>
>That _is_ interesting!

Check out

http://www.ah0a.org

>Acourse, one wonders how their 10-year-long
>recession has impacted these statistics, for example.

It ain't pretty.

Note that Japanese *operator* licenses are free and do no expire, so the number of Japanese operator licenses is an indicator of how many people have been licensed in Japan since the end of post-WW2 military rule (1952?). not how many are licensed today.

Japanese *station* licenses must be renewed and cost 120 yen, as I recall. They are more of an indication of how many active hams exist in Japan. However, note that an operator can be active without having a station license, by using a club station of friend's station.

>I'd tend to see
>it as proving that lowering the bar actually reduces interest.
>
That's one factor. Another is that saturation was reached. Or that amateur radio was a fad for a while in Japan and now the fad is over.

There is also the effect of inexpensive cell phones and 'net access. I have read that many Japanese got ham licenses and HTs for personal communication, which have since been replaced by cell phones.

>>>> Perharps a new generation of low cost HF transceivers (CB like) will
>>>> appear on the market...
>>>
>>> Remains to be seen. I'll be glad if it does.
>>
>> What does "CB like" mean?
>

>I just took him to mean "cheap". I can get a reasonable 40-channel CB
>in any truck stop for under $100.

I doubt you'll see that in amateur radio. The trend is towards more, not less.
>
>> A prediction: We won't see significant changes in the equipment
>> offered for sale to radio amateurs because of changes in code test
>> requirements.
>
>I'd tend to agree.
>
In fact, if demand increases, we may see prices rise rather than fall. Supply
and demand.

73 de Jim, N2EY

375. Re: The curse for HF bands

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-07 12:28:35 UTC
From: lbudney@pobox.com
Message-ID: <ullvamsej.fsf@pobox.com>
Source record: 70213

n2ey@aol.com (N2EY) writes:
>>
>> I just took him to mean "cheap". I can get a reasonable 40-channel
>> CB in any truck stop for under $100.
>
> I doubt you'll see that in amateur radio. The trend is towards more,
> not less.

Hopefully, that's accompanied by increases in features and quality! If the same item was increasing in price over time, I'd be annoyed.

> In fact, if demand increases, we may see prices rise rather than
> fall. Supply and demand.

Until it got so high that it attracted Wal*Mart into the market! But I don't believe demand will rise high enough to attract more players.

Regards,
Len.

376. Re: Latest News - Morse Code Test "Died" at ITU Conference.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-07 12:31:22 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307070431.1caa5d64@posting.google.com>
Source record: 70214

Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net> wrote in message news:<3F063D36.4010701@adelphia.net>...
> N2EY wrote:
> > In article <cuvyxnansvbet.hhikzfv.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>, "Phil Kane"
> > <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop> writes:
> >
> >
> >>On Fri, 04 Jul 2003 11:53:58 -0400, Scott Unit 69 wrote:

> > > For example, take a simple question like "what is the length of a half-wave
> > > dipole cut for 7.1 MHz?" With multiple choice, the QPC says that one answer
> > > (say, 66 feet) is the correct one and all others are incorrect.
> > >
> > > But with essays and fill-in-the-blank, what tolerance do we put on the correct
> > > answer? Is 67 feet acceptable? 68 feet? 66 feet 3 inches? The person being
> > > tested could write a long dissertation on tapering elements, the effect of
> > > ground, wire/tubing sizes, etc., and come up with a whole raneg of
> > > arguably-correct answers.
> >
> > Yup. Go check out rraa. There is a former member of this group involved
> > in a months long debate. Just as a sample of the lengths some will go to
> > to prove they are "right". Who would arbitrate contested answers?

> > - Mike KB3EIA -

Noted. Same old stuff, different year. Brian

377. Re: CW Requirement Abolished

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-07 12:35:41 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307070435.6678f58a@posting.google.com>
Source record: 70215

"Bill Sohl" <billsohl@mindspring.com> wrote in message
news:<be2oqddc1@slb6.atl.mindspring.net>...
> "Alun Palmer" <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote in message
> news:Xns93ADDBDF2BE7Felektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4...
> > Yes it's true. The final report of WRC 2003 is here:-
> >
> > http://www.iaru.org/rel030703.html
>
> Here's the rewrite of 25.5 and 25.6
>
>
> The IARU web site has release it final report on WRC 2003.
>
> You can read the full report at: http://www.iaru.org/rel030703.html
>
> The final version of S25.5 & S25.6 are:
>
> 25.5 ï¿½3 1) Administrations shall determine whether or not a person
> seeking a licence to operate an amateur station shall demonstrate
> the ability to send and receive texts in Morse code signals.
>
>
> 25.6 2) Administrations shall verify the operational and technical
> qualifications of any person wishing to operate an amateur station.
> Guidance for standards of competence may be found in the
> most recent version of Recommendation ITU-RM.1544.
> ----------
> They say the effective date is July 5, 2003.
>
> Cheers,
> Bill K2UNK

I wonder if we can shut down this newsgroup now? Brian

378. Re: Latest News - Morse Code Test May Not "Die" at ITU Conference.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-07 13:23:27 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu>
Message-ID: <3F09744F.5080102@psu.edu>
Source record: 70216

Kim W5TIT wrote:

> Yeah, and therein lies the difference with many of us. Only a few here
> would carry the grudges to eternity...

Speaking of which, cruise on over to rra.antenna, and catch an old member of this group in what may turn out to be the mother of all threads - "Is Cecil's Math a Blunder?" and it's evil offspring "Conservation of Energy". Here are some guys who just won't give up. Unending threads like this eventually become art. Just like the one lunchtime in high school when I put all my money into the jukebox in the cafeteria and played "On the Cover of the Rolling Stone" lessee, um.... 30 times. 3 dollars at a dime per play.

Each new time it played was a different reaction, from groaning to laughter to discussions of unplugging the jukebox to us leaving the cafeteria, the next group going in, not knowing that they were going to be serenaded for their lunch too.

It was finally unplugged after the last lunch shift, and I wasn't around to demand my money back for the unplayed songs.

> While the rest of us move on to the next hotly debated topic...

Bagels or donuts for breakfast?

- Mike KB3EIA -

379. Re: CW Requirement Abolished

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-07 14:18:02 UTC
From: Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net>
Message-ID: <nipigv4r1n1c1879t1l4feut0kngr676br@4ax.com>
Source record: 70327

On 7 Jul 2003 14:21:15 GMT, Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote:

>We'll just have to think of something else to talk about. Besides, it's
>not over yet. The FCC will likely have multiple petitions to look at. For
>example, what happens to Techs? Should they all get Tech+ privileges?

In the short term, that's what I personally expect we will see. In the
long term, however, I think we will eventually have only two license
classes instead of the current three (one for VHF/UHF only privileges,
and one for full HF privileges in addition to that).

1. FCC remains under a congressional mandate to simplify regulations.
The easiest system for FCC to administer would be exactly what I have
outlined - either you have HF privileges or you don't.

2. Reading between the lines on the FCC's R&O WRT the last
restructuring of amateur license classes leads me to believe that the
commission would have preferred to do this in the first place but its
hands were tied by the international requirement that WRC just
removed. Absent that requirement now, FCC will be free to do what I
think it would have preferred to do four years ago.

73 DE John, KC2HMZ

380. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-07 14:18:03 UTC
From: Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net>
Message-ID: <14rigvk8ddq3ah0crhn4gvciavvk097rj8@4ax.com>
Source record: 70328

On 6 Jul 2003 22:27:00 -0700, k4yz@aol.com (Steve Robeson, K4CAP)
wrote:

>Once the official FCC changes are made, by whatever method, I wonder
>how long it will take the unlicensed to become licensed...Now that
>there's NO excuse remaining?

It has long been my opinion that the single biggest quality that distinguishes most hams from most operators in the personal radio services such as CB, MURS, Marine VHF, GMRS, and so forth is that we hams are not only interested in our own enjoyment of radio, but we also have a genuine interest in others enjoying their use of their privileges as well. There are of course exceptions on both sides of the dividing line that one might consider the licensing process to represent, but in general, most hams really want "the other guy" to have an enjoyable experience when he (or she) goes on the air. We care not only about ourselves, but about others as well.

As for those that do not, well, we've all seen troll messages posted in this and other NG by such persons many times in the past. If such folks continue to shun the ARS in the future, this is probably a good thing for all parties concerned. Pirates - whether they are on the so-called "freeband" or are simply bootleggers on the ham frequencies or elsewhere, have that status by their own choice. I seriously doubt that we will see a major influx of new hams from the ranks of people who feel they are above such conventions as getting a license, operating according to a set of regulations, and conducting themselves in accordance with good amateur practice and gentlemen's agreements and so forth.

Nevertheless, there most definitely are many operators in the other radio services who do in fact possess this quality, and it is my hope that we'll see them streaming into the VE sessions en masse once the changes take effect. In fact, I'll be working to convince them to do just that, and to get them into the club meetings and to help them learn what they'll need to learn to fully enjoy their new privileges, and I'll be encouraging others to do the same. As with other opportunities given to us by such simplifications of the regulations, it's up to us to either make the most of it or let the chance to do some good on behalf of the ARS just slide on by...and I do believe that those who are not part of the solution are part of the problem.

73 DE John, KC2HMZ

381. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-07 14:18:04 UTC
From: Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net>
Message-ID: <k3tigvouvqr3a7nadj1p5ld4ohh7ai3jt1@4ax.com>
Source record: 70329

On 07 Jul 2003 11:11:10 GMT, n2ey@aol.com (N2EY) wrote:

>Here are some predictions for ya:

Hmmm...hang on, lemme wipe the dust off the crystal ball for ya
first....okay, go ahead.

>The dropping of the code test will not be accompanied by a significant change
>in the written exams.

In the short term, probably not. In the long term, as the written
tests go through their normal revision and updating processes, I'd
expect and hope that the question pool committee members would begin
to include questions on practical operating knowledge in addition to
the questions on theory that are already part of the tests. I've long
felt that it was time for the CW testing requirement to go, but the
fact remains that it has indeed been the only practical skill (as
opposed to theoretical knowledge) tested, and I think that this does
need to change.

>The dropping of the code test will not be accompanied by a significant,
>sustained increase in growth rate of the ARS. There may be a short term surge,
>and lots of upgrades, but total numbers will not skyrocket.

Seems to me that the outcome, in this regard, is up to us. We have an
opportunity to start a significant influx of good operators into the
ARS provided we're willing to identify them and elmer them and welcome
them into the ranks, so to speak.

Those of us who go out of our way to meet these people and convince
them to get into the club meetings and the VE sessions, and who answer
questions and provide the guidance the newcomers will need and then
accept and respect them as fellow hams should, will be taking good
advantage of the opportunity.

Those of us who spend our time coming up with witty and derogatory
names like Extra Lite and insist on distinguishing between No-Code and
Know-Code and go out of their way to make people feel like
second-class citizens will be letting the opportunity just slide on by
and will be doing a disservice to the ARS.

>The dropping of the code test will not be accompanied by a significant change
>in the modes and technologies used by hams. There will not be a
>technorevolution, nor big increases in experimentation or homebrewing. Just
>more of the same of what has been going on.

Again, this depends on us.

Hmmm...lemme see...we're faced with the possibility of having a lot of newcomers with little or no practical experience WRT radio wave propagation on the HF bands, and thus little knowledge on which to base selection of a frequency band on which to begin making contacts at any particular time. Isn't this exactly what ALE is supposed to do? Yet, how many hams do you know of who have even heard of ALE, outisde of those in this forum where I know the subject has come up previously? How many hams in your local club know what ALE is? How many would be willing to accept and use it if they did?

>Let's see what happens in the UK. RSGB and RA have been pushing to drop the
>code test for a long time. Maybe they won't be disappointed.
>
>> Just wondering.
>
>Don't hold yer breath. The usual bureaucratic delay will slow things down here
>in the USA. And remember, those who get the licenses after the change will be
>raw, inexperienced newcomers, who will need our help and guidance as they are
>welcomed into the ARS.

To use the British term: Bloody Well Right! Especially since there will undoubtedly be those who will not welcome them at all, and in fact do quite the opposite. Those of us who wish to take advantage of this opportunity will have to work doubly hard in order to overcome the harm done by the minority that will attempt to ostracize and chase away the newcomers, forgetting that they were newcomers themselves once upon a time.

73 DE John, KC2HMZ

382. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-07 14:18:05 UTC
From: Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net>
Message-ID: <rbuigvkr81bln46blfpkph0rl7svh78rld@4ax.com>
Source record: 70330

On 08 Jul 2003 01:50:03 GMT, yodoc@aol.comnospam (Larry Roll K3LT)
wrote:

>As long as a written theory test (if you can call a multiple-
>guess test a "written" test)

If you'd like we can always arrange for the VE teams to administer the
test orally, I suppose...

>is required, there will be people whining and
>complaining about having to prepare for it and take it in order to obtain
>a license in whatever's left of the ARS.

I feel compelled to point out that such negativity is not likely to
have a positive effect on "whatever's left of the ARS" and to remind
once again that anyone who is not a part of the solution is a part of
the problem.

>So, we'll change the debate over
>to whether or not the ARS is a "technical" service and whether the testing
>should be changed into something more dumbed-down than it already is.

Every time I hear someone lamenting the supposed dumbing down of the
ARS, I can't help but think of the number of longtime hams I've seen
over the past few years who brought a brand new 2m or dual-band mobile
or HT, or an Icom 706MKIIG or Yaesu FT-100 into a club meeting to seek
help in programming it. I'm not talking about relative newcomers
either, I'm talking about guys who were hams before I was even born.
Furthermore, sometimes it's a no-code Tech who picks up the
old-timer's HT and shows him how to program it. Never mind that the
HT's owner could have learned this for himself by reading the manual,
because many manufactuers' manuals leave a lot to be desired, and
we're talking about guys who once built microphones out of tuna fish
cans and can do 40WPM or better in their sleep. How are we supposed to
be dumbed down if guys who have been extras since Moby Dick was a
minnow need help from another ham to get a new piece of equipment
operating? And how are we supposed to be dumbed down when it turns out
to be a guy with a license the ink isn't even dry on yet that is able
to provide that assistance, and is happy to do so? I'm not buying the
dumbed-down theory one bit.

>After that, the next bone of contention will be whether or not a prospective
>ham should be required to know how to spell his name correctly on the
>application!

If he can't, he gets a license that doesn't have his name on it and is
therefore invalid, doesn't he?

BTW, Larry, you were supposed to look me up when you came up this way,
I still owe you a roast beef from a bet we made several years ago and
you haven't even bothered to collect your winnings.

>73 de Larry, K3LT

73 DE John, KC2HMZ

383. Re: The curse for HF bands

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-07 14:18:06 UTC
From: Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net>
Message-ID: <hfvigvs3ds8ha912kdacjuj1f3v6sr7bh8@4ax.com>
Source record: 70331

On 7 Jul 2003 14:45:31 GMT, Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote:

>CBs are cheap not only due to mass production, but because they are single
>conversion with ceramic filters (a design choice) and because they are
>single band and low power (FCC requirements). There may be an increased
>market for an entry-level HF rig that will only cost about as much as a 2m
>FM rig, because more will now choose to start out on HF.

You can, if you want to, stick several hundred bucks into a CB rig.
You can also get one for about forty bucks. The latter type will be
single mode (AM only) with zero bells and whistles. The former will be
AM/USB/LSB and include such extras as some form of RIT, dual power
supply (AC/DC), an actual S-meter rather than a bunch of LEDs as a
signal strength indicator (if any at all), some basic DSP functions,
and reception of NOAA weather channels. The top-of-the-line CB base
stations cost far more than a 2m FM rig as it is.

>But what could be included? Probably SSB/CW only, maybe just a couple of
>bands (which ones?), probably 10-20 watts out (PA transistors are
>significant part of the component cost of a rig). Probably only ceramic
>filters, but maybe with a high first IF a la Alinco (they might be one of
>the firms interested in this market). Maybe 80/20m to use the image
>response to make it easier to build, or 40/15m, so the user can just use a
>40m dipole?

Sounds to me like you just desribed the Ten-Tec Scout with its modules
for different bands, except that the price tag does not rival that of
a CB rig. Frankly, I don't think we'll see $40 ham HF rigs, ever. Take
one of those $40 CB rigs and modify it for use in the AM portion of
10m and see how it performs, and you'll quickly understand why. You
get what you pay for.

I can, however, see a $200-$300 single-band HF rig (on other than 10m)
with limited mode selection and few if any bells and whistles. I
exclude 10m from that statement because those have already been
offered in the past - see Radio Shack HTX-10 for example.

73 DE John, KC2HMZ

384. Re: Renewed my license "on-line", only took 4 Hours

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-07 14:18:48 UTC
From: JJ <radiobuff0@mailcity.moc>
Message-ID: <3F098148.1070403@mailcity.moc>
Source record: 70301

Dan/W4NTI wrote:
> I don't think that is correct 'jj'. I believe there is a charge if your not
> a member.

License renewal is FREE, any amateur can renew FREE directly with
the FCC, you don't need to go through the ARRL, W5YI, or anyone
else. Why pay someone else (either directly or through ARRL dues)
for something that is very simple and one can do themselves for FREE?

385. Re: CW Requirement Abolished

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-07 14:21:15 UTC
From: Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93B1694CDE0E5elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>
Source record: 70217

brianburke@juno.com (Brian) wrote in
news:f45722ac.0307070435.6678f58a@posting.google.com:

> "Bill Sohl" <billsohl@mindspring.com> wrote in message
> news:<be2oqddc1@slb6.atl.mindspring.net>...
>> "Alun Palmer" <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote in message
>> news:Xns93ADDBDF2BE7Felektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4...
>> > Yes it's true. The final report of WRC 2003 is here:-
>> >
>> > http://www.iaru.org/rel030703.html
>>
>> Here's the rewrite of 25.5 and 25.6
>>
>>
>> The IARU web site has release it final report on WRC 2003.
>>
>> You can read the full report at: http://www.iaru.org/rel030703.html
>>
>> The final version of S25.5 & S25.6 are:
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>> 25.5 &#65533;3 1) Administrations shall determine whether or not a person
>> seeking a licence to operate an amateur station shall demonstrate
>> the ability to send and receive texts in Morse code signals.
>>
>>
>> 25.6 2) Administrations shall verify the operational and technical
>> qualifications of any person wishing to operate an amateur station.
>> Guidance for standards of competence may be found in the
>> most recent version of Recommendation ITU-RM.1544.
>> ----------
>> They say the effective date is July 5, 2003.
>>
>> Cheers,
>> Bill K2UNK
>
> I wonder if we can shut down this newsgroup now? Brian
>

We'll just have to think of something else to talk about. Besides, it's
not over yet. The FCC will likely have multiple petitions to look at. For
example, what happens to Techs? Should they all get Tech+ privileges?

386. Re: CW Requirement Abolished

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-07 14:44:33 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu>
Message-ID: <3F098751.1000200@psu.edu>
Source record: 70219

Brian wrote:
> "Bill Sohl" <billsohl@mindspring.com> wrote in message
news:<be2oqddc1@slb6.atl.mindspring.net>...
>
>>"Alun Palmer" <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote in message
>>news:Xns93ADDBDF2BE7Felektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4...
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>>Cheers,
>>Bill K2UNK
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>
> I wonder if we can shut down this newsgroup now? Brian

Heh, Heh! Good question, Brian! I'm sure we can find something to fight
about though..... 8^)

- Mike KB3EIA -

387. Re: The curse for HF bands

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-07 14:45:31 UTC
From: Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93B16D69AB0E1elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>
Source record: 70218

lbudney@pobox.com wrote in news:ullvamsej.fsf@pobox.com:

> n2ey@aol.com (N2EY) writes:
>>>
>>> I just took him to mean "cheap". I can get a reasonable 40-channel
>>> CB in any truck stop for under $100.
>>
>> I doubt you'll see that in amateur radio. The trend is towards more,
>> not less.
>
> Hopefully, that's accompanied by increases in features and quality! If
> the same item was increasing in price over time, I'd be annoyed.
>
>> In fact, if demand increases, we may see prices rise rather than fall.
>> Supply and demand.
>
> Until it got so high that it attracted Wal*Mart into the market! But I
> don't believe demand will rise high enough to attract more players.
>
> Regards,
> Len.
>

CBs are cheap not only due to mass production, but because they are single conversion with ceramic filters (a design choice) and because they are single band and low power (FCC requirements). There may be an increased market for an entry-level HF rig that will only cost about as much as a 2m FM rig, because more will now choose to start out on HF.

But what could be included? Probably SSB/CW only, maybe just a couple of bands (which ones?), probably 10-20 watts out (PA transistors are significant part of the component cost of a rig). Probably only ceramic filters, but maybe with a high first IF a la Alinco (they might be one of the firms interested in this market). Maybe 80/20m to use the image response to make it easier to build, or 40/15m, so the user can just use a 40m dipole?

388. Re: Latest News - Morse Code Test May Not "Die" at ITU Conference.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-07 15:31:19 UTC
From: lbudney@pobox.com
Message-ID: <uu19yjqt3.fsf@pobox.com>
Source record: 70220

Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu> writes:
>
> Just like the one lunchtime in high school when I put all my money
> into the jukebox in the cafeteria and played "On the Cover of the
> Rolling Stone" lessee, um.... 30 times. 3 dollars at a dime per
> play.

Ah, memoriess...I once played Duran Duran's "Rio" about 50 times,
loudly, from my car stereo while stuck in a traffic jam. Made me feel
better.

> It was finally unplugged after the last lunch shift, and I wasn't
> around to demand my money back for the unplayed songs.

My dad and I would load up the jukebox at our favorite pizza place
with oldies, but not the same one. Daydream Believer, Lodi, Seven
Spanish Angels...the buggers behind the counter starting rejecting our
songs and giving our quarters back.

--Len.

389. Re: Latest News - Morse Code Test May Not "Die" at ITU Conference.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-07 17:48:11 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu>
Message-ID: <3F09B25B.8050104@psu.edu>
Source record: 70222

lbudney@pobox.com wrote:
> Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu> writes:
>
>> Just like the one lunchtime in high school when I put all my money
>> into the jukebox in the cafeteria and played "On the Cover of the
>> Rolling Stone" lessee, um.... 30 times. 3 dollars at a dime per
>> play.
>
>
> Ah, memoriess...I once played Duran Duran's "Rio" about 50 times,
> loudly, from my car stereo while stuck in a traffic jam. Made me feel
> better.
>
Hehe, Those are the kind of pranks I loved in high school. Not
malicious, not destructive, but they could really get on peoples nerves.

>> It was finally unplugged after the last lunch shift, and I wasn't
>> around to demand my money back for the unplayed songs.
>
>
> My dad and I would load up the jukebox at our favorite pizza place
> with oldies, but not the same one. Daydream Believer, Lodi, Seven
> Spanish Angels...the buggers behind the counter starting rejecting
> our songs and giving our quarters back.

hmmm, sounds like time for a new pizza joint.

- Mike KB3EIA -

390. Re: CW problems with arabs and ex-USSR

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-07 17:50:31 UTC
From: Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
Message-ID: <cuvyxnansvbet.hhnrcmi.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 70221

On 7 Jul 2003 05:10:02 GMT, Alun Palmer wrote:

>> Does the UK have to take the new treaty before Lord So-and-so who
>> takes it into committee and then to the House of Lords for a debate
>> followed by a vote and thence to the Queen to make it binding on the
>> UK or can the Director-General of the RA do that at the stroke of a
>> (ball-point quill) pen?
>>
>They have to have a consultation period, but the RA 'cheated' by
>publishing the consultation document before the WRC!

In my sporadic dealings with them in the mid-1960s I was always
impressed by how the GPO (predecessor to the RA) could cut corners
where the FCC couldn't - or wouldn't .....

--
73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane

391. Re: 40 meters fixed, sort of

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-07 17:56:27 UTC
From: gsm@mendelson.com
Message-ID: <slrnbgjcok.b79.gsm@cable.mendelson.com>
Source record: 70223

In article <d22b54c3.0307060010.5dc7900e@posting.google.com>,
Brian Kelly wrote:

> The BC stations in 7.0-7.1 have always seemed to me to be much more of
> a problem than they are in 7.2-7.3 but maybe that's just a perception
> on my part. Beyond that cleaning out 7.0-7.1 will be a huge
> improvement for the CW and digital crowd but the phone guys will still
> have work to do at upcoming WRCs to obtain the same improvements.

Remember that the "CW band" concept only exists in the U.S. In the
rest of the world the 40m phone band starts at 7.0mHz. Here in
Israel, all of Europe and Africa, the whole band is only 7.0-7.1 mHz.

Getting the broadcast band out of there 7.0-7.2 will also open that
extra 100kHz to us too. It would be nice to be able to use 40m for
SSB to the U.S., something I can't do now.

Since the novices are just about gone, IMHO the U.S. should drop the
7.1-7.15 mHz CW band. Actually what I would like to see is a worldwide
7.0-7.2 mHz 40m band, with the following "band plan"

7.000-7.050 CW
7.050-7.100 Digital
7.100-7.200 SSB voice, no SSTV, packet, etc.

Geoff (4x1gm, N3OWJ)
--
Geoffrey S. Mendelson gsm@mendelson.com 972-54-608-069
Do sysadmins count networked sheep?

392. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-07 18:19:35 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu>
Message-ID: <3F09B9B7.9060105@psu.edu>
Source record: 70224

N2EY wrote:
> In article <5c01b95b.0307062127.58297c11@posting.google.com>, k4yz@aol.com
> (Steve Robeson, K4CAP) writes:
>
>
>>Once the official FCC changes are made, by whatever method, I wonder
>>how long it will take the unlicensed to become licensed...Now that
>>there's NO excuse remaining?
>
>
> There's always an excuse, Steve.
>
> Here are some predictions for ya:
>
> The dropping of the code test will not be accompanied by a significant change
> in the written exams.

Too bad. I'd like to see the exam restructured

> The dropping of the code test will not be accompanied by a significant,
> sustained increase in growth rate of the ARS. There may be a short term surge,
> and lots of upgrades, but total numbers will not skyrocket.

Agreed.

> The dropping of the code test will not be accompanied by a significant change
> in the modes and technologies used by hams. There will not be a
> technorevolution, nor big increases in experimentation or homebrewing. Just
> more of the same of what has been going on.

Agreed. I'd like to hear just what sort of technorevolution some people
were expecting.

Do people who do not have the time to take the morse code test have the
time to invent new modes? Do they have time to invent digital voice
modes that take up bandwidth than ssb?

> Let's see what happens in the UK. RSGB and RA have been pushing to drop the
> code test for a long time. Maybe they won't be disappointed.
>
>
>> Just wondering.
>
>
> Don't hold yer breath. The usual bureaucratic delay will slow things down here
> in the USA. And remember, those who get the licenses after the change will be

> raw, inexperienced newcomers, who will need our help and guidance as they are
> welcomed into the ARS.

And there you have one of the more interesting dilemmas to the ARS.

Is a brand new Extra, who has never been on HF, even accept Elmering?
Or will they insist that the conventions that have been developed over
the years are not applicable to them.

This is not as far-fetched as it may seem. I tried to help out a new
Extra in a contest once. I knew he did not have any HF experience at
all, yet he wanted a bare minimum of help. After showing him where the
PTT was, and how to change bands, I started to explain the structure of
a contest QSO. He interrupted me after the first sentence with a "not to
be rude, but I'll take over now". I came back the next morning and saw
the results of his work. Six QSO's! He was woring at the rate of 1 QSO
per hour under *good* band conditions!

Even in my own experience, I know that I had my extra before I should
have. I went from General to Extra in a little over 6 months.

I would propose that there be at least a year wait before upgrading to
Extra. Ya just can't gain enough operating knowledge in less time.

393. Re: CW Requirement Abolished

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-07 19:00:46 UTC
From: nightowls627@aol.comnojunk
Message-ID: <20030707150046.05578.00000267@mb-m02.aol.com>
Source record: 70225

Well, I am a no-code tech and am actually not looking forward to the end of the CW requirement. I am studying code now and will continue to do so. I take my upgrade test in Sept. and can't wait to get my code ticket.

G. Doughty
KI4BBL
remove nojunk to email

394. Re: CW Requirement Abolished

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-07 19:08:14 UTC
From: lbudney@pobox.com
Message-ID: <ufzlignmn.fsf@pobox.com>
Source record: 70227

nightowls627@aol.comnojunk (G. Doughty) writes:
>
> Well, I am a no-code tech and am actually not looking forward to the
> end of the CW requirement. I am studying code now and will continue
> to do so...

Same story here (don't have a tech, though). Now I'm racing the clock
to take the test while it exists; it would be a bummer if they rammed
the elimination of the code test through before I was ready. :-)

Regards,
Len.

395. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-07 19:08:18 UTC
From: Jack Twilley <jmt+usenet@twilley.org>
Message-ID: <86u19y17fh.fsf@duchess.twilley.org>
Source record: 70226

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Hash: SHA1

>>>>> "Mike" == Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu> writes:

[...]

Mike> And there you have one of the more interesting dilemmas to the
Mike> ARS.

Mike> Is a brand new Extra, who has never been on HF, even accept
Mike> Elmering? Or will they insist that the conventions that have
Mike> been developed over the years are not applicable to them.

Some do, some don't. I know my limitations, and I accept assistance
and information from those who can help me.

Mike> This is not as far-fetched as it may seem. I tried to help out a
Mike> new Extra in a contest once. I knew he did not have any HF
Mike> experience at all, yet he wanted a bare minimum of help. After
Mike> showing him where the PTT was, and how to change bands, I
Mike> started to explain the structure of a contest QSO. He
Mike> interrupted me after the first sentence with a "not to be rude,
Mike> but I'll take over now". I came back the next morning and saw
Mike> the results of his work. Six QSO's! He was woring at the rate of
Mike> 1 QSO per hour under *good* band conditions!

This is the opposite of my first HF contest experience -- just over a
year ago at Field Day. The group I was with was very gentle to new
contesters, to the point that they had written down precisely what we
were to say, what we needed to ask for, even to the point of reminding
us to wish other stations "good luck". This year's Field Day was the
first year that I ran a contest station unattended, and I was able to
provide some assistance to Technicians who wanted to work HF. It was
a good feeling, and I look forward to learning more if only to share
that knowledge with others.

Mike> Even in my own experience, I know that I had my extra before I
Mike> should have. I went from General to Extra in a little over 6
Mike> months.

I went from Technician to Extra. I had my Technician ticket for two
years, and had only actually operated for six months before
upgrading.

Mike> I would propose that there be at least a year wait before
Mike> upgrading to Extra. Ya just can't gain enough operating

Mike> knowledge in less time.

It's a good suggestion, but not something I'd like to see in FCC
regulations. Mileage may vary.

Jack.
- --
Jack Twilley
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396. Re: 40 meters fixed, sort of

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-07 19:10:14 UTC
From: kelly@dvol.com
Message-ID: <d22b54c3.0307071110.6c3868ab@posting.google.com>
Source record: 70228
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"Dan/W4NTI" wrote in message news:...
> "Brian Kelly" wrote in message
> news:d22b54c3.0307060033.1df9bf0b@posting.google.com...
> > "paulfriedman@comcast.net" wrote in message
> news:...
> > > "Jim Hampton" wrote in message
> > > news:CWMNa.16017$Rp5.6688@news02.roc.ny...
> > > > I wonder if they eliminate CW (all but certain, but not to as when),
> will
> > > > they expand the phone bands downward a bit?
> > > >
> > > > 73 from Rochester, NY
> > > > Jim AA2QA
> > > >
> > > >
> > > > ---
> > > > Outgoing mail is certified Virus Free.
> > > > Checked by AVG anti-virus system (http://www.grisoft.com).
> > > > Version: 6.0.497 / Virus Database: 296 - Release Date: 7/4/03
> > > >
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> > >
> > > Jim:
> > >
> > > That is exactly the question I have been wondering about. There might be
> > > considerable pressure -- on servarl bands, but particulalry 40 (extend
> phone
> > > down to 7100 to give 100 Khz "overlap" from Region 2 to the rest of the
> > > world).
> > >
> > > Hecklers, please note: I did not state a position vis-a-vis CW, the
> testing
> > > thereof, or the Iraqi War.. just wondering if there will be a push here.
> >
> > That "push" was already underway on all bands long before I became a
> > ham a half century ago.
> >
> >
> > > 73
> > >
> > > Paul AB0SI
> >
> > w3rv
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>
> Me being a CW operator have NO PROBLEM with expanding the SSB segements. In
> fact if 25, or ever 20kc was left to the CW only crowd at the bottom of the
> band...That would do just fine.
>
> That means CW only.

25 kHz nah, 50 kHz maybe. Even Field Day needs 40-50 kHz.

>
> Dan/W4NTI

w3rv

397. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-07 19:10:45 UTC
From: Robert Casey <wa2ise@ix.netcom.com>
Message-ID: <3F09C5B5.2090607@ix.netcom.com>
Source record: 70229

Mike Coslo wrote:

>
> Is a brand new Extra, who has never been on HF, even accept
> Elmering? Or will they insist that the conventions that have been
> developed over the years are not applicable to them.
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> the PTT was, and how to change bands, I started to explain the
> structure of a contest QSO. He interrupted me after the first sentence
> with a "not to be rude, but I'll take over now". I came back the next
> morning and saw the results of his work. Six QSO's! He was working at
> the rate of 1 QSO per hour under *good* band conditions!
>
Always some idiots.... When I got my "extra lite" on restructuring
day, went home to fire up the
Kenwood HF rig I bought used (strung an antenna that vaguely resembled a
dipole before) and
listened around a bit to get a feel on how QSOs are done on HF. That
and some experience
on ten between 28.3 and 28.5 I started keying up the mic mostly to
respond to CQs. After some
newbie type errors I think I have the hang of it now..... With the
combination of a boring common
prefix callsign, low power (~50 watts) and a crummy antenna, you develop
some skill.

The key is to realize that when entering into a new environment, one may
not have all the
facts right, and be willing to adjust accordingly.

398. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-07 19:28:10 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu>
Message-ID: <3F09C9CA.6060806@psu.edu>
Source record: 70230

Jack Twilley wrote:
> -----BEGIN PGP SIGNED MESSAGE-----
> Hash: SHA1
>
>
>>>>>>"Mike" == Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu> writes:

<some snippage>

> Mike> This is not as far-fetched as it may seem. I tried to help out a
> Mike> new Extra in a contest once. I knew he did not have any HF
> Mike> experience at all, yet he wanted a bare minimum of help. After
> Mike> showing him where the PTT was, and how to change bands, I
> Mike> started to explain the structure of a contest QSO. He
> Mike> interrupted me after the first sentence with a "not to be rude,
> Mike> but I'll take over now". I came back the next morning and saw
> Mike> the results of his work. Six QSO's! He was woring at the rate of
> Mike> 1 QSO per hour under *good* band conditions!
>
> This is the opposite of my first HF contest experience -- just over a
> year ago at Field Day. The group I was with was very gentle to new
> contesters, to the point that they had written down precisely what we
> were to say, what we needed to ask for, even to the point of reminding
> us to wish other stations "good luck". This year's Field Day was the
> first year that I ran a contest station unattended, and I was able to
> provide some assistance to Technicians who wanted to work HF. It was
> a good feeling, and I look forward to learning more if only to share
> that knowledge with others.

Fortunately, everyone who Elmered me on HF ops was very kind.

If I were to make a guess on that guy's thoughts, he was probably
embarrassed at his inexperience. Not wanting to appear foolish, he just
acted brusque, and ended up looking foolish anyhoo.

- Mike KB3EIA -

399. Defending The Freeband Hobby

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-07 19:35:06 UTC
From: "twistedhed@webtv.net" <hotmailcom.news.invalid@web2news.net>
Message-ID: <48834N106@web2news.com>
Source record: 70231

From: "Eric Oyen - N7ZZT" <n7zzt@hotmail.com>
Subject: Re: The Freeband Hobby
(The whole remains beautiful)
Group: rec.radio.cb
Date: Sat, Jul 5, 2003, 12:56am (EDT-3) X-Complaints-To: abuse@cox.net
X-Trace: fed1read03 1057391789 68.3.168.200 (Sat, 05 Jul 2003 03:56:29
EDT) NNTP-Posting-Date: Sat, Jul 5, 2003, 3:56am Organization:Cox
Communications
On Mon, 30 Jun 2003 10:28:49 -0400, Twistedhed wrote:

Why did you stop crossposting, Eric? Did you finally wake up and realize
you were had by one of your own with a troll forge?

>nope.

Ok,,so you didn't realize you were had,,,you do now. Tell me something
Eric, what is your position on hammies that reduce themselves to forging
cbers? How about those hammies who receieve a warped but admitted
pleasure in failed attempts at "messing" with people?

>I simply posted a response to that group as it
>didn't seem relivant to anywhere else

Ahh,,,but your initial response WAS relevant

>(whats the matter,

:),,,nothing like a snip when it illustrates something you wish to
ignore..but to answer your question,,,, Nothing at all,,,I merely wish
your input on such behavior of hammies since you removed yourself from
the topic,

>thinking too much for you or

>have you lost your common sense?)

Hmmm,,I see, not only are you another hammie who doesn't practice the
hammie creed, you rush to join the lids of this forum and make your
posts of a personal nature and that of the poster instead of the message
or content (sigh),,well, ok,,since you insist....,,one can always
acquire "common sense".....,,,but at your age, still spelling the
way you do speaks volumes about which one of us may possess such sense
you speak of.
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This is not a USA-only forum,,the FCC has no jurisdiction over the rest
of the world. Arrogance that some Americans possess is illustrated by
yourself by the feeling that the entire world

revolves around them and their "rules."

>pardon me, but would you care to explain why
>more than 90% of the posters in here are
>generally from the US?

I could, (income per capita, average American wage, access to bigger, better, cheaper,and more powerful computers and networks,, american popularity of cb etc., etc.) but you probably would have a problem with it, strain yourself in the process, and it means nothing in the context of usenet. Failed attempts at obfuscation concerning usage doesn't change the fact that the forum is worldwide and not exclusive to the US.

>this may be an "international discussion
>forum", but it doesn't have international listed
>in its name, nor in the usenet motd for this
>group.

LOL,,,Gee,,,it also doesn't say "Freeband is not part of cb".......how absurd, Eric. One can see that you really wish to apply your non-logic across the board, but you are unable to pigeonhole. Once again this forum is not limited to the US, despite the mythical figures you pulled from your ass and tossed about as fact. In addition, Frankiestein, (in what is becoming a familar scenario) had an imbecile-like moment which he claimed integrity in a cb forum is equated with identification. It doesn't claim anything of the sort in the name of the group, does it, Eric? Absurd.

>besides, you sound just as arrogant as the
>rest of us

How drool. Please enlighten the world with your reference to the word "us"? Who else would you consider so pious that they readily admit to sharing the arrogance on display by yourself?

>and I suspect you are probably a
>US citizen in any case).

And this is of concern to yourself why?
who said it was a concern to me?

It certainly was concern enough for you to become bothered enough to try and justify such boorish behavior. Twas you that chose the word "suspect", yet you claim no concern? Hokayyyyy!

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No, it doesn't apply to any frequency down to 12 meter. Many of those frequencies are abandoned and not in use.
Again, your claim holds only slight merit when referring to the US,,this forum is worldwide and so is cb. These "commercial" interests you speak of, IF they are to be found and IF they were to be interfered with, have no recourse against any ops outside the US and there exist plenty of those...

>say that again?

Now I know why so many challenged hammies that suffer communication deficits visit rec.radio.cb, Eric..to learn what you haven't..

>I know for a fact that those channels below
>26965 are still in use in many areas of the
>country. wlwg 700 cincinnatti still uses FM
>remote pickups down there in the 26.210
>regime (I pick them up fairly often on the
>shortwave and have to slope detect them
>because they are narrowband FM).
>abandoned?

Yea,,there are several remote pickups for broadcast stations. Do you even know what a remote broadcast is for Eric,,what it entails,,why it exists at such frequencies? I also know for a "fact" that very few of these frequencies are still in use. I didn't say they were ALL abandoned, I said the majority are absent of use, void of action,,,in other words,,most are abandoned. Technology has rendered most of these freqs useless for businesses..you can always find an exception to cite, Eric, but the fact remains, the majority are abandoned and not in use by their authorized users.

>that isn't what the fcc frequency database
>has to say.

I'd advise against becoming a "sheople" but apparently I may be too late...if the FCC or federal government claims it, then it must be true, Nevermind ascertaining, thinking for yourself.......believe what you are told and everything you read, especially from the government.

>they are still allocated and still protected,
>even if they are not in wide use.

Now we have you hedging, doing the GillinadFrankiestein-flop,,you are practically reversing your earlier position and claim of these freqs being used, to agreeing with myself that they may not be in wide use, but are still protected. You are coming along but still have some learning to do concerning this issue, grasshoppah. They are not protected. There is none monitoring these frequencies to offer this "protection" you speak of. Any "protection" amounts to a response (usually a letter of inquiry or warning) via a complaint to the FCC. A sneak peak at all the hammies getting popped (who were turned in by other hammies via COMPLAINTS) illustrates how these scenarios are dealt with.... I wouldn't refer to such action as protection, but you may.

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>the rules are clear,

And there we have what is causing you such straining, in all it's refelcted glory,,,,having a cat over the rules which you have no control over,,you may wish to ring up a friendship with Dave (the Hypocrite) Hall...he shares your pain, only he brings with him years of illegal cb and high power operation....do you bring the same virtues to bestow upon

us lowly cbers, Eric?

>unless you have a license
>to operate in the section from 27.405 - 28.000
>(which I KNOW for a fact no one here does),
>you open yourself up to litigation from the
>FCC,

Or lipservice from those not unlike yourself that have power issues and issues of incompetence and the need for control over something in their mundane lives, no matter how trivial..

> any commercial concern that may have
>operating privileges there or even the military
>(which does have some allocated spectrum
>there) this applies also for any frequency
>below 26.965 clear down to 12 meters (mostly
>commercial and marine band HF stuff).

>you don't have the letter from the FCC saying
>you can operate there, its the same as not
>having a license to drive a car on any street in
>america (radio operations are a privilege, not
>a right and onyone spouting otherwise really
>doesn't know what they are talking about).

No, it's not the same at all,,you are comparing apples and tomatoes,,one has the possibility and probability to maim, injure and even kill when operated in a reckless and dangerous manner,,,,,,,,spouting otherwise when one really doesn't know what they are talking of is a two way street, Mr. Oyen.

>excuse me, what to vegetables/fruits have to
>really do with the application of rules and
>regulations with regard to operation of a
>station IN THE US?

Twas a figure of speech,,,,you are attempting to compare two presentations that have nothing to do with each other. Often, when one makes such embarrassing gaffes, the phrase "apples and oranges" are used to denote the absurdness of the claim,,I took the liberty of plagiarizing one of our forum-frequent visitors (wasn't it yourself?) have saying of "apples and tomatoes". Kapish?
Now, once again, claiming one doesn't know what they are talking about, Mr. Eric Oyen,when it was yourself attempting to compare a rather benign act (freebanding) with the act of driving an automobile in a reckless manner, which has a great possibility and probability to kill or maim, begs the repeating of: spouting otherwise when one really doesn't know what they are talking of is a two way street, Mr. Oyen.

>if you didn't get my meaning that time, then
>you need to reread the originating statement
>that lead me to ask why a comparison of

>apples and tomatoes was relivant (let alone
>apples and oranges which are both fruits).

In the first place, your "meaning" was nothing but a failed attempted snip of something you wished not to acknowledge,,the illustration of your poor comparison of a rather benign act (freebanding) to one that has the probabilty to kill and maim when operated in a reckless manner (an auto). Claiming one who fails to share the exact myopic view and manner you profess does not equate that one "doesn't know what they are talking about."
In the second place, I wasn't the one asking another to repeat themself (as is often indicative of a communication deficit),,you were, Mr. Oyen.

>this point is moot anyway.

Agreed,,stop harping on semantics and do try to acknowledge that freebanding is nothing like "operating a car in a reckless manner." It's not that I care, per se, it's just that it's so blatantly and patently incorrect, it's almost offensive to the readership that you would expect another to buy into such a mindset you have created. I point these things out, ya' know,,whcih is why I am designated a dangeroous individual to those who wish to curb freedoms, such as Dave (the Hypocrite) Hall, WA3MOJ, Frank Gillinad, N8WWM, adn KC8LDO, You are rapidly declining to their status, Mr. Oyen. I suggest reassess your objective, lest you be reduced to tossing tiny pebbles from the shadows like the pseudo-anonymous attempts of Dave and Lelnad.

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If you want to show me where in the FCC
rules it governs foreign stations, be my guest.

>Why don't you check the treaties that the US
>has with many other countries (its all in the
>ITU rules).

There is absolutely nothing in the ITU that concerns the FCC governing any foreign stations. Period.

>why do you think that most places have similar
>allocations of space on the HF bands?

MOST places? Gee, Eric, you really are clueless on this freeband issue, as are those that feel the need to make a post personal due to a massive defect in effective communicative technique. "MOST" places have no method of dealing with what you speak,,,the majority of smaller countries and locales across the planet certainly do not have allocations for space on the "HF" band, Eric...they don't give a rat's ass about American hammies,,as matter of fact, most Americans don't give a rat's ass about hammies or cbers.,,,this doesn't sit well with certain

hammies who fail at attempting to demand respect simply by virtue of licensure.
They act out their feelings iby attacking others merely because they are befuddled and cornfused about how to properly express themselves and it

angers them. Again, you appear to be on your way to the dwelling with the sub-hammies,,,,,is this what the amateur creed represents, Mr, Oyen?

Are you also a member of hammie organizations? Or are you merely a lone trouble-maker, like the lids in this group who have been outcast by hammies due their nature, and by default, cling to each other like dying desperados at the end of a cheap western.

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>The FCC is strictly a US agency and thats
>where I was addressing my comments.

Ahh,,another hammie with a power-hungry jones that needs to tell others what to do in order to feel better about himself. Stick to hammie radio, better yourself, and clean your own backyard prior to attempting another how to operate.

>gee, you put a lot of spin on that one.

MR. Oyen,,In the context in which you deliberately removed it from and re-presented it, one may actuall believe such bullshit,,,but it was in response to the comment of you made and snipped:

>otherwise, stick to 11 meters (the class D
>channels if you please) or get your ticket
>(amateur radio) and rgchew with a bunch of us
>on bands you only dreamed of operating.

It isn't spin at all when presented in it's original context that for some reason, you went out of your way to snip and eliminate. And speaking of spin, you actually introduced what you refer "spin" when you made your initial comment concerning myself, which you know nothing of. Add to that your selective snipping, and your "spin" is quite noticeable. Are you another hypocrite, eric, that cries like Frankiestein when he gets back what he dishes out to others?

>perhaps we should take this up on the O'reilly
>factor?

And about as non-sensical as the crank-happy (oh excuse me, ex-crank,,,you know, like ex-illegal cber) user (the Hypocrite) Hall.

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That explains it,,...555 is locked up in Phoenix and s free-for-all... Perhaps the fact that all that lawlessness on 555 in your own back yard that has been going on for years has angered you to the point of no return,,no wonder you have a hard-on for freebanders. Buy a better radio, prehaps something with better rejection, perhaps a beam,,or maybe, give it up altogether if it makes you so upset,,a hobby is suppoosed to be enjoying and relaxing,,yet, you seem to fit the stereotypical mold of a lid harassing all that he fails to comprehend. Trust me, the majority of those in here want nothing to do with these "dream" frequencies you speak of, if you are the example of what to expect.

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>small problem with that. I don;t have any
>equipment to go there,

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What equipment do you run, Eric?

>so how would I know
>thats its strictly a problem in my back yard?

Gee Eric, you just effectively ruined Frankiestein's, WA3MOJ's, KC8LDO's, n8wwm's, and Dave Hall's argument that those nasty illegal freebanders continually interfere something awful with legal amateur services,,,,it's a known fact that Phoenix is about the most lawless radio town in the country for freeband,,,big power coming out of Phoenix on 555 for years on end and you experience nothing.,,nada,,why, you claim you're not even aware of any problems,....LOL

>I only have your word on it,

No, you have the word of the abve mentioned lids, but as they are confirmed liars and not one managed to maintain an original email address from any length of time,,I share your skepticism.

>and so far, you

This isn't about me, as much as you may wish to make it. Cling, Mr. Oyen, cling to those lids who are actively circling your hammie status and adding to your rapid decline. Failure and misery love company.

>haven't exactly proven yourself to be
>trustworthy, now have you?

Addressing your inquiry, to which conversation we had in the past do you attribute such claims, or are you merely advancing your sheople status in keeping with the angry minority lid group among us? But in keeping with addressing your inquiries, such as "how do I know it's a problem in my back yard?",,,well, Mr, Oyen,,YOU wrote....

>sir,
>freebanding is NOT a hobby.
>its a deliberate and amlicious violation of
>federal rules and regulations (those being
>policy, and thus according to the US supreme
>court, have the affact and power of law).
>you want to attract attention, fine. just don't try
>to take others with you when you go down.

Once again,,in the first place,..addressing your claim of "How do I know it's a problem in my backyard?" Well, who were you professing to be speaking for in the above, Mr. Oyen? Someone elses backyard? LOL! And despite your refusal to acknowledge the existence of something merely because your myopic scope prevents you from agreeing with such, freebanding is indeed a hobby. Merely because aspects of it may be illegal in the US does not make it any less a hobby. Misconstruing a

post about freebanding as an attempt to "take others down" illustrates
the gravity of your maleficence, intended or ignorant.

>DE N7ZZT
>Phoenix, Arizona
--
>the difference between intelligence and
>stupidity is that intelligence has its limits.
Too bad ignorance isn't painful.

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Posted via http://web2news.com the faster web2news on the web

400. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-07 19:37:57 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu>
Message-ID: <3F09CC15.7030008@psu.edu>
Source record: 70232

Robert Casey wrote:
> Mike Coslo wrote:
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>>
>> Is a brand new Extra, who has never been on HF, even accept
>> Elmering? Or will they insist that the conventions that have been
>> developed over the years are not applicable to them.
>>
>> This is not as far-fetched as it may seem. I tried to help out a
>> new Extra in a contest once. I knew he did not have any HF experience
>> at all, yet he wanted a bare minimum of help. After showing him where
>> the PTT was, and how to change bands, I started to explain the
>> structure of a contest QSO. He interrupted me after the first sentence
>> with a "not to be rude, but I'll take over now". I came back the next
>> morning and saw the results of his work. Six QSO's! He was working at
>> the rate of 1 QSO per hour under *good* band conditions!
>>
> Always some idiots.... When I got my "extra lite" on restructuring
> day, went home to fire up the
> Kenwood HF rig I bought used (strung an antenna that vaguely resembled a
> dipole before) and
> listened around a bit to get a feel on how QSOs are done on HF. That
> and some experience
> on ten between 28.3 and 28.5 I started keying up the mic mostly to
> respond to CQs. After some
> newbie type errors I think I have the hang of it now..... With the
> combination of a boring common
> prefix callsign, low power (~50 watts) and a crummy antenna, you develop
> some skill.
> The key is to realize that when entering into a new environment, one may
> not have all the
> facts right, and be willing to adjust accordingly.

That's the way to do it. By the time, I got my General, I was actually
pretty used to HF operation. As a tech, I had operated in some contests
that the club participated in, plus a field day. (to the sticklers -
yes, with a control op)

They tricked me! Got me hooked on contesting, and I had no choice but
to upgrade!!! Well they really didn't trick me, but it worked out that
way anyhow.

But every time I try out a different mode, I spen weeks listening
before I ever transmit. I hope these new people will do the same.

- Mike KB3EIA

401. Re: Using ham bands for educational / research project

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-07 19:48:51 UTC
From: Leo Szumel <please_use_my_last_name@ieee.org>
Message-ID: <becir5$nj9$1@woodrow.ucdavis.edu>
Source record: 70233

Hi Jim,

N2EY wrote:
> I think there's a problem with using a code that is not publicly available. ID
> is not enough; if the message cannot be read by a suitably-equipped monitoring
> station (read: FCC) what you have is a form of encryption.
>
> Amateurs are not allowed to intentionally encrypt or otherwise conceal
> transmission meaning or content, with one exception: remote control commands.
> So the "turn off" command would be OK to encrypt, but not the data coming from
> the remote sensors.

I see your point. How about this, though:

97.217:

"Telemetry transmitted by an amateur station on or within 50 km of the
Earth's surface is not considered to be codes or ciphers intended to
obscure the meaning of communications."

97.3(45):
"Telemetry. A one-way transmission of measurements at a distance from
the measuring instrument."

Also, 97.309(b) indicates that unspecified codes can be used so long as
the purpose is not to obscure the meaning of a communication.

Thanks for your input,

-Leo

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Leo Szumel | ECE Graduate Student, UC Davis | KD5SZT
Email: my_last_name@ieee.org

402. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-07 20:05:56 UTC
From: Jack Twilley <jmt+usenet@twilley.org>
Message-ID: <86ptkm14rf.fsf@duchess.twilley.org>
Source record: 70234

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-----BEGIN PGP SIGNED MESSAGE-----
Hash: SHA1

>>>>> "Mike" == Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu> writes:

[...]

Mike> If I were to make a guess on that guy's thoughts, he was
Mike> probably embarrassed at his inexperience. Not wanting to appear
Mike> foolish, he just acted brusque, and ended up looking foolish
Mike> anyhoo.

Probably. The real question is whether or not his behavior is typical
of 'nickel Extras'.

Mike> - Mike KB3EIA -

Jack.
(maybe we'll be talking about 'no-code Extras' soon)
- --
Jack Twilley
jmt at twilley dot org
http colon slash slash www dot twilley dot org slash tilde jmt slash
-----BEGIN PGP SIGNATURE-----
Version: GnuPG v1.2.2 (FreeBSD)

iD8DBQE/CdKpGPFSfAB/ezgRAsanAKCgqH09CnvqoeZ3o+LAFtwCzINoxACgtBd2
IFQ8/sQ8yVqc/G4MWTt20tg=
=YYRx
-----END PGP SIGNATURE-----
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403. Re: Renewed my license "on-line", only took 4 Hours

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-07 20:21:52 UTC
From: Dan/W4NTI <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com>
Message-ID: <becklp$4rm$1@slb6.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 70235

I don't think that is correct 'jj'. I believe there is a charge if your not
a member.

Dan/W4NTI

"JJ" <radiobuff0@mailcity.moc> wrote in message
news:3F08629B.601@mailcity.moc...
>
>
> Dan/W4NTI wrote:
> > Another reason to join the ARRL. For members license renewal is FREE.
>
> License renewal if FREE to any licensed amateur, ARRL membership
> is not necessary.
>

404. Re: The Future of Ham Radio. CW is Dead.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-07 20:36:47 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307071236.6777cbfe@posting.google.com>
Source record: 70236

"Dan/W4NTI" <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com> wrote in message
news:<be9mnmhrp1@slb0.atl.mindspring.net>...
> Its not a hobby. Its a SERVICE.
>
> Therin lies the problem.....all you newguys have no idea of what ur talking
> about.
>
> Dan/W4NTI

Is it a uniformed service or an uninformed service? Brian

405. Re: CW Requirement Abolished

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-07 21:07:47 UTC
From: Arnie Macy <kt4st@csam.net>
Message-ID: <becnh3$3o5oo$1@ID-166180.news.dfncis.de>
Source record: 70237

"G. Doughty" wrote ...

> Well, I am a no-code tech and am actually not looking forward to the end
of the
> CW requirement. I am studying code now and will continue to do so. I
take my
> upgrade test in Sept. and can't wait to get my code ticket.
>
Well, all I can say is feel free to send me an e-mail ANYTIME after your upgrade and you want to get on the air to practice. We'll find a nice quiet area of the bands and go at your speed. That goes for Len also.

Arnie -
KT4ST

FISTS 2940

406. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-07 22:03:51 UTC
From: k4yz@aol.com
Message-ID: <5c01b95b.0307071403.46f6d137@posting.google.com>
Source record: 70238

Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu> wrote in message news:<3F09B9B7.9060105@psu.edu>...

> This is not as far-fetched as it may seem. I tried to help out a new
> Extra in a contest once. I knew he did not have any HF experience at
> all, yet he wanted a bare minimum of help. After showing him where the
> PTT was, and how to change bands, I started to explain the structure of
> a contest QSO. He interrupted me after the first sentence with a "not to
> be rude, but I'll take over now". I came back the next morning and saw
> the results of his work. Six QSO's! He was woring at the rate of 1 QSO
> per hour under *good* band conditions!

I know this type...Not from Amateur Radio, so much, but from
flying...They learned enough to get into the air and that's ALL they
want to do. And usually he's the idiot that Civil Air Patrol has to
go find at 0300. Of course he's in bed (didn't close flight plan) of
the ELT on his aircraft is squawking because he didn't do a proper
shut down.

> Even in my own experience, I know that I had my extra before I should
> have. I went from General to Extra in a little over 6 months.

I forget who said there's two kinds of knowledge...there's the
things you know, and the things you know where to find the answers
to...

> I would propose that there be at least a year wait before upgrading to
> Extra. Ya just can't gain enough operating knowledge in less time.

Yep!

Steve, K4YZ

407. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-07 22:54:57 UTC
From: Dan/W4NTI <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com>
Message-ID: <bectkq$558$1@slb3.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 70239

"Steve Robeson, K4CAP" <k4yz@aol.com> wrote in message
news:5c01b95b.0307071403.46f6d137@posting.google.com...
> Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu> wrote in message
news:<3F09B9B7.9060105@psu.edu>...
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> > per hour under *good* band conditions!
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> I know this type...Not from Amateur Radio, so much, but from
> flying...They learned enough to get into the air and that's ALL they
> want to do. And usually he's the idiot that Civil Air Patrol has to
> go find at 0300. Of course he's in bed (didn't close flight plan) of
> the ELT on his aircraft is squawking because he didn't do a proper
> shut down.
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> > have. I went from General to Extra in a little over 6 months.
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> things you know, and the things you know where to find the answers
> to...
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> > I would propose that there be at least a year wait before upgrading to
> > Extra. Ya just can't gain enough operating knowledge in less time.
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> Yep!
>
> Steve, K4YZ

Used to be back in the sixties. Think it was 2 or 3 years actual on the air experience as General or higher (class A, Advanced) then you could take the Extra test.

Dan/W4NTI

408. Re: The Future of Ham Radio. CW is Dead.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-07 22:56:10 UTC
From: Dan/W4NTI <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com>
Message-ID: <bectn4kvq1@slb3.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 70240

"Brian" <brianburke@juno.com> wrote in message
news:f45722ac.0307071236.6777cbfe@posting.google.com...
> "Dan/W4NTI" <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com> wrote in message
news:<be9mnmhrp1@slb0.atl.mindspring.net>...
> > Its not a hobby. Its a SERVICE.
> >
> > Therin lies the problem.....all you newguys have no idea of what ur
talking
> > about.
> >
> > Dan/W4NTI
>
> Is it a uniformed service or an uninformed service? Brian

At this stage of the game. And based on what I read here on USENET, and
what I hear on the bands I would have to say uninformed by a landside.

Dan/W4NTI

409. Re: Using ham bands for educational / research project

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-07 23:02:38 UTC
From: Leo Szumel <please_use_my_last_name@ieee.org>
Message-ID: <becu6gscv1@woodrow.ucdavis.edu>
Source record: 70241
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.amateur.digital.misc

Hi Duane, Steve,

Duane Allen wrote:
> Section 97.113(a)(3) prohibits transmission of "Communications in which
> the station licensee or control operator has a pecuniary interest,
> including communications on behalf of an employer."
>
> Are you being employeed by UC to conduct university research projects?

I am being paid by UC to do research in general. I would not receive
compensation as a result of this specific research, so in my mind I have
no pecuniary interest in the project.

> I would think that the University already has or can easily get
> non-amateur resources (both hardware and spectrum allocation) that would
> support your research projects. The challenging task is finding out who
> may have such resources. In addition to checking with the project lead
> faculty, you may need to check with the department head and the college
> dean. An often overlooked channel for information is contacting the
> purchasing persons at the department/college/campus levels. They know
> who requisitioned what. From there you can go to the requisitioners and
> find out what administrative activities they went through for licensing.

I will look into this suggestion. We are working with someone in another
department who had to get an FCC license to use some VHF spectrum;
either he didn't do his research or the UC doesn't have anything suitable.

The basic problem is that we want to place our sensors in areas where
existing infrastructure is missing (no phone lines for example). We
could buy satellite uplinks, but that would cost a lot of money.

It sounds like my idea is closest to violating 97.113(a)(5), i.e.
regular communications that could be reasonably (albeit expensively)
furnished through other radio services. What is your opinion, does cost
factor into the "reasonableness" of alternative radio services?

S. Sampson wrote:
>>>Graduate students aren't considered employee's of a University.
>>
>> However, when I did my graduate research at UCLA 40+ years ago, the
>> result was considered "for" the University, not for me as a private
>> individual.
>
> I would put it this way: If the University intends to patent any part
of the

> research, then the ARS should not be used.

I'll have to check on the patent issue. Our goal for this project, however, is wholly noncommercial. It would simply exist to facilitate research. And ultimate, it wouldn't use ARS. I'm just thinking about the first 1-3 years, when we are setting things up and experimenting, that ARS would be very suitable and (possibly) appropriate.

Thanks again for your valuable input!

Regards,

-Leo

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Leo Szumel | ECE Graduate Student, UC Davis | KD5SZT
Email: my_last_name@ieee.org

410. Re: 40 meters fixed, sort of

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-08 00:44:48 UTC
From: kelly@dvol.com
Message-ID: <d22b54c3.0307071644.5084f625@posting.google.com>
Source record: 70242

"Phil Kane" <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop> wrote in message
news:<cuvyxnansvbet.hhml2zc.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>...
> On 6 Jul 2003 01:10:01 -0700, Brian Kelly wrote:
>
> >have no idea how or why the BC stations choose their specific
> >operating freqs within their bands. Gotta be strategies involved. Any
> >clues here?
>
> Four times a year, the ITU International Frequency Registration
> Board (or whatever it's called nowadays) holds a conference for SW
> broadcast frequency assignment. Most of it is by paper submission
> and is routine "we've been on this frequency for 70 years....."
> stuff.
>
> For new requests, the requesting Administration will have submitted
> info on the location of the transmitter, directionality and power,
> hours of service, and the target area. A computerized frequency
> coordination study is made by the IFRB to determine what frequency
> in the band in question would cause no harmful interference to
> existing (earlier priority date) stations. Quite often the
> coordination will be for less or different hours or power than
> requested to avoid any harmful interference to or from the
> applicant. This coordination will be "ratified" at the quarterly
> conference and a priority date assigned.

I had no idea the IFRB existed, clears up my question nicely, tnx
Phil. Sounds very much like the basic procedure used by the FCC for
our AM BC stations.

> >One thing I do know is that significant freq shifts can cost the BC
> >stations a bunch of money because the equipment and antenna arrays are
> >purpose-built & tweaked for operating on specific freqs. I understand
> >that they cannot just grab a big knob and twist it to QSY 150 kHz like
> >we can. I 'spose this is why it'll take six years to fully implement
> >their move out of 7.0-7.1.
>
> Or so they say. A 150 kHz shift is no big deal as long as the
> broadcaster is willing to take the transmitter down for a period of
> time (weeks? months?) to find the proper coil and capacitor settings
> (synthesizers are a no-brainer nowadays). A good friend of mine was
> a tech at a SWBC station years ago and could do a band change with
> pre-set taps in less than two minutes (of course the walk-in 50 KW GE
> monster was shut off during that time).

He can have it, I have an allergic reaction to kilovolt B+. On and
"off".

> The long lead time comes in not where the broadcaster has to
> order and install parallel equipment currently (from scratch it
> should take no more than 2 years at the very outside) but where the
> broadcaster wants to amortize the equipment, i.e. when they are
> ready to order a new transmitter they will order it for the new
> frequency.

Squeeze the nickel until the buffalo yelps, common sense.

w3rv

411. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-08 01:01:07 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
Message-ID: <3F0A180F.2060706@adelphia.net>
Source record: 70243

Dan/W4NTI wrote:
> "Steve Robeson, K4CAP" <k4yz@aol.com> wrote in message
> news:5c01b95b.0307071403.46f6d137@posting.google.com...
>
>>Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu> wrote in message
>
> news:<3F09B9B7.9060105@psu.edu>...
>
>>>This is not as far-fetched as it may seem. I tried to help out a new
>>>Extra in a contest once. I knew he did not have any HF experience at
>>>all, yet he wanted a bare minimum of help. After showing him where the
>>>PTT was, and how to change bands, I started to explain the structure of
>>>a contest QSO. He interrupted me after the first sentence with a "not to
>>>be rude, but I'll take over now". I came back the next morning and saw
>>>the results of his work. Six QSO's! He was woring at the rate of 1 QSO
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> Used to be back in the sixties. Think it was 2 or 3 years actual on the air
> experience as General or higher (class A, Advanced) then you could take the
> Extra test.

Yes to bothya'! It really isn't just the book learning.

Seriously, I learned so much in that first year that I really only now consider myself a "real" extra, and at the bottom rungs of the ladder.

But I'm a quick learner.....

- Mike KB3EIA -

412. Re: CW Requirement Abolished

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-08 01:02:19 UTC
From: Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
Message-ID: <cuvyxnansvbet.hhocvsn.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 70244

On Mon, 07 Jul 2003 19:08:14 GMT, lbudney@pobox.com wrote:

>Same story here (don't have a tech, though). Now I'm racing the clock
>to take the test while it exists; it would be a bummer if they rammed
>the elimination of the code test through before I was ready. :-)

What's stopping you - or any CW practitioner - from participating in
the ARRL's Code Proficiency award program after the code test
element is dropped from the license requirement?

<http://www.arrl.org/awards/#cp>
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73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane

413. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-08 01:50:03 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030707215003.21428.00000941@mb-m23.aol.com>
Source record: 70245

In article <5c01b95b.0307062127.58297c11@posting.google.com>, k4yz@aol.com (Steve Robeson, K4CAP) writes:

>Once the official FCC changes are made, by whatever method, I wonder
>how long it will take the unlicensed to become licensed...Now that
>there's NO excuse remaining?
>
> Just wondering.

Steve:

What do you mean, "no excuse remaining?" There are plenty of excuses remaining. As long as a written theory test (if you can call a multiple-guess test a "written" test) is required, there will be people whining and complaining about having to prepare for it and take it in order to obtain a license in whatever's left of the ARS. So, we'll change the debate over to whether or not the ARS is a "technical" service and whether the testing should be changed into something more dumbed-down than it already is. After that, the next bone of contention will be whether or not a prospective ham should be required to know how to spell his name correctly on the application!

73 de Larry, K3LT

414. What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-08 01:52:04 UTC
From: Bert Craig <wa2si@arrl.netNOSPAM>
Message-ID: <8tpOa.1709$EC6.857405@news4.srv.hcvlny.cv.net>
Source record: 70246

Now that the ITU treaty requirement re. CW is gone, (For all intents and purposes.) does that mean NCI's job is done? If not, what's next?

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73 de Bert
WA2SI

415. Re: 40 meters fixed, sort of

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-08 02:03:42 UTC
From: kelly@dvol.com
Message-ID: <d22b54c3.0307071803.6da5a29e@posting.google.com>
Source record: 70247

gsm@mendelson.com (Geoffrey S. Mendelson) wrote in message
news:<slrnbgjcok.b79.gsm@cable.mendelson.com>...
> In article <d22b54c3.0307060010.5dc7900e@posting.google.com>,
> Brian Kelly wrote:
>
> > The BC stations in 7.0-7.1 have always seemed to me to be much more of
> > a problem than they are in 7.2-7.3 but maybe that's just a perception
> > on my part. Beyond that cleaning out 7.0-7.1 will be a huge
> > improvement for the CW and digital crowd but the phone guys will still
> > have work to do at upcoming WRCs to obtain the same improvements.
>
> Remember that the "CW band" concept only exists in the U.S. In the
> rest of the world the 40m phone band starts at 7.0mHz.

Lotta hams in this country don't realize that.

> Here in
> Israel, all of Europe and Africa, the whole band is only 7.0-7.1 mHz.

Understood.

> Getting the broadcast band out of there 7.0-7.2 will also open that
> extra 100kHz to us too. It would be nice to be able to use 40m for
> SSB to the U.S., something I can't do now.

The bottom line biggie with respect to the 20+ year effort to
"harmonize" 40 has always been to open up more spectrum space for what
we consider "the DX". Finally being able to SSB transceive with the DX
on 40 should be an added benefit but I have reservations about how
well that will actually work in practice. Under the best of conditions
decent reliable copy by both stations between 4X4 and W3 is going to
be difficult to find. It's simply the nature of the beast we call 40M
phone.

> Since the novices are just about gone, IMHO the U.S. should drop the
> 7.1-7.15 mHz CW band.

The U.S. "CW band" is 7.000-7.3000 . . .

> Actually what I would like to see is a worldwide
> 7.0-7.2 mHz 40m band, with the following "band plan"
>
> 7.000-7.050 CW

As a CW contester I disagree with this one. All the major CW contests
(I can count at least four of those per year) take over at least the
lower 40 kHz +/-. If only the remaining 10 kHz were available for

non-contest CW operations on those weekends I think the howls of protest would set some new records.

> 7.050-7.100 Digital
> 7.100-7.200 SSB voice, no SSTV, packet, etc.

Methinks *nothing* should be done along any of these lines until (a)there is a significant volume of Region 1 & 3 operations in the 7.1-7.2 segemnt and (b) the impact of the elimination of code tests in many countries can be gauged via experience. Fixing things we don't even have yet is not going to have much sex appeal at the FCC or amongst the bandplanners.

> Geoff (4x1gm, N3OWJ)

w3rv

416. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-08 02:03:48 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030707220348.25052.00001012@mb-m11.aol.com>
Source record: 70248

In article <3F09B9B7.9060105@psu.edu>, Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu> writes:

>N2EY wrote:
>> In article <5c01b95b.0307062127.58297c11@posting.google.com>, k4yz@aol.com
>> (Steve Robeson, K4CAP) writes:

>>>Once the official FCC changes are made, by whatever method, I wonder
>>>how long it will take the unlicensed to become licensed...Now that
>>>there's NO excuse remaining?

>> There's always an excuse, Steve.

>> Here are some predictions for ya:

>> The dropping of the code test will not be accompanied by a significant
>> change
>> in the written exams.
>
> Too bad. I'd like to see the exam restructured

The writtens WERE restructured back in 2000. The number of tests and the total number of questions were reduced.

There were all sorts of suggestions in the comments submitted about how to improve the writtens, but the FCC ignored all of them and reduced the written testing as well as the code testing.
>
>> The dropping of the code test will not be accompanied by a significant,
>> sustained increase in growth rate of the ARS. There may be a short term
>> surge, and lots of upgrades, but total numbers will not skyrocket.
>
> Agreed.
>
Watch the thread "ARS License Numbers"...

>> The dropping of the code test will not be accompanied by a significant
>> change
>> in the modes and technologies used by hams. There will not be a
>> technorevolution, nor big increases in experimentation or homebrewing. Just
>> more of the same of what has been going on.
>
> Agreed. I'd like to hear just what sort of technorevolution some people

>were expecting.
>
You shoulda been here a couple years ago when certain folks were telling us what wonderful technologies we'd have it weren't for the code test. One of the

most vociferous is now Executive Director of NCI. He'd lecture us on how primitive Morse Code and other modes hams use are, compared to what was possible.

A year after the 2000 restructuring, he went from Tech Plus to Extra and went on HF SSB, working DX with a manufactured transceiver. Last I heard he had over 70 countries. Surreal.

>Do people who do not have the time to take the morse code test have the
>time to invent new modes? Do they have time to invent digital voice
>modes that take up bandwidth than ssb?

Ask 'em.

>> Let's see what happens in the UK. RSGB and RA have been pushing to drop >>
the code test for a long time. Maybe they won't be disappointed.
>>
>>> Just wondering.

>> Don't hold yer breath. The usual bureaucratic delay will slow things down
>> here in the USA. And remember, those who get the licenses after the change
>> will be
>> raw, inexperienced newcomers, who will need our help and guidance as they
>> are welcomed into the ARS.
>
> And there you have one of the more interesting dilemmas to the ARS.
>
> Is a brand new Extra, who has never been on HF, even accept >
Elmering?

Some will, some won't. I'll do what I've always done - gladly help anybody who asks.

>Or will they insist that the conventions that have been developed over
>the years are not applicable to them.

Some will, some won't. Those who won't will learn the hard way what works and what doesn't.

> This is not as far-fetched as it may seem. I tried to help out a new
>Extra in a contest once. I knew he did not have any HF experience at
>all, yet he wanted a bare minimum of help. After showing him where the
>PTT was, and how to change bands, I started to explain the structure of
>a contest QSO. He interrupted me after the first sentence with a "not to
>be rude, but I'll take over now". I came back the next morning and saw
>the results of his work. Six QSO's! He was woring at the rate of 1 QSO
>per hour under *good* band conditions!

Been there, done that.

In fact I recall a certain FD a few years ago. Another rrap regular whom you may know was working 20 CW, making about 40 QSOs/hr with a terrible antenna. He was pressured into shutting down so that some folks could use 20 phone. Two hours later, they had put maybe 4 contacts in the log. They complained that the

band was dead - so he sat down and proceeded to put a couple dozen in the log on the "dead" band.

I recall another FD when somebody came over to the CW tent 3-4 hours into the contest and wanted to know how I was doing. I said "just OK - only about 150 so far". Guy cussed me out and called me a liar. So I showed him the log sheets. bwaahaahaa
>
> Even in my own experience, I know that I had my extra before I should
>have. I went from General to Extra in a little over 6 months.

It ain't when ya get the license, it's what ya do with it.
>
> I would propose that there be at least a year wait before upgrading to
>Extra. Ya just can't gain enough operating knowledge in less time.
>
Not gonna happen.

73 de Jim, N2EY

417. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-08 02:03:49 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030707220349.25052.00001013@mb-m11.aol.com>
Source record: 70249

In article <bectkq$558$1@slb3.atl.mindspring.net>, "Dan/W4NTI"
<w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com> writes:

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>experience as General or higher (class A, Advanced) then you could take the
>Extra test.
>
Until 1952 when the license class was closed to new applicants, one year of
experience was required before you could try for the Class A/Advanced.
"Experience" did not include time as a Novice or Technician. When the Advanced
was reopened to new applicants in 1967, there was no experience requirment.

From its origin in 1951 until the mid 1970s, the Extra required two years'
experience. The requirement was then reduced to one year, then eliminated in
the late 1970s.

Of course there was no requirement to actually use your license during that
time.

I got my Advanced in the summer of 1968, age 14, and counted the days until I
could try for the Extra. On the first day it was legal to try, I was at the FCC
office to take the Extra exam. Passed it on the first go. No big deal, there
were Extras a lot younger back then.

73 de Jim, N2EY

418. Re: Using ham bands for educational / research project

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-08 02:03:50 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030707220350.25052.00001014@mb-m11.aol.com>
Source record: 70250

In article <becir5$nj9$1@woodrow.ucdavis.edu>, Leo Szumel
<please_use_my_last_name@ieee.org> writes:

>Hi Jim,

Hello Leo
>
>N2EY wrote:
>> I think there's a problem with using a code that is not publicly available.
>> ID
>> is not enough; if the message cannot be read by a suitably-equipped
>> monitoring
>> station (read: FCC) what you have is a form of encryption.
>>
>> Amateurs are not allowed to intentionally encrypt or otherwise conceal
>> transmission meaning or content, with one exception: remote control
>> commands.
>> So the "turn off" command would be OK to encrypt, but not the data coming
>> from
>> the remote sensors.
>
>I see your point. How about this, though:
>
>97.217:
>
>"Telemetry transmitted by an amateur station on or within 50 km of the
>Earth's surface is not considered to be codes or ciphers intended to
>obscure the meaning of communications."
>
>97.3(45):
>"Telemetry. A one-way transmission of measurements at a distance from
>the measuring instrument."
>
>Also, 97.309(b) indicates that unspecified codes can be used so long as
>the purpose is not to obscure the meaning of a communication.
>
Good point!

As I interpret it, what this means is that the telemetry message doesn;t have
to be self-explanatory. For example, a remote sensor might report "534A0" as a
telemetry message in, say, ASCII, which is a "specified code", but there's no
need to have the remote sensor indicate what the symbols mean.

>Thanks for your input,

You're welcome!

73 de Jim, N2EY

419. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-08 02:41:55 UTC
From: Penny Traytion <renboova.news.invalid@web2news.net>
Message-ID: <48958N715@web2news.com>
Source record: 70303

Bert Craig wrote:
> Now that the ITU treaty requirement re. CW is gone, (For
> all intents and
> purposes.) does that mean NCI's job is done? If not,
> what's next?

No Test International.

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Direct access to this group with http://web2news.com
http://web2news.com/?rec.radio.amateur.policy

420. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-08 02:42:12 UTC
From: vshah101@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030707224212.11554.00000377@mb-m10.aol.com>
Source record: 70302

From: yodoc@aol.comnospam (Larry Roll K3LT)

>So, we'll change the debate over
>to whether or not the ARS is a "technical" service

The ARS will not be a "technical" service with the current Ham radio culture. Most homebrewing is for show or to boost the image of the ARS. They are too snobby to include someone that is interested in Homebrewing. Or its some EE that usually doesn't attend meetings.

The clubs and Hamfests focus on antennas, contesting, and CW. With the exception of antennas, ARS is primarily an appliance operator hobby. One example is people coming from scanner or CB to ARS. Another example is the comparison that "without CW, its just CB". Note that CW is an operator skill.

ARS is not a technical service because Hams have "voted" by their actions to not do these things. Furthermore, they discourage other amateurs from doing other than what they like to do. They also strongly encourage others to learn CW. At several antenna setups, club meetings, ham gatherings, I have participated in, often Hams try to persuade me to learn CW.

>and whether the testing
>should be changed into something more dumbed-down than it already is.

>After that, the next bone of contention will be whether or not a prospective
>ham should be required to know how to spell his name correctly on the
>application!

To you, taking away one requirement (the CW test) is dumbing down because its one less requirement. If more people focus on the written material, ARS could be more than an operator's hobby and more of a technical hobby. That's not dumbing down of the hobby.

It is only required 5 wpm CW speed, yet many Hams take pride in increasing their code speed. The easy written test is not the problem. Its lack of interest in the technical material, and achieving skills in these areas - that's the problem.

421. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-08 03:09:53 UTC
From: Jim Hampton <aa2qa@frontiernet.net>
Message-ID: <5CqOa.22875$Yr3.8779@news02.roc.ny>
Source record: 70304

Yep, 1962 I got my novice. In 1964 I passed the general. In 1966 I passed the 1st phone, 2nd telegraph, radar endorsement, and amateur extra. The only hold up now is that the FCC has to figure out a way to package the license in a box of Cheerios. :)

73 from Rochester, NY
Jim AA2QA
ps - yes, I'd like to get my old call back, but now all you do is pay your money and get any call from any district that is available. So why do it anyways?

Outgoing mail is certified Virus Free.
Checked by AVG anti-virus system (http://www.grisoft.com).
Version: 6.0.497 / Virus Database: 296 - Release Date: 7/4/03

422. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-08 03:30:34 UTC
From: vshah101@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030707233034.11554.00000380@mb-m10.aol.com>
Source record: 70305

From: "Jim Hampton" aa2qa@frontiernet.net

>The
>only hold up now is that the FCC has to figure out a way to package the
>license in a box of Cheerios. :)
>

Fill out the questions on the back of the box (the written test). Then, you
just need 2 UPC codes from 2 boxes. Mail 2 UPC codes with written test and you
will get your license..

423. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-08 03:36:01 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
Message-ID: <3F0A3C5C.3040304@adelphia.net>
Source record: 70306

N2EY wrote:
> In article <3F09B9B7.9060105@psu.edu>, Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu> writes:

>> Agreed. I'd like to hear just what sort of technorevolution some people
>
>
>>were expecting.
>>
>
> You shoulda been here a couple years ago when certain folks were telling us
> what wonderful technologies we'd have it weren't for the code test. One of the
> most vociferous is now Executive Director of NCI. He'd lecture us on how
> primitive Morse Code and other modes hams use are, compared to what was
> possible.

Figures. I still wait, and probably will continue to wait.......

> A year after the 2000 restructuring, he went from Tech Plus to Extra and went
> on HF SSB, working DX with a manufactured transceiver. Last I heard he had over
> 70 countries. Surreal.
>

>>Do people who do not have the time to take the morse code test have the
>>time to invent new modes? Do they have time to invent digital voice
>>modes that take up bandwidth than ssb?
>
>
> Ask 'em.

I already know the answer. I doubt they will admit to their laziness
tho! 8^)

<some snippage>

> In fact I recall a certain FD a few years ago. Another rrap regular whom you
> may know was working 20 CW, making about 40 QSOs/hr with a terrible antenna. He
> was pressured into shutting down so that some folks could use 20 phone. Two
> hours later, they had put maybe 4 contacts in the log. They complained that the
> band was dead - so he sat down and proceeded to put a couple dozen in the log
> on the "dead" band.

Yeah, I know many of the newbies and rusties complain about how the
GOTA station "isn't working" when I know it is. Lots easier to make
QSO's on thos 1KW stations.

It really is about 80 percent OP and 20 percent rig.

Som Extras are going to look mighty foolish.

> I recall another FD when somebody came over to the CW tent 3-4 hours into the
> contest and wanted to know how I was doing. I said "just OK - only about 150 so
> far". Guy cussed me out and called me a liar. So I showed him the log sheets.
> bwaahaahaa

All the testing in the world cannot produce a good operator.

>> Even in my own experience, I know that I had my extra before I should
>>have. I went from General to Extra in a little over 6 months.
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>
> It ain't when ya get the license, it's what ya do with it.

And it was a rapid, and sometimes humbling experience. Then again,
maybe that's okay.

>> I would propose that there be at least a year wait before upgrading to
>>Extra. Ya just can't gain enough operating knowledge in less time.
>>
>
> Not gonna happen.

Is there an emoticon for a Bronx cheer? 8^P

- Mike KB3EIA -

424. Re: Using ham bands for educational / research project

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-08 04:11:27 UTC
From: keep-it-clean <keep-it-clean@worldnet.att.net>
Message-ID: <PvrOa.43801$0v4.3014182@bgtnsc04-news.ops.worldnet.att.net>
Source record: 70307
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.amateur.digital.misc

Just go ahead and do it !!!

Don't worry about the "barracks lawyers". Hams are the biggest bunch of wannabe cops that exist.

Your research will be a better use of the bandwidth than 99.999% of the mindless jabber on the amateur bands today,

425. Re: Using ham bands for educational / research project

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-08 04:28:26 UTC
From: charlesb <n5pvl@sbcglobal.net>
Message-ID: <KLrOa.1276$vK5.668@newssvr23.news.prodigy.com>
Source record: 70308
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.amateur.digital.misc

Moron.

"keep-it-clean" <keep-it-clean@worldnet.att.net> wrote in message
news:PvrOa.43801$0v4.3014182@bgtnsc04-news.ops.worldnet.att.net...
> Just go ahead and do it !!!
>
> Don't worry about the "barracks lawyers". Hams are the biggest bunch of
> wannabe cops that exist.
>
> Your research will be a better use of the bandwidth than 99.999% of the
> mindless jabber on the amateur bands today,
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426. Re: Renewed my license "on-line", only took 4 Hours

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-08 05:22:38 UTC
From: Arnie Macy <kt4st@csam.net>
Message-ID: <bedkho$3rqv9$1@ID-166180.news.dfncis.de>
Source record: 70309

"JJ" <radiobuff0@mailcity.moc> wrote ...

> License renewal is FREE, any amateur can renew FREE directly with
> the FCC, you don't need to go through the ARRL, W5YI, or anyone
> else. Why pay someone else (either directly or through ARRL dues)
> for something that is very simple and one can do themselves for FREE?
>

Just a note. Got my new license in the mail today.

Arnie -

427. Re: Renewed my license "on-line", only took 4 Hours

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-08 05:27:18 UTC
From: Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93B2EC45E598elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>
Source record: 70310

JJ <radiobuff0@mailcity.moc> wrote in news:3F098148.1070403@mailcity.moc:

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> Dan/W4NTI wrote:
>> I don't think that is correct 'jj'. I believe there is a charge if
>> your not a member.
>
> License renewal is FREE, any amateur can renew FREE directly with
> the FCC, you don't need to go through the ARRL, W5YI, or anyone
> else. Why pay someone else (either directly or through ARRL dues)
> for something that is very simple and one can do themselves for FREE?
>

Because if you are on dial-up it is very difficult to use the free service

428. Re: Latest News - Morse Code Test May Not "Die" at ITU Conference.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-08 05:28:00 UTC
From: Dwight Stewart <stewart@say.net>
Message-ID: <BB2FCE9F.1E3BB%stewart@say.net>
Source record: 70311

"Kim W5TIT" wrote:

> Let's see if this new server gets all upset at a long post

It isn't the long winded messages, Kim. The header comment refers to the message reference list in the messages you replied to (part of the header information included with all reply messages, used by news programs to thread messages). Since that reference list was so long, your news program or ISP cut some of the information off. This was neither your fault (it came from the message you replied to) or anything for you to really worry about.

Dwight Stewart (W5NET)

http://www.qsl.net/w5net/

429. Re: CW Requirement Abolished

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-08 05:28:43 UTC
From: Arnie Macy <kt4st@csam.net>
Message-ID: <bedkt5$3uuom$1@ID-166180.news.dfncis.de>
Source record: 70312

"Phil Kane" wrote ...

What's stopping you - or any CW practitioner - from participating in the ARRL's Code Proficiency award program after the code test element is dropped from the license requirement?

Nothing is stopping him, Phil. It just sounds like he wants to be able to say that he passed the FCC required Morse test. Nothing wrong with that. Does it bother you that he is showing some inclination toward CW? :-))

Arnie -
KT4ST

430. Re: The Pool

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-08 05:32:42 UTC
From: "Ryan, KC8PMX" <kc8pmx@diamondcs.net>
Message-ID: <beeshg$48kng$3@ID-189073.news.dfncis.de>
Source record: 70333

Put me down for July 1st, 2004.

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Ryan, KC8PMX
FF1-FF2-MFR-(pending NREMT-B!)
--. --- -.. ... .- -. --. . .-.. ... .- .-. . ..-. .. .-. . ..-.
.. --. .... - . .-. ...
"N2EY" <N2EY@AOL.COM> wrote in message
news:c2356669.0307020448.4896bb7d@posting.google.com...
> So far:
>
> K2ASP: March 15, 2004
> AA2QA: April 1, 2004
> N2EY: April 15, 2004
> N3KIP: May 1, 2004
>
> 73 de Jim, N2EY

431. Re: Latest News - Morse Code Test May Not "Die" at ITU Conference.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-08 05:38:04 UTC
From: "Ryan, KC8PMX" <kc8pmx@diamondcs.net>
Message-ID: <beeshh$48kng$4@ID-189073.news.dfncis.de>
Source record: 70334

Bingo! We are actually doing that next year!

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Ryan, KC8PMX
FF1-FF2-MFR-(pending NREMT-B!)
--. --- -.. ... .- -. --. . .-.. ... .- .-. . ..-. .. .-. . ..-.
.. --. .... - . .-. ...
"Mike Coslo" <mcoslo@adelphia.net> wrote in message
news:3F031A3D.2080800@adelphia.net...
>
>
> Ryan, KC8PMX wrote:
> > Don't know about our local group but I heard something like around a 100
> > morse code contacts (all bands being used) and around 70-80 voice mode
> > contacts.
> >
> > Myself and about 1/3 to 1/2 of our local club pretty much boycotted
Field
> > Day this year..... (issues with local club)
>
>
> Ya should have splintered off and done your own FD!
>
> - Mike KB3EIA -
>

432. Re: Latest News - Morse Code Test May Not "Die" at ITU Conference.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-08 05:38:26 UTC
From: Dwight Stewart <stewart@say.net>
Message-ID: <BB2FD112.1E3BD%stewart@say.net>
Source record: 70313

"K0HB" wrote:

> The ITU no longer requires Morse testing, and
> has left it to each Administration to decide
> for themselves if they wish to require the
> test. (snip)

The message you replied to was posted many days ago as a commentary on the speculation at that time surrounding the test requirement issue at the ITU meeting. Clearly, since that message, the issue has been resolved - ending the speculation.

> Thus it is now up to someone to petition FCC to
> remove the requirement from US regulations.
>
> Let the games begin (again).

Yes, now the speculation has begun concerning possible future FCC actions in response to the ITU decision. That should be good for many weeks of additional speculation and argument.

Dwight Stewart (W5NET)

http://www.qsl.net/w5net/

433. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-08 05:46:06 UTC
From: "Ryan, KC8PMX" <kc8pmx@diamondcs.net>
Message-ID: <beeshk$48kng$5@ID-189073.news.dfncis.de>
Source record: 70335

You are correct in one regard....."Don't hold your breath" is about the best comment I have heard here. Existing technicians may choose to utilize their new privileges but the dropping of morse code completely is not going to bring up our numbers any more than where we are at right now from a month to month basis.

You could hand out free licenses with $100 bills attached to them but if people are not aware of that, they are not going to be giving out that many. It's all about the public relations/promotion of the hobby.

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Ryan, KC8PMX
FF1-FF2-MFR-(pending NREMT-B!)
--. --- -.. ... .- -. --. . .-.. ... .- .-. . ..-. .. .-. . ..-.
.. --. .... - . .-. ...
"N2EY" <n2ey@aol.com> wrote in message
news:20030707071110.09955.00000586@mb-m21.aol.com...
> In article <5c01b95b.0307062127.58297c11@posting.google.com>, k4yz@aol.com
> (Steve Robeson, K4CAP) writes:
>
> >Once the official FCC changes are made, by whatever method, I wonder
> >how long it will take the unlicensed to become licensed...Now that
> >there's NO excuse remaining?
>
> There's always an excuse, Steve.
>
> Here are some predictions for ya:
>
> The dropping of the code test will not be accompanied by a significant
change
> in the written exams.
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> The dropping of the code test will not be accompanied by a significant,
> sustained increase in growth rate of the ARS. There may be a short term
surge,
> and lots of upgrades, but total numbers will not skyrocket.
>
> The dropping of the code test will not be accompanied by a significant
change
> in the modes and technologies used by hams. There will not be a
> technorevolution, nor big increases in experimentation or homebrewing.
Just
> more of the same of what has been going on.
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> ---

>
> Let's see what happens in the UK. RSGB and RA have been pushing to drop
the
> code test for a long time. Maybe they won't be disappointed.
>
> > Just wondering.
>
> Don't hold yer breath. The usual bureaucratic delay will slow things down
here
> in the USA. And remember, those who get the licenses after the change will
be
> raw, inexperienced newcomers, who will need our help and guidance as they
are
> welcomed into the ARS.
>
> 73 de Jim, N2EY
>
>

434. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-08 05:46:08 UTC
From: Arnie Macy <kt4st@csam.net>
Message-ID: <bedltr$3nt3g$1@ID-166180.news.dfncis.de>
Source record: 70314

"Penny Traytion" wrote ...

No Test International.

Dang it, Penny. You took my answer. ;-)

Arnie -
KT4ST

Member of "Know Code" International

435. Re: Renewed my license "on-line", only took 4 Hours

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-08 05:49:42 UTC
From: Arnie Macy <kt4st@csam.net>
Message-ID: <bedm4h$3rrk6$1@ID-166180.news.dfncis.de>
Source record: 70315

"Alun Palmer" wrote ...

Because if you are on dial-up it is very difficult to use the free service

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Exactly -- and that was the point of my original post. It took an awfully long time to get through the form using dial-up. Not exactly user friendly at all.

Arnie -
KT4ST

436. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-08 06:04:57 UTC
From: Arnie Macy <kt4st@csam.net>
Message-ID: <bedn16$430eo$1@ID-166180.news.dfncis.de>
Source record: 70316

"N2EY" wrote in part ...

In fact I recall a certain FD a few years ago. Another rrap regular whom you may know was working 20 CW, making about 40 QSOs/hr with a terrible antenna. He was pressured into shutting down so that some folks could use 20 phone. Two hours later, they had put maybe 4 contacts in the log. They complained that the band was dead - so he sat down and proceeded to put a couple dozen in the log on the "dead" band.

When I started working CW, one of the first things I did was get involved with traffic nets. Slow ones at first, then the State net, then Regional. One of the advantages of working high speed traffic nets is learning how to copy fast under very poor conditions. Seems to pay off during Field Day. I had the same experience this year at FD as you. Between the two of us, we were logging an average of 75 or so contacts per hour, while the SSB boys were doing about 10. Dead bands plus QRN, QSB and all those repeats, I guess. :-))

Arnie -
KT4ST

437. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-08 06:18:11 UTC
From: Arnie Macy <kt4st@csam.net>
Message-ID: <bednpv$3vk51$1@ID-166180.news.dfncis.de>
Source record: 70317

"Vshah101" wrote in part ...

ARS is not a technical service because Hams have "voted" by their actions to not do these things. Furthermore, they discourage other amateurs from doing other than what they like to do. They also strongly encourage others to learn CW. At several antenna setups, club meetings, ham gatherings, I have participated in, often Hams try to persuade me to learn CW.

And they SHOULD. I always strongly encourage Hams to learn CW. It's a great skill to have. I didn't blink when someone encouraged me to learn about SSB operation, Manual tuning, PSK, Antennas, and APRS. I found all of them very interesting and it added more tools to my ARS toolbox. You make it sound like CW is something that should be avoided at all costs. You couldn't be more wrong. It is narrow attitudes like yours that hurt the ARS.

Arnie -
KT4ST

"What Hath God Wrought?"

438. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-08 07:01:35 UTC
From: "Leland C. Scott" <no-spam@junk-mail.net>
Message-ID: <-vadnfLhYN7N8ZeiXTWJig@comcast.com>
Source record: 70318

"Mike Coslo" <mjc5@psu.edu> wrote in message
news:3F09B9B7.9060105@psu.edu...
>
> And there you have one of the more interesting
dilemmas to the ARS.
>
> Is a brand new Extra, who has never been on HF,
even accept Elmering?
> Or will they insist that the conventions that
have been developed over
> the years are not applicable to them.

That depends on how many existing Hams on HF take a crappy attitude towards the upgraded newcomers on the bands. After seeing the poor attitudes shown by several of the more frequent posters on this news group over restructuring etc., I wouldn't let them near a radio, with or with out a code key. They are a perfect example of what Ham Radio is not all about. On the other hand the only good thing about them is many are old timers, who if we wait long enough will be SK's, then we can get on with things without the name calling etc. The only choices they have is either go with the flow, get out of the way, or get run over by the changes. Rolling back the clock is not an option.

--
Leland C. Scott
KC8LDO

ARRL Member
NCI Member

Charter member of the
Lawrence Technological University
Wireless Society W8LTU

439. Re: Renewed my license "on-line", only took 4 Hours

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-08 10:52:47 UTC
From: JJ <radiobuff0@mailcity.moc>
Message-ID: <3F0AA27F.1020403@mailcity.moc>
Source record: 70355

Alun Palmer wrote:
> JJ <radiobuff0@mailcity.moc> wrote in news:3F098148.1070403@mailcity.moc:
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>>Dan/W4NTI wrote:
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>>>I don't think that is correct 'jj'. I believe there is a charge if
>>>your not a member.
>>
>>License renewal is FREE, any amateur can renew FREE directly with
>>the FCC, you don't need to go through the ARRL, W5YI, or anyone
>>else. Why pay someone else (either directly or through ARRL dues)
>>for something that is very simple and one can do themselves for FREE?
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> Because if you are on dial-up it is very difficult to use the free service

Print the form out from the site, fill it out, mail it in. Very
simple only for the cost of postage.

440. Re: Renewed my license "on-line", only took 4 Hours

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-08 10:56:35 UTC
From: JJ <radiobuff0@mailcity.moc>
Message-ID: <3F0AA363.1000709@mailcity.moc>
Source record: 70361

Well DUH! So it isn't FREE through the AARL either or are you
saying the ARRL will pick up the fee for renewing a vanity call
sign? Yea right. Renewing a non-vanity call license is FREE if you
do it directly with the FCC.

Dan/W4NTI wrote:
> Sorry...ain't so. Vanity calls require a payment.
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> Dan/W4NTI
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> "JJ" <radiobuff0@mailcity.moc> wrote in message
> news:3F098148.1070403@mailcity.moc...
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>>>a member.
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>>else. Why pay someone else (either directly or through ARRL dues)
>>for something that is very simple and one can do themselves for FREE?
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441. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-08 12:01:28 UTC
From: kelly@dvol.com
Message-ID: <d22b54c3.0307080401.27b2040a@posting.google.com>
Source record: 70319

"Bert Craig" <wa2si@arrl.netNOSPAM> wrote in message
news:<8tpOa.1709$EC6.857405@news4.srv.hcvlny.cv.net>...
> Now that the ITU treaty requirement re. CW is gone, (For all intents and
> purposes.) does that mean NCI's job is done? If not, what's next?

Welp, since the name of the operation is No Code Test *International*
their work is far from done. Seems like code tests will continue in a
number of countries, Russia, Germany, China, the Arab states, etc. NCI
will have to schmooze the likes of Putin (Col, ret. KGB), Jiang and
the lop-yer-head-off Arab sweethearts before they can claim mission
complete. Squiggy gets Yemen, Sohl gets Mongolia for openers. Oughta
be interesting.

w3rv

442. Re: Renewed my license "on-line", only took 4 Hours

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-08 12:32:26 UTC
From: JJ <radiobuff0@mailcity.moc>
Message-ID: <3F0AB9DA.9090206@mailcity.moc>
Source record: 70374

You are the one being the smart ass. You said that license renewal
was free through the ARRL if one was an ARRL member. I did not
disagree with that, but I stated that license renewal was free
through the FCC and ARRL membership has nothing to do with it. You
then, with a smart ass comment, said "Sorry...ain't so. Vanity
calls require a payment." No one, including you, said anything
before that point about vanity call signs. Well DUH! Vanity call
signs require a fee to obtain in the first place. So to your
comment that renewing is free through the ARRL for members, my
reply is, "Sorry ain't so. Vanity calls require a payment." So
YOU need to stop being such a smart ass.

Dan/W4NTI wrote:
> No I didn't say the ARRL would pick up the fee for a vanity call. You
> insinuated that.
>
> And stop being such a smart ass. If you want we can trade smart assed
> remarks back and forth. But I really don't feel like it.
>
> Dan/W4NTI
>
> "JJ" <radiobuff0@mailcity.moc> wrote in message
> news:3F0AA363.1000709@mailcity.moc...
>
>>Well DUH! So it isn't FREE through the AARL either or are you
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>>>>else. Why pay someone else (either directly or through ARRL dues)
>>>>for something that is very simple and one can do themselves for FREE?
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443. Re: Latest News - Morse Code Test May Not "Die" at ITU Conference.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-08 13:05:32 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu>
Message-ID: <3F0AC19C.3070206@psu.edu>
Source record: 70320

Dwight Stewart wrote:
> "K0HB" wrote:
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>
>>The ITU no longer requires Morse testing, and
>>has left it to each Administration to decide
>>for themselves if they wish to require the
>>test. (snip)
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> The message you replied to was posted many days ago as a commentary on the
> speculation at that time surrounding the test requirement issue at the ITU
> meeting. Clearly, since that message, the issue has been resolved - ending
> the speculation.
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>>Thus it is now up to someone to petition FCC to
>>remove the requirement from US regulations.
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>>Let the games begin (again).
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>
> Yes, now the speculation has begun concerning possible future FCC actions
> in response to the ITU decision. That should be good for many weeks of
> additional speculation and argument.

Gee Dwight, this harms you in some manner?

- Mike KB3EIA -

444. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-08 13:15:37 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu>
Message-ID: <3F0AC3F9.305@psu.edu>
Source record: 70321

Brian wrote:
> "Arnie Macy" <kt4st@csam.net> wrote in message
news:<bedltr$3nt3g$1@ID-166180.news.dfncis.de>...
>
>>"Penny Traytion" wrote ...
>>
>>No Test International.
>>
>>_____
>>
>>Dang it, Penny. You took my answer. ;-)
>>
>>Arnie -
>>KT4ST
>
>
> Arnie, go ahead and let her take your answer. No sense in both of you being wrong.

Actually as a point of interest, and maybe a little trolling, Just WHY
should there be testing for a ham license?

Isn't limiting access to the Airwaves to only those who pass some kind
of test Elitist?

What of those who simply aren't smart enough to pass a test? are they
not human and have rights?

As for RF safety, I would point to the successful efforts of Motorcycle
riders to abolish helmet rules. It should be the individual's
responsibility to decide if RF safety matters are important to him or her.

As for mode specific questions, they have no business asking me about
modes of operation that I am not interested in.

No Test International could be born now!

Thoughts?

- Mike KB3EIA -

445. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-08 13:19:41 UTC
From: k4yz@aol.com
Message-ID: <5c01b95b.0307080519.7bf5dae@posting.google.com>
Source record: 70322

vshah101@aol.com (Vshah101) wrote in message
news:<20030707233034.11554.00000380@mb-m10.aol.com>...
> From: "Jim Hampton" aa2qa@frontiernet.net
>
> >The
> >only hold up now is that the FCC has to figure out a way to package the
> >license in a box of Cheerios. :)
> >
>
> Fill out the questions on the back of the box (the written test). Then, you
> just need 2 UPC codes from 2 boxes. Mail 2 UPC codes with written test and you
> will get your license..

Now Lennie and Vippy wil start an argument about how unjust the
two UPC requirement is.....

Steve, K4YZ

446. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-08 13:21:41 UTC
From: lbudney@pobox.com
Message-ID: <ufzlh6tlj.fsf@pobox.com>
Source record: 70323

Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu> writes:
>
> Actually as a point of interest, and maybe a little trolling,

Okay, I'll bite.

> Just WHY should there be testing for a ham license? Isn't limiting
> access to the Airwaves to only those who pass some kind of test
> Elitist?

Worse, isn't it a violation of the first amendment? Isn't forbidding
me to operate a transmitter the same as forbidding me to operate a
printing press?

> As for mode specific questions, they have no business asking me
> about modes of operation that I am not interested in.

Right--they should only cover high-power broadcasts, comsat hijacking
and signal-jamming my rivals...

> No Test International could be born now!

Anarchy forever!

--Len.

447. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-08 13:27:00 UTC
From: k4yz@aol.com
Message-ID: <5c01b95b.0307080527.23006f85@posting.google.com>
Source record: 70324

vshah101@aol.com (Vshah101) wrote in message
news:<20030707224212.11554.00000377@mb-m10.aol.com>...
> From: yodoc@aol.comnospam (Larry Roll K3LT)
>
> >So, we'll change the debate over
> >to whether or not the ARS is a "technical" service
>
> The ARS will not be a "technical" service with the current Ham radio culture.
> Most homebrewing is for show or to boost the image of the ARS. They are too
> snobby to include someone that is interested in Homebrewing. Or its some EE
> that usually doesn't attend meetings.

Ahhhhh geeze-oh whiz....With the same snotty kid rantings again.
Same silly, unfounded and baseless stuff.

> The clubs and Hamfests focus on antennas, contesting, and CW. With the
> exception of antennas, ARS is primarily an appliance operator hobby. One
> example is people coming from scanner or CB to ARS. Another example is the
> comparison that "without CW, its just CB". Note that CW is an operator skill.

Yes...One you do not have, and thankfully with current events are
not likely to have...So we can talk about you all day long and you
won't know it.

> ARS is not a technical service because Hams have "voted" by their actions to
> not do these things. Furthermore, they discourage other amateurs from doing
> other than what they like to do. They also strongly encourage others to learn
> CW. At several antenna setups, club meetings, ham gatherings, I have
> participated in, often Hams try to persuade me to learn CW.

No one "discourages" any other Ham from doing any thing he or she
likes.

> >and whether the testing
> >should be changed into something more dumbed-down than it already is.
>
> >After that, the next bone of contention will be whether or not a prospective
> >ham should be required to know how to spell his name correctly on the
> >application!
>
> To you, taking away one requirement (the CW test) is dumbing down because its
> one less requirement. If more people focus on the written material, ARS could
> be more than an operator's hobby and more of a technical hobby. That's not
> dumbing down of the hobby.

And which "one less requirement" WILL be "dumbing down", Vippy?

We've castrated the written tests and now the last vestige of
operator competencey has taken it's final breaths.

> It is only required 5 wpm CW speed, yet many Hams take pride in increasing
> their code speed. The easy written test is not the problem.

The "ease" of written tests is subjective, Vippy. If the present
tests were sequestered, like they should be, the tests wouldn't be as
easy as they are now.

Steve, K4YZ

448. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-08 14:04:37 UTC
From: Arnie Macy <kt4st@csam.net>
Message-ID: <beej54$46nro$1@ID-166180.news.dfncis.de>
Source record: 70325

"Leland C. Scott" wrote in part ...

That depends on how many existing Hams on HF take a crappy attitude towards the upgraded newcomers on the bands. After seeing the poor attitudes shown by several of the more frequent posters on this news group over restructuring etc., I wouldn't let them near a radio, with or with out a code key.

What's a "code key" -- Could that possibly be something like a straight key? Or maybe it is a secret way of learning CW? Please enlighten us, Leland.

Arnie -
KT4ST
FISTS 2940 CC 337

member of "Know Code" International

449. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-08 14:08:32 UTC
From: Arnie Macy <kt4st@csam.net>
Message-ID: <beejcg$42hr5$1@ID-166180.news.dfncis.de>
Source record: 70326

"Brian" wrote ...

Arnie, go ahead and let her take your answer. No sense in both of you being wrong.

Not so fast there, Brian. NCI has been on the record as saying that the tests should be made less technical. Not a far leap at all to presume they will try and "dumb" them down even more.

Arnie -
KT4ST

450. Re: The curse for HF bands

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-08 15:14:42 UTC
From: Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93B27254BA8D8elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>
Source record: 70332

Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net> wrote in
news:hfvigvs3ds8ha912kdacjuj1f3v6sr7bh8@4ax.com:

> On 7 Jul 2003 14:45:31 GMT, Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote:
>
>>CBs are cheap not only due to mass production, but because they are
>>single conversion with ceramic filters (a design choice) and because
>>they are single band and low power (FCC requirements). There may be an
>>increased market for an entry-level HF rig that will only cost about as
>>much as a 2m FM rig, because more will now choose to start out on HF.
>
> You can, if you want to, stick several hundred bucks into a CB rig.
> You can also get one for about forty bucks. The latter type will be
> single mode (AM only) with zero bells and whistles. The former will be
> AM/USB/LSB and include such extras as some form of RIT, dual power
> supply (AC/DC), an actual S-meter rather than a bunch of LEDs as a
> signal strength indicator (if any at all), some basic DSP functions,
> and reception of NOAA weather channels. The top-of-the-line CB base
> stations cost far more than a 2m FM rig as it is.
>
>>But what could be included? Probably SSB/CW only, maybe just a couple
>>of bands (which ones?), probably 10-20 watts out (PA transistors are
>>significant part of the component cost of a rig). Probably only ceramic
>>filters, but maybe with a high first IF a la Alinco (they might be one
>>of the firms interested in this market). Maybe 80/20m to use the image
>>response to make it easier to build, or 40/15m, so the user can just
>>use a 40m dipole?
>
> Sounds to me like you just desribed the Ten-Tec Scout with its modules
> for different bands, except that the price tag does not rival that of
> a CB rig. Frankly, I don't think we'll see $40 ham HF rigs, ever. Take
> one of those $40 CB rigs and modify it for use in the AM portion of
> 10m and see how it performs, and you'll quickly understand why. You
> get what you pay for.
>
> I can, however, see a $200-$300 single-band HF rig (on other than 10m)
> with limited mode selection and few if any bells and whistles. I
> exclude 10m from that statement because those have already been
> offered in the past - see Radio Shack HTX-10 for example.
>
> 73 DE John, KC2HMZ
>
>

Other bands, particularly 15 and 20, have been offered in the past by Belcom, Tokyo HiPower, Mizuho and others. I think more of this kind of thing will surface in the near future.

451. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-08 17:38:15 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu>
Message-ID: <3F0B0187.7090206@psu.edu>
Source record: 70336

Steve Robeson, K4CAP wrote:
> vshah101@aol.com (Vshah101) wrote in message
news:<20030707233034.11554.00000380@mb-m10.aol.com>...
>
>>From: "Jim Hampton" aa2qa@frontiernet.net
>>
>>
>>>The
>>>only hold up now is that the FCC has to figure out a way to package the
>>>license in a box of Cheerios. :)
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>>Fill out the questions on the back of the box (the written test). Then, you
>>just need 2 UPC codes from 2 boxes. Mail 2 UPC codes with written test and you
>>will get your license..
>
> Now Lennie and Vippy wil start an argument about how unjust the
> two UPC requirement is.....

I simply *refuse* to buy a box of Cheerios just to get a Ham license.
Although my interest in the ARS is boundless, It IS unfair to make a
person buy a box of Cheerio's! it is keeping thousands of Technically
competent Cheerio's haters off the air!

I never intend to eat Cheerio's, and I know I never will. So why should
I have to buy a box of Cheerio's just so I can get a Ham license?

Unfair, Unfair, Unfair!!!! It's just another ham cult hazing ritual.....

- Mike KB3EIA -

452. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-08 17:53:27 UTC
From: Bert Craig <wa2si@arrl.netNOSPAM>
Message-ID: <ryDOa.9654$EC6.3989034@news4.srv.hcvlny.cv.net>
Source record: 70337

"Ryan, KC8PMX" <kc8pmx@diamondcs.net> wrote in message
news:beeshk$48kng$5@ID-189073.news.dfncis.de...
> Existing technicians may choose to utilize their
> new privileges

Correct me if I'm wrong, but I don't think there've been any "new
privivleges" confered yet.

> but the dropping of morse code completely is not going to
> bring up our numbers any more than where we are at right now from a month
to
> month basis.

Probably correct.

> "N2EY" <n2ey@aol.com> wrote in message
> news:20030707071110.09955.00000586@mb-m21.aol.com...
> > In article <5c01b95b.0307062127.58297c11@posting.google.com>,
k4yz@aol.com
> > (Steve Robeson, K4CAP) writes:
> >
> > >Once the official FCC changes are made, by whatever method, I wonder
> > >how long it will take the unlicensed to become licensed...Now that
> > >there's NO excuse remaining?
> >
> > There's always an excuse, Steve.

Here's and interesting query...and probabbly a tad trollish, but I wonder...

How long (or short, actually) will it take for many of the No-code Techs
that used to proclaim that their VHF and up allocation was all they wanted
because it completely satisfied their "technical" needs to suddenly become
Generals and Extras. I seem to remember reading how they could pass Element
1 if they wanted to but it would gain them nothing. I wonder if that's
changed?

--
73 de Bert
WA2SI

453. Re: Latest News - Morse Code Test May Not "Die" at ITU Conference.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-08 18:21:06 UTC
From: Dwight Stewart <stewart@say.net>
Message-ID: <BB3083D1.1E48C%stewart@say.net>
Source record: 70338

"Mike Coslo" wrote:

> Gee Dwight, this harms you in some manner?

Silly question, Mike. Do my comments about the nearly endless speculation harm you in some manner? Of course not. This has been going on for years. Surely there is no harm in commenting on that fact.

Dwight Stewart (W5NET)

http://www.qsl.net/w5net/

454. More on Broadband over Power Lines (BLP)

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-08 18:28:53 UTC
From: Dwight Stewart <stewart@say.net>
Message-ID: <BB3085A4.1E48D%stewart@say.net>
Source record: 70339
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,alt.ham-radio.vhf-uhf

From the July 2003 issue (pg. 37) of PC World Magazine...

A brazen new competitor to DSL and cable is
"within striking distance of being the third
major broadband pipe into the home," says FCC
Chairman Michael Powell. Broadband of power
line, or BPL (currently being offered in pilot
programs by a dozen or so utilities around the
country), promises to deliver high-speed
Internet access straight from the electrical
socket in your wall. Long written off as an
also-ran technology, BPL has new spark, thanks
to technical advances that address problems of
interference and in-line transformers that
scramble signals. The last hurdle will be getting
FCC approval. Considering Powell's enthusiasm -
the general belief that BPL will cost less than
cable and DSL - a green light could be imminent.

While everyone would obviously like cheaper broadband internet access, my principle concern is the possible interference with ham radio out here in the real world - the real world of corroded and rotted old power lines, decades old transformers and power stations, and the ancient (often poorly grounded) electrical wiring in old homes and buildings throughout this country. Like many others, I suspect this technology is going to have a dramatic impact on ham radio.

Does anyone know about these touted "advances that address problems of interference" mentioned above? Are these "advances" really going to prevent potential interference problems out here in the real world?

Dwight Stewart (W5NET)

http://www.qsl.net/w5net/

455. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-08 18:47:31 UTC
From: Robert Casey <wa2ise@ix.netcom.com>
Message-ID: <3F0B11C3.3040500@ix.netcom.com>
Source record: 70340

Radio Amateur KC2HMZ wrote:

>Hmmm...lemme see...we're faced with the possibility of having a lot of
>newcomers with little or no practical experience WRT radio wave
>propagation on the HF bands, and thus little knowledge on which to
>base selection of a frequency band on which to begin making contacts
>at any particular time.
>
Back in the early days of my HF career, I figured that if the band seems empty, well either
propagation is out or everyone's asleep or at work or such. In any event, there's nobody
to qso with, so check other bands.

After a while, one figures out that on say ten meters, you can (when the sunspots are in)
talk to Texas from NJ, but not Ohio. That the coverage looks more like a ring instead
of a disc. Which also means that the ham in Texas can hear a ham in Ohio that you
cannot hear. Thus you could QRM a Ohio to Texas QSO while doing a QSO from NJ to California. Thus you should realize that the Texan isn't talking to himself, but
to someone you cannot hear. And QSY up or down a little. But say you're using
a kilowatt linear to QSO from NJ to California, and the Texan is only using 50 watts
and is S1 on your receiver and thus you don't know that he's there. BUt things like this
happen, and it is understood that it is not malicious.

456. Re: More on Broadband over Power Lines (BLP)

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-08 19:16:30 UTC
From: Dan/W4NTI <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com>
Message-ID: <bef8ca$6h$2@slb5.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 70341
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,alt.ham-radio.vhf-uhf

"Dwight Stewart" <stewart@say.net> wrote in message
news:BB3085A4.1E48D%stewart@say.net...
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> "within striking distance of being the third
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> programs by a dozen or so utilities around the
> country), promises to deliver high-speed
> Internet access straight from the electrical
> socket in your wall. Long written off as an
> also-ran technology, BPL has new spark, thanks
> to technical advances that address problems of
> interference and in-line transformers that
> scramble signals. The last hurdle will be getting
> FCC approval. Considering Powell's enthusiasm -
> the general belief that BPL will cost less than
> cable and DSL - a green light could be imminent.
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> While everyone would obviously like cheaper broadband internet access,
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> principle concern is the possible interference with ham radio out here in
> the real world - the real world of corroded and rotted old power lines,
> decades old transformers and power stations, and the ancient (often poorly
> grounded) electrical wiring in old homes and buildings throughout this
> country. Like many others, I suspect this technology is going to have a
> dramatic impact on ham radio.
>
> Does anyone know about these touted "advances that address problems of
> interference" mentioned above? Are these "advances" really going to
prevent
> potential interference problems out here in the real world?
>
>
> Dwight Stewart (W5NET)
>
> http://www.qsl.net/w5net/
>

Its all hype Dwight. Ask the brits what it sounds like. At 3 meters it is 30db over S9. So if your in the house, or next door, or down the street, or if the band is open, on the next continent....you aint gonna hear nothing but trash.

Last count was FCC got about 1800 replies to the NOI. Boy that shows the hams are really aware don't it?

Dan/W4NTI

457. Re: Renewed my license "on-line", only took 4 Hours

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-08 20:01:00 UTC
From: Dan/W4NTI <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com>
Message-ID: <bef8cg$6h$6@slb5.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 70342

Sorry...ain't so. Vanity calls require a payment.

Dan/W4NTI

"JJ" <radiobuff0@mailcity.moc> wrote in message
news:3F098148.1070403@mailcity.moc...
>
>
> Dan/W4NTI wrote:
> > I don't think that is correct 'jj'. I believe there is a charge if your
not
> > a member.
>
> License renewal is FREE, any amateur can renew FREE directly with
> the FCC, you don't need to go through the ARRL, W5YI, or anyone
> else. Why pay someone else (either directly or through ARRL dues)
> for something that is very simple and one can do themselves for FREE?
>

458. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-08 20:03:49 UTC
From: Dan/W4NTI <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com>
Message-ID: <bef8ch$6h$7@slb5.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 70343

Their next step should be joining up with a terrorist group. They could be used as human bombs.

Dan/W4NTI

"Bert Craig" <wa2si@arrl.netNOSPAM> wrote in message news:8tpOa.1709$EC6.857405@news4.srv.hcvlny.cv.net...
> Now that the ITU treaty requirement re. CW is gone, (For all intents and
> purposes.) does that mean NCI's job is done? If not, what's next?
>
> --
> 73 de Bert
> WA2SI
>
>

459. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-08 20:07:06 UTC
From: Dan/W4NTI <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com>
Message-ID: <bef8ci$6h$8@slb5.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 70344

"Mike Coslo" <mjc5@psu.edu> wrote in message news:3F0AC3F9.305@psu.edu...
> Brian wrote:
> > "Arnie Macy" <kt4st@csam.net> wrote in message
news:<bedltr$3nt3g$1@ID-166180.news.dfncis.de>...
> >
> >>"Penny Traytion" wrote ...
> >>
> >>No Test International.
> >>
> >>_____
> >>
> >>Dang it, Penny. You took my answer. ;-)
> >>
> >>Arnie -
> >>KT4ST
> >
> >
> > Arnie, go ahead and let her take your answer. No sense in both of you
being wrong.
>
>
> Actually as a point of interest, and maybe a little trolling, Just WHY
> should there be testing for a ham license?
>
> Isn't limiting access to the Airwaves to only those who pass some kind
> of test Elitist?

NO

>
> What of those who simply aren't smart enough to pass a test? are they
> not human and have rights?

That is what CB is for.

>
>
> As for RF safety, I would point to the successful efforts of Motorcycle
> riders to abolish helmet rules. It should be the individual's
> responsibility to decide if RF safety matters are important to him or her.

At 1500watts output don't you think the neighbors would have some input?

>
> As for mode specific questions, they have no business asking me about
> modes of operation that I am not interested in.

Agreed. That way you can only operate the basic modes. CW or SSB. And
take another test when you want to move ahead.

>
> No Test International could be born now!

No, the terrorists need them.

>
> Thoughts?
>
> - Mike KB3EIA -
>

460. Re: Latest News - Morse Code Test May Not "Die" at ITU Conference.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-08 20:31:46 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu>
Message-ID: <3F0B2A32.7090902@psu.edu>
Source record: 70345

Dwight Stewart wrote:
> "Mike Coslo" wrote:
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>
>>Gee Dwight, this harms you in some manner?
>
>
>
> Silly question, Mike. Do my comments about the nearly endless speculation
> harm you in some manner? Of course not. This has been going on for years.
> Surely there is no harm in commenting on that fact.

No harm done then!

- Mike KB3EIA -

461. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-08 21:16:00 UTC
From: N2EY@AOL.COM
Message-ID: <c2356669.0307081316.267d09a4@posting.google.com>
Source record: 70346

Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net> wrote in message
news:<k3tigvouvqr3a7nadj1p5ld4ohh7ai3jt1@4ax.com>...
> On 07 Jul 2003 11:11:10 GMT, n2ey@aol.com (N2EY) wrote:

> >Here are some predictions for ya:
>
> Hmmm...hang on, lemme wipe the dust off the crystal ball for ya
> first....okay, go ahead.

Thanks!
>
> >The dropping of the code test will not be accompanied by a significant change
> >in the written exams.
>
> In the short term, probably not. In the long term, as the written
> tests go through their normal revision and updating processes, I'd
> expect and hope that the question pool committee members would begin
> to include questions on practical operating knowledge in addition to
> the questions on theory that are already part of the tests.

The current writtens are a mixture of rules and regs, theory,
operating practices, and RF safety. They have been in constant
revision and development for over 20 years. I don't see them changing
all that much.

What sort of "practical operating knowledge" questions would you have
the QPC add? (Anyone can submit questions for review, btw).

> I've long
> felt that it was time for the CW testing requirement to go, but the
> fact remains that it has indeed been the only practical skill (as
> opposed to theoretical knowledge) tested, and I think that this does
> need to change.

One of the problems with skill testing is that the test has to
actually include the skill - it can't be a purely paper test and
actually mean anything. (You can't judge my bicycle-riding or
stick-shift skills with a written test). And such testing means a
separate test element and the same problems that come with the code
test.

> >The dropping of the code test will not be accompanied by a significant,
> >sustained increase in growth rate of the ARS. There may be a short term
> > surge,
> >and lots of upgrades, but total numbers will not skyrocket.
>

> Seems to me that the outcome, in this regard, is up to us. We have an
> opportunity to start a significant influx of good operators into the
> ARS provided we're willing to identify them and elmer them and welcome
> them into the ranks, so to speak.
>
> Those of us who go out of our way to meet these people and convince
> them to get into the club meetings and the VE sessions, and who answer
> questions and provide the guidance the newcomers will need and then
> accept and respect them as fellow hams should, will be taking good
> advantage of the opportunity.

I agree with all of the that - but a lot of it comes down to publicity
for the ARS, and the simple fact that most people are not interested
in radio as an end in itself. There's a limit to how much we can
"sell" amateur radio. The trick is to identify those who are really
interested, and help them out.

> Those of us who spend our time coming up with witty and derogatory
> names like Extra Lite and insist on distinguishing between No-Code and
> Know-Code and go out of their way to make people feel like
> second-class citizens will be letting the opportunity just slide on by
> and will be doing a disservice to the ARS.

Agreed - and I challenge you to find any postings of mine where I have
done any of that.

> >The dropping of the code test will not be accompanied by a significant change
> >in the modes and technologies used by hams. There will not be a
> >technorevolution, nor big increases in experimentation or homebrewing. Just
> >more of the same of what has been going on.
>
> Again, this depends on us.

To a certain extent. There are not many hams who will homebrew
themselves a multiband multimode transceiver from scratch. Even if
someone has the time and tools, it's usually not cost-effective.
>
> Hmmm...lemme see...we're faced with the possibility of having a lot of
> newcomers with little or no practical experience WRT radio wave
> propagation on the HF bands, and thus little knowledge on which to
> base selection of a frequency band on which to begin making contacts
> at any particular time. Isn't this exactly what ALE is supposed to do?

Sure.

> Yet, how many hams do you know of who have even heard of ALE, outisde
> of those in this forum where I know the subject has come up
> previously? How many hams in your local club know what ALE is? How
> many would be willing to accept and use it if they did?

Many of us know what ALE is, and even how it could be used on the
amateur bands.

The bigger question is - why would hams want to use ALE for normal
amateur operation? The whole point of ALE is to reduce/eliminate the
need for a knowledgeable operator. In fact, if you look at most
nonamateur radio equipment design philosophies, one of the driving
forces behind them is to replace the skilled "radio operator" with a
relatively unskilled "user", who doesn't really know what's going on -
and doesn't have to. Consider the nearly-ubiquitous cell phone - none
of the radio-specific functions are controlled by the user at all! In
fact, far too many people don't even realize a cell phone is a radio
transceiver. (I recall an indignant fellow airline passenger telling
me "I can use this while we take off! It's a TELEPHONE, not a
RADIO!!")

> >Let's see what happens in the UK. RSGB and RA have been pushing to drop the
> >code test for a long time. Maybe they won't be disappointed.
> >
> >> Just wondering.
> >
> >Don't hold yer breath. The usual bureaucratic delay will slow things down here
> >in the USA. And remember, those who get the licenses after the change will be
> >raw, inexperienced newcomers, who will need our help and guidance as they are
> >welcomed into the ARS.
>
> To use the British term: Bloody Well Right!

Fair dinkum, mate!

> Especially since there
> will undoubtedly be those who will not welcome them at all, and in
> fact do quite the opposite.

A few. That's not a new thing - ever hear of the fellow who used to
call CQ on 75 AM and add "no kids, no lids, no space cadets, Class A
operators only"?

> Those of us who wish to take advantage of
> this opportunity will have to work doubly hard in order to overcome
> the harm done by the minority that will attempt to ostracize and chase
> away the newcomers, forgetting that they were newcomers themselves
> once upon a time.

All true. Actually, it doesn't seem like that long ago that I was a
newcomer.

But there is also the reverse problem: Newcomers who do not want
advice or elmering from the "old f@#$S", no matter how it is offered.
I've been on the receiving end of that more than a few times. What's
the right approach - just ignore them?

73 de Jim, N2EY

462. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-08 21:23:09 UTC
From: "Leland C. Scott" <no-spam@junk-mail.net>
Message-ID: <j6KdnSiUkO-iq5aiXTWJig@comcast.com>
Source record: 70347

"Arnie Macy" <kt4st@csam.net> wrote in message
news:beej54$46nro$1@ID-166180.news.dfncis.de...
> What's a "code key" -- Could that possibly be
something like a straight key?
> Or maybe it is a secret way of learning CW?
Please enlighten us, Leland.

Are you really that "dense" Arnie where you can't
figure it out on your own?

73's de,

Leland C. Scott
KC8LDO

ARRL member
NCI member

"You ask what Morse Code is good for? I'll tell
you. Morse
Code is used exclusively by Electronics Based life
forms to
communicate amongst themselves using advanced
Organic
Digital Signal Processors, running state of the
art Artificial
Intelligence Software, to perform the highly
complex
transmit encryption, receive decryption and error
correction
functions."

463. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-08 21:24:34 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307081324.38ef0445@posting.google.com>
Source record: 70348

kelly@dvol.com (Brian Kelly) wrote in message
news:<d22b54c3.0307080401.27b2040a@posting.google.com>...
> "Bert Craig" <wa2si@arrl.netNOSPAM> wrote in message
news:<8tpOa.1709$EC6.857405@news4.srv.hcvlny.cv.net>...
> > Now that the ITU treaty requirement re. CW is gone, (For all intents and
> > purposes.) does that mean NCI's job is done? If not, what's next?
>
>
> Welp, since the name of the operation is No Code Test *International*
> their work is far from done. Seems like code tests will continue in a
> number of countries, Russia, Germany, China, the Arab states, etc. NCI
> will have to schmooze the likes of Putin (Col, ret. KGB), Jiang and
> the lop-yer-head-off Arab sweethearts before they can claim mission
> complete. Squiggy gets Yemen, Sohl gets Mongolia for openers. Oughta
> be interesting.
>
> w3rv

What do I get?

464. Re: More on Broadband over Power Lines (BLP)

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-08 21:28:17 UTC
From: N2EY@AOL.COM
Message-ID: <c2356669.0307081328.9ade04b@posting.google.com>
Source record: 70349
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,alt.ham-radio.vhf-uhf

Dwight Stewart <stewart@say.net> wrote in message news:<BB3085A4.1E48D%stewart@say.net>...
> From the July 2003 issue (pg. 37) of PC World Magazine...
>
> A brazen new competitor to DSL and cable is
> "within striking distance of being the third
> major broadband pipe into the home," says FCC
> Chairman Michael Powell. Broadband of power
> line, or BPL (currently being offered in pilot
> programs by a dozen or so utilities around the
> country), promises to deliver high-speed
> Internet access straight from the electrical
> socket in your wall. Long written off as an
> also-ran technology, BPL has new spark, thanks
> to technical advances that address problems of
> interference and in-line transformers that
> scramble signals. The last hurdle will be getting
> FCC approval. Considering Powell's enthusiasm -
> the general belief that BPL will cost less than
> cable and DSL - a green light could be imminent.
>
> While everyone would obviously like cheaper broadband internet access, my
> principle concern is the possible interference with ham radio out here in
> the real world - the real world of corroded and rotted old power lines,
> decades old transformers and power stations, and the ancient (often poorly
> grounded) electrical wiring in old homes and buildings throughout this
> country. Like many others, I suspect this technology is going to have a
> dramatic impact on ham radio.

It sure will, if it's allowed to be implemented.

FCC Docket 03-104 addresses implementation of these systems. Comments
close today. ARRL submitted a 120 page paper on the effects of the
proposed systems. None of it is good news for hams.
>
> Does anyone know about these touted "advances that address problems of
> interference" mentioned above? Are these "advances" really going to prevent
> potential interference problems out here in the real world?

Basically they come down to two ideas:

1) spectrum masking, which consists of not allowing the BPL systems to
use frequencies in the ham bands. Which is fine until something
nonlinear in the system causes intermodulation products, harmonics or
other spurious signals to fall in the ham bands. This method was used

to stop HomePlug and other in-building systems from tearing up 80 meters - AFTER our own W1RFI and other ARRL folks got the manufacturer to recognize the problem.

2) "improved modes and modulations", which permit the use of lower signal levels and hence lower signal leakage. Supposedly.

The BIG problem is obvious to anyone who actually goes out and looks at a typical aerial distribution system. Lots of nice, long wires, way up in the air, running all over everyone's neighborhood. Put a little RF in them and watch it radiate.

Heck, one of the biggest problems in access BPL is that the lines are "lossy" at RF. They're "lossy" because they radiate!
>
You can read the comments of others and leave your own at the FCC website, via the ECFS system. Check out what the ARRL is saying and doing at the ARRL website.

73 de Jim, N2EY

465. Re: CW Requirement Abolished

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-08 21:38:59 UTC
From: N2EY@AOL.COM
Message-ID: <c2356669.0307081338.7209a5cb@posting.google.com>
Source record: 70350

Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net> wrote in message
news:<nipigv4r1n1c1879t1l4feut0kngr676br@4ax.com>...
> On 7 Jul 2003 14:21:15 GMT, Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote:
>
> >We'll just have to think of something else to talk about. Besides, it's
> >not over yet. The FCC will likely have multiple petitions to look at. For
> >example, what happens to Techs? Should they all get Tech+ privileges?

Seems completely obvious to me that they should.
>
> In the short term, that's what I personally expect we will see. In the
> long term, however, I think we will eventually have only two license
> classes instead of the current three (one for VHF/UHF only privileges,
> and one for full HF privileges in addition to that).

I disagree!

The only reason to separate HF and VHF/UHF is/was because of the code
test. HF licenses had to have code tests because of the old treaty.
Once the new one is ratified, that reason goes away.

Seems to me that in a nocodetest future it would make much more sense
to let all hams have access to at least partial privileges on most ham
bands, rather than continuing the artificial HF vs. VHF-UHF
separation.

How about this: Three classes of license - call them Third, Second and
First for discussion's sake.

Thirds have a simple written test and get to use a few modes (CW,
SSB/FM phone, some data) on parts of all bands. Power limit is below
that requiring RF survey. Callsigns are six characters, and Thirds
can't be repeater control ops or VEs.

Seconds have more modes, more space on the bands, and more power.
Callsigns are five or six characters. Seconds can be repeater control
ops and VEs. One year experience as a Third required.

Firsts have all privs, callsigns with four, five or six characters,
etc. One year experience as a Second required.

You get the general idea.
>
> 1. FCC remains under a congressional mandate to simplify regulations.
> The easiest system for FCC to administer would be exactly what I have
> outlined - either you have HF privileges or you don't.

But is that what's best for the ARS? I don't think so.
>
> 2. Reading between the lines on the FCC's R&O WRT the last
> restructuring of amateur license classes leads me to believe that the
> commission would have preferred to do this in the first place but its
> hands were tied by the international requirement that WRC just
> removed. Absent that requirement now, FCC will be free to do what I
> think it would have preferred to do four years ago.
>
I think what FCC wanted several years back was pretty close to what
they actually did - 3 classes of license, minimal or zero code
testing. No medical waivers. Less written testing, too.

73 de Jim, N2EY

466. Re: More on Broadband over Power Lines (BLP)

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-08 21:41:16 UTC
From: Steve KA4TMB <steven.heyde@comcast.net>
Message-ID: <-eKdnRYM7prgp5aiXTWJgQ@comcast.com>
Source record: 70351
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,alt.ham-radio.vhf-uhf

"Dwight Stewart" <stewart@say.net> wrote in message
news:BB3085A4.1E48D%stewart@say.net...

<snip>

> Are these "advances" really going to prevent
> potential interference problems out here in the real world?

I doubt it. We'll probably have as much interference out here in the real
world as we do in this NG. Heh, heh, heh.

Steve

467. Re: Have You been Interfered with by BPL/PLC Services?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-08 22:24:05 UTC
From: Dan/W4NTI <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com>
Message-ID: <befg6s$h85$1@slb9.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 70352

Kind of early ain't it? Or are you talking about the 12 cities that are participating in the initial test?

You really need to just put every licensed hams callsign in the complaint. Because that is who will be affected.

Dan/W4NTI

<lawyer-hamradio@operamail.com> wrote in message news:oc9mgvsjs9fjis0548nb040cj4o9sbk1a9@4ax.com...
> Are you a FCC licensed radio operator and have you been the victim of BPL/PLC
> interference during the last 12 months? A study group is being formed to
> explore a class action lawsuit against the utility corporations that may harm
> the radio services you are rightfully licensed to use. You must be a FCC
> licensed radio operator or station. Receivers such as AM/FM radios or TV's are
> not eligible for protection from any type of interference and this lawsuit will
> be limited to FCC licensed radio stations or operators.
>
> Please contact:
> lawyer-hamradio@operamail.com
>

468. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-08 22:25:25 UTC
From: Bert Craig <wa2si@arrl.netNOSPAM>
Message-ID: <pxHOa.10530$EC6.4801883@news4.srv.hcvlny.cv.net>
Source record: 70353

"Brian" <brianburke@juno.com> wrote in message
news:f45722ac.0307081324.38ef0445@posting.google.com...
> kelly@dvol.com (Brian Kelly) wrote in message
news:<d22b54c3.0307080401.27b2040a@posting.google.com>...
> > "Bert Craig" <wa2si@arrl.netNOSPAM> wrote in message
news:<8tpOa.1709$EC6.857405@news4.srv.hcvlny.cv.net>...
> > > Now that the ITU treaty requirement re. CW is gone, (For all intents
and
> > > purposes.) does that mean NCI's job is done? If not, what's next?
> >
> >
> > Welp, since the name of the operation is No Code Test *International*
> > their work is far from done. Seems like code tests will continue in a
> > number of countries, Russia, Germany, China, the Arab states, etc. NCI
> > will have to schmooze the likes of Putin (Col, ret. KGB), Jiang and
> > the lop-yer-head-off Arab sweethearts before they can claim mission
> > complete. Squiggy gets Yemen, Sohl gets Mongolia for openers. Oughta
> > be interesting.
> >
> > w3rv
>
> What do I get?

State sanctioned QRM.

--
73 de Bert
WA2SI

469. Re: Have You been Interfered with by BPL/PLC Services?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-08 22:38:59 UTC
From: Scott Unit 69 <scott_unit_69@yahoo.moc>
Message-ID: <3F0B4803.D3EAB205@yahoo.moc>
Source record: 70354

> Kind of early ain't it? Or are you talking about the 12 cities that are
> participating in the initial test?
>
> You really need to just put every licensed hams callsign in the complaint.
> Because that is who will be affected.

know & no codes alike?

470. Re: CW Requirement Abolished

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-08 22:58:31 UTC
From: Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
Message-ID: <cuvyxnansvbet.hhpncg1.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 70356

On Tue, 8 Jul 2003 01:28:43 -0400, Arnie Macy wrote:

>"Phil Kane" wrote ...
>
> What's stopping you - or any CW practitioner - from participating in the
>ARRL's Code Proficiency award program after the code test element is dropped
>from the license requirement?
>____
>
>Nothing is stopping him, Phil. It just sounds like he wants to be able to
>say that he passed the FCC required Morse test. Nothing wrong with that.
>Does it bother you that he is showing some inclination toward CW? :-))

Not at all -- the opposite, in fact. The more the merrier to
preserve the speciality of Morse CW.

Send him out here, and I'll be glad to administer a genuine FCC
retired-examiner code test. I still remember some of the tape
texts and certainly know how to do them. I promise none of the
intimidation that I used to be accused of.... <ggg> [Who, me ??]

--
73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane

From a Clearing in the Silicon Forest
Beaverton (Washington County) Oregon

471. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-08 22:58:31 UTC
From: Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
Message-ID: <cuvyxnansvbet.hhpo782.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 70357

On Tue, 08 Jul 2003 03:09:53 GMT, Jim Hampton wrote:

>ps - yes, I'd like to get my old call back, but now all you do is pay your
>money and get any call from any district that is available. So why do it
>anyways?

For the same reason that I ransomed my original call back on the
first day of Gate 1 - I didn't want anyone else to use it. It was
my primary station call from 1952 until 1957 and my secondary
station call from 1957 until 1983 when secondary station calls were
abolished. I even gave up a 1X2 to get it back.

My one slice of selfishness.

Go for it, Jim.....

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73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane
(ex-W6VQM, ex-N6SP)

472. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-08 22:58:31 UTC
From: Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
Message-ID: <cuvyxnansvbet.hhq1jn3.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 70359

On Tue, 8 Jul 2003 01:46:08 -0400, Arnie Macy wrote:

>"Penny Traytion" wrote ...
>
>No Test International.
>
>____
>
>Dang it, Penny. You took my answer. ;-)

That's where I draw the line......

--
73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane

473. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-08 22:58:32 UTC
From: Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
Message-ID: <cuvyxnansvbet.hhq1rc4.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 70358

On Tue, 08 Jul 2003 09:15:37 -0400, Mike Coslo wrote:

>What of those who simply aren't smart enough to pass a test? are they
>not human and have rights?

Nobody has a "right" to transmit radio signals. See the
International Radio Regulations and Section 301 of the US
Communications Act.

>As for mode specific questions, they have no business asking me about
>modes of operation that I am not interested in.

"They" -the 800 pound gorilla - have every business......

Let the good times roll, baby...... <ggg>

--
73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane

474. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-08 22:58:33 UTC
From: Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
Message-ID: <cuvyxnansvbet.hhq1y55.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 70360

On Tue, 08 Jul 2003 13:21:41 GMT, lbudney@pobox.com wrote:

>> Actually as a point of interest, and maybe a little trolling,
>
>Okay, I'll bite.
>
>> Just WHY should there be testing for a ham license? Isn't limiting
>> access to the Airwaves to only those who pass some kind of test
>> Elitist?
>
>Worse, isn't it a violation of the first amendment? Isn't forbidding
>me to operate a transmitter the same as forbidding me to operate a
>printing press?

No and no. The Supreme Court of the United States has so ruled on
both questions. Let's find a better reason.

>> As for mode specific questions, they have no business asking me
>> about modes of operation that I am not interested in.
>
>Right--they should only cover high-power broadcasts, comsat hijacking
>and signal-jamming my rivals...

Whatever is important..... but you left out surreptitious hacking of
secure communications.

<ggg>

--
73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane

475. Morse Code Test "Died" at ITU Conference.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-08 23:49:40 UTC
From: Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93B2C9AA621EFelektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>
Source record: 70362

Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu> wrote in news:3F0B2A32.7090902@psu.edu:

>
>
> Dwight Stewart wrote:
>> "Mike Coslo" wrote:
>>
>>
>>>Gee Dwight, this harms you in some manner?
>>
>>
>>
>> Silly question, Mike. Do my comments about the nearly endless
>> speculation
>> harm you in some manner? Of course not. This has been going on for
>> years. Surely there is no harm in commenting on that fact.
>
>
> No harm done then!
>
>
> - Mike KB3EIA -
>
>

That's better - fixed the title of the thread

476. HB9 First to Kill the Code Test!

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-08 23:53:12 UTC
From: Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93B2CA445659Eelektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>
Source record: 70364

Switzerland has abolished code testing. They have mailed out a letter to each Class 2 (no-code) ham authorising them to use all HF bands.

477. Re: Have You been Interfered with by BPL/PLC Services?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-08 23:54:48 UTC
From: Dan/W4NTI <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com>
Message-ID: <beflgvddm1@slb2.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 70363

Well Scott Unit 69...the facts are this. If you operate on HF or VHF they
you will be blasted off the air by this new/old technology.

They will be sending data on RF CARRIERS through the power grid.
Effectively connecting RF to extremely long radiators that will propagate
all over the spectrum and totally trash your radio. Clear enough?

Dan/W4NTI

"Scott Unit 69" <scott_unit_69@yahoo.moc> wrote in message
news:3F0B4803.D3EAB205@yahoo.moc...
>
> > Kind of early ain't it? Or are you talking about the 12 cities that are
> > participating in the initial test?
> >
> > You really need to just put every licensed hams callsign in the
complaint.
> > Because that is who will be affected.
>
>
> know & no codes alike?

478. Re: Renewed my license "on-line", only took 4 Hours

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-08 23:58:01 UTC
From: Dan/W4NTI <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com>
Message-ID: <befln0$b29$1@slb4.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 70365

No I didn't say the ARRL would pick up the fee for a vanity call. You
insinuated that.

And stop being such a smart ass. If you want we can trade smart assed
remarks back and forth. But I really don't feel like it.

Dan/W4NTI

"JJ" <radiobuff0@mailcity.moc> wrote in message
news:3F0AA363.1000709@mailcity.moc...
> Well DUH! So it isn't FREE through the AARL either or are you
> saying the ARRL will pick up the fee for renewing a vanity call
> sign? Yea right. Renewing a non-vanity call license is FREE if you
> do it directly with the FCC.
>
> Dan/W4NTI wrote:
> > Sorry...ain't so. Vanity calls require a payment.
> >
> > Dan/W4NTI
> >
> > "JJ" <radiobuff0@mailcity.moc> wrote in message
> > news:3F098148.1070403@mailcity.moc...
> >
> >>
> >>Dan/W4NTI wrote:
> >>
> >>>I don't think that is correct 'jj'. I believe there is a charge if
your
> >>
> > not
> >
> >>>a member.
> >>
> >>License renewal is FREE, any amateur can renew FREE directly with
> >>the FCC, you don't need to go through the ARRL, W5YI, or anyone
> >>else. Why pay someone else (either directly or through ARRL dues)
> >>for something that is very simple and one can do themselves for FREE?
> >>
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> >
> >
>

479. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-09 00:00:01 UTC
From: Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93B2CB6BF3A17elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>
Source record: 70366

N2EY@AOL.COM (N2EY) wrote in
news:c2356669.0307081316.267d09a4@posting.google.com:

> Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net> wrote in message
> news:<k3tigvouvqr3a7nadj1p5ld4ohh7ai3jt1@4ax.com>...
>> On 07 Jul 2003 11:11:10 GMT, n2ey@aol.com (N2EY) wrote:
>
>> >Here are some predictions for ya:
>>
>> Hmmm...hang on, lemme wipe the dust off the crystal ball for ya
>> first....okay, go ahead.
>
> Thanks!
>>
>> >The dropping of the code test will not be accompanied by a
>> >significant change in the written exams.
>>
>> In the short term, probably not. In the long term, as the written
>> tests go through their normal revision and updating processes, I'd
>> expect and hope that the question pool committee members would begin
>> to include questions on practical operating knowledge in addition to
>> the questions on theory that are already part of the tests.
>
> The current writtens are a mixture of rules and regs, theory,
> operating practices, and RF safety. They have been in constant
> revision and development for over 20 years. I don't see them changing
> all that much.
>
<snip>

As a matter of fact the question pools may well change as a result of WRC
2003. The new s25.6 incorporates by reference a document called M.1544,
which is a syllabus for theory tests! This is a new requirement!

73 de Alun, N3KIP

480. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-09 00:10:57 UTC
From: Robert Casey <wa2ise@ix.netcom.com>
Message-ID: <3F0B5D91.4060301@ix.netcom.com>
Source record: 70367

Bert Craig wrote:

>>
>>
>
>State sanctioned QRM.
>
>
>
Well, there's the Broadband over Power Line (BPL) proposal.
Which is essentially "State sanctioned QRM".

Why do people outside the USA call countries "states"? I think
the Palestinians really want their own country, not just a state.
("State" meaning "New York", "New Jersey", "Idaho", etc)

481. Re: More on Broadband over Power Lines (BLP)

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-09 00:18:04 UTC
From: Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
Message-ID: <cuvyxnansvbet.hhq4fub.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 70368
Cross-posted to: alt.ham-radio.vhf-uhf,rec.radio.amateur.policy

On 8 Jul 2003 14:28:17 -0700, N2EY wrote:

>The BIG problem is obvious to anyone who actually goes out and looks
>at a typical aerial distribution system. Lots of nice, long wires, way
>up in the air, running all over everyone's neighborhood. Put a little
>RF in them and watch it radiate.

Even more fun is the system still used by Portland General Electric
(and others) of single-wire primary with ground return. Sounds like
a Beverage antenna, doesn't it?

--
73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane

From a Clearing in the Silicon Forest
Beaverton (Washington County) Oregon

482. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-09 00:18:05 UTC
From: Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
Message-ID: <cuvyxnansvbet.hhq4lvc.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 70369

On Tue, 08 Jul 2003 13:38:15 -0400, Mike Coslo wrote:

>I simply *refuse* to buy a box of Cheerios just to get a Ham license.
>Although my interest in the ARS is boundless, It IS unfair to make a
>person buy a box of Cheerio's! it is keeping thousands of Technically
>competent Cheerio's haters off the air!
>
>I never intend to eat Cheerio's, and I know I never will. So why should
>I have to buy a box of Cheerio's just so I can get a Ham license?

WE eat Cheerios (or a reasonable facsimile) as a regular staple (we
don't eat staples, we have enough iron in our diet).

If we send you two UPCs, is that the equivalent of a Dick Bash
examination "consultation" ?? <ggg>

--
73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane

From a Clearing in the Silicon Forest
Beaverton (Washington County) Oregon

483. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-09 00:18:05 UTC
From: Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
Message-ID: <cuvyxnansvbet.hhq57id.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 70370

On 8 Jul 2003 14:16:00 -0700, N2EY wrote:

>The current writtens are a mixture of rules and regs, theory,
>operating practices, and RF safety. They have been in constant
>revision and development for over 20 years. I don't see them changing
>all that much.

What I would LOVE to see is a set of 50-question elements on EACH
of the topics which you listed plus operating practices. Make it an
all-at-one-sitting procedure. Just like the olden days......

Let's make it more fun, and do it like the Nursing Board exam that
my daughter took several years ago:

The questions come out of computer at a speed which is dependent on
how fast the applicant is answering them. Scramble the qyestions
and the multi-choice answers so that if one memorizes the "little
red book" of all the questions and answers it won't help unless
s/he understands and knows the material.

The machine keeps feeding questions until it is a guaranteed "pass"
or a guaranteed "fail" and then it terminates the exam session. The
applicant does not know whether s/he passed or not until the
results are sent by mail. Just like the olden days.....

I'm sure that there are enough ham-programmers that can write such
a program.

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73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane

From a Clearing in the Silicon Forest
Beaverton (Washington County) Oregon

484. Re: The Pool

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-09 00:22:27 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030708202227.03929.00000775@mb-m28.aol.com>
Source record: 70371

So far:

WA2SI: September 13, 2003
KC8EPO: December 31, 2003
K2UNK: January 1, 2004
K2ASP: March 15, 2004
AA2QA: April 1, 2004
N2EY: April 15, 2004
N3KIP: May 1, 2004
KC8PMX: July 1, 2004
K3LT: September 15, 2004
Kim: June 1, 2008

If I missed anybody, please add your guess to the list.

73 de Jim, N2EY

485. Re: The Pool

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-09 00:22:27 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030708202227.03929.00000774@mb-m28.aol.com>
Source record: 70373

In article <cuvyxnansvbet.hhkhz42.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>, "Phil Kane" <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop> writes:

>On 05 Jul 2003 12:23:34 GMT, N2EY wrote:
>
>>You think this is bad, Kim, you shoulda heard the wailing and moaning and
>>gnashing of teeth back in the '60s when "Incentive Licensing" was proposed
>>and enacted.
>
> Or the wailing and gnashing of teeth back in 1952 when one couldn't
> get an Advanced any more.....I had to wait until 1968 to get mine,
> and that was before the "incentive licensing" splitups started.

Musta been a really interesting time back in 51-52. First FCC restructures (1951). Back then you needed an Advanced (old Class A) or the newly re-created Amateur Extra to have full privileges. Also, no new Advanceds after the end of 1952! Which meant that newbies who got Generals or Conditionals after Jan 1, 1952 would have to go for Extra instead of Advanced if they wanted any amateur HF 'phone between 2 and 25 MHz.

There was a big rush for those with the required experience to get Advanceds before the end of 1952. A few even got Extras. Then, just before Christmas, FCC does a complete 180 and says "never mind, all Generals and Conditionals get full privs as of mid-February, 1953". Huh?

I can just imagine the squawking of those who had invested serious time and $$ to get the licenses before the door closed, only to find it carried no additional privs after a few weeks. (Back then the Advanced and Extra were only available at FCC exam points unless you lived in the remote parts of some of the territories and possessions. For many hams, just getting to an FCC exam point in those pre-interstate-highway days was a major undertaking. And FCC gave no credit for by-mail exam elements - if a Conditional wanted an Advanced, he/she had to retake the 13 wpm code and General written at the FCC exam point before being allowed to try the Advanced.

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I got my Advanced in the summer of 1968. I went to the Philly FCC office early in the summer and passed General theory and flunked 13 wpm code because the examiner could not read my writing. So I got a Tech to go with my Novice, back when you could do things like that. One callsign for HF, different callsign for VHF/UHF.

Went home and taught myself how to block-print and copy code at 18-20 wpm. Showed up at FCC office after the required 30 day wait and passed 13 wpm easy. Examiner says "why not try the Advanced while you're here?" so I did. Passed

with no problem even though I had not studied for it. Not too bad for a kid of 14, between 8th and 9th grades.

Doesn't seem like almost 35 summers have gone by since then.

73 de Jim, N2EY

486. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-09 00:22:28 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030708202228.03929.00000776@mb-m28.aol.com>
Source record: 70372

In article <3F0AC3F9.305@psu.edu>, Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu> writes:

> Actually as a point of interest, and maybe a little trolling, Just WHY
>should there be testing for a ham license?

Because we already know what happens with no testing.
>
> Isn't limiting access to the Airwaves to only those who pass some kind
>of test Elitist?

Nope.
>
> What of those who simply aren't smart enough to pass a test? are they
>not human and have rights?

Everyone has the right to take the test. Nobody has the right to a guaranteed
pass on the test.
>
> As for RF safety, I would point to the successful efforts of Motorcycle

>riders to abolish helmet rules. It should be the individual's
>responsibility to decide if RF safety matters are important to him or her.

Actually, that makes sense IF the effects can be contained to just the person
making the decision. But that's rarely the case.
>
> As for mode specific questions, they have no business asking me about
>modes of operation that I am not interested in.

I learned about televison screen aspect ratio and interlaced scanning because
it was in the Extra study guide back when. I've never operated ATV.
>
> No Test International could be born now!
>
> Thoughts?
>
See my rant on replacing the code test with a Smith Chart test.

73 de Jim, N2EY

487. Re: Have You been Interfered with by BPL/PLC Services?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-09 00:37:58 UTC
From: Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
Message-ID: <cuvyxnansvbet.hhq6dke.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 70375

On Tue, 08 Jul 2003 13:20:10 -0700, lawyer-hamradio@operamail.com wrote:

> Are you a FCC licensed radio operator and have you been the victim of BPL/PLC
>interference during the last 12 months? A study group is being formed to
>explore a class action lawsuit against the utility corporations that may harm
>the radio services you are rightfully licensed to use. You must be a FCC
>licensed radio operator or station. Receivers such as AM/FM radios or TV's are
>not eligible for protection from any type of interference and this lawsuit will
>be limited to FCC licensed radio stations or operators.
>
>Please contact:
>lawyer-hamradio@operamail.com

You DO know that Federal case law vests the FCC with exclusive
jurisdiction in radio interference matters. See _Broyde v Gotham
Tower, Inc_, 13 F 3d 994 (6th Cir. 1994). Save yourself the trouble
of having thr case removed from whatever court you intend to file in
to the FCC.

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73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane
ARRL Volunteer Counsel

Principal Attorney (retired)
Communications Law Center
San Francisco, CA

488. Re: HB9 First to Kill the Code Test!

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-09 00:37:59 UTC
From: Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
Message-ID: <cuvyxnansvbet.hhq6igf.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 70376

On 8 Jul 2003 23:53:12 GMT, Alun Palmer wrote:

>Switzerland has abolished code testing. They have mailed out a letter to
>each Class 2 (no-code) ham authorising them to use all HF bands.

That's what happens when you don't have to have non-technical
politicians ratify a technical treaty and then send it to an
agency/department for ministerial action.

No doubt they were ready to go even before the WRC began.

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73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane

From a Clearing in the Silicon Forest
Beaverton (Washington County) Oregon

489. Re: Renewed my license "on-line", only took 4 Hours

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-09 00:57:49 UTC
From: "D. Stussy" <kd6lvw@bde-arc.ampr.org>
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.56.0307090054510.364@kd6lvw.ampr.org>
Source record: 70377

On Sun, 6 Jul 2003, JJ wrote:
> Dan/W4NTI wrote:
> > Another reason to join the ARRL. For members license renewal is FREE.
>
> License renewal if FREE to any licensed amateur, ARRL membership
> is not necessary.

Wrong. For license renewals filed via the [ARRL's] volunteer examiner program by non-ARRL members, a processing fee is still supposed to be applied. Some VE teams do not enforce this.

490. Re: Renewed my license "on-line", only took 4 Hours

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-09 01:01:57 UTC
From: "D. Stussy" <kd6lvw@bde-arc.ampr.org>
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.56.0307090057540.364@kd6lvw.ampr.org>
Source record: 70378

On Mon, 7 Jul 2003, JJ wrote:
> Dan/W4NTI wrote:
> > I don't think that is correct 'jj'. I believe there is a charge if your not
> > a member.
>
> License renewal is FREE, any amateur can renew FREE directly with
> the FCC, you don't need to go through the ARRL, W5YI, or anyone
> else. Why pay someone else (either directly or through ARRL dues)
> for something that is very simple and one can do themselves for FREE?

1) Because they don't have the time (and don't realize it only takes 5 minutes)?
2) Because they're computer illiterate?
3) Because they're stupid?

I consider #2 above to be the only semi-valid reason (and semi-valid only
because they can often get help or a friend who is literate to do it for them).

If #1 is the reason, then when do they even operate?
If #3 is the reason, then how did they get a license in the first place?

491. Re: Renewed my license "on-line", only took 4 Hours

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-09 01:04:14 UTC
From: "D. Stussy" <kd6lvw@bde-arc.ampr.org>
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.56.0307090101360.364@kd6lvw.ampr.org>
Source record: 70379

On Tue, 8 Jul 2003, Alun Palmer wrote:
> JJ <radiobuff0@mailcity.moc> wrote in news:3F098148.1070403@mailcity.moc:
> > Dan/W4NTI wrote:
> >> I don't think that is correct 'jj'. I believe there is a charge if
> >> your not a member.
> >
> > License renewal is FREE, any amateur can renew FREE directly with
> > the FCC, you don't need to go through the ARRL, W5YI, or anyone
> > else. Why pay someone else (either directly or through ARRL dues)
> > for something that is very simple and one can do themselves for FREE?
>
> Because if you are on dial-up it is very difficult to use the free service

BS. I use dial-up and it took me 2 minutes about 2 months ago.

Now, if one were to try to renew via a chain of 300 baud HF TCP/IP packet radio links, then timeouts would become an issue. :-)

492. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-09 01:04:56 UTC
From: "D. Stussy" <kd6lvw@bde-arc.ampr.org>
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.56.0307090103520.364@kd6lvw.ampr.org>
Source record: 70380

On Tue, 8 Jul 2003, Bert Craig wrote:
> Now that the ITU treaty requirement re. CW is gone, (For all intents and
> purposes.) does that mean NCI's job is done? If not, what's next?

EXTINCTION.

493. Re: Renewed my license "on-line", only took 4 Hours

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-09 01:06:12 UTC
From: "D. Stussy" <kd6lvw@bde-arc.ampr.org>
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.56.0307090104500.364@kd6lvw.ampr.org>
Source record: 70381

On Tue, 8 Jul 2003, Dan/W4NTI wrote:
> Sorry...ain't so. Vanity calls require a payment.

3 more years before that happens....

494. Re: My Comments On RM-10740, the "Wi-Fi" Petition

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-09 01:08:38 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <befpui$1f6i$1@adenine.netfront.net>
Source record: 70382

"Steve Robeson, K4CAP" <k4yz@aol.com> wrote in message
news:5c01b95b.0307062129.5de6a84e@posting.google.com...
> "Kim W5TIT" <fahgedit@nomail.net> wrote in message
news:<be9f24$g4q@library2.airnews.net>...
> > "Steve Robeson, K4CAP" <k4yz@aol.com> wrote in message
> > news:5c01b95b.0307052321.44109dac@posting.google.com...
> > > "D. Stussy" <kd6lvw@bde-arc.ampr.org> wrote in message
> > news:<Pine.LNX.4.56.0307060003080.1599@kd6lvw.ampr.org>...
> > >
> > > > I certainly hope that you didn't caption your response using the
term
> > "Wi-Fi"
> > > > for that may get sent over to the COMPUTER NETWORKING specialist -
after
> > all,
> > > > that acronym applies to 802.11b transmissions, not this
"wide-band-SSB"
> > crap.
> > >
> > > Oooops.
> > >
> > > And remember...one man's "crap" is another man's fortune.
> > >
> > > 73
> > >
> > > Steve, K4YZ
> > >
> >
> > Thank you, Steve! Well said...
> >
> > Kim W5TIT
>
> (Takes a bow, clutches roses and blows kisses to adoring audience...)
>
> 73
>
> Steve, K4YZ

Wha, hunny!!!! Wayl, ah nevah!!! ;-)

Kim W5TIT

Posted via news://freenews.netfront.net
Complaints to news@netfront.net

495. Re: The Pool

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-09 01:12:29 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <befq5s$1fdo$1@adenine.netfront.net>
Source record: 70383

"N2EY" <n2ey@aol.com> wrote in message
news:20030708202227.03929.00000775@mb-m28.aol.com...
> So far:
>
> WA2SI: September 13, 2003
> KC8EPO: December 31, 2003
> K2UNK: January 1, 2004
> K2ASP: March 15, 2004
> AA2QA: April 1, 2004
> N2EY: April 15, 2004
> N3KIP: May 1, 2004
> KC8PMX: July 1, 2004
> K3LT: September 15, 2004
> Kim: June 1, 2008
>
> If I missed anybody, please add your guess to the list.
>
>
> 73 de Jim, N2EY
>
>

Just...Kim?

Kim W5TIT

Posted via news://freenews.netfront.net
Complaints to news@netfront.net

496. Re: Latest News - Morse Code Test May Not "Die" at ITU Conference.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-09 01:16:16 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <befqct$1fof$1@adenine.netfront.net>
Source record: 70384

AH!! Well, thanks for clarifying that Dwight. I thought I could see a
whole Header, but I guess not!

Kim W5TIT

"Dwight Stewart" <stewart@say.net> wrote in message
news:BB2FCE9F.1E3BB%stewart@say.net...
> "Kim W5TIT" wrote:
>
> > Let's see if this new server gets all upset at a long post
>
>
> It isn't the long winded messages, Kim. The header comment refers to the
> message reference list in the messages you replied to (part of the header
> information included with all reply messages, used by news programs to
> thread messages). Since that reference list was so long, your news program
> or ISP cut some of the information off. This was neither your fault (it
came
> from the message you replied to) or anything for you to really worry
about.
>
>
> Dwight Stewart (W5NET)
>
> http://www.qsl.net/w5net/
>

Posted via news://freenews.netfront.net
Complaints to news@netfront.net

497. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-09 01:24:13 UTC
From: lbudney@pobox.com
Message-ID: <uu19wmqyl.fsf@pobox.com>
Source record: 70385

Robert Casey <wa2ise@ix.netcom.com> writes:
>
> Why do people outside the USA call countries "states"?

Because "state" means "country". It meant that to the US founders,
too: in 18th century English, they named us "The United Nations of
America", and envisioned each state as sovereign except in matters of
war and commerce.

Subsequent developments robbed states of their autonomy, and reduced
them to provinces. Pity.

Regards,
Len.

498. Re: Using ham bands for educational / research project

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-09 02:08:55 UTC
From: keep-it-clean <keep-it-clean@worldnet.att.net>
Message-ID: <XOKOa.45659$3o3.3076210@bgtnsc05-news.ops.worldnet.att.net>
Source record: 70386
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.amateur.digital.misc

"charlesb" <n5pvl@sbcglobal.net> wrote in message
news:KLrOa.1276$vK5.668@newssvr23.news.prodigy.com...
> Moron.
>
> "keep-it-clean" <keep-it-clean@worldnet.att.net> wrote in message
> news:PvrOa.43801$0v4.3014182@bgtnsc04-news.ops.worldnet.att.net...
> > Just go ahead and do it !!!
> >
> > Don't worry about the "barracks lawyers". Hams are the biggest bunch of
> > wannabe cops that exist.
> >
> > Your research will be a better use of the bandwidth than 99.999% of the
> > mindless jabber on the amateur bands today,
> >

Better to be a moron than a clueless top-poster.

Now then, I take it you disagree with my advice to the original poster.

My comments were not meant to offend those engaged [formerly or currently]
in the professional practice of law (especially communications law) like
Phil Kane. That said, my remarks stand.

499. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-09 02:10:24 UTC
From: Jim Hampton <aa2qa@frontiernet.net>
Message-ID: <kQKOa.58$ZH7.28@news02.roc.ny>
Source record: 70387

I don't know, Phil. My license expires in .. um ... September? I'd get my wallet and check, but I know I'm close. The question is, can I renew and get the call change all at once (you can get the call sign you want, but it doesn't extend the expiration date of the license), or do I renew a day after it expires to ensure a 10 year period before I shell out some serious micro-buck$:)

73 from Rochester, NY
Jim AA2QA

"Phil Kane" <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop> wrote in message news:cuvyxnansvbet.hhpo782.pminews@netnews.comcast.net...
> On Tue, 08 Jul 2003 03:09:53 GMT, Jim Hampton wrote:
>
> >ps - yes, I'd like to get my old call back, but now all you do is pay your
> >money and get any call from any district that is available. So why do it
> >anyways?
>
> For the same reason that I ransomed my original call back on the
> first day of Gate 1 - I didn't want anyone else to use it. It was
> my primary station call from 1952 until 1957 and my secondary
> station call from 1957 until 1983 when secondary station calls were
> abolished. I even gave up a 1X2 to get it back.
>
> My one slice of selfishness.
>
> Go for it, Jim.....
>
> --
> 73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane
> (ex-W6VQM, ex-N6SP)
>
>

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500. Re: Renewed my license "on-line", only took 4 Hours

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-09 02:20:59 UTC
From: Arnie Macy <kt4st@csam.net>
Message-ID: <befu7p$4i24h$1@ID-166180.news.dfncis.de>
Source record: 70388

"D. Stussy" wrote ...

BS. I use dial-up and it took me 2 minutes about 2 months ago.

-

Your experience, NOT mine. I have a dial-up 56k and it took over 4 hours.
The Java software had to load, then it took another hour to send the info
and confirm my renewal. If you already had the software on your system,
then that could account for the speed.

Arnie -
KT4ST

501. Re: CW Requirement Abolished

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-09 02:24:49 UTC
From: Arnie Macy <kt4st@csam.net>
Message-ID: <befuev$4h7nb$1@ID-166180.news.dfncis.de>
Source record: 70389

"Phil Kane" wrote ...

Not at all -- the opposite, in fact. The more the merrier to preserve the speciality of Morse CW. Send him out here, and I'll be glad to administer a genuine FCC retired-examiner code test. I still remember some of the tape texts and certainly know how to do them. I promise none of the intimidation that I used to be accused of.... <ggg> [Who, me ??]

I'll bet it would be an exam he would never forget !

Arnie -
KT4ST

502. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-09 02:28:34 UTC
From: Jim Hampton <aa2qa@frontiernet.net>
Message-ID: <m5LOa.59$RP7.52@news02.roc.ny>
Source record: 70390

Aw, Phil. You're spoiling the fun. There shouldn't be tests. Not even driving tests. That way, the drunks who kill folks won't have a license to take away. That would violate their rights. Of course, they'd still end up in jail, but if they don't cause any injuries nor accidents, let 'em drive on! Say, btw, I hadn't thought of hunting since they outlawed lead. Phil, could you put me in touch with someone in the government that would sell me some spent uranium so I could use that for the 12 gauge? It would carry a lot farther than lead shot!

73 from Rochester, NY
Jim AA2QA

"Phil Kane" <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop> wrote in message
news:cuvyxnansvbet.hhq1y55.pminews@netnews.comcast.net...
> On Tue, 08 Jul 2003 13:21:41 GMT, lbudney@pobox.com wrote:
>
> >> Actually as a point of interest, and maybe a little trolling,
> >
> >Okay, I'll bite.
> >
> >> Just WHY should there be testing for a ham license? Isn't limiting
> >> access to the Airwaves to only those who pass some kind of test
> >> Elitist?
> >
> >Worse, isn't it a violation of the first amendment? Isn't forbidding
> >me to operate a transmitter the same as forbidding me to operate a
> >printing press?
>
> No and no. The Supreme Court of the United States has so ruled on
> both questions. Let's find a better reason.
>
> >> As for mode specific questions, they have no business asking me
> >> about modes of operation that I am not interested in.
> >
> >Right--they should only cover high-power broadcasts, comsat hijacking
> >and signal-jamming my rivals...
>
> Whatever is important..... but you left out surreptitious hacking of
> secure communications.
>
> <ggg>
>
> --
> 73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane
>

>

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503. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-09 02:34:18 UTC
From: Arnie Macy <kt4st@csam.net>
Message-ID: <befv0o$4lp89$1@ID-166180.news.dfncis.de>
Source record: 70391

"Leland C. Scott" wrote ...

Are you really that "dense" Arnie where you can't figure it out on your own?

73's de,

Leland C. Scott
KC8LDO

ARRL member
NCI member

Nope, but anybody who refers to a straight key as a "code key" and sends 73's is. I suspect you will make a fine operator -- at some point in the future. Once you get the lingo down pat.

Best 73,

Arnie -
KT4ST

Member "Know Code International"

"I think this QRP unit is broken -- all it does is beep"

504. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-09 02:42:32 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
Message-ID: <3F0B8152.8020405@adelphia.net>
Source record: 70392

Phil Kane wrote:
> On Tue, 08 Jul 2003 13:38:15 -0400, Mike Coslo wrote:
>
>
>>I simply *refuse* to buy a box of Cheerios just to get a Ham license.
>>Although my interest in the ARS is boundless, It IS unfair to make a
>>person buy a box of Cheerio's! it is keeping thousands of Technically
>>competent Cheerio's haters off the air!
>>
>>I never intend to eat Cheerio's, and I know I never will. So why should
>>I have to buy a box of Cheerio's just so I can get a Ham license?
>
>
> WE eat Cheerios (or a reasonable facsimile) as a regular staple (we
> don't eat staples, we have enough iron in our diet).
>
> If we send you two UPCs, is that the equivalent of a Dick Bash
> examination "consultation" ?? <ggg>

HAH! Good one, Phil!

We'll have to check on that though. I don't know if sending the UPC's to another is cheating or Elmering..... 8^)

- Mike KB3EIA -

505. Re: Using ham bands for educational / research project

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-09 02:44:43 UTC
From: "S. Sampson" <nospam@cox.net>
Message-ID: <vkLOa.654226$vU3.251882@news1.central.cox.net>
Source record: 70393
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.amateur.digital.misc

"keep-it-clean" <keep-it-clean@worldnet.att.net> wrote
>
> Now then, I take it you disagree with my advice to the original poster.

That really wasn't "advice," it was just noise.

506. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-09 02:55:34 UTC
From: Jim Hampton <aa2qa@frontiernet.net>
Message-ID: <GuLOa.62$oD7.43@news02.roc.ny>
Source record: 70394

Jim,

I'm going to have to look up that one. I recently went to Burger King (sigh ...). They were running a special - two burgers and two small fries for $2.22. I ordered four burgers and four small fries only onions and ketchup on the burgers (this is a very difficult problem; break out the slip stick and multiply $2.22 times two). Now add two Whopper Juniors at $0.99 each. Um ... about 2 seconds to come up with $6.42. Then the sales tax. Ok. This poor gal starts pressing all these buttons and comes up with something very close to $10.00. I asked her what the sales tax was. 8%. Wrong. 8.25%, but I was being accessed nearly 50%. She looked hopelessly lost, so I offered that it should be $6.42 plus 8.25%, or something short of $7.00. She started pressing more buttons. She smiled, hit enter (or whatever) and then expressed dismay as the total was now around $15.00. She called the manager over. He explained what she did wrong, hit some buttons, smiled ... and stared at the total - now over $29.00. I was beginning to think I'd be better off at Radio Shack. This problem is a *lot* bigger than amateur radio. They threw out the regents math test in New York since so many kids failed. I recall one point was made that it included geometry (unfair). Huh? I don't know what folks think math includes, but if it is button pushing, I've met one manager that would have failed button pushing 101 :)

Say, have you seen the ad on TV touting one quick oil change place (was it Jiffy Lube?). They have folks that have been 'certified' by an organization called something like 'oil change specialists of America'.

Seeing these sort of events lately, I'm wondering if others have had similar experiences. If they have, is there a chance they might see some wisdom in having some kind of exam before turning someone loose with 1.5 KW of RF and perhaps thousands of volts in their amp? Yep, I didn't think so either. :)

As to the ATV, remember the flying spot scanner? :)

73 from Rochester, NY
Jim AA2QA

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507. Re: More on Broadband over Power Lines (BLP)

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-09 03:02:43 UTC
From: Jim Hampton <aa2qa@frontiernet.net>
Message-ID: <nBLOa.64$9W7.48@news02.roc.ny>
Source record: 70395
Cross-posted to: alt.ham-radio.vhf-uhf,rec.radio.amateur.policy

Phil, I doubt you're kidding, but a single wire with a ground return? That is going to have a ton of problems even *without* putting broadband on it. My guess is if it is implemented, everyone should look up all am radio stations that they fall in the secondary service area of (or near the limit of the primary service area) and find one or more that the system interferes with. Then complain to the commercial station and the FCC that you want to hear the commercial station. The FCC tends to react to problems involving commercial radio stations quite quickly (as some outlaw FM broadcasters have found out). I wonder how the broadband will impact the newly developed am stereo broadcasting? At least the commercial stations have deep pockets (since there are only a few owners of almost all the radio and television stations in the US nowadays).

73 from Rochester, NY
Jim AA2QA

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508. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-09 03:19:48 UTC
From: Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93B2ED4A75708elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>
Source record: 70396

Robert Casey <wa2ise@ix.netcom.com> wrote in
news:3F0B5D91.4060301@ix.netcom.com:

> Bert Craig wrote:
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>>>
>>>
>>
>>State sanctioned QRM.
>>
>>
>>
> Well, there's the Broadband over Power Line (BPL) proposal.
> Which is essentially "State sanctioned QRM".
>
> Why do people outside the USA call countries "states"? I think
> the Palestinians really want their own country, not just a state.
> ("State" meaning "New York", "New Jersey", "Idaho", etc)
>
>

State originally meant country, but then you formed a union.

509. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-09 03:49:00 UTC
From: Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
Message-ID: <cuvyxnansvbet.hhqcqei.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 70397

On Wed, 09 Jul 2003 02:10:24 GMT, Jim Hampton wrote:

>I don't know, Phil. My license expires in .. um ... September? I'd get my
>wallet and check, but I know I'm close. The question is, can I renew and
>get the call change all at once (you can get the call sign you want, but it
>doesn't extend the expiration date of the license), or do I renew a day
>after it expires to ensure a 10 year period before I shell out some serious
>micro-buck$:)

I would renew it now if it is within the 90-day window. That can be
done on-line.

Once that is done (check the ULS a day or so after the on-line
renewal) THEN apply for the change of call sign. You can do that on
line as well.

It's just like when we applied for the club station license - it had
to be issued as a "sequential series" 2X3 license before we could
apply for the change of call sign (which was also a 2X3).

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73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane

510. Re: Using ham bands for educational / research project

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-09 03:49:00 UTC
From: Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
Message-ID: <cuvyxnansvbet.hhqcxpj.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 70399
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.digital.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy

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511. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-09 03:49:01 UTC
From: Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
Message-ID: <cuvyxnansvbet.hhqde5k.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 70398

On Wed, 09 Jul 2003 02:28:34 GMT, Jim Hampton wrote:

>could you put me in touch with someone in the government that would sell me
>some spent uranium so I could use that for the 12 gauge?

The only contacts I have are folks who deal in spent money - gobs
of it. My overseas contacts, however, know how to "borrow" it but
that's another story.

When I was a street cop eons ago in a bad neighborhood we tried to
find someone who could put a critical mass into a 357-cal. shell but
we weren't successful. My Master's Thesis advisor at UCLA wasn't
interested in me doing that sort of research.

The one guy in our unit who owned a machine shop as his "day job"
would, however, turn mean 3-cell flashlights out of steel pipe in
the era before Mag-Lites. The "powers that be" didn't want to know
about it......

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73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane

From a Clearing in the Silicon Forest
Beaverton (Washington County) Oregons

512. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-09 03:57:14 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030708235714.09955.00000612@mb-m21.aol.com>
Source record: 70251

In article <3F0AC3F9.305@psu.edu>, Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu> writes:

> Actually as a point of interest, and maybe a little trolling, Just WHY
>should there be testing for a ham license?
>
> Isn't limiting access to the Airwaves to only those who pass some kind
>of test Elitist?
>
> What of those who simply aren't smart enough to pass a test? are they
>not human and have rights?

Mike:

In light of recent Supreme Court rulings re: Affirmative Action, I think that any person who considers him/herself to be a member of a "minority" class should be automatically granted an Extra-class Amateur Radio license without any testing whatsoever. After all, amateur radio is supposed to be "inclusive," isn't it?

73 de Larry, K3LT

513. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-09 03:57:14 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030708235714.09955.00000611@mb-m21.aol.com>
Source record: 70400

In article <bef8ch$6h$7@slb5.atl.mindspring.net>, "Dan/W4NTI"
<w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com> writes:

>Their next step should be joining up with a terrorist group. They could be
>used as human bombs.
>
>Dan/W4NTI

Dan:

The problem with that is, if Carl Stevenson's brain were composed of
Semtex, he couldn't blow his nose!

73 de Larry, K3LT

514. Re: More on Broadband over Power Lines (BLP)

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-09 03:57:15 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030708235715.09955.00000613@mb-m21.aol.com>
Source record: 70252

In article <BB3085A4.1E48D%stewart@say.net>, Dwight Stewart <stewart@say.net>
writes:

> While everyone would obviously like cheaper broadband internet access, my
>principle concern is the possible interference with ham radio out here in
>the real world - the real world of corroded and rotted old power lines,
>decades old transformers and power stations, and the ancient (often poorly
>grounded) electrical wiring in old homes and buildings throughout this
>country. Like many others, I suspect this technology is going to have a
>dramatic impact on ham radio.
>
> Does anyone know about these touted "advances that address problems of
>interference" mentioned above? Are these "advances" really going to prevent
>potential interference problems out here in the real world?
>

Dwight:

I've got news for you: Get ready for it! We hams have dumbed ourselves
down to the point of irrelevance, and money-making consumer technology
like BPL that will bring high-speed Internet access to millions of consumers
will always take precedence over the needs of a few hundred thousand
hams who have virtually zero economic impact. Personally, if inexpensive
high-speed BPL Internet service were available in my area, I'd be all for it!

BTW -- the irony of the BPL situation is that the ham radio mode best able
to overcome the potential interference is good ole fashion CW!!! And that,
my friend, would be no problem for yours truly!

73 de Larry, K3LT

515. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-09 03:57:16 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030708235716.09955.00000614@mb-m21.aol.com>
Source record: 70254

In article <20030707224212.11554.00000377@mb-m10.aol.com>, vshah101@aol.com (Vshah101) writes:

>From: yodoc@aol.comnospam (Larry Roll K3LT)
>
>>So, we'll change the debate over
>>to whether or not the ARS is a "technical" service
>
>The ARS will not be a "technical" service with the current Ham radio culture.
>Most homebrewing is for show or to boost the image of the ARS. They are too
>snobby to include someone that is interested in Homebrewing. Or its some EE
>that usually doesn't attend meetings.

Vipul:

I don't disagree.

>The clubs and Hamfests focus on antennas, contesting, and CW. With the
>exception of antennas, ARS is primarily an appliance operator hobby. One
>example is people coming from scanner or CB to ARS. Another example is the
>comparison that "without CW, its just CB". Note that CW is an operator skill.

Yup -- got it right that time. CW *is* an operator skill. Do you have something
against operator skill -- or are you one of those New Age hams that think yakking into a microphone is all the demonstration of operator skill that should
ever be required of you?

>ARS is not a technical service because Hams have "voted" by their actions to
>not do these things. Furthermore, they discourage other amateurs from doing
>other than what they like to do.

Funny -- nobody has ever been able to "discourage" me from doing anything I wanted to do. I just went ahead and did it. I could care less what other people think, do, or say as far as my personal participation in amateur radio is concerned. Moreover, I don't waste valuable time whining about it -- as the no-coders apparently are inclined to do.

>They also strongly encourage others to learn
>CW. At several antenna setups, club meetings, ham gatherings, I have
>participated in, often Hams try to persuade me to learn CW.

And this is a bad thing? How so? If you were around me at an antenna party, I'd be nagging you to get involved in PSK-31 and other digital modes in addition to the CW! It's all good!

>>and whether the testing
>>should be changed into something more dumbed-down than it already is.
>
>>After that, the next bone of contention will be whether or not a prospective
>>ham should be required to know how to spell his name correctly on the
>>application!
>
>To you, taking away one requirement (the CW test) is dumbing down because its
>one less requirement. If more people focus on the written material, ARS could
>be more than an operator's hobby and more of a technical hobby. That's not
>dumbing down of the hobby.

Well, you no-coders have always claimed that exact thing, but what has
happened is that ALL licensing requirements have been significantly
"dumbed-down." However, in spite of it now being easier than ever in the
history of the ARS to obtain a license with full privileges, our numbers are
not showing significant growth. What is wrong with this picture?

Oooooohhh. I guess it is the "attitudes" of all the CW-loving fossils
like me that is turning off the newcomers. Right. (There you go, Kim --
I saved you a few keystrokes!)

>It is only required 5 wpm CW speed, yet many Hams take pride in increasing
>their code speed.

Well, we can't have any of that now, can we?

> The easy written test is not the problem. Its lack of
>interest in the technical material, and achieving skills in these areas -
>that's the problem.

Once again, I don't disagree. Soooo -- what are YOU going to do about it?

73 de Larry, K3LT

516. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-09 03:57:18 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030708235718.09955.00000615@mb-m21.aol.com>
Source record: 70253

In article <rbuigvkr81bln46blfpkph0rl7svh78rld@4ax.com>, Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net> writes:

>>is required, there will be people whining and
>>complaining about having to prepare for it and take it in order to obtain
>>a license in whatever's left of the ARS.
>
>I feel compelled to point out that such negativity is not likely to
>have a positive effect on "whatever's left of the ARS" and to remind
>once again that anyone who is not a part of the solution is a part of
>the problem.

John:

This is not "negativity," just a plainly truthful assessment of the present situation regarding licensing standards in the ARS.

>>So, we'll change the debate over
>>to whether or not the ARS is a "technical" service and whether the testing
>>should be changed into something more dumbed-down than it already is.
>
>Every time I hear someone lamenting the supposed dumbing down of the
>ARS, I can't help but think of the number of longtime hams I've seen
>over the past few years who brought a brand new 2m or dual-band mobile
>or HT, or an Icom 706MKIIG or Yaesu FT-100 into a club meeting to seek
>help in programming it.

I know what you're talking about -- and I'll concede up front that a lot of these technically-inept OT's are 20 WPM Extras to boot! However, I have always strove to keep up with the times as far as basic technical knowledge is concerned -- and not just the bare minimum required to keep beeping or yakking. I have always been involved in digital modes, for instance, and now use them more than CW! I have been my club's "Digital Mode Captain" for the past four Field Days, and will try to pass that job over to some newcomer next year, if only I could find one willing to open some books and turn some pages to learn everything I have -- instead of being "Elmered" with "hands on" training which only gives them the basic operational procedure and none of the background.

>I'm not talking about relative newcomers
>either, I'm talking about guys who were hams before I was even born.

Yup, I know. They're a real problem, all right. Usually the leaders of the "Don't PL our repeater" pack of whiners.

>Furthermore, sometimes it's a no-code Tech who picks up the
>old-timer's HT and shows him how to program it.

Sometimes, but certainly not often enough. The No-Code Techs are at the top of the list of the technically inept, in spite of their protests to the contrary.

>Never mind that the
>HT's owner could have learned this for himself by reading the manual,
>because many manufactuers' manuals leave a lot to be desired, and
>we're talking about guys who once built microphones out of tuna fish
>cans and can do 40WPM or better in their sleep.

Quite frankly, the tuna fish-can mics didn't sound that great, and the 40 WPM in their sleep would have sounded a lot better if they had used 25 WPM while wide awake.

>How are we supposed to
>be dumbed down if guys who have been extras since Moby Dick was a
>minnow need help from another ham to get a new piece of equipment
>operating? And how are we supposed to be dumbed down when it turns out
>to be a guy with a license the ink isn't even dry on yet that is able
>to provide that assistance, and is happy to do so? I'm not buying the
>dumbed-down theory one bit.

This has always been the case, John -- I was one of the "technical nerds" when I was a newcomer ham as well -- much to the dismay of the OT's in my first club. And I don't claim to be a technical genius or anything like it -- I have strictly "amateur" technical skills. I am, however, technically self-sufficient as far as my own station set-up and operation is concerned, and I have enough know-how to maintain our club's repeaters, do all our computer logging for Field Day and other contests, etc. etc.

I don't disagree with you whatsoever about the technical abilities of hams past or present. However, I don't assign that technical inability to knowledge of the Morse code, either. The two are not related, no matter how hard the no-coders struggle to make that very same connection in their arguments.

>>After that, the next bone of contention will be whether or not a prospective
>>ham should be required to know how to spell his name correctly on the
>>application!
>
>If he can't, he gets a license that doesn't have his name on it and is
>therefore invalid, doesn't he?

Dang it, John, you got it first time! You're a real fart smeller! Er, I mean,

smart feller!

>BTW, Larry, you were supposed to look me up when you came up this way,
>I still owe you a roast beef from a bet we made several years ago and
>you haven't even bothered to collect your winnings.

My apologies. I don't even remember the bet. I guess my brain is too full of Morse code knowledge to retain such things, eh? Please refresh

my memory!

73 de Larry, K3LT

517. Re: More on Broadband over Power Lines (BLP)

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-09 04:02:58 UTC
From: Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
Message-ID: <cuvyxnansvbet.hhqg03m.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 70255
Cross-posted to: alt.ham-radio.vhf-uhf,rec.radio.amateur.policy

On Wed, 09 Jul 2003 03:02:43 GMT, Jim Hampton wrote:

>Phil, I doubt you're kidding, but a single wire with a ground return? That
>is going to have a ton of problems even *without* putting broadband on it.

That amazed me too - but there's only one insulator on the pole pig
and one wire crossing the street to same. Three phase primary is
three wire, so there isn't even a Wye Neutral for return.

I first saw this system along the Trans-Canada highway in Alberta in
1970 and I put it down to the rural-ness of the area. But suburban
Portland in the 21st Century?

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73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane

518. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-09 04:02:58 UTC
From: Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
Message-ID: <cuvyxnansvbet.hhqg6ln.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 70256

On 9 Jul 2003 03:19:48 GMT, Alun Palmer wrote:

>State originally meant country, but then you formed a union.

Actually we formed a confederation.

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73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane

519. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-09 04:22:58 UTC
From: JJ <radiobuff0@mailcity.moc>
Message-ID: <3F0B98A2.5070205@mailcity.moc>
Source record: 70401

Larry Roll K3LT wrote:

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> Yup -- got it right that time. CW *is* an operator skill.

Yes it is.

> Do you have
> something
> against operator skill -- or are you one of those New Age hams that think
> yakking into a microphone is all the demonstration of operator skill that
> should
> ever be required of you?

Do you have something against someone who has no desire to operate
CW? There are many different modes of operation in ham radio, do
you operate them all?

>
> Funny -- nobody has ever been able to "discourage" me from doing anything
> I wanted to do. I just went ahead and did it. I could care less what other
> people think, do,

The proper phrase is "I could NOT care less what other people think"

520. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-09 04:28:04 UTC
From: Robert Casey <wa2ise@ix.netcom.com>
Message-ID: <3F0B99D4.7010902@ix.netcom.com>
Source record: 70257

Phil Kane wrote:

> The questions come out of computer at a speed which is dependent on
> how fast the applicant is answering them. Scramble the questions
> and the multi-choice answers so that if one memorizes the "little
> red book" of all the questions and answers it won't help unless
> s/he understands and knows the material.
>
> The machine keeps feeding questions until it is a guaranteed "pass"
> or a guaranteed "fail" and then it terminates the exam session. The
> applicant does not know whether s/he passed or not until the
> results are sent by mail. Just like the olden days.....
>
>
>

Back in 1994 I lived in Oregon for a year. The written driver's test at the DMV was done with a computer with touch screen. I knew how many questions I got wrong, but lost track of how many more I had to complete during the test. Then it told me that I passed and my score, around 92%.

Paper tests generated just before the VE session via computer would be cheaper and easier than dedicated hardware like that DMV had anyway.

521. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-09 05:27:15 UTC
From: "Ryan, KC8PMX" <kc8pmx@diamondcs.net>
Message-ID: <behl44$58fu1$4@ID-189073.news.dfncis.de>
Source record: 70416

Hey Mike,

With the aging ham population as a whole, should that not be some type of
bran flakes or worse yet, Metramucil (i.e. fiber) ?? :)

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Ryan, KC8PMX
FF1-FF2-MFR-(pending NREMT-B!)
--. --- -.. ... .- -. --. . .-.. ... .- .-. . ..-. .. .-. . ..-.
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> I never intend to eat Cheerio's, and I know I never will. So why should
> I have to buy a box of Cheerio's just so I can get a Ham license?
>
> Unfair, Unfair, Unfair!!!! It's just another ham cult hazing ritual.....
>
>
> - Mike KB3EIA -
>

522. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-09 05:35:03 UTC
From: "Ryan, KC8PMX" <kc8pmx@diamondcs.net>
Message-ID: <behl45$58fu1$5@ID-189073.news.dfncis.de>
Source record: 70417

"Bert Craig" <wa2si@arrl.netNOSPAM> wrote in message
news:ryDOa.9654$EC6.3989034@news4.srv.hcvlny.cv.net...
> "Ryan, KC8PMX" <kc8pmx@diamondcs.net> wrote in message
> news:beeshk$48kng$5@ID-189073.news.dfncis.de...
> > Existing technicians may choose to utilize their
> > new privileges
>
> Correct me if I'm wrong, but I don't think there've been any "new
> privivleges" confered yet.

New privileges if the code requirement is dropped, as mentioned in the
thread in the past, and the basic tone of the thread in the first place.

>
> > but the dropping of morse code completely is not going to
> > bring up our numbers any more than where we are at right now from a
month
> to
> > month basis.
>
> Probably correct.

Overall, from what I have seen listed in the N2EY postings, we average about
10,000 new licensees per month on average. There may be an inrush at first,
but for the most part I think it will still flatten back out to the average
10,000 per month growth. That is of course if nothing is done in regards to
promotion outside of the ham ranks more than is being done now.

>
> > "N2EY" <n2ey@aol.com> wrote in message
> > news:20030707071110.09955.00000586@mb-m21.aol.com...
> > > In article <5c01b95b.0307062127.58297c11@posting.google.com>,
> k4yz@aol.com
> > > (Steve Robeson, K4CAP) writes:
> > >
> > > >Once the official FCC changes are made, by whatever method, I wonder
> > > >how long it will take the unlicensed to become licensed...Now that
> > > >there's NO excuse remaining?
> > >
> > > There's always an excuse, Steve.
>
> Here's and interesting query...and probabbly a tad trollish, but I
wonder...
>
> How long (or short, actually) will it take for many of the No-code Techs

> that used to proclaim that their VHF and up allocation was all they wanted
> because it completely satisfied their "technical" needs to suddenly become
> Generals and Extras. I seem to remember reading how they could pass
Element
> 1 if they wanted to but it would gain them nothing. I wonder if that's
> changed?
>

I imagine, (IMHO) that some may elect to use them, some may not. My crystal ball is a little fuzzy on this one. I know it will be a few years before I could, regardless of what happens.

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Ryan, KC8PMX
FF1-FF2-MFR-(pending NREMT-B!)
--. --- -.. ... .- -. --. . .-.. ... .- .-. . ..-. .. .-. . ..-.
.. --. .... - . .-. ...

523. Re: Renewed my license "on-line", only took 4 Hours

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-09 05:37:58 UTC
From: "Ryan, KC8PMX" <kc8pmx@diamondcs.net>
Message-ID: <behl47$58fu1$6@ID-189073.news.dfncis.de>
Source record: 70418

And those type of remarks, except in a few certain cases, yield no positive results either, except in the mind of the one making the remarks.

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Ryan, KC8PMX
FF1-FF2-MFR-(pending NREMT-B!)
--. --- -.. ... .- -. --. . .-.. ... .- .-. . ..-. .. .-. . ..-.
.. --. .... - . .-. ...
"Dan/W4NTI" <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com> wrote in message
news:befln0$b29$1@slb4.atl.mindspring.net...
(snippage)
>
> And stop being such a smart ass. If you want we can trade smart assed
> remarks back and forth. But I really don't feel like it.
>
> Dan/W4NTI
>

524. Fight the BPL

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-09 05:45:57 UTC
From: Zoran Brlecic <...WA7AA...@get.lost>
Message-ID: <3F0BAC2C.2040401@get.lost>
Source record: 70258
Cross-posted to:
rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.swap,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.policy

Even if you are not an ARRL member and/or disagree with its policy, you should seriously consider contributing to this fund. If the BPL technology ever gets implemented, this may very well be the end of ham radio as we know it. Make no mistake about it - we're talking 60 dB noise increase across the entire HF, not dropping the Morse requirement! And for what? So that people in the rural areas of USA can have a faster download from porn sites?

https://www.arrl.org/forms/development/donations/bpl/

A measly $25 - $100 can help prevent your $5000 equipment from becoming an expensive coffee cup warmer.

73 .... WA7AA

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Anti-spam measure: look me up on qrz.com if you need to reply directly

525. Re: Licenses: FCC Radiotelephone & Ham License Recerprocity?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-09 06:50:28 UTC
From: kf6vyh@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030709025028.06099.00000056@mb-m04.aol.com>
Source record: 70259

your going to have to make the time to take the ham test.

526. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-09 07:13:58 UTC
From: JJ <radiobuff0@mailcity.moc>
Message-ID: <3F0BC0B6.8040100@mailcity.moc>
Source record: 70426

Dick Carroll wrote:
> Based on the required and demonstrated knowledge and
> ability level demanded of the testing
> today, it's simply not possible to say with any certainty that the new licensee
> knows anything about the subject
> matter, nor is competent to handle radiotelegraphy at effective communications
> speeds.

This is not a new problem, it has been around for many years.

527. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-09 07:19:02 UTC
From: JJ <radiobuff0@mailcity.moc>
Message-ID: <3F0BC1E6.2060401@mailcity.moc>
Source record: 70427

Mike Coslo wrote:
>
>
> JJ wrote:
>
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>>
>> Larry Roll K3LT wrote:
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>>>
>>> Yup -- got it right that time. CW *is* an operator skill.
>>
>>
>>
>> Yes it is.
>>
>>> Do you have
>>> something
>>> against operator skill -- or are you one of those New Age hams that
>>> think
>>> yakking into a microphone is all the demonstration of operator skill
>>> that
>>> should
>>> ever be required of you?
>>
>>
>>
>> Do you have something against someone who has no desire to operate CW?
>> There are many different modes of operation in ham radio, do you
>> operate them all?
>
>
> No more than I have against someone who chooses to do satellite
> work, while I have to test for it.

What if you decide at some later time to do satellite work?

>
> Rf Safety is required to be calculated for by people when they run
> over a certain power. Why should someone who never intends to work over
> 50 watts have to test for RF safety?

What if they decide at some later point to increase their power?

>
> If someone never intends to homebrew, why should they test on any
> equations.

What is they suddenly get the urge to build a homebrew transmitter
or amplifier?

>
> Sounds like we should maybe make up our own tests.

Maybe you had rather be call in to be tested on a new mode each
time you decide to operate a new mode.

528. Re: Come See My Great Web Site

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-09 08:14:10 UTC
From: Brainbuster <brainbuster@spamtrap.lineone.net>
Message-ID: <3f0d0340.0@entanet>
Source record: 70499
Cross-posted to: uk.rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.policy

Georgina, calling herself, twistedhed@webtv.net wrote....
>
>
>http://www.geocities.com/antitwisty/

Still forging names?

Probably nowt to do with CB... and certainly nowt to do with the UK,
Georgina.
I see that you a quite a big girl now...
http://www.geocities.com/aarronvoobner/price.html

Brainbuster.

529. Re: Fight the BPL

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-09 08:14:54 UTC
From: Young Nick <hothere@pit.com>
Message-ID: <MfXOa.47976$xd5.2551983@stones.force9.net>
Source record: 70300
Cross-posted to:
rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.swap,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.policy

"Zoran Brlecic" <...WA7AA...@get.lost> wrote in message
news:3F0BAC2C.2040401@get.lost...
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> should seriously consider contributing to this fund. If the BPL
> technology ever gets implemented, this may very well be the end of ham
> radio as we know it. Make no mistake about it - we're talking 60 dB
> noise increase across the entire HF, not dropping the Morse requirement!
> And for what? So that people in the rural areas of USA can have a faster
> download from porn sites?

Since the RSGB has already destroyed ham radio in the UK - it's little more
than multi-band CB now - we feel there is little to be lost that hasn't
already
been sabotaged by our supposedly "National Radio Society".

So, roll-on BPL in this country - the sooner the better. The king is
dead...etc.

I hope you get mega-flamed for that last sentence. What a disgraceful
comment ! And what an appalling slur on the folks who live in rural
USA..... !!

Young Nick

530. Re: Fight the BPL

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-09 08:58:01 UTC
From: JJ <radiobuff0@mailcity.moc>
Message-ID: <3F0BD919.9040207@mailcity.moc>
Source record: 70439
Cross-posted to:
rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.swap,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.policy

Dave Platt wrote:

>
> It has also become apparent that some very senior FCC officials are
> woefully ignorant about radio. Political appointees, I suppose.

Most of the FCC senior officials are lawyers who don't have a clue
about the technical side of radio. They wouldn't know a door knob
from a transistor. Come to think of it, a know lot of hams that
don't either.

531. Re: Renewed my license "on-line", only took 4 Hours

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-09 09:05:15 UTC
From: JJ <radiobuff0@mailcity.moc>
Message-ID: <3F0BDACB.2080403@mailcity.moc>
Source record: 70441

D. Stussy wrote:
> On Sun, 6 Jul 2003, JJ wrote:
>
>>Dan/W4NTI wrote:
>>
>>>Another reason to join the ARRL. For members license renewal is FREE.
>>
>>License renewal if FREE to any licensed amateur, ARRL membership
>>is not necessary.
>
>
> Wrong. For license renewals filed via the [ARRL's] volunteer examiner program
> by non-ARRL members, a processing fee is still supposed to be applied. Some VE
> teams do not enforce this.

Where did I state anything about renewing through the ARRL?
License renewal is FREE to any licensed amateur, you don't have to
belong to the ARRL or any other ham radio organization to renew
you license for FREE directly with the FCC.

532. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-09 11:25:55 UTC
From: Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93B34B91BFDB8elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>
Source record: 70260

Robert Casey <wa2ise@ix.netcom.com> wrote in
news:3F0B99D4.7010902@ix.netcom.com:

> Phil Kane wrote:
>
>>
>> The questions come out of computer at a speed which is dependent on
>> how fast the applicant is answering them. Scramble the questions
>> and the multi-choice answers so that if one memorizes the "little
>> red book" of all the questions and answers it won't help unless
>> s/he understands and knows the material.
>>
>> The machine keeps feeding questions until it is a guaranteed "pass"
>> or a guaranteed "fail" and then it terminates the exam session. The
>> applicant does not know whether s/he passed or not until the
>> results are sent by mail. Just like the olden days.....
>>
>>
>>
> Back in 1994 I lived in Oregon for a year. The written driver's test at
> the DMV was
> done with a computer with touch screen. I knew how many questions I got
> wrong, but
> lost track of how many more I had to complete during the test. Then it
> told me that
> I passed and my score, around 92%.
>
> Paper tests generated just before the VE session via computer would be
> cheaper and
> easier than dedicated hardware like that DMV had anyway.
>
>

It wouldn't need dedicated hardware - just software

533. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-09 12:26:27 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030709082627.01814.00000302@mb-m10.aol.com>
Source record: 70261

In article <3F09CC15.7030008@psu.edu>, Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu> writes:

>That's the way to do it. By the time, I got my General, I was actually
>pretty used to HF operation. As a tech, I had operated in some contests
>that the club participated in, plus a field day. (to the sticklers -
>yes, with a control op)
>
> They tricked me! Got me hooked on contesting, and I had no choice but
>to upgrade!!!

bwaahaahaaa! You've been barracuda'ed.

>Well they really didn't trick me, but it worked out that
>way anyhow.

(Jacques Cousteau voice ON)

".......ze barracudaz veecteemz often do not reelize zay are veecteemz unteel
too late..."

(Jacques Cousteau voice OFF)
>
> But every time I try out a different mode, I spen weeks listening
>before I ever transmit. I hope these new people will do the same.

This is one thing which has changed radically since I was a newbie.

Back in the bad old days, many if not most prospective hams started out with a shortwave rx, listening to other hams on the air. Most of us had many hours of SW listening experience before we ever took a license test. I and many others learned the code by listening to hams use it on the air - no tapes, no software packages, etc.

Starting out this way meant we already had some real hands-on experience in operating procedure, propagation, receiver operation and related subjects before we ever got on the air. We also had most of what was needed for a ham shack of that era - receiver, antenna, key, 'phones, and a desk or table to put it on. When the license test was passed, all that was left to do was add the transmitter and T/R system.

In my case, I built my first transmitter while waiting for the license to arrive.

From what I've read and seen, many newcomers today get the license first, then set about putting a station together. Some did it that way back when, too - and often they were the ones whose Novice licenses ran out before they were ready for the General test.

Cart before the horse, IMHO.

73 de Jim, N2EY

534. Re: Renewed my license "on-line", only took 4 Hours

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-09 12:26:28 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030709082628.01814.00000303@mb-m10.aol.com>
Source record: 70262

In article <befu7p$4i24h$1@ID-166180.news.dfncis.de>, "Arnie Macy"
<kt4st@csam.net> writes:

>I have a dial-up 56k and it took over 4 hours.
>The Java software had to load, then it took another hour to send the info
>and confirm my renewal. If you already had the software on your system,
>then that could account for the speed.
>
Last time I had to modify my license (change of address, late 1999), I had only
dialup access.

So I just downloaded Form 605 and instructions, read the instructions, printed
a copy of the 605, filled it out, stuck it in a stamped envelope addressed to
the FCC. New license showed up in the mail a week or two later. No special
software, no headaches.

Twenty minutes tops, start to finish.

73 de Jim, N2EY

WWHD

535. Re: The Pool

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-09 12:26:29 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030709082629.01814.00000304@mb-m10.aol.com>
Source record: 70263

In article <befq5s$1fdo$1@adenine.netfront.net>, "Kim" <fahgedit@nomail.net>
writes:

>"N2EY" <n2ey@aol.com> wrote in message
>news:20030708202227.03929.00000775@mb-m28.aol.com...
>> So far:
>>
>> WA2SI: September 13, 2003
>> KC8EPO: December 31, 2003
>> K2UNK: January 1, 2004
>> K2ASP: March 15, 2004
>> AA2QA: April 1, 2004
>> N2EY: April 15, 2004
>> N3KIP: May 1, 2004
>> KC8PMX: July 1, 2004
>> K3LT: September 15, 2004
>> Kim: June 1, 2008
>>
>> If I missed anybody, please add your guess to the list.
>>
>>
>> 73 de Jim, N2EY
>>
>>
>
>Just...Kim?

I didn't want to risk reviving the "one step closer to extinction" threads,
Kim.....

73 de Jim, N2EY
>

536. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-09 12:30:04 UTC
From: kelly@dvol.com
Message-ID: <d22b54c3.0307090430.613d109d@posting.google.com>
Source record: 70264

brianburke@juno.com (Brian) wrote in message
news:<f45722ac.0307081324.38ef0445@posting.google.com>...
> kelly@dvol.com (Brian Kelly) wrote in message
news:<d22b54c3.0307080401.27b2040a@posting.google.com>...
> > "Bert Craig" <wa2si@arrl.netNOSPAM> wrote in message
news:<8tpOa.1709$EC6.857405@news4.srv.hcvlny.cv.net>...
> > > Now that the ITU treaty requirement re. CW is gone, (For all intents and
> > > purposes.) does that mean NCI's job is done? If not, what's next?
> >
> >
> > Welp, since the name of the operation is No Code Test *International*
> > their work is far from done. Seems like code tests will continue in a
> > number of countries, Russia, Germany, China, the Arab states, etc. NCI
> > will have to schmooze the likes of Putin (Col, ret. KGB), Jiang and
> > the lop-yer-head-off Arab sweethearts before they can claim mission
> > complete. Squiggy gets Yemen, Sohl gets Mongolia for openers. Oughta
> > be interesting.
> >
> > w3rv
>
> What do I get?

You just HAD to do that din ya?

537. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-09 12:32:53 UTC
From: kelly@dvol.com
Message-ID: <d22b54c3.0307090432.23cdd4be@posting.google.com>
Source record: 70265

"Bert Craig" <wa2si@arrl.netNOSPAM> wrote in message
news:<pxHOa.10530$EC6.4801883@news4.srv.hcvlny.cv.net>...
> "Brian" <brianburke@juno.com> wrote in message
> news:f45722ac.0307081324.38ef0445@posting.google.com...
> > kelly@dvol.com (Brian Kelly) wrote in message
> news:<d22b54c3.0307080401.27b2040a@posting.google.com>...
> > > "Bert Craig" <wa2si@arrl.netNOSPAM> wrote in message
> news:<8tpOa.1709$EC6.857405@news4.srv.hcvlny.cv.net>...
> > > > Now that the ITU treaty requirement re. CW is gone, (For all intents
> and
> > > > purposes.) does that mean NCI's job is done? If not, what's next?
> > >
> > >
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> > > the lop-yer-head-off Arab sweethearts before they can claim mission
> > > complete. Squiggy gets Yemen, Sohl gets Mongolia for openers. Oughta
> > > be interesting.
> > >
> > > w3rv
> >
> > What do I get?
>
> State sanctioned QRM.

Wouldn't do any good, he doesn't know how to put up antennas.

538. Swiss drops CW to Hell

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-09 12:57:39 UTC
From: Anonymous <Use-Author-Supplied-Address-Header@[127.1]>
Message-ID: <e0e4acc7f54a148d20914e1e7d8d1c16@rebleep>
Source record: 70266

http://www.uska.ch/html/de/iaru/wrc2003.html

Swiss is a nice democracy !

539. Re: More on Broadband over Power Lines (BLP)

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-09 13:07:34 UTC
From: kelly@dvol.com
Message-ID: <d22b54c3.0307090507.7adc636e@posting.google.com>
Source record: 70267

N2EY@AOL.COM (N2EY) wrote in message

>
> Basically they come down to two ideas:
>
> 1) spectrum masking, which consists of not allowing the BPL systems to
> use frequencies in the ham bands. Which is fine until something
> nonlinear in the system causes intermodulation products, harmonics or
> other spurious signals to fall in the ham bands. This method was used
> to stop HomePlug and other in-building systems from tearing up 80
> meters - AFTER our own W1RFI and other ARRL folks got the manufacturer
> to recognize the problem.
>
> 2) "improved modes and modulations", which permit the use of lower
> signal levels and hence lower signal leakage. Supposedly.
>
> The BIG problem is obvious to anyone who actually goes out and looks
> at a typical aerial distribution system. Lots of nice, long wires, way
> up in the air, running all over everyone's neighborhood. Put a little
> RF in them and watch it radiate.
>
> Heck, one of the biggest problems in access BPL is that the lines are
> "lossy" at RF. They're "lossy" because they radiate!
> >
> You can read the comments of others and leave your own at the FCC
> website, via the ECFS system. Check out what the ARRL is saying and
> doing at the ARRL website.

Where is the NTIA in all this? They sure got their knickers in a twist about hams having broad access to 60M because of the potential interference to vital gummint HF comms from us. BPL is not the same kind of threat to the gummint itself than it is to us? Hams are not the only users of HF, in fact we're close to being bit players overall. What about the SWL's? All the gummint time & frequency standards stations? All the HF military comms we don't know about? The commercial PACTOR users?

Question for Phil: At what point can opponents of BPL take it out of the hands of the FCC and into the Federal courts? I'm thinking in terms of the ARRL taking it to the wall and laying on the expert witnesses Powell Jr. can't brush off like he can at this stage.

>
> 73 de Jim, N2EY

w3rv

540. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-09 13:28:43 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu>
Message-ID: <3F0C188B.2010708@psu.edu>
Source record: 70268

Brian wrote:
> Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu> wrote in message news:<3F0AC3F9.305@psu.edu>...
>
>>Brian wrote:
>>
>>>"Arnie Macy" <kt4st@csam.net> wrote in message
news:<bedltr$3nt3g$1@ID-166180.news.dfncis.de>...
>>>
>>>
>>>>"Penny Traytion" wrote ...
>>>>
>>>>No Test International.
>>>>
>>>>_____
>>>>
>>>>Dang it, Penny. You took my answer. ;-)
>>>>
>>>>Arnie -
>>>>KT4ST
>>>
>>>
>>>Arnie, go ahead and let her take your answer. No sense in both of you being wrong.
>>
>>
>> Actually as a point of interest, and maybe a little trolling, Just WHY
>>should there be testing for a ham license?
>>
>> Isn't limiting access to the Airwaves to only those who pass some kind
>>of test Elitist?
>>
>> What of those who simply aren't smart enough to pass a test? are they
>>not human and have rights?
>>
>>
>> As for RF safety, I would point to the successful efforts of Motorcycle
>>riders to abolish helmet rules. It should be the individual's
>>responsibility to decide if RF safety matters are important to him or her.
>>
>> As for mode specific questions, they have no business asking me about
>>modes of operation that I am not interested in.
>>
>> No Test International could be born now!
>>
>> Thoughts?

>>
>> - Mike KB3EIA -
>
>
> Mike, looks like trolling to me. Let it be known that the PCTA want
> no written exams.

hmmm, asking questions is a statement like that?

> OK, to use a little PCTA logic, we have exams because the test always
> gets thru when nothing else will. If that reason won't work, then we
> do it to be in compliance with ITU requirements, an answer which has
> worked for eons.

That's not my reasoning.

- Mike KB3EIA -

541. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-09 13:39:19 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu>
Message-ID: <3F0C1B07.1000607@psu.edu>
Source record: 70269

Jim Hampton wrote:
> Jim,
>
> I'm going to have to look up that one. I recently went to Burger King (sigh
> ...). They were running a special - two burgers and two small fries for
> $2.22. I ordered four burgers and four small fries only onions and ketchup
> on the burgers (this is a very difficult problem; break out the slip stick
> and multiply $2.22 times two). Now add two Whopper Juniors at $0.99 each.
> Um ... about 2 seconds to come up with $6.42. Then the sales tax. Ok.
> This poor gal starts pressing all these buttons and comes up with something
> very close to $10.00. I asked her what the sales tax was. 8%. Wrong.
> 8.25%, but I was being accessed nearly 50%. She looked hopelessly lost, so
> I offered that it should be $6.42 plus 8.25%, or something short of $7.00.
> She started pressing more buttons. She smiled, hit enter (or whatever) and
> then expressed dismay as the total was now around $15.00. She called the
> manager over. He explained what she did wrong, hit some buttons, smiled ...
> and stared at the total - now over $29.00. I was beginning to think I'd be
> better off at Radio Shack. This problem is a *lot* bigger than amateur
> radio. They threw out the regents math test in New York since so many kids
> failed. I recall one point was made that it included geometry (unfair).
> Huh? I don't know what folks think math includes, but if it is button
> pushing, I've met one manager that would have failed button pushing 101 :)

It's not just stupid people - tho' there are enough of them around. In
your cited case, the techno-weenies that designed the cash register
accounting system have made things both too simple and too complicated.
So every time there is a special, or if a mistake is made, then all h**l
breaks loose.

The weenies who put those systems together have made it unnecessary to
think most of the time. So a mistake comes along, and the person behind
the register has to use a muscle they may not have excercised in weeks -
their mind.

> Say, have you seen the ad on TV touting one quick oil change place (was it
> Jiffy Lube?). They have folks that have been 'certified' by an organization
> called something like 'oil change specialists of America'.

Now there is some wallpaper I'd like to get. Sign me up!

>
> Seeing these sort of events lately, I'm wondering if others have had similar
> experiences. If they have, is there a chance they might see some wisdom in
> having some kind of exam before turning someone loose with 1.5 KW of RF and
> perhaps thousands of volts in their amp? Yep, I didn't think so either. :)

Hoo, that would weed out the dummies quickly! ;^)

- Mike KB3EIA -

542. Re: Renewed my license "on-line", only took 4 Hours

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-09 13:41:11 UTC
From: Arnie Macy <kt4st@csam.net>
Message-ID: <beh636$57036$1@ID-166180.news.dfncis.de>
Source record: 70270

"N2EY" <n2ey@aol.com> wrote ...

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Good idea. I should have done that and saved the headache. Good news is -- I received my license in the mail a few days ago, so I have ten years to think about how I want to do it next time. :-))

73,

Arnie -
KT4ST

543. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-09 13:45:10 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu>
Message-ID: <3F0C1C66.4080802@psu.edu>
Source record: 70272

N2EY wrote:
> Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net> wrote in message
news:<k3tigvouvqr3a7nadj1p5ld4ohh7ai3jt1@4ax.com>...
>
>>On 07 Jul 2003 11:11:10 GMT, n2ey@aol.com (N2EY) wrote:
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>>>Here are some predictions for ya:
>>
>>Hmmm...hang on, lemme wipe the dust off the crystal ball for ya
>>first....okay, go ahead.
>
>
> Thanks!
>
>>>The dropping of the code test will not be accompanied by a significant change
>>>in the written exams.
>>
>>In the short term, probably not. In the long term, as the written
>>tests go through their normal revision and updating processes, I'd
>>expect and hope that the question pool committee members would begin
>>to include questions on practical operating knowledge in addition to
>>the questions on theory that are already part of the tests.
>
>
> The current writtens are a mixture of rules and regs, theory,
> operating practices, and RF safety. They have been in constant
> revision and development for over 20 years. I don't see them changing
> all that much.
>
> What sort of "practical operating knowledge" questions would you have
> the QPC add? (Anyone can submit questions for review, btw).
>
>
>>I've long
>>felt that it was time for the CW testing requirement to go, but the
>>fact remains that it has indeed been the only practical skill (as
>>opposed to theoretical knowledge) tested, and I think that this does
>>need to change.
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> One of the problems with skill testing is that the test has to
> actually include the skill - it can't be a purely paper test and

> actually mean anything. (You can't judge my bicycle-riding or
> stick-shift skills with a written test). And such testing means a
> separate test element and the same problems that come with the code
> test.
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>>them to get into the club meetings and the VE sessions, and who answer
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>>accept and respect them as fellow hams should, will be taking good
>>advantage of the opportunity.
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> for the ARS, and the simple fact that most people are not interested
> in radio as an end in itself. There's a limit to how much we can
> "sell" amateur radio. The trick is to identify those who are really
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>>Know-Code and go out of their way to make people feel like
>>second-class citizens will be letting the opportunity just slide on by
>>and will be doing a disservice to the ARS.
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> Agreed - and I challenge you to find any postings of mine where I have
> done any of that.
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>>>The dropping of the code test will not be accompanied by a significant change
>>>in the modes and technologies used by hams. There will not be a
>>>technorevolution, nor big increases in experimentation or homebrewing. Just
>>>more of the same of what has been going on.
>>
>>Again, this depends on us.
>
>
> To a certain extent. There are not many hams who will homebrew

> themselves a multiband multimode transceiver from scratch. Even if
> someone has the time and tools, it's usually not cost-effective.
>
>>Hmmm...lemme see...we're faced with the possibility of having a lot of
>>newcomers with little or no practical experience WRT radio wave
>>propagation on the HF bands, and thus little knowledge on which to
>>base selection of a frequency band on which to begin making contacts
>>at any particular time. Isn't this exactly what ALE is supposed to do?
>
>
> Sure.
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>>Yet, how many hams do you know of who have even heard of ALE, outisde
>>of those in this forum where I know the subject has come up
>>previously? How many hams in your local club know what ALE is? How
>>many would be willing to accept and use it if they did?
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> Many of us know what ALE is, and even how it could be used on the
> amateur bands.
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> The bigger question is - why would hams want to use ALE for normal
> amateur operation? The whole point of ALE is to reduce/eliminate the
> need for a knowledgeable operator. In fact, if you look at most
> nonamateur radio equipment design philosophies, one of the driving
> forces behind them is to replace the skilled "radio operator" with a
> relatively unskilled "user", who doesn't really know what's going on -
> and doesn't have to. Consider the nearly-ubiquitous cell phone - none
> of the radio-specific functions are controlled by the user at all! In
> fact, far too many people don't even realize a cell phone is a radio
> transceiver. (I recall an indignant fellow airline passenger telling
> me "I can use this while we take off! It's a TELEPHONE, not a
> RADIO!!")
>
>>>Let's see what happens in the UK. RSGB and RA have been pushing to drop the
>>>code test for a long time. Maybe they won't be disappointed.
>>>
>>>
>>>> Just wondering.
>>>
>>>Don't hold yer breath. The usual bureaucratic delay will slow things down here
>>>in the USA. And remember, those who get the licenses after the change will be
>>>raw, inexperienced newcomers, who will need our help and guidance as they are
>>>welcomed into the ARS.
>>
>>To use the British term: Bloody Well Right!
>
>
> Fair dinkum, mate!

>
>
>>Especially since there
>>will undoubtedly be those who will not welcome them at all, and in
>>fact do quite the opposite.
>
>
> A few. That's not a new thing - ever hear of the fellow who used to
> call CQ on 75 AM and add "no kids, no lids, no space cadets, Class A
> operators only"?
>
>
>>Those of us who wish to take advantage of
>>this opportunity will have to work doubly hard in order to overcome
>>the harm done by the minority that will attempt to ostracize and chase
>>away the newcomers, forgetting that they were newcomers themselves
>>once upon a time.
>
>
> All true. Actually, it doesn't seem like that long ago that I was a
> newcomer.
>
> But there is also the reverse problem: Newcomers who do not want
> advice or elmering from the "old f@#$S", no matter how it is offered.
> I've been on the receiving end of that more than a few times. What's
> the right approach - just ignore them?
>
>
> 73 de Jim, N2EY

544. Re: Renewed my license "on-line", only took 4 Hours

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-09 13:45:34 UTC
From: Bill Sohl <billsohl@mindspring.com>
Message-ID: <beh6g7$20k$1@slb6.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 70271

I just renewed earlier this year. As an ARRL
member I received a nice reminder notice and all I needed
to do was sign it and send it back to ARRL.

I believe I could also have done it "online" via ARRL, but
it'd probably take more time than it did to sign the
ARRL tear-off form and mail it back.

Took 2 minutes at most. :-)

Cheers,
Bill K2UNK

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> Arnie -
> KT4ST
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545. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-09 13:52:50 UTC
From: Bill Sohl <billsohl@mindspring.com>
Message-ID: <beh6to$8fp$1@slb6.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 70273

"Penny Traytion" <renboova.news.invalid@web2news.net> wrote in message
news:48958N715@web2news.com...
> Bert Craig wrote:
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> > all intents and
> > purposes.) does that mean NCI's job is done? If not,
> > what's next?
>
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WRONG...

NCI still has the individual administration decisions to address...
and for the uninformed... NCI's charter does NOT address
written testing. If anyone is going to propose a "No Test
International" they'll not get my support nor (IMHO) the support
of any other NCI directors.

Cheers,
Bill K2UNK
Director NCI

546. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-09 14:02:37 UTC
From: Bill Sohl <billsohl@mindspring.com>
Message-ID: <beh7g3$u5b$1@slb0.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 70275

"Larry Roll K3LT" <yodoc@aol.comnospam> wrote in message
news:20030708235714.09955.00000611@mb-m21.aol.com...
> In article <bef8ch$6h$7@slb5.atl.mindspring.net>, "Dan/W4NTI"
> <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com> writes:
>
> >Their next step should be joining up with a terrorist group.
> >They could be used as human bombs.
> >Dan/W4NTI
>
> The problem with that is, if Carl Stevenson's brain were composed of
> Semtex, he couldn't blow his nose!
> 73 de Larry, K3LT

Larry,
Sure sounds like sour grapes to me.

Did you know that Carl was in Geneva as a member of the
US delegation? Seems pretty respected in
ITU circles to me.

Cheers,
Bill K2UNK

547. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-09 14:04:57 UTC
From: lbudney-google@nb.net
Message-ID: <417b917a.0307090604.274201e5@posting.google.com>
Source record: 70274

"Phil Kane" <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop> wrote:
> On Tue, 08 Jul 2003 13:21:41 GMT, lbudney@pobox.com wrote:
>>
>> Isn't forbidding me to operate a transmitter the same as
>> forbidding me to operate a printing press?
>
> ...no. The Supreme Court of the United States has so ruled...

That isn't necessarily final, of course. It is theoretically possible for the Supremes to rule contrary to the framers intent. Some justices seem eager to do so.

So the question merely changes to whether we should seize the airwaves, as the Constitution provides, and then defend the Constitution from "all enemies, foreign and domestic", by taking out the supremes. Anyone? Anyone?

--Len.

PS I gather there's a weapons cache at Concord, Mass...

548. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-09 14:09:20 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307090609.15d4c7cf@posting.google.com>
Source record: 70276

"Bert Craig" <wa2si@arrl.netNOSPAM> wrote in message
news:<pxHOa.10530$EC6.4801883@news4.srv.hcvlny.cv.net>...
> "Brian" <brianburke@juno.com> wrote in message
> news:f45722ac.0307081324.38ef0445@posting.google.com...
> > kelly@dvol.com (Brian Kelly) wrote in message
> news:<d22b54c3.0307080401.27b2040a@posting.google.com>...
> > > "Bert Craig" <wa2si@arrl.netNOSPAM> wrote in message
> news:<8tpOa.1709$EC6.857405@news4.srv.hcvlny.cv.net>...
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> > > Welp, since the name of the operation is No Code Test *International*
> > > their work is far from done. Seems like code tests will continue in a
> > > number of countries, Russia, Germany, China, the Arab states, etc. NCI
> > > will have to schmooze the likes of Putin (Col, ret. KGB), Jiang and
> > > the lop-yer-head-off Arab sweethearts before they can claim mission
> > > complete. Squiggy gets Yemen, Sohl gets Mongolia for openers. Oughta
> > > be interesting.
> > >
> > > w3rv
> >
> > What do I get?
>
> State sanctioned QRM.

Darn, I thought I'd get my own country to tackle.

549. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-09 14:16:22 UTC
From: Hans K0HB <k0hb@earthlink.net>
Message-ID: <21581ca121ce6e1a0cb83d94148bf23d.128005@mygate.mailgate.org>
Source record: 70277

"Mike Coslo" <mjc5@psu.edu> wrote in message news:3F0AC3F9.305@psu.edu

>
> Actually as a point of interest, and maybe a little trolling, Just WHY
> should there be testing for a ham license?
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Because your transmissions travel on a "public thoroughfare", there is a
requirement to ensure that you have demonstrated the knowledge to
operate without negative impact on the other users of that resource,
sort of like you need a drivers license to operate a motor vehicle on
public highways.

73, de Hans, K0HB

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Posted via Mailgate.ORG Server - http://www.Mailgate.ORG

550. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-09 14:18:11 UTC
From: Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93B368C45B19Belektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>
Source record: 70278

"Bill Sohl" <billsohl@mindspring.com> wrote in
news:beh6to$8fp$1@slb6.atl.mindspring.net:

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> "Penny Traytion" <renboova.news.invalid@web2news.net> wrote in message
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> Director NCI
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Switzerland down, how many to go?

BTW, apparently the Swiss no-coders are HB3 calls, a new one for WPX

551. Re: CW Requirement Abolished

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-09 14:23:26 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307090623.3fca4279@posting.google.com>
Source record: 70279

N2EY@AOL.COM (N2EY) wrote in message
news:<c2356669.0307081338.7209a5cb@posting.google.com>...
> Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net> wrote in message
news:<nipigv4r1n1c1879t1l4feut0kngr676br@4ax.com>...
> > On 7 Jul 2003 14:21:15 GMT, Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote:
> >
> > >We'll just have to think of something else to talk about. Besides, it's
> > >not over yet. The FCC will likely have multiple petitions to look at. For
> > >example, what happens to Techs? Should they all get Tech+ privileges?
>
> Seems completely obvious to me that they should.

Ditto Novices

> > In the short term, that's what I personally expect we will see. In the
> > long term, however, I think we will eventually have only two license
> > classes instead of the current three (one for VHF/UHF only privileges,
> > and one for full HF privileges in addition to that).
>
> I disagree!

I also disagree, same reason.

> The only reason to separate HF and VHF/UHF is/was because of the code
> test. HF licenses had to have code tests because of the old treaty.
> Once the new one is ratified, that reason goes away.
>
> Seems to me that in a nocodetest future it would make much more sense
> to let all hams have access to at least partial privileges on most ham
> bands, rather than continuing the artificial HF vs. VHF-UHF
> separation.

Why limit band privs? Just limit power based upon safety reasons.

> How about this: Three classes of license - call them Third, Second and
> First for discussion's sake.

How about two?

> Thirds have a simple written test and get to use a few modes (CW,
> SSB/FM phone, some data) on parts of all bands.

On all parts of all bands.

Power limit is below
> that requiring RF survey. Callsigns are six characters, and Thirds
> can't be repeater control ops or VEs.

Fair enuf. But call it "limited."

> Seconds have more modes, more space on the bands, and more power.
> Callsigns are five or six characters. Seconds can be repeater control
> ops and VEs. One year experience as a Third required.

Superfluous license class.

> Firsts have all privs, callsigns with four, five or six characters,
> etc. One year experience as a Second required.

Two years as "limited" required.

> You get the general idea.

Yup.

> > 1. FCC remains under a congressional mandate to simplify regulations.
> > The easiest system for FCC to administer would be exactly what I have
> > outlined - either you have HF privileges or you don't.
>
> But is that what's best for the ARS? I don't think so.

Two licenses are simple enough. All band/mode privs for both, with
the distinctions being power, ability to operate automated or remote
transmitters, and VE positions.

Personally, I'd like to see the FCC write TOWER priveleges into the
license as well.

> > 2. Reading between the lines on the FCC's R&O WRT the last
> > restructuring of amateur license classes leads me to believe that the
> > commission would have preferred to do this in the first place but its
> > hands were tied by the international requirement that WRC just
> > removed. Absent that requirement now, FCC will be free to do what I
> > think it would have preferred to do four years ago.
> >
> I think what FCC wanted several years back was pretty close to what
> they actually did - 3 classes of license, minimal or zero code
> testing. No medical waivers. Less written testing, too.

They chose 6 classes of licenses. They neglected to deal with the
dangling Novice, Tech Plus, and Advanced issues.

> 73 de Jim, N2EY

73, Brian

552. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-09 14:26:25 UTC
From: Bill Sohl <billsohl@mindspring.com>
Message-ID: <beh8sp$7b9$1@slb2.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 70280

"Hans K0HB" <k0hb@earthlink.net> wrote in message
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Well said Hans.

Cheers,
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Date: 2003-07-09 14:29:32 UTC
From: Bill Sohl <billsohl@mindspring.com>
Message-ID: <beh92i$or9$1@slb6.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 70281

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About 150 or so by my count :-)

Ironically, as commented elsewhere by Phil Karn,
the USA treaty approval process may resut in the
USA being one of the last to actually change.

> BTW, apparently the Swiss no-coders are HB3 calls, a new one for WPX

So it appears.

Cheers,
Bill K2UNK

554. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-09 14:29:38 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu>
Message-ID: <3F0C26D2.3090204@psu.edu>
Source record: 70282

N2EY wrote:
> Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net> wrote in message
news:<k3tigvouvqr3a7nadj1p5ld4ohh7ai3jt1@4ax.com>...
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Right. The ARS is simply not for everyone. People who try to make it
that way are just spinning their wheels. You need a technical bent, and
getting a thrill out of sending a teeny signal across the world helps too.

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> done any of that.

I am an Extra lite, I was a No-Code Tech at one time. I'm also a hockey puck and a few other things.

Seriously, there isn't anyone around that someone doesn't like, so we just have to work on being less sensitive.

I was sitting around a dinner table with some friend hams, and the conversation shifted to licensing. One of the guys noted how "Any moron can become an Extra now." I just chuckled and said, "and I am the proof of that!" He was a bit embarrassed, but I took no offense and made a joke of it.

<More snippage>

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> The bigger question is - why would hams want to use ALE for normal
> amateur operation? The whole point of ALE is to reduce/eliminate the
> need for a knowledgeable operator. In fact, if you look at most
> nonamateur radio equipment design philosophies, one of the driving
> forces behind them is to replace the skilled "radio operator" with a
> relatively unskilled "user", who doesn't really know what's going on -
> and doesn't have to. Consider the nearly-ubiquitous cell phone - none
> of the radio-specific functions are controlled by the user at all! In
> fact, far too many people don't even realize a cell phone is a radio
> transceiver. (I recall an indignant fellow airline passenger telling
> me "I can use this while we take off! It's a TELEPHONE, not a
> RADIO!!")

I don't know whether to laugh or cry!

<snippage again>
>
>>Especially since there
>>will undoubtedly be those who will not welcome them at all, and in
>>fact do quite the opposite.

>
>
> A few. That's not a new thing - ever hear of the fellow who used to
> call CQ on 75 AM and add "no kids, no lids, no space cadets, Class A
> operators only"?

Radio Amateur KC2HMZ is simply wrong here. And old mister No kids, no lids is just the exception that proves the rule.

Most all hams, even those who think that elimination of the Morse code requirement is the beginning of the end of Western civilization, are very welcoming of new people.

Sometimes when we think everyone around us is nasty, we need to look to ourselves for the problem.

>>Those of us who wish to take advantage of
>>this opportunity will have to work doubly hard in order to overcome
>>the harm done by the minority that will attempt to ostracize and chase
>>away the newcomers, forgetting that they were newcomers themselves
>>once upon a time.
>
>
> All true. Actually, it doesn't seem like that long ago that I was a
> newcomer.
>
> But there is also the reverse problem: Newcomers who do not want
> advice or elmering from the "old f@#$S", no matter how it is offered.
> I've been on the receiving end of that more than a few times. What's
> the right approach - just ignore them?

Eventually, that's all you can do, if the person insists on being nasty. It's also important to remember that that same peron will probably spend time moaning about "those rotten hams".

- Mike KB3EIA -

555. Re: Have You been Interfered with by BPL/PLC Services?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-09 14:35:08 UTC
From: "joe Smith"@spam.spam
Message-ID: <beh96s02hu8@drn.newsguy.com>
Source record: 70286

In article <cuvyxnansvbet.hhq6dke.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>, "Phil says...
>
>On Tue, 08 Jul 2003 13:20:10 -0700, lawyer-hamradio@operamail.com wrote:
>
>> Are you a FCC licensed radio operator and have you been the victim of BPL/PLC
>>interference during the last 12 months? A study group is being formed to
>>explore a class action lawsuit against the utility corporations that may harm
>>the radio services you are rightfully licensed to use. You must be a FCC
>>licensed radio operator or station. Receivers such as AM/FM radios or TV's are
>>not eligible for protection from any type of interference and this lawsuit will
>>be limited to FCC licensed radio stations or operators.
>>
>>Please contact:
>>lawyer-hamradio@operamail.com
>
> You DO know that Federal case law vests the FCC with exclusive
> jurisdiction in radio interference matters. See _Broyde v Gotham
> Tower, Inc_, 13 F 3d 994 (6th Cir. 1994). Save yourself the trouble
> of having thr case removed from whatever court you intend to file in
> to the FCC.

Civil lawsuits are not covered by federal FCC regulations. If the utility
corporation has a federal EPA license to distribute a chemical that
doesn't mean if they spill their toxic waste on my front yard that I can't
sue them in State or Federal court.
FCC can enforce interference laws, but the courts can address torts
involved with that interference. I can also sue if someone jumps on
their radio to jam my transmissions and the FCC can enforce their regulations.
The ARRL likes to pass around that lawsuit to attempt to fool home owners
to think they can not sue a radio operator(s) for a tort if there improperly
operated station causes interference, danger and hardship to a home owner and
the occupants. Using your logic if a radio operator improperly installs a
radio tower and it falls the victims of that act can not sue the radio operator.
The tobacco litigation has opened up a whole new world of civil law as
McDonald's and Nabisco are now finding out.

A tort is a private or civil wrong or injury (other than breach of contract) for
which a court of law may provide a remedy through a lawsuit for damages
(compensation). When a person violates his/her duty to others created under
general (or statutory) law, a tort has been committed.

The four elements present in a typical tort lawsuit are:

(1) The existence of a legal duty owed by a person to others

(2) The breach of the duty by one person (negligence)

(3) The breach of the duty being the "proximate cause" of damages suffered by a person

(4) Damages incurred by a person.

Each of the four elements of a tort typically must be present to be compensated.

556. Re: The curse for HF bands

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-09 14:54:23 UTC
From: k0hb@arrl.net
Message-ID: <e79dbd9b.0307090654.410a3ddf@posting.google.com>
Source record: 70283

Anonymous Twit <anonymous@remailer.metacolo.com> wrote in message news:<b755894c213fde14a1115a3cc9cf2088@remailer.metacolo.com>...

> The fastest countries to abolish Morse
> will conquer the HF bands.

I said it a few years ago, and I'll say it again. Every ham who wants to be on HF is already there.

The number of new hams who actually show up on HF when the Morse examination requirement is removed (as opposed to showing up as an upgrade on www.qrz.com) will be negligible.

With all kind wishes,

de Hans, K0HB

557. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-09 14:57:37 UTC
From: lbudney@pobox.com
Message-ID: <usmpfu4pj.fsf@pobox.com>
Source record: 70284

"Hans K0HB" <k0hb@earthlink.net> writes:
> "Mike Coslo" <mjc5@psu.edu> wrote:
>>
>> Actually as a point of interest, and maybe a little trolling, Just
>> WHY should there be testing for a ham license?
>
> Because your transmissions travel on a "public thoroughfare"...

Very well said. In other words, spectrum is a limited resource, like
water, and unlike printed matter, and is therefore protected similarly
to our lakes and streams.

Regards,
Len.

558. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-09 14:58:23 UTC
From: JJ <radiobuff0@mailcity.moc>
Message-ID: <3F0C2D8F.8060801@mailcity.moc>
Source record: 70482

Larry Roll K3LT wrote:
> In article <3F0B98A2.5070205@mailcity.moc>, JJ <radiobuff0@mailcity.moc>
> writes:
>
>
>>>Do you have
>>>something
>>>against operator skill -- or are you one of those New Age hams that think
>>>yakking into a microphone is all the demonstration of operator skill that
>>>should
>>>ever be required of you?
>>
>>Do you have something against someone who has no desire to operate
>>CW?
>
>
> In a way, I do -- because their lack of desire to operate CW is usually
> based on a lack of willingness to break their inertia and get down to
> learning it. It's called laziness. Yup, that's right -- the "L" word.
> L-A-Z-I-N-E-S-S. Hams who don't care or "don't want" to learn Morse code
> are just plain old LAZY. Period. End of Story. Consider yourself to
> have been grabbed by the collar and beaten with a club called The Truth!!!

You are a real piece of work Larry. I haven't worked CW in years,
I still could but I just have no desire to talk in code when I can
speak very well.
Do you use a automobile to get from one distant place to another?
You do? That is pure laziness, the "L" word. Why don't you ride a
horse, bicycle, or better yet, walk. That is what folks did before
the automobile came along. You are just plain old LAZY. You have a
long way to go to ever grab me by the collar and you can't handle
the truth. End of story.

>
>>There are many different modes of operation in ham radio, do
>>you operate them all?
>
>
> Nope, not all -- but certainly a whole lot more than most hams do.

If that is what floats your boat, knock yourself out, but those
who choose not to play the ham radio game the same way you do does
not mean they are any less of a ham, except to your "I am
superior" way of thinking. Why don't you operate all the modes,
too lazy?

> And
> you know something totally strange? My Morse/CW proficiency doesn't
> interfere one little bit in my enjoyment of other modes!
>

And you know something even more strange? For many hams, not being
as proficient as you claim to be in CW, and/or not operating in
that mode does not interfere one little bit with their enjoyment
of other modes either, and that includes myself.

559. So what do we call them?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-09 15:01:38 UTC
From: k0hb@arrl.net
Message-ID: <e79dbd9b.0307090701.64f92401@posting.google.com>
Source record: 70285
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.dx

What convention should we use on the air to refer to the 5 new channels in the 5MHz band? I recommend we call them Channel E1, E2, E3, E4, and E5. Simple and easy to remember.

73, de Hans, K0HB

560. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-09 15:23:31 UTC
From: Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net>
Message-ID: <3F0C3370.7EA60998@att.net>
Source record: 70287

Robert Casey wrote:

>
> Back in the early days of my HF career, I figured that if the band seems
> empty, well either
> propagation is out or everyone's asleep or at work or such. In any
> event, there's nobody
> to qso with, so check other bands.

But--- did you listen carefully for any very weak signals on CW? Often that is the clue to what's happening, or about to happen, on an otherwise seemingly dead band.
Sometimes when you tune around carefully, listening for any hint of signals, you'll start something - you hear a very weak one, peak him up with your receiver filtering, whatever you have to work with, listen long enough to ID him and where he's located. If he signs off with the station he's working, and you've tuned up, you give him a call. If he's copying as well as you, he answers and suddenly you've turned a dead band into a QSO. More often than not, others will hear you two in QSO and next thing you know they're either calling in tailending you, or calling CQ nearby and drumming up their own contact. When you next tune around, there'll be several QSO's going on on the "dead" band.

This scene plays out far more often than you would think, or used to back when HF experienced hams were the norm rather than the exception. Sure is worth trying, anyway.

Dick

561. Re: So what do we call them?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-09 15:25:03 UTC
From: hamradio@is.evil
Message-ID: <behc4f02r9e@drn.newsguy.com>
Source record: 70292

In article <e79dbd9b.0307090701.64f92401@posting.google.com>, k0hb@arrl.net says...
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>channels in the 5MHz band? I recommend we call them Channel E1, E2,
>E3, E4, and E5. Simple and easy to remember.
>
>73, de Hans, K0HB

How about just saying the god damn frequency?

562. Re: Have You been Interfered with by BPL/PLC Services?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-09 15:30:18 UTC
From: Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net>
Message-ID: <3F0C3508.4915E361@att.net>
Source record: 70288

lawyer-hamradio@operamail.com wrote:

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> interference during the last 12 months? A study group is being formed to
> explore a class action lawsuit against the utility corporations that may harm
> the radio services you are rightfully licensed to use. You must be a FCC
> licensed radio operator or station. Receivers such as AM/FM radios or TV's are
> not eligible for protection from any type of interference and this lawsuit will
> be limited to FCC licensed radio stations or operators.
>
> Please contact:
> lawyer-hamradio@operamail.com

OOPS! Maybe this is the move that's on.....If unlicensed stations and entities are afforded no interference protection, then CB is unprotected. Eliminating licensing from ham radio would also eliminate any and all interference protection!

Right on!

563. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-09 15:37:30 UTC
From: Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net>
Message-ID: <3F0C36B8.99459D3D@att.net>
Source record: 70289

Brian wrote:

> kelly@dvol.com (Brian Kelly) wrote in message
news:<d22b54c3.0307080401.27b2040a@posting.google.com>...
> > "Bert Craig" <wa2si@arrl.netNOSPAM> wrote in message
news:<8tpOa.1709$EC6.857405@news4.srv.hcvlny.cv.net>...
> > > Now that the ITU treaty requirement re. CW is gone, (For all intents and
> > > purposes.) does that mean NCI's job is done? If not, what's next?
> >
> >
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> > their work is far from done. Seems like code tests will continue in a
> > number of countries, Russia, Germany, China, the Arab states, etc. NCI
> > will have to schmooze the likes of Putin (Col, ret. KGB), Jiang and
> > the lop-yer-head-off Arab sweethearts before they can claim mission
> > complete. Squiggy gets Yemen, Sohl gets Mongolia for openers. Oughta
> > be interesting.
> >
> > w3rv
>
> What do I get?

Somalia. This time do it right when you ask for permission.

564. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-09 15:43:14 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu>
Message-ID: <3F0C3812.2050508@psu.edu>
Source record: 70293

Bill Sohl wrote:
> "Hans K0HB" <k0hb@earthlink.net> wrote in message
> news:21581ca121ce6e1a0cb83d94148bf23d.128005@mygate.mailgate.org...
>
>>"Mike Coslo" <mjc5@psu.edu> wrote in message news:3F0AC3F9.305@psu.edu
>>
>>>Actually as a point of interest, and maybe a little trolling, Just WHY
>>>should there be testing for a ham license?
>>
>>Because your transmissions travel on a "public thoroughfare", there is a
>>requirement to ensure that you have demonstrated the knowledge to
>>operate without negative impact on the other users of that resource,
>>sort of like you need a drivers license to operate a motor vehicle on
>>public highways.
>> 73, de Hans, K0HB
>
>
> Well said Hans.

Well said indeed, but what if enough people just reject that logic?
What if it is decided that the licenses just need to be bought? Say 200
bucks a shot? Or maybe a yearly sort of thing. Why have any other
qualifications for the license?

- Mike KB3EIA -

565. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-09 15:45:04 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu>
Message-ID: <3F0C3880.70202@psu.edu>
Source record: 70294

lbudney@pobox.com wrote:
> "Hans K0HB" <k0hb@earthlink.net> writes:
>
>>"Mike Coslo" <mjc5@psu.edu> wrote:
>>
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>>>WHY should there be testing for a ham license?
>>
>>Because your transmissions travel on a "public thoroughfare"...
>
>
> Very well said. In other words, spectrum is a limited resource, like
> water, and unlike printed matter, and is therefore protected similarly
> to our lakes and streams.

Here we go. Glad you brought the spectrum argument into the equation. Perhaps Hams and anyone who want to be a ham should have to pay for the spectrum we want. That would be what qualifies for becoming a ham.

- Mike KB3EIA -

566. Re: CW Requirement Abolished

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-09 15:47:25 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu>
Message-ID: <3F0C390D.60103@psu.edu>
Source record: 70295

Brian wrote:

> Why limit band privs? Just limit power based upon safety reasons.

Many CB'ers run illegal power amps without taking a test at all.

- Mike KB3EIA -

567. Re: HB9 First to Kill the Code Test!

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-09 15:47:54 UTC
From: Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net>
Message-ID: <3F0C3929.9E400FDF@att.net>
Source record: 70291

Alun Palmer wrote:

> Switzerland has abolished code testing. They have mailed out a letter to
> each Class 2 (no-code) ham authorising them to use all HF bands.

Both of them??

568. Re: Have You been Interfered with by BPL/PLC Services?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-09 15:49:45 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu>
Message-ID: <3F0C3999.4040109@psu.edu>
Source record: 70296

This dude has been in some other newsgroups trying to drum up business
from people who have been "harmed" by Lead in solder.....

Trolling perhaps?

- Mike KB3EIA -

569. NCI post-WRC (was Re: What of NCI?)

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-09 15:52:07 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com>
Message-ID: <HSWOa.5687$_k2.238274@nnrp1.ptd.net>
Source record: 70290

"Bill Sohl" <billsohl@mindspring.com> wrote in message
news:beh6to$8fp$1@slb6.atl.mindspring.net...
>
> "Penny Traytion" <renboova.news.invalid@web2news.net> wrote in message
> news:48958N715@web2news.com...
> > Bert Craig wrote:
> > > Now that the ITU treaty requirement re. CW is gone, (For
> > > all intents and
> > > purposes.) does that mean NCI's job is done? If not,
> > > what's next?
> >
> > No Test International.
>
> WRONG...
>
> NCI still has the individual administration decisions to address...
> and for the uninformed... NCI's charter does NOT address
> written testing. If anyone is going to propose a "No Test
> International" they'll not get my support nor (IMHO) the support
> of any other NCI directors.
>
> Cheers,
> Bill K2UNK
> Director NCI

Bill is exactly correct ... NCI is NOT "No Test International" ... we have
NO
intention of trying to weaken or eliminate the written tests ... ONLY to
eliminate
the Morse test requirement.

Now that that's gone from the ITU Radio Regulations (effective July 5, 2003,
the day after the WRC closed), administrations are free to drop Morse
testing.
(see http://www.nocode.org/Articles.html for the changes to S25.5 and the
entire text of the new Article 25 ... the amateur part of the ITU Radio
Regs)

Word is that a number of administrations intend to move promptly
(surprisingly
promptly for governments ...) to eliminate Morse testing from their national
rules.

NCI's work is not done just because the ITU requirement has been eliminated.
We will continue to work with administrations around the world to get the

Morse
test dropped from national regulations.

73,
--
Carl R. Stevenson - wk3c
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Co-Chair, Wi-Fi Alliance Legislative Committee
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Member, ARRL
Member, TAPR
Member, The SETI League

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570. Is There ANY Recourse re. FCC & Dropping CW?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-09 15:57:36 UTC
From: Bert Craig <wa2si@arrl.netNOSPAM>
Message-ID: <QXWOa.38441$U23.29126@nwrdny01.gnilink.net>
Source record: 70297

Here's a question. Forgive me if it appears trollish, but I gotta ask.

Is there any individual or dept. within the FCC that folks can send e-mails to in support of retaining the 5-wpm exam? Or, for instance, all Techs would automatically get Novice/Tech+ privies while Element 1 is retained for General and Extra?

Or is it a forgone conclusion that the FCC WILL drop Element 1 despite any volume of sentiments to the contrary?

--
73 de Bert
WA2SI

571. Re: Renewed my license "on-line", only took 4 Hours

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-09 16:02:47 UTC
From: JJ <radiobuff0@mailcity.moc>
Message-ID: <3F0C3CA7.205@mailcity.moc>
Source record: 70490

D. Stussy wrote:
> On Wed, 9 Jul 2003, JJ wrote:
>
>>D. Stussy wrote:
>>
>>>On Sun, 6 Jul 2003, JJ wrote:
>>>
>>>>Dan/W4NTI wrote:
>>>>
>>>>
>>>>>Another reason to join the ARRL. For members license renewal is FREE.
>>>>
>>>>License renewal if FREE to any licensed amateur, ARRL membership
>>>>is not necessary.
>>>
>>>
>>>Wrong. For license renewals filed via the [ARRL's] volunteer examiner program
>>>by non-ARRL members, a processing fee is still supposed to be applied. Some VE
>>>teams do not enforce this.
>>
>>Where did I state anything about renewing through the ARRL?
>>License renewal is FREE to any licensed amateur, you don't have to
>>belong to the ARRL or any other ham radio organization to renew
>>you license for FREE directly with the FCC.
>
>
> Context: Your reply clearly referred to a quoted reply which talked about
> renewals VIA the ARRL.

Context: The initial post to this thread was from someone who went
to the FCC site to renew and commented about how long it took. He
made no mention of the ARRL. Then w4nti made his comment about
joining the ARRL so renewal would then be free (I guess the
payment to join ARRL doesn't count). My comment was that license
renewal was free and ARRL membership was not necessary. In other
words, why waste money on the ARRL to have the advantage of "FREE"
license renewal, when one can do it FREE without the ARRL.

572. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-09 16:06:20 UTC
From: lbudney@pobox.com
Message-ID: <ufzlfu1j0.fsf@pobox.com>
Source record: 70298

Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu> writes:
>
> Perhaps Hams and anyone who want to be a ham should have to pay for
> the spectrum we want.

Pay who? Where is the owner?

Milton Friedman, in his work "Free to Choose", would argue that this is a case, like the case of "clean air", which could properly be assigned to government: there is a clear public interest in conserving this resource, but no clear way to allocate costs.

He would probably propose a consumption tax, based on bandwidth, power, duty cycle, etc., which automatically allocates bandwidth (in the long run) according to its most profitable use: if the people badly want a service which consumes piles of bandwidth over a vast area for most of the time, then they would pay enough to offset the immense consumption tax on the provider.

Of course, the effect is that hams will all start using CW. C'mon! You can pay tax on 150 Hz, or pay over 20 times as much for SSB. CW wins, hands down.

Regards,
Len.

573. NCI post-WRC (was Re: What of NCI?)

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-09 16:17:09 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com>
Message-ID: <9eXOa.5693$_k2.238423@nnrp1.ptd.net>
Source record: 70299

> > kelly@dvol.com (Brian Kelly) wrote in message
news:<d22b54c3.0307080401.27b2040a@posting.google.com>...
> > > "Bert Craig" <wa2si@arrl.netNOSPAM> wrote in message
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> > > the lop-yer-head-off Arab sweethearts before they can claim mission
> > > complete. Squiggy gets Yemen, Sohl gets Mongolia for openers. Oughta
> > > be interesting.

Actually, despite the fact that the word "Test" doesn't appear in NCI's
formal
name, that is clearly the intent ... no CODE test ... NOT "no test, period,"
or
anything to do with eliminating or gutting the written tests (as Bill Sohl
and I have
both stated many times in this venue ...)

If I inadvertently screwed up the attributions in snipping Dick Carroll's
remark,
I apologize ....

The interesting thing is that NONE of the adminstrations listed above had
ANY objection to the changes enacted at the WRC to eliminate the ITU
requirement for Morse testing. We expect that most administrations will
act reasonably promptly (Switzerland has already, the UK, Belgium, the
Netherlands and others are expected to follow suit soon) to allow HF
access to licensees who have met reasonable written test requirements
but have not taken a code test. (In CEPT, the only difference between
Class 1 and Class 2 is the Morse test ... the writtens are the same, based
on the "HAREC" recommendation.)

Russia may retain code testing for a while ...

The German administration has already publicy stated its policy will be to
eliminate Morse testing (despite much hand-wringing and whining from DARC).

China proper (PRC), I'm not sure of, but Hong Kong (which is sort of
separate,

despite its return to the PRC) has expressed interest in modernizing its rules to
drop code testing.

The Arab states are very interested in modernizing communications of all forms ... it will be interesting to see what approach they take.

To see the before/after of S25.5 (the part of Article 25 of the ITU Radio Regs
that formerly specified an ITU requirement for Morse testing) or even the entire
new version of Article 25 (some other modernizing changes were made in addition to the elimination of an international requirement for Morse testing),
see:

http://www.nocode.org/articles.html

73,
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574. Re: Is There ANY Recourse re. FCC & Dropping CW?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-09 16:31:08 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com>
Message-ID: <grXOa.5694$_k2.238628@nnrp1.ptd.net>
Source record: 70402

"Bert Craig" <wa2si@arrl.netNOSPAM> wrote in message
news:QXWOa.38441$U23.29126@nwrdny01.gnilink.net...
> Here's a question. Forgive me if it appears trollish, but I gotta ask.
>
> Is there any individual or dept. within the FCC that folks can send
e-mails
> to in support of retaining the 5-wpm exam? Or, for instance, all Techs
would
> automatically get Novice/Tech+ privies while Element 1 is retained for
> General and Extra?
>
> Or is it a forgone conclusion that the FCC WILL drop Element 1 despite any
> volume of sentiments to the contrary?

Bert,

Back a few years ago, when the FCC issued its Report and Order
"restructuring" the ARS, the ONLY reason they gave for keeping
ANY Morse testing at that time was the requirement in S25.5 of
the ITU Radio Regs.

Now that that is gone, all of the countries of the world are free to
drop Morse testing from their national rules.

While I think it's a fairly good bet that the FCC WILL drop Morse
testing, frankly, I don't see the FCC acting on this in any sort of
"automatic"
or "self-initiated" way ... the status quo is 5 wpm for General and
Extra.

And, since there is currently no petition or open docket item at the FCC
proposing to make any such changes, letters and e-mails would, at this
point,
most likely be considered an unwarranted annoyance by the FCC staffers
who would have to deal with them. (and no matter what our respective
views on code/no-code, I don't think that ANY of us want the ARS
to be viewed as being a thorn in the FCC's side ...)

I remember a few years back when the ARRL got the amateur community
all fired up over "little LEOs trying to take the 2m band" ... the result
was
a firestorm of e-mails to the FCC that overloaded their servers and cause
them great difficulty in conducting normal business ... something that they
DEFINITELY did NOT appreciate!

I'm sure that the amateur community will get notice when this question finally does come up at the FCC ... THAT will be the time to comment (when they ASK for comments). In the meantime, a major mail/e-mail "blitz" on the FCC will almost certainly harm the standing of the ARS as a whole at the FCC.

73,

--
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Co-Chair, Wi-Fi Alliance Legislative Committee
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575. Re: CW Requirement Abolished

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-09 16:35:59 UTC
From: Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93B3801DC208Eelektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>
Source record: 70404

brianburke@juno.com (Brian) wrote in
news:f45722ac.0307090623.3fca4279@posting.google.com:

> N2EY@AOL.COM (N2EY) wrote in message
> news:<c2356669.0307081338.7209a5cb@posting.google.com>...
>> Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net> wrote in message
>> news:<nipigv4r1n1c1879t1l4feut0kngr676br@4ax.com>...
>> > On 7 Jul 2003 14:21:15 GMT, Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote:
>> >
>> > >We'll just have to think of something else to talk about. Besides,
>> > >it's not over yet. The FCC will likely have multiple petitions to
>> > >look at. For example, what happens to Techs? Should they all get
>> > >Tech+ privileges?
>>
>> Seems completely obvious to me that they should.
>
> Ditto Novices
>
>> > In the short term, that's what I personally expect we will see. In
>> > the long term, however, I think we will eventually have only two
>> > license classes instead of the current three (one for VHF/UHF only
>> > privileges, and one for full HF privileges in addition to that).
>>
>> I disagree!
>
> I also disagree, same reason.
>
>> The only reason to separate HF and VHF/UHF is/was because of the code
>> test. HF licenses had to have code tests because of the old treaty.
>> Once the new one is ratified, that reason goes away.
>>
>> Seems to me that in a nocodetest future it would make much more sense
>> to let all hams have access to at least partial privileges on most ham
>> bands, rather than continuing the artificial HF vs. VHF-UHF
>> separation.
>
> Why limit band privs? Just limit power based upon safety reasons.
>
>> How about this: Three classes of license - call them Third, Second and
>> First for discussion's sake.
>
> How about two?
>
>> Thirds have a simple written test and get to use a few modes (CW,

>> SSB/FM phone, some data) on parts of all bands.
>
> On all parts of all bands.
>
> Power limit is below
>> that requiring RF survey. Callsigns are six characters, and Thirds
>> can't be repeater control ops or VEs.
>
> Fair enuf. But call it "limited."
>
>> Seconds have more modes, more space on the bands, and more power.
>> Callsigns are five or six characters. Seconds can be repeater control
>> ops and VEs. One year experience as a Third required.
>
> Superfluous license class.
>
>> Firsts have all privs, callsigns with four, five or six characters,
>> etc. One year experience as a Second required.
>
> Two years as "limited" required.
>
>> You get the general idea.
>
> Yup.
>
>> > 1. FCC remains under a congressional mandate to simplify
>> > regulations. The easiest system for FCC to administer would be
>> > exactly what I have outlined - either you have HF privileges or you
>> > don't.
>>
>> But is that what's best for the ARS? I don't think so.
>
> Two licenses are simple enough. All band/mode privs for both, with
> the distinctions being power, ability to operate automated or remote
> transmitters, and VE positions.
>
> Personally, I'd like to see the FCC write TOWER priveleges into the
> license as well.
>
>> > 2. Reading between the lines on the FCC's R&O WRT the last
>> > restructuring of amateur license classes leads me to believe that
>> > the commission would have preferred to do this in the first place
>> > but its hands were tied by the international requirement that WRC
>> > just removed. Absent that requirement now, FCC will be free to do
>> > what I think it would have preferred to do four years ago.
>> >
>> I think what FCC wanted several years back was pretty close to what
>> they actually did - 3 classes of license, minimal or zero code
>> testing. No medical waivers. Less written testing, too.
>

> They chose 6 classes of licenses. They neglected to deal with the
> dangling Novice, Tech Plus, and Advanced issues.
>
>> 73 de Jim, N2EY
>
> 73, Brian
>

I'd like to see what the CEPT do at the end of this month in their meeting. At present they have two classes : Class 1 (full privileges, requires full theory test and 5wpm, recently reduced from 12wpm) and Class 2 (144 MHz +, reduced theory requirement, no code).

It is not clear why Class 2 operators must stay above 144 MHz, as WARC '79 changed the lower limit for no-coders to 30 MHz, but I guess it is because of countries who had not implemented that at the time the areement was originally written.

They could merge Class 1 and Class 2, but as there is supposed to be a difference in theory level, they may not. If they do merge them, as some rumours are suggesting, then Class 2s (such as both types of US Technician) would have full privileges including full HF access in every CEPT treaty country they visit.

Clearly, though, the CEPT are going to abolish the code requirement for Class 1, whether or not they merge it with Class 2 or reduce the lower frequency for Class 2, and this will come about a month after when the ITU introduced the new s25 rules.

This will have enourmous impact. All of a sudden, no-coders from all sorts of countries will be able to operate HF in other countries, if maybe not immediately in their own. Don't forget, in many countries no-coders have to take the full theory, so those will become Class 1 even if Techs are still Class 2!

So many countries belong to the CEPT agreement that it will place a huge amount of pressure on individual countries to abolish code testing more quickly. In the interim, lots of no-coders would be able to operate HF only by going mobile and driving across a border!

576. Re: So what do we call them?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-09 16:38:16 UTC
From: Jack Twilley <jmt+usenet@twilley.org>
Message-ID: <86adbnzmdj.fsf@duchess.twilley.org>
Source record: 70403
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.dx

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>>>>> "K0HB" == k0hb <k0hb@arrl.net> writes:

K0HB> What convention should we use on the air to refer to the 5 new
K0HB> channels in the 5MHz band? I recommend we call them Channel E1,
K0HB> E2, E3, E4, and E5. Simple and easy to remember.

What's wrong with calling them by their frequencies?

K0HB> 73, de Hans, K0HB

Jack.
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Jack Twilley
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577. Re: The curse for HF bands

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-09 16:39:24 UTC
From: Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93B380B405D0Felektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>
Source record: 70405

k0hb@arrl.net (K0HB) wrote in
news:e79dbd9b.0307090654.410a3ddf@posting.google.com:

> Anonymous Twit <anonymous@remailer.metacolo.com> wrote in message
> news:<b755894c213fde14a1115a3cc9cf2088@remailer.metacolo.com>...
>
>> The fastest countries to abolish Morse will conquer the HF bands.
>
> I said it a few years ago, and I'll say it again. Every ham who wants
> to be on HF is already there.

I think you'll be proven wrong there, but let's wait and see, shall we?

> The number of new hams who actually show up on HF when the Morse
> examination requirement is removed (as opposed to showing up as an
> upgrade on www.qrz.com) will be negligible.
>
> With all kind wishes,
>
> de Hans, K0HB
>

578. Re: The Pool

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-09 17:09:06 UTC
From: N2EY@AOL.COM
Message-ID: <c2356669.0307090909.6bc74acd@posting.google.com>
Source record: 70406

Somehow I missed this on the first pass....

"Kim" <fahgedit@nomail.net> wrote in message news:<be72fb$41i@library2.airnews.net>...
> "N2EY" <n2ey@aol.com> wrote in message
> news:20030705082334.04207.00001333@mb-m01.aol.com...
> > In article <be4acc$95s@library1.airnews.net>, "Kim" <dont
> hassleme@nomail.net>
> > writes:

> > >At least that's the way I see it. I wonder how much shareholders
> > >realize that there is complete insanity inside
> > >the realm of large corporate entities who constantly spend huge dollars
> > >on
> > >organizational/operational changes, often just to change again in less
> > >than a year!
> > >
> > All true. But in the area of code testing, FCC has been constantly moving
> > in the direction of reduction/elimination for at least 28 years.
> >
> > Of course that doesn't mean they will act logically now that the end is in
> > sight.
> >
> > Are you saying we should keep Element 1, Kim?
> > >> --
>
> Oh goodness, what a loaded question,

Wasn't meant to be a loaded question, just a simple inquiry on your
opinion.

> and that is very astute of you (you'll
> understand that comment much more than many here, I suspect <GRIN>).

I do - and thanks!

> I
> don't want to seem like I'm hedging, and I'm a damned good debater, but let
> me preface my "final answer" with the following:
>
> It is extremely disappointing to me to see that this hobby is so populated
> by people who are so pleased with themselves and under the apparent
> impression that a ham radio license includes the authority to gnash and hate
> anyone different from themselves.

I agree there are a few like that, Kim, but in 35+ years I've only
encountered a few of them. Maybe there are more where you are. There

are certainly more here on rrap than I've encountered in the general
ARS population.

I would also say that your description could be applied to many
different induhviduals, on all sides of the various debates.
>
> I believe that CW testing has promulgated such behavior as above.

How? It's just a basic test of a simple skill.

> It is a
> "governmental approval" for a specific mode, thereby warranting that anyone
> who has taken and passed this mode test is, somehow, of a higher regard to
> the FCC and, at least, to fellow hams.

If that's true, then the same can be said of the written tests. And
vanity callsigns. Or any other accomplishment by an individual.
>
> Over time, the CW testing has (by many hams) been a filtering device to keep
> their ideas of "no gooders" out of the hobby--promoting a "good 'ol boy"
> concept.

Maybe where you are. Not around here, or anywhere else I've lived.

Some would describe the code test as an "ante" - an initial
investment, so to speak.

> This is attitude is horrendous in a "goodwill" hobby, and displays
> of it are terribly disturbing to me. As amateur radio operators we are
> ambassadors of the United States. And, to get so petty as to some of the
> arguments spoken in this newsgroup, and even more comments I hear on the
> air, it makes me totally embarrassed to even bring the hobby of ham radio up
> to anyone any more.

I don't hear the sort of argument you describe on the air here in EPA,
Kim. In fact, from what I see and hear, the whole code-test thing
seems to be pretty well confined to rrap and a few other outlets.
Maybe where you are it's different, but among the hams I know, putting
someone or a whole group down because of their license class is simply
Not Acceptable Behavior.

> Now, all that given, I respect the tradition of CW.

That's good. But it's more than a tradition - it's a very popular mode
in the ARS today. Second only to SSB on the amateur HF bands. I would
not be surprised if this year it turned out that CW was #1 in total
QSOs during FD.

> Contrary to such people
> as Dick Carroll and Larry Roll, who go off half-cocked thinking they "know"
> who someone is based on their dislike of the mode of CW, most of we who are
> new to the hobby are quite respectful of the tradition of ham radio, and
> know good talent on CW when we see it--indeed even love to watch someone
> doing it.

Many if not most newcomers are as you describe. But a growing number are not - in fact, there are some who consider it a put-down even to be called newcomers.

> Yes, I want CW to stay as a testing element and I think 5wpm is sufficient.

Excellent! But I'm afraid neither you nor I will get our druthers on this. (I'd be happy with 13 and 20 wpm code tests, actually. 5 wpm was an FCC mistake, made more than 50 years ago).

> I also think it should be sending OR receiving (not both), and I think that
> waivers should only be given upon the agreement of 2 doctors that a certain
> handicap is, indeed, the complaint of any particular individual.

I think both sending and receiving should be tested (the two reinforce each other).

Medical waivers were simply a quick way for FCC to please Papa Bush and a now-dead King* he wanted to grant a favor. Their implementation was very poor - any MD or DO could write a waiver, regardless of specialty or experience. But speech and language pathologists, occupational therapists, audiologists and other professionals with far more specialized knowledge and experience in disabilities had no standing at all. That makes absolutely no sense and shows that the FCC was simply looking for a quickie solution to a problem.

Again,I'm afraid neither you nor I will get our druthers on this.

> Heck,
> maybe the Federal Gov't. could even come up with approved doctors--they
> approve VEs, right?

Not gonna happen. The VECs approve the VEs, and the FCC oversees the process.

Last thing FCC wants is more admin work, which is exactly what any sort of waiver system generates.

Reducing routine admin work is a key FCC goal. That's why all the emphasis on reduced testing, fewer tests and license classes, online renewals and modifications, 10 year licenses, etc. It's the whole reason behind the VEC and QPC systems: Get unpaid volunteers to do the work and provide the services and facilities formerly performed by paid govt. personnel. Brilliant, actually.

That's why the smart money approaches FCC with ready-made ideas, at the right time.

> I hear too many stories of hams who have no business
> being any class of ham where CW was required--because they DON'T know CW.

I'm not sure what you mean.

Do you know hams who have forgotten the code? So do I. I also know folks who have forgotten all sorts of things they once had to know to pass various tests, but they don't get their highschool diplomas

pinched for it.
>
> People such as those mentioned earlier here are reprehensible in their
> opinion (in *my* opinion <GRIN>), and it is their behavior that does more to
> harm ham radio than the choices others make NOT to learn CW or who choose
> not to use CW once they've passed and exam requirement.

Agreed - and folks like that exist on all sides of the codetest
debate. Do we really want someone who writes things like "those in the
minority should learn to take 'No' for an answer and get on with
life"? (It wasn't a pro-code-test person who wrote that).

> I am happy to have
> *anyone* in the hobby--even those with not-so-great-operating practices, as
> long as they are friendly, promote ham radio as a positive experience, and
> encourage others to simply JOIN, not to GET TO EXTRA.

I'm happy to have anyone who follows the rules, pulls their own
weight, exhibits a positive attitude towards others, and seeks to
learn and grow.

What gets forgotten too often is that the license test is just the
beginning.

73 de Jim, N2EY

* "who made you king? I don't recall voting for you!" - "Dennis" in
Monty Python and the Holy Grail

579. Re: NCI post-WRC (was Re: What of NCI?)

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-09 17:25:59 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu>
Message-ID: <3F0C5027.2060809@psu.edu>
Source record: 70407

Carl R. Stevenson wrote:
> "Bill Sohl" <billsohl@mindspring.com> wrote in message
> news:beh6to$8fp$1@slb6.atl.mindspring.net...
>
>>"Penny Traytion" <renboova.news.invalid@web2news.net> wrote in message
>>news:48958N715@web2news.com...
>>
>>>Bert Craig wrote:
>>>
>>>>Now that the ITU treaty requirement re. CW is gone, (For
>>>>all intents and
>>>>purposes.) does that mean NCI's job is done? If not,
>>>>what's next?
>>>
>>>No Test International.
>>
>>WRONG...
>>
>>NCI still has the individual administration decisions to address...
>>and for the uninformed... NCI's charter does NOT address
>>written testing. If anyone is going to propose a "No Test
>>International" they'll not get my support nor (IMHO) the support
>>of any other NCI directors.

Assuming success, what then? A big party and then disbandment?

- Mike KB3EIA -

580. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-09 17:29:42 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu>
Message-ID: <3F0C5106.3050309@psu.edu>
Source record: 70410

lbudney@pobox.com wrote:
> Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu> writes:
>
>>Perhaps Hams and anyone who want to be a ham should have to pay for
>>the spectrum we want.
>
>
> Pay who? Where is the owner?

1. The FCC 2. A whole new argument!

> Milton Friedman, in his work "Free to Choose", would argue that this
> is a case, like the case of "clean air", which could properly be
> assigned to government: there is a clear public interest in conserving
> this resource, but no clear way to allocate costs.
>
> He would probably propose a consumption tax, based on bandwidth,
> power, duty cycle, etc., which automatically allocates bandwidth (in
> the long run) according to its most profitable use: if the people
> badly want a service which consumes piles of bandwidth over a vast
> area for most of the time, then they would pay enough to offset the
> immense consumption tax on the provider.
>
> Of course, the effect is that hams will all start using CW. C'mon! You
> can pay tax on 150 Hz, or pay over 20 times as much for SSB. CW wins,
> hands down.

Heh Heh!

- Mike KB3EIA -

581. Re: Is There ANY Recourse re. FCC & Dropping CW?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-09 17:34:41 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu>
Message-ID: <3F0C5231.7020702@psu.edu>
Source record: 70411

Carl R. Stevenson wrote:

<snippage>
>
> I remember a few years back when the ARRL got the amateur community
> all fired up over "little LEOs trying to take the 2m band" ... the result
> was
> a firestorm of e-mails to the FCC that overloaded their servers and cause
> them great difficulty in conducting normal business ... something that they
> DEFINITELY did NOT appreciate!

I'll show my ignorance here What is a LEO? Low Earth Orbiter?

- Mike KB3EIA -

582. Re: More on Broadband over Power Lines (BLP)

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-09 17:35:59 UTC
From: Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net>
Message-ID: <3F0C527C.A97DD5F5@att.net>
Source record: 70408
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,alt.ham-radio.vhf-uhf

Dwight Stewart wrote:

>
> Does anyone know about these touted "advances that address problems of
> interference" mentioned above? Are these "advances" really going to prevent
> potential interference problems out here in the real world?

Sure. Just enable your DSP filters, and all will be well with the world. Just
ask
Squiggy or Cecil.

583. Re: More on Broadband over Power Lines (BLP)

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-09 17:36:50 UTC
From: Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net>
Message-ID: <3F0C52B0.1BAFDA77@att.net>
Source record: 70409
Cross-posted to: alt.ham-radio.vhf-uhf,rec.radio.amateur.policy

Phil Kane wrote:

> On Wed, 09 Jul 2003 03:02:43 GMT, Jim Hampton wrote:
>
> >Phil, I doubt you're kidding, but a single wire with a ground return? That
> >is going to have a ton of problems even *without* putting broadband on it.
>
> That amazed me too - but there's only one insulator on the pole pig
> and one wire crossing the street to same. Three phase primary is
> three wire, so there isn't even a Wye Neutral for return.
>
> I first saw this system along the Trans-Canada highway in Alberta in
> 1970 and I put it down to the rural-ness of the area. But suburban
> Portland in the 21st Century?

Isn't that putting a lot of faith in the quality of the ground? I still remember
years ago when I serviced a repeater out in the national forest that appeared to be working normally until some remote user keyed it up while I had my VM probes in the AC socket- the primary voltage suddenly dropped from 118 to about 50 volts.

It was instantly obvious what was wrong- the neutral return was open and the keydown load on the AC now found the series resistance of the ground return-actually earth now- was such that it dropped the primary voltage that much. And the pole pig was only a few feet away.

I gotta wonder how in the world a utilitly could reliably use earth for a return
when they have no idea what load the consumer will place on it. I've never seen earth with resistance as low as copper! :^)

Dick

584. Re: More on Broadband over Power Lines (BLP)

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-09 17:37:32 UTC
From: Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net>
Message-ID: <3F0C52D9.F1D51CEB@att.net>
Source record: 70412

Brian Kelly wrote:

> N2EY@AOL.COM (N2EY) wrote in message
>
> >
> > Basically they come down to two ideas:
> >
> > 1) spectrum masking, which consists of not allowing the BPL systems to
> > use frequencies in the ham bands. Which is fine until something
> > nonlinear in the system causes intermodulation products, harmonics or
> > other spurious signals to fall in the ham bands. This method was used
> > to stop HomePlug and other in-building systems from tearing up 80
> > meters - AFTER our own W1RFI and other ARRL folks got the manufacturer
> > to recognize the problem.
> >
> > 2) "improved modes and modulations", which permit the use of lower
> > signal levels and hence lower signal leakage. Supposedly.
> >
> > The BIG problem is obvious to anyone who actually goes out and looks
> > at a typical aerial distribution system. Lots of nice, long wires, way
> > up in the air, running all over everyone's neighborhood. Put a little
> > RF in them and watch it radiate.
> >
> > Heck, one of the biggest problems in access BPL is that the lines are
> > "lossy" at RF. They're "lossy" because they radiate!
> > >
> > You can read the comments of others and leave your own at the FCC
> > website, via the ECFS system. Check out what the ARRL is saying and
> > doing at the ARRL website.
>
> Where is the NTIA in all this? They sure got their knickers in a twist
> about hams having broad access to 60M because of the potential
> interference to vital gummint HF comms from us. BPL is not the same
> kind of threat to the gummint itself than it is to us? Hams are not
> the only users of HF, in fact we're close to being bit players
> overall. What about the SWL's? All the gummint time & frequency
> standards stations? All the HF military comms we don't know about? The
> commercial PACTOR users?
>

Eggsactly! We don't have any idea what's going on behind the scenes, but
if NTIA is no more on the ball than they were in the 60 meter case it may well
be NOTHING! recall they said not a word until well past the comments and reply
comments time, then sent a letter of opposition to FCC. You suppose they're as
asleep again, or worse will wake up to find DC-80mhz QRM a done deal?

I really doubt it. Somebody, somewhere will surely clue Powell etc in before tea time. Otherwise it's egg-on-face time, bigtime.

> Question for Phil: At what point can opponents of BPL take it out of
> the hands of the FCC and into the Federal courts? I'm thinking in
> terms of the ARRL taking it to the wall and laying on the expert
> witnesses Powell Jr. can't brush off like he can at this stage.
>
>

That surely wouldn't set well, a suit showing where and how FCC abrogated it's statutory responsibility if favor of the$$$$$ set.

585. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-09 17:37:53 UTC
From: Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net>
Message-ID: <3F0C52EF.F44F03C7@att.net>
Source record: 70413

Mike Coslo wrote:

> I was sitting around a dinner table with some friend hams, and the
> conversation shifted to licensing. One of the guys noted how "Any moron
> can become an Extra now." I just chuckled and said, "and I am the proof
> of that!" He was a bit embarrassed, but I took no offense and made a
> joke of it.

And that 's the problem in a nutshell nowdays, Mike - Based on license it's impossible to say with any degree of
certanty that one isn't! Based on the required and demonstrated knowledge and ability level demanded of the testing
today, it's simply not possible to say with any certainty that the new licensee knows anything about the subject
matter, nor is competent to handle radiotelegraphy at effective communications speeds.

FCC might as well gone ahead and did away with license classes, they mean nothing anymore.

586. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-09 17:42:20 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu>
Message-ID: <3F0C53FC.4080009@psu.edu>
Source record: 70415

JJ wrote:
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> Larry Roll K3LT wrote:
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>>
>> Yup -- got it right that time. CW *is* an operator skill.
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>
> Yes it is.
>
>> Do you have
>> something
>> against operator skill -- or are you one of those New Age hams that think
>> yakking into a microphone is all the demonstration of operator skill that
>> should
>> ever be required of you?
>
>
> Do you have something against someone who has no desire to operate CW?
> There are many different modes of operation in ham radio, do you operate
> them all?

No more than I have against someone who chooses to do satellite work,
while I have to test for it.

Rf Safety is required to be calculated for by people when they run over
a certain power. Why should someone who never intends to work over 50
watts have to test for RF safety?

If someone never intends to homebrew, why should they test on any
equations.

Sounds like we should maybe make up our own tests.

>>
>> Funny -- nobody has ever been able to "discourage" me from doing anything
>> I wanted to do. I just went ahead and did it. I could care less what
>> other
>> people think, do,
>
>
> The proper phrase is "I could NOT care less what other people think"
>

I could not care less if I could care less. 8^)

- Mike KB3EIA -

587. Re: Fight the BPL

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-09 17:44:55 UTC
From: 'Doc <w5lz@cwis.net>
Message-ID: <3F0C5497.C48404D4@cwis.net>
Source record: 70414
Cross-posted to:
rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.swap,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.policy

Zoran,
Exactly how would my contribution be used to fight
'BPL'? Postage, salaries, ISP changes?
'Doc

588. Re: HB9 First to Kill the Code Test!

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-09 18:23:30 UTC
From: Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93B39258EE2EAelektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>
Source record: 70419

Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net> wrote in news:3F0C3929.9E400FDF@att.net:

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>
> Alun Palmer wrote:
>
>> Switzerland has abolished code testing. They have mailed out a letter
to
>> each Class 2 (no-code) ham authorising them to use all HF bands.
>
> Both of them??
>
>

I've done some homework on this. There are something like 4,800 Swiss hams, about half and half Class 1 (HB9+2 letters) and Class 2 (HB9+3 letters), excepting only about 70 or 80 (!) Class 3 (HB3). I thought at first that we would hear a new prefix, but the few HB3s will continue to have only 2m/70cm. In fact there are about a couple of thousand Class 2 Swiss no-coders now unleashed on HF with longer HB9 + 3 letter calls.

Switzerland is only the beginning. In a couple of weeks time you can look forward to hearing UK no-coders on HF with G1, G6, G7, G8 and M1 calls. Those are just the ones with full privileges. There will be 2E1s with Intermediate licences to join the existing 2E0s as well (there are at least four times as many 2E1s as there are 2E0s). There are probably about 40,000 UK no-coders.

And it won't stop there.

589. Re: So what do we call them?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-09 18:25:24 UTC
From: kelly@dvol.com
Message-ID: <d22b54c3.0307091025.3cecea39@posting.google.com>
Source record: 70420
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.dx

k0hb@arrl.net (K0HB) wrote in message
news:<e79dbd9b.0307090701.64f92401@posting.google.com>...
> What convention should we use on the air to refer to the 5 new
> channels in the 5MHz band? I recommend we call them Channel E1, E2,
> E3, E4, and E5. Simple and easy to remember.
>
> 73, de Hans, K0HB

Ham brains only respond to freqs, they do not do well with channel
tags. Like on 2M. "The .360 machine". "the .195 machine", etc.

w3rv

590. Re: So what do we call them?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-09 18:30:29 UTC
From: Robert Casey <wa2ise@ix.netcom.com>
Message-ID: <3F0C5F45.5010705@ix.netcom.com>
Source record: 70421
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.dx

K0HB wrote:

>What convention should we use on the air to refer to the 5 new
>channels in the 5MHz band? I recommend we call them Channel E1, E2,
>E3, E4, and E5. Simple and easy to remember.
>
>73, de Hans, K0HB
>
>

On my Kenwood rig, I have them stored in memory, from memory location 51
to 55.
If Kenwood's methods are the same as the other guys, we could just say
"five one"
"five two" etc.

591. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-09 18:31:02 UTC
From: kelly@dvol.com
Message-ID: <d22b54c3.0307091031.7d9d43f6@posting.google.com>
Source record: 70422

"Bill Sohl" <billsohl@mindspring.com> wrote in message
news:<beh7g3$u5b$1@slb0.atl.mindspring.net>...
> "Larry Roll K3LT" <yodoc@aol.comnospam> wrote in message
> news:20030708235714.09955.00000611@mb-m21.aol.com...
> > In article <bef8ch$6h$7@slb5.atl.mindspring.net>, "Dan/W4NTI"
> > <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com> writes:
> >
> > >Their next step should be joining up with a terrorist group.
> > >They could be used as human bombs.
> > >Dan/W4NTI
> >
> > The problem with that is, if Carl Stevenson's brain were composed of
> > Semtex, he couldn't blow his nose!
> > 73 de Larry, K3LT
>
> Larry,
> Sure sounds like sour grapes to me.
>
> Did you know that Carl was in Geneva as a member of the
> US delegation? Seems pretty respected in
> ITU circles to me.

Blather, he was just another observer with some commercial interest
group he's involved with, had absolutely nothing to do with ham
radio, not even close.

>
> Cheers,
> Bill K2UNK

w3rv

592. Re: Is There ANY Recourse re. FCC & Dropping CW?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-09 18:38:16 UTC
From: Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93B394DA1BDE9elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>
Source record: 70423

"Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> wrote in
news:grXOa.5694$_k2.238628@nnrp1.ptd.net:

> "Bert Craig" <wa2si@arrl.netNOSPAM> wrote in message
> news:QXWOa.38441$U23.29126@nwrdny01.gnilink.net...
>> Here's a question. Forgive me if it appears trollish, but I gotta ask.
>>
>> Is there any individual or dept. within the FCC that folks can send
>> e-mails to in support of retaining the 5-wpm exam? Or, for instance,
>> all Techs would automatically get Novice/Tech+ privies while Element 1
>> is retained for General and Extra?
>>
>> Or is it a forgone conclusion that the FCC WILL drop Element 1 despite
>> any volume of sentiments to the contrary?
>
> Bert,
>
> Back a few years ago, when the FCC issued its Report and Order
> "restructuring" the ARS, the ONLY reason they gave for keeping
> ANY Morse testing at that time was the requirement in S25.5 of
> the ITU Radio Regs.
>
> Now that that is gone, all of the countries of the world are free to
> drop Morse testing from their national rules.
>
> While I think it's a fairly good bet that the FCC WILL drop Morse
> testing, frankly, I don't see the FCC acting on this in any sort of
> "automatic"
> or "self-initiated" way ... the status quo is 5 wpm for General and
> Extra.
>
> And, since there is currently no petition or open docket item at the
> FCC proposing to make any such changes, letters and e-mails would, at
> this point,
> most likely be considered an unwarranted annoyance by the FCC staffers
> who would have to deal with them. (and no matter what our respective
> views on code/no-code, I don't think that ANY of us want the ARS
> to be viewed as being a thorn in the FCC's side ...)
>
> I remember a few years back when the ARRL got the amateur community
> all fired up over "little LEOs trying to take the 2m band" ... the
> result was
> a firestorm of e-mails to the FCC that overloaded their servers and
> cause them great difficulty in conducting normal business ... something

> that they DEFINITELY did NOT appreciate!
>
> I'm sure that the amateur community will get notice when this question
> finally does come up at the FCC ... THAT will be the time to comment
> (when they ASK for comments). In the meantime, a major mail/e-mail
> "blitz" on the FCC will almost certainly harm the standing of the ARS
> as a whole at the FCC.
>
> 73,
>

Bert, as I see it the basic facts are these:

1)The FCC won't respond to anything filed before congress has ratified the new treaty (no point approaching congress, though, as that part will be a rubber stamp excercise);

2)Everyone and his dog will then file petitions to restructure the Amateur service. You could file one too;

3)This will be followed by requests for comments, and you could then file yours too.

The bottom line is yes, there's still plenty of recourse, but not yet, and very little chance they won't dump element 1 completely anyway (see the previous poster's explanation).

If you want to petition for all Techs getting Tech+ privileges, or file a comment to that effect, that may be worthwhile, all the same.

593. Re: More on Broadband over Power Lines (BLP)

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-09 18:55:18 UTC
From: N2EY@AOL.COM
Message-ID: <c2356669.0307091055.54d9798a@posting.google.com>
Source record: 70424
Cross-posted to: alt.ham-radio.vhf-uhf,rec.radio.amateur.policy

"Phil Kane" <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop> wrote in message
news:<cuvyxnansvbet.hhqg03m.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>...
> On Wed, 09 Jul 2003 03:02:43 GMT, Jim Hampton wrote:
>
> >Phil, I doubt you're kidding, but a single wire with a ground return? That
> >is going to have a ton of problems even *without* putting broadband on it.
>
> That amazed me too - but there's only one insulator on the pole pig
> and one wire crossing the street to same. Three phase primary is
> three wire, so there isn't even a Wye Neutral for return.
>
> I first saw this system along the Trans-Canada highway in Alberta in
> 1970 and I put it down to the rural-ness of the area. But suburban
> Portland in the 21st Century?

Are there NO other wires on the pole?

Here in EPA, most residential areas have three-phase going down the
larger streets (like South Devon Ave. here in Wayne), with
single-phase feeders going to the side streets. The return is partly
through the dirt but mostly through the main messenger that carries
the 120/240 twisted wires.

Earth return will work fine, if the ground is good enough. The few
HVDC lines that have been installed can be operated that way if one
conductor fails.

73 de Jim, N2EY

594. Re: More on Broadband over Power Lines (BLP)

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-09 19:09:31 UTC
From: N2EY@AOL.COM
Message-ID: <c2356669.0307091109.2bad34ef@posting.google.com>
Source record: 70425

kelly@dvol.com (Brian Kelly) wrote in message
news:<d22b54c3.0307090507.7adc636e@posting.google.com>...
> N2EY@AOL.COM (N2EY) wrote in message
>
> >
> > Basically they come down to two ideas:
> >
> > 1) spectrum masking, which consists of not allowing the BPL systems to
> > use frequencies in the ham bands. Which is fine until something
> > nonlinear in the system causes intermodulation products, harmonics or
> > other spurious signals to fall in the ham bands. This method was used
> > to stop HomePlug and other in-building systems from tearing up 80
> > meters - AFTER our own W1RFI and other ARRL folks got the manufacturer
> > to recognize the problem.
> >
> > 2) "improved modes and modulations", which permit the use of lower
> > signal levels and hence lower signal leakage. Supposedly.
> >
> > The BIG problem is obvious to anyone who actually goes out and looks
> > at a typical aerial distribution system. Lots of nice, long wires, way
> > up in the air, running all over everyone's neighborhood. Put a little
> > RF in them and watch it radiate.
> >
> > Heck, one of the biggest problems in access BPL is that the lines are
> > "lossy" at RF. They're "lossy" because they radiate!
> > >
> > You can read the comments of others and leave your own at the FCC
> > website, via the ECFS system. Check out what the ARRL is saying and
> > doing at the ARRL website.
>
> Where is the NTIA in all this?

Waiting for the right moment. Or totally oblivious.

> They sure got their knickers in a twist
> about hams having broad access to 60M because of the potential
> interference to vital gummint HF comms from us.

Right - but they waited until AFTER all the comments were in and it
looked like FCC was gonna give us 150 kHz and full power. THEN they
spoke up, directly to FCC.

Prolly same thing going on now. If FCC stops BPL because of the work
of ARRL, IEEE and others, NTIA doesn't have to lift a finger.

> BPL is not the same
> kind of threat to the gummint itself than it is to us?

NTIA isn't going to admit that sort of thing right out in public
unless they have to.

> Hams are not
> the only users of HF, in fact we're close to being bit players
> overall. What about the SWL's? All the gummint time & frequency
> standards stations? All the HF military comms we don't know about? The
> commercial PACTOR users?

Some of them are commenting. The IEEE Power Relaying committee did a
really good comment that recognized the need to protect hams and
others from BPL. There are also interesting safety and electrical
noise issues as well. Example: The access BPL systems use a bypass
filter to allow the signals to go around the pole pig, which is very
lossy at RF. What if the bypass filter develops a short, and tries to
put several KVs to ground through YOUR meter service? What about
electrical noise (besides the BPL signals) on the primary side getting
fed to the secondary side?
>
> Question for Phil: At what point can opponents of BPL take it out of
> the hands of the FCC and into the Federal courts? I'm thinking in
> terms of the ARRL taking it to the wall and laying on the expert
> witnesses Powell Jr. can't brush off like he can at this stage.
>
I'd say that sort of thing is a really, really, REALLY good way to get
the FCC seriously pissed off at the BPL opponents (personally) and the
ARS in general. Even if such a case actually got to court, it would
have a one-in-a-google chance of winning. And if it was actually won,
FCC could make life VERY difficult for the winners, or the winners'
service, in a zillion different little ways.

Trying to "go over the FCC's head" is a last-ditch
nothing-left-to-lose desperation move, I think.

Correct me if I'm wrong, Phil.

73 de Jim, N2EY

595. Re: Fight the BPL

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-09 19:46:18 UTC
From: aunwin@insightbb.com
Message-ID: <85ed38d.0307091146.7f73ee0f@posting.google.com>
Source record: 70428
Cross-posted to:
rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.swap,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.policy

60db is a very high figure. Where does this figure come from.
If this is correct wouldn't the VOA,BBC and others nations
broadcasts be shut out from America? Something is odd here,
I can't believe that the FCC would intentionally jam all HF
frequencies from citizen useage.
If the 60db figure is an exageration to get funds then the
augument is lost before it starts !
Even if it is correct Ham Radio could not do anything about
it because its members have shown little interest in
perpetuating the hobby with actual deeds.

Art

mdbZoran Brlecic <...WA7AA...@get.lost> wrote in message
news:<3F0BAC2C.2040401@get.lost>...
> Even if you are not an ARRL member and/or disagree with its policy, you
> should seriously consider contributing to this fund. If the BPL
> technology ever gets implemented, this may very well be the end of ham
> radio as we know it. Make no mistake about it - we're talking 60 dB
> noise increase across the entire HF, not dropping the Morse requirement!
> And for what? So that people in the rural areas of USA can have a faster
> download from porn sites?
>
> https://www.arrl.org/forms/development/donations/bpl/
>
> A measly $25 - $100 can help prevent your $5000 equipment from becoming
> an expensive coffee cup warmer.
>
>
> 73 .... WA7AA

596. Re: Fight the BPL

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-09 19:50:02 UTC
From: Nomen Nescio <nobody@dizum.com>
Message-ID: <63f802c81018da57a5519e31cf2c8b36@dizum.com>
Source record: 70429
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.swap,rec.radio.amateur.policy

In article <3F0BAC2C.2040401@get.lost>
Zoran Brlecic <...WA7AA...@get.lost> wrote:

Doesn't the Brass Pounders League have something to say about this?

597. Re: Renewed my license "on-line", only took 4 Hours

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-09 20:26:10 UTC
From: Dan/W4NTI <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com>
Message-ID: <behtlp$8sv$1@slb3.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 70430

Careful you will be the next 'smart ass'.

Dan/W4NTI

"D. Stussy" <kd6lvw@bde-arc.ampr.org> wrote in message
news:Pine.LNX.4.56.0307090054510.364@kd6lvw.ampr.org...
> On Sun, 6 Jul 2003, JJ wrote:
> > Dan/W4NTI wrote:
> > > Another reason to join the ARRL. For members license renewal is FREE.
> >
> > License renewal if FREE to any licensed amateur, ARRL membership
> > is not necessary.
>
> Wrong. For license renewals filed via the [ARRL's] volunteer examiner
program
> by non-ARRL members, a processing fee is still supposed to be applied.
Some VE
> teams do not enforce this.

598. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-09 20:34:19 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307091234.5aec16fe@posting.google.com>
Source record: 70431

"Phil Kane" <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop> wrote in message
news:<cuvyxnansvbet.hhqg6ln.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>...
> On 9 Jul 2003 03:19:48 GMT, Alun Palmer wrote:
>
> >State originally meant country, but then you formed a union.
>
> Actually we formed a confederation.

And i thought it was a federation, governed as a republic.

599. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-09 20:34:50 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu>
Message-ID: <3F0C7C6A.80706@psu.edu>
Source record: 70434

JJ wrote:
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> Mike Coslo wrote:

>>> Larry Roll K3LT wrote:
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>>>
>>>>
>>>> Yup -- got it right that time. CW *is* an operator skill.
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>>>> Do you have
>>>> something
>>>> against operator skill -- or are you one of those New Age hams that
>>>> think
>>>> yakking into a microphone is all the demonstration of operator skill
>>>> that
>>>> should
>>>> ever be required of you?
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>>> Do you have something against someone who has no desire to operate
>>> CW? There are many different modes of operation in ham radio, do you
>>> operate them all?
>>
>>
>>
>> No more than I have against someone who chooses to do satellite
>> work, while I have to test for it.
>
>
> What if you decide at some later time to do satellite work?

Correct!

>> Rf Safety is required to be calculated for by people when they run
>> over a certain power. Why should someone who never intends to work
>> over 50 watts have to test for RF safety?
>
>
> What if they decide at some later point to increase their power?

Correct!

>> If someone never intends to homebrew, why should they test on any
>> equations.
>
>
>
> What is they suddenly get the urge to build a homebrew transmitter or
> amplifier?

Correct!

>> Sounds like we should maybe make up our own tests.

>
> Maybe you had rather be call in to be tested on a new mode each time you
> decide to operate a new mode.
>

Correct!
You do know I'm being a devil's advocate here?

Or better said, I really believe that an prospective amateur should get
as much education as possible. Removing the Morse code requirement,
while celebrated by some hams and prospective hams, is not a good
thing. They who celebrate this are celebrating advancement of ignorance.

- Mike KB3EIA -

600. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-09 20:35:44 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307091235.4c06843d@posting.google.com>
Source record: 70432

kelly@dvol.com (Brian Kelly) wrote in message
news:<d22b54c3.0307090432.23cdd4be@posting.google.com>...
> "Bert Craig" <wa2si@arrl.netNOSPAM> wrote in message
news:<pxHOa.10530$EC6.4801883@news4.srv.hcvlny.cv.net>...
> > "Brian" <brianburke@juno.com> wrote in message
> > news:f45722ac.0307081324.38ef0445@posting.google.com...
> > > kelly@dvol.com (Brian Kelly) wrote in message
> news:<d22b54c3.0307080401.27b2040a@posting.google.com>...
> > > > "Bert Craig" <wa2si@arrl.netNOSPAM> wrote in message
> news:<8tpOa.1709$EC6.857405@news4.srv.hcvlny.cv.net>...
> > > > > Now that the ITU treaty requirement re. CW is gone, (For all intents
> and
> > > > > purposes.) does that mean NCI's job is done? If not, what's next?
> > > >
> > > >
> > > > Welp, since the name of the operation is No Code Test *International*
> > > > their work is far from done. Seems like code tests will continue in a
> > > > number of countries, Russia, Germany, China, the Arab states, etc. NCI
> > > > will have to schmooze the likes of Putin (Col, ret. KGB), Jiang and
> > > > the lop-yer-head-off Arab sweethearts before they can claim mission
> > > > complete. Squiggy gets Yemen, Sohl gets Mongolia for openers. Oughta
> > > > be interesting.
> > > >
> > > > w3rv
> > >
> > > What do I get?
> >
> > State sanctioned QRM.
>
> Wouldn't do any good, he doesn't know how to put up antennas.

QRM does good?

601. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-09 20:37:01 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307091237.1da19d9d@posting.google.com>
Source record: 70433

Dan, not funny. Brian

"Dan/W4NTI" <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com> wrote in message
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> Their next step should be joining up with a terrorist group. They could be
> used as human bombs.
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> Dan/W4NTI
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> news:8tpOa.1709$EC6.857405@news4.srv.hcvlny.cv.net...
> > Now that the ITU treaty requirement re. CW is gone, (For all intents and
> > purposes.) does that mean NCI's job is done? If not, what's next?
> >
> > --
> > 73 de Bert
> > WA2SI
> >
> >

602. Re: Fight the BPL

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-09 20:38:04 UTC
From: dplatt@radagast.org
Message-ID: <vgov9c6sievpc8@corp.supernews.com>
Source record: 70435
Cross-posted to:
rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.swap,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.policy

In article <85ed38d.0307091146.7f73ee0f@posting.google.com>,
Art Unwin KB9MZ <aunwin@insightbb.com> wrote:

>60db is a very high figure. Where does this figure come from.

Visit www.arrl.org, take a look at their hot-news article on BPL near the top of the page, follow the link to the full story, and then look for the link which lets you download the ARRL's 121-page response to the FCC inquiry directly from the FCC's web site.

The ARRL response contains a bunch of the studies that the ARRL did. Some of them are based on standard sorts of theoretical calculations (e.g. NEC2 modelling of power lines as antennas, combined with data on the probable spectral density of BPL signals, with power levels assumed to be at or near the FCC's current Part 15 emissions limits).

If I recall correctly, the response also cites a number of studies of BPL systems which have been performed overseas. These studies showed that serious problems do exist.

>If this is correct wouldn't the VOA,BBC and others nations
>broadcasts be shut out from America?

It seems likely.

> Something is odd here,
>I can't believe that the FCC would intentionally jam all HF
>frequencies from citizen useage.

When money is involved, government bodies have been known to do some very strange things.

It has also become apparent that some very senior FCC officials are woefully ignorant about radio. Political appointees, I suppose.

>If the 60db figure is an exageration to get funds then the
>augument is lost before it starts !

So, go read the studies and decide for yourself. The ARRL has had citations for the overseas studies, and preliminary versions of their own sets of calculations, on-line on their Web site for many weeks.

The ARRL pages point out that previous studies in Japan had led the Japanese government to a similar set of conclusions about the interference potential, and that the Japanese government has concluded that BPL technologies of the sort being discussed _cannot_ be put into

production in Japan because of this unacceptable interference potential.

>Even if it is correct Ham Radio could not do anything about
>it because its members have shown little interest in
>perpetuating the hobby with actual deeds.

Feh. Looks to me as if well over 1000 individual Ham operators took the time to write down their responses to the FCC's NOI and post them on the FCC web site (this isn't counting the numerous duplicate uploads, which I suspect occurred because the FCC's upload server appears to be running on a Commodore 64-grade system and had a nasty tendency to hang during the upload/confirm process).

I spent 3-4 hours crafting my own comments on Saturday, and uploaded them successfully on Monday morning.

--
Dave Platt <dplatt@radagast.org> AE6EO
Hosting the Jade Warrior home page: http://www.radagast.org/jade-warrior
I do _not_ wish to receive unsolicited commercial email, and I will boycott any company which has the gall to send me such ads!

603. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-09 20:40:49 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307091240.3e72fac1@posting.google.com>
Source record: 70436

yodoc@aol.comnospam (Larry Roll K3LT) wrote in message
news:<20030708235714.09955.00000611@mb-m21.aol.com>...
> In article <bef8ch$6h$7@slb5.atl.mindspring.net>, "Dan/W4NTI"
> <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com> writes:
>
> >Their next step should be joining up with a terrorist group. They could be
> >used as human bombs.
> >
> >Dan/W4NTI
>
> Dan:
>
> The problem with that is, if Carl Stevenson's brain were composed of
> Semtex, he couldn't blow his nose!
>
> 73 de Larry, K3LT

True, voluntary motor skills wouldn't be supported by the substitution
of semtex for brain matter.

bb

604. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-09 20:45:32 UTC
From: Bill Sohl <billsohl@mindspring.com>
Message-ID: <behv3ndsa1@slb2.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 70437

"Mike Coslo" <mjc5@psu.edu> wrote in message
news:3F0C3812.2050508@psu.edu...
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> Bill Sohl wrote:
> > "Hans K0HB" <k0hb@earthlink.net> wrote in message
> > news:21581ca121ce6e1a0cb83d94148bf23d.128005@mygate.mailgate.org...
> >
> >>"Mike Coslo" <mjc5@psu.edu> wrote in message news:3F0AC3F9.305@psu.edu
> >>
> >>>Actually as a point of interest, and maybe a little trolling, Just WHY
> >>>should there be testing for a ham license?
> >>
> >>Because your transmissions travel on a "public thoroughfare", there is a
> >>requirement to ensure that you have demonstrated the knowledge to
> >>operate without negative impact on the other users of that resource,
> >>sort of like you need a drivers license to operate a motor vehicle on
> >>public highways.
> >> 73, de Hans, K0HB
> >
> > Well said Hans.
>
> Well said indeed, but what if enough people just reject that logic?
> What if it is decided that the licenses just need to be bought? Say 200
> bucks a shot? Or maybe a yearly sort of thing. Why have any other
> qualifications for the license?
>
> - Mike KB3EIA -

When the FCC takes that position then I'll fight
against it. For now, that's just empty speculation.
I have long sgo stated my opposition to any
elimination of written testing...and, have made
suggestions to the VCCs on ways to improve
written testing.

Cheers,
Bill K2UNK
NCI Director

605. Re: HB9 First to Kill the Code Test!

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-09 20:55:11 UTC
From: Bill Sohl <billsohl@mindspring.com>
Message-ID: <behvlj$4mo$1@slb3.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 70438

"Alun Palmer" <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote in message
news:Xns93B39258EE2EAelektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4...
> Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net> wrote in news:3F0C3929.9E400FDF@att.net:
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> > >
> > >
> > > Alun Palmer wrote:
> > >
> > >> Switzerland has abolished code testing. They have mailed out a letter
> to
> > >> each Class 2 (no-code) ham authorising them to use all HF bands.
> > >
> > > Both of them??
> >
> > I've done some homework on this. There are something like 4,800 Swiss
> > hams, about half and half Class 1 (HB9+2 letters) and Class 2 (HB9+3
> > letters), excepting only about 70 or 80 (!) Class 3 (HB3). I thought at
> > first that we would hear a new prefix, but the few HB3s will continue to
> > have only 2m/70cm. In fact there are about a couple of thousand Class 2
> > Swiss no-coders now unleashed on HF with longer HB9 + 3 letter calls.
> >
> > Switzerland is only the beginning. In a couple of weeks time you can look
> > forward to hearing UK no-coders on HF with G1, G6, G7, G8 and M1 calls.
> > Those are just the ones with full privileges. There will be 2E1s with
> > Intermediate licences to join the existing 2E0s as well (there are at
> > least four times as many 2E1s as there are 2E0s). There are probably
> > about 40,000 UK no-coders.
> >
> > And it won't stop there.

Is that an expression of concern? Or simply a statement
of fact?

Cheers,
Bill K2UNK

606. Re: Is There ANY Recourse re. FCC & Dropping CW?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-09 21:02:40 UTC
From: Bill Sohl <billsohl@mindspring.com>
Message-ID: <bei03n$8fu$1@slb0.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 70440

"Alun Palmer" <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote in message
news:Xns93B394DA1BDE9elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4...
> "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> wrote in
> news:grXOa.5694$_k2.238628@nnrp1.ptd.net:
>
> > "Bert Craig" <wa2si@arrl.netNOSPAM> wrote in message
> > news:QXWOa.38441$U23.29126@nwrdny01.gnilink.net...
> >> Here's a question. Forgive me if it appears trollish, but I gotta ask.
> >>
> >> Is there any individual or dept. within the FCC that folks can send
> >> e-mails to in support of retaining the 5-wpm exam? Or, for instance,
> >> all Techs would automatically get Novice/Tech+ privies while Element 1
> >> is retained for General and Extra?
> >>
> >> Or is it a forgone conclusion that the FCC WILL drop Element 1 despite
> >> any volume of sentiments to the contrary?
> >
> > Bert,
> >
> > Back a few years ago, when the FCC issued its Report and Order
> > "restructuring" the ARS, the ONLY reason they gave for keeping
> > ANY Morse testing at that time was the requirement in S25.5 of
> > the ITU Radio Regs.
> >
> > Now that that is gone, all of the countries of the world are free to
> > drop Morse testing from their national rules.
> >
> > While I think it's a fairly good bet that the FCC WILL drop Morse
> > testing, frankly, I don't see the FCC acting on this in any sort of
> > "automatic"
> > or "self-initiated" way ... the status quo is 5 wpm for General and
> > Extra.
> >
> > And, since there is currently no petition or open docket item at the
> > FCC proposing to make any such changes, letters and e-mails would, at
> > this point,
> > most likely be considered an unwarranted annoyance by the FCC staffers
> > who would have to deal with them. (and no matter what our respective
> > views on code/no-code, I don't think that ANY of us want the ARS
> > to be viewed as being a thorn in the FCC's side ...)
> >
> > I remember a few years back when the ARRL got the amateur community
> > all fired up over "little LEOs trying to take the 2m band" ... the
> > result was

> > a firestorm of e-mails to the FCC that overloaded their servers and
> > cause them great difficulty in conducting normal business ... something
> > that they DEFINITELY did NOT appreciate!
> >
> > I'm sure that the amateur community will get notice when this question
> > finally does come up at the FCC ... THAT will be the time to comment
> > (when they ASK for comments). In the meantime, a major mail/e-mail
> > "blitz" on the FCC will almost certainly harm the standing of the ARS
> > as a whole at the FCC.
> >
> > 73,
> >
>
> Bert, as I see it the basic facts are these:
>
> 1)The FCC won't respond to anything filed before congress has ratified the
> new treaty (no point approaching congress, though, as that part will be a
> rubber stamp excercise);

And even if congress failed to ratify it would change nothing
in the ITU treaty. In fact, if congress doesn't
ratify, then the USA would simply NOT be a participant
in the treaty. The former treaty is, as of 7/5/03, null and void.

> 2)Everyone and his dog will then file petitions to restructure the Amateur
> service. You could file one too;

Maybe. Time will tell.

> 3)This will be followed by requests for comments, and you could then file
> yours too.

Not necessarily. Since the FCC already stated (in R&O 98-143)
that code was only retained because of the S25.5 requirement, it is possible
for the FCC to just drop Element 1 altogether based solely on
prior consideration.

> The bottom line is yes, there's still plenty of recourse, but not yet, and
> very little chance they won't dump element 1 completely anyway (see the
> previous poster's explanation).

Agree.

> If you want to petition for all Techs getting Tech+ privileges, or file a
> comment to that effect, that may be worthwhile, all the same.

Cheers,
Bill K2UNK

607. Re: NCI post-WRC (was Re: What of NCI?)

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-09 21:10:11 UTC
From: Bill Sohl <billsohl@mindspring.com>
Message-ID: <bei0i1$fm2$1@slb0.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 70442

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"Mike Coslo" <mjc5@psu.edu> wrote in message
news:3F0C5027.2060809@psu.edu...
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>
> Carl R. Stevenson wrote:
> > "Bill Sohl" <billsohl@mindspring.com> wrote in message
> > news:beh6to$8fp$1@slb6.atl.mindspring.net...
> >
> >>"Penny Traytion" <renboova.news.invalid@web2news.net> wrote in message
> >>news:48958N715@web2news.com...
> >>
> >>>Bert Craig wrote:
> >>>
> >>>>Now that the ITU treaty requirement re. CW is gone, (For
> >>>>all intents and
> >>>>purposes.) does that mean NCI's job is done? If not,
> >>>>what's next?
> >>>
> >>>No Test International.
> >>
> >>WRONG...
> >>
> >>NCI still has the individual administration decisions to address...
> >>and for the uninformed... NCI's charter does NOT address
> >>written testing. If anyone is going to propose a "No Test
> >>International" they'll not get my support nor (IMHO) the support
> >>of any other NCI directors.
>
> Assuming success, what then? A big party and then disbandment?
>
> - Mike KB3EIA -

That'd be fine with me. I am also in ARRL and have held a
field assignment position (LGL) for several years. I have
repeatedly stated I did not see NCI trying to expand
beyond NCI's core objectives nor do anything else to
try and replicate ARRL functions.

Cheers,
Bill K2UNK
Dir. NCI
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608. Re: Renewed my license "on-line", only took 4 Hours

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-09 21:24:07 UTC
From: "D. Stussy" <kd6lvw@bde-arc.ampr.org>
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.56.0307092121510.583@kd6lvw.ampr.org>
Source record: 70443

On Tue, 8 Jul 2003, Arnie Macy wrote:
> "D. Stussy" wrote ...
>
> BS. I use dial-up and it took me 2 minutes about 2 months ago.
> --
> _
>
> Your experience, NOT mine. I have a dial-up 56k and it took over 4 hours.
> The Java software had to load, then it took another hour to send the info
> and confirm my renewal. If you already had the software on your system,
> then that could account for the speed.

Then your phone line has issues. The only way that could take 4 hours is if the download takes at least three, which means that your effective baud rate was just about 2,400.

609. Re: Is There ANY Recourse re. FCC & Dropping CW?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-09 21:27:15 UTC
From: "D. Stussy" <kd6lvw@bde-arc.ampr.org>
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.56.0307092125520.583@kd6lvw.ampr.org>
Source record: 70444

On Wed, 9 Jul 2003, Bert Craig wrote:
> Here's a question. Forgive me if it appears trollish, but I gotta ask.
>
> Is there any individual or dept. within the FCC that folks can send e-mails
> to in support of retaining the 5-wpm exam? Or, for instance, all Techs would
> automatically get Novice/Tech+ privies while Element 1 is retained for
> General and Extra?
>
> Or is it a forgone conclusion that the FCC WILL drop Element 1 despite any
> volume of sentiments to the contrary?

All we have is their 2000 year comments on the issue. If you want to keep it
(say for the Extra class, but drop it for General), then you should file a
petition for rulemaking....

610. Re: Renewed my license "on-line", only took 4 Hours

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-09 21:31:14 UTC
From: "D. Stussy" <kd6lvw@bde-arc.ampr.org>
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.56.0307092128150.583@kd6lvw.ampr.org>
Source record: 70445

On Wed, 9 Jul 2003, Dan/W4NTI wrote:
> Careful you will be the next 'smart ass'.

Why? He asked about the ARRL's policy regarding renewals. I answered. I am an ARRL VE and therefore know what the policy is. What's so "smart ass" about that? I gave a straightforward answer. Don't get pissed because you were wrong.

> "D. Stussy" <kd6lvw@bde-arc.ampr.org> wrote in message
> news:Pine.LNX.4.56.0307090054510.364@kd6lvw.ampr.org...
> > On Sun, 6 Jul 2003, JJ wrote:
> > > Dan/W4NTI wrote:
> > > > Another reason to join the ARRL. For members license renewal is FREE.
> > >
> > > License renewal if FREE to any licensed amateur, ARRL membership
> > > is not necessary.
> >
> > Wrong. For license renewals filed via the [ARRL's] volunteer examiner
> > program by non-ARRL members, a processing fee is still supposed to be
> > applied. Some VE teams do not enforce this.

611. Re: Renewed my license "on-line", only took 4 Hours

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-09 21:32:53 UTC
From: "D. Stussy" <kd6lvw@bde-arc.ampr.org>
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.56.0307092131130.583@kd6lvw.ampr.org>
Source record: 70446

On Wed, 9 Jul 2003, JJ wrote:
> D. Stussy wrote:
> > On Sun, 6 Jul 2003, JJ wrote:
> >>Dan/W4NTI wrote:
> >>
> >>>Another reason to join the ARRL. For members license renewal is FREE.
> >>
> >>License renewal if FREE to any licensed amateur, ARRL membership
> >>is not necessary.
> >
> >
> > Wrong. For license renewals filed via the [ARRL's] volunteer examiner program
> > by non-ARRL members, a processing fee is still supposed to be applied. Some VE
> > teams do not enforce this.
>
> Where did I state anything about renewing through the ARRL?
> License renewal is FREE to any licensed amateur, you don't have to
> belong to the ARRL or any other ham radio organization to renew
> you license for FREE directly with the FCC.

Context: Your reply clearly referred to a quoted reply which talked about
renewals VIA the ARRL.

612. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-09 21:36:57 UTC
From: "Leland C. Scott" <no-spam@junk-mail.net>
Message-ID: <D_ucncsiHNBmF5GiXTWJiQ@comcast.com>
Source record: 70447

"Arnie Macy" <kt4st@csam.net> wrote in message
news:befv0o$4lp89$1@ID-166180.news.dfncis.de...
> "Leland C. Scott" wrote ...
>
> Are you really that "dense" Arnie where you
can't figure it out on your
> own?
>
> 73's de,
>
> Leland C. Scott
> KC8LDO
>
> ARRL member
> NCI member
>

>
> Nope, but anybody who refers to a straight key
as a "code key" and sends
> 73's is.

Dah, you mean all those fine southern operators on
75m that claim to have been Hams since the dawn of
the dinosaur have it all wrong! Gee I didn't know
that. ;-) My favorite group to monitor hangs out
around 3950 KHz more or less. One or more of them
have even offered to Elmer R.H. on several
occasions between beers.

--
Leland C. Scott
KC8LDO

ARRL Member
NCI Member

Charter member of the
Lawrence Technological University
Wireless Society W8LTU

613. Swiss drops CW to Hell

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-09 21:44:09 UTC
From: Fritz Wuehler <fritz@rodent.frell.eu.org>
Message-ID: <e0e4acc7f54a148d20914e1e7d8d1c16@remailer.frell.eu.org>
Source record: 70448

http://www.uska.ch/html/de/iaru/wrc2003.html

Swiss is a nice democracy !

614. Re: Fight the BPL

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-09 22:11:47 UTC
From: Paul Vanasse <pvanasse@cox.net>
Message-ID: <Dq0Pa.1044$o86.640@news1.central.cox.net>
Source record: 70449
Cross-posted to:
rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.swap,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.policy

"Zoran Brlecic" <...WA7AA...@get.lost> wrote in message
news:3F0BAC2C.2040401@get.lost...
> A measly $25 - $100 can help prevent your $5000 equipment from becoming
> an expensive coffee cup warmer.
>
>
> 73 .... WA7AA

Uhhh, this one is even better than Christian Science. What about all the government, military, ship to shore, and navigational use of the HF spectrum? Do you think that the FCC is actually going to allow malicious interference to disrupt these services?

Whether the ARRL is involved or not, and if the statement concerning noise is true, it will never happen.

Save your BPL money and take your girl friend out for a Prime Rib dinner and a night on the town......You'll get a hell of a lot more bang for your buck.

615. Re: Is There ANY Recourse re. FCC & Dropping CW?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-09 22:22:57 UTC
From: Robert Casey <wa2ise@ix.netcom.com>
Message-ID: <3F0C95C1.6070603@ix.netcom.com>
Source record: 70451

Bert Craig wrote:

>
>Or is it a forgone conclusion that the FCC WILL drop Element 1 despite any
>volume of sentiments to the contrary?
>
>
>
Another angle is to ask "What does the FCC get for requiring element 1
for generals and
extras?" No other American service uses code anymore. The FCC isn't
in the business
of awarding gold stars.

616. Re: HB9 First to Kill the Code Test!

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-09 22:23:42 UTC
From: Tobias <tobias@ntlworld.com>
Message-ID: <RA0Pa.779$0w6.88469@newsfep1-win.server.ntli.net>
Source record: 70450

Just because they are B licences does not mean they don't use CW. I use CW
and I'm G6 and used it on 2m 70cm and 6m. Cw will NEVER die !.
"Alun Palmer" <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote in message
news:Xns93B39258EE2EAelektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4...
> Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net> wrote in news:3F0C3929.9E400FDF@att.net:
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> > >
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> > > Alun Palmer wrote:
> > >
> > >> Switzerland has abolished code testing. They have mailed out a letter
> to
> > >> each Class 2 (no-code) ham authorising them to use all HF bands.
> > >
> > > Both of them??
> > >
> > >
>
> I've done some homework on this. There are something like 4,800 Swiss
> hams, about half and half Class 1 (HB9+2 letters) and Class 2 (HB9+3
> letters), excepting only about 70 or 80 (!) Class 3 (HB3). I thought at
> first that we would hear a new prefix, but the few HB3s will continue to
> have only 2m/70cm. In fact there are about a couple of thousand Class 2
> Swiss no-coders now unleashed on HF with longer HB9 + 3 letter calls.
>
> Switzerland is only the beginning. In a couple of weeks time you can look
> forward to hearing UK no-coders on HF with G1, G6, G7, G8 and M1 calls.
> Those are just the ones with full privileges. There will be 2E1s with
> Intermediate licences to join the existing 2E0s as well (there are at
> least four times as many 2E1s as there are 2E0s). There are probably
> about 40,000 UK no-coders.
>
> And it won't stop there.
>

617. Re: So what do we call them?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-09 22:52:56 UTC
From: k0hb@arrl.net
Message-ID: <e79dbd9b.0307091452.5a5011d2@posting.google.com>
Source record: 70452
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.dx

Jack Twilley <jmt+usenet@twilley.org> wrote

>
> What's wrong with calling them by their frequencies?
>

Certainly nothing wrong with that at all.

But since most of us will probably just poke them into 5 convenient
memory slots, some sort of easy memory aid might be helpful.

Whatever.

73, de Hans, K0HB

618. Re: So what do we call them?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-09 22:55:11 UTC
From: k0hb@arrl.net
Message-ID: <e79dbd9b.0307091455.46d443bf@posting.google.com>
Source record: 70453

hamradio@is.evil wrote

> How about just saying the god damn frequency?

OK, meet me on "the god damn frequency".

For further details, see http://www.amishrakefight.org/gfy

With all kind wishes,

de Hans, K0HB

619. Re: So what do we call them?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-09 23:28:46 UTC
From: Robert Casey <wa2ise@ix.netcom.com>
Message-ID: <3F0CA52E.8010202@ix.netcom.com>
Source record: 70454
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.dx

Brian Kelly wrote:

>Ham brains only respond to freqs, they do not do well with channel
>tags. Like on 2M. "The .360 machine". "the .195 machine", etc.
>
>w3rv
>
>
That's because our rigs display frequencies. CBers talk about channel
numbers, TV
watchers talk about channels and so on. But broadcast AM radio talks about
frequencies, as listeners' radios are marked with frequencies (often
incorrectly as
54 to 160 KHz). The FCC talks about FM radio channel numbers, but the
public
only knows about frequencies, as that is how most all radios are marked.

620. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-10 00:04:32 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
Message-ID: <3F0CADC6.9020500@adelphia.net>
Source record: 70455

Alun Palmer wrote:
> Robert Casey <wa2ise@ix.netcom.com> wrote in
> news:3F0B99D4.7010902@ix.netcom.com:
>
>
>>Phil Kane wrote:
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>>
>>> The questions come out of computer at a speed which is dependent on
>>> how fast the applicant is answering them. Scramble the questions
>>> and the multi-choice answers so that if one memorizes the "little
>>> red book" of all the questions and answers it won't help unless
>>> s/he understands and knows the material.
>>>
>>> The machine keeps feeding questions until it is a guaranteed "pass"
>>> or a guaranteed "fail" and then it terminates the exam session. The
>>> applicant does not know whether s/he passed or not until the
>>> results are sent by mail. Just like the olden days.....
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>>Back in 1994 I lived in Oregon for a year. The written driver's test at
>>the DMV was
>>done with a computer with touch screen. I knew how many questions I got
>>wrong, but
>>lost track of how many more I had to complete during the test. Then it
>>told me that
>>I passed and my score, around 92%.
>>
>>Paper tests generated just before the VE session via computer would be
>>cheaper and
>>easier than dedicated hardware like that DMV had anyway.
>>
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>
>
> It wouldn't need dedicated hardware - just software

Whatcha gonna run that software on?

- Mike KB3EIA -

621. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-10 00:12:31 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
Message-ID: <3F0CAFA3.9050605@adelphia.net>
Source record: 70456

N2EY wrote:
> In article <3F09CC15.7030008@psu.edu>, Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu> writes:
>
>
>>That's the way to do it. By the time, I got my General, I was actually
>>pretty used to HF operation. As a tech, I had operated in some contests
>>that the club participated in, plus a field day. (to the sticklers -
>>yes, with a control op)
>>
>> They tricked me! Got me hooked on contesting, and I had no choice but
>>to upgrade!!!
>
>
> bwaahaahaaa! You've been barracuda'ed.
>
>
>>Well they really didn't trick me, but it worked out that
>>way anyhow.
>
>
> (Jacques Cousteau voice ON)
>
> ".......ze barracudaz veecteemz often do not reelize zay are veecteemz unteel
> too late..."
>
> (Jacques Cousteau voice OFF)
>
>> But every time I try out a different mode, I spen weeks listening
>>before I ever transmit. I hope these new people will do the same.
>
>
> This is one thing which has changed radically since I was a newbie.
>
> Back in the bad old days, many if not most prospective hams started out with a
> shortwave rx, listening to other hams on the air. Most of us had many hours of
> SW listening experience before we ever took a license test. I and many others
> learned the code by listening to hams use it on the air - no tapes, no software
> packages, etc.
>
> Starting out this way meant we already had some real hands-on experience in
> operating procedure, propagation, receiver operation and related subjects
> before we ever got on the air. We also had most of what was needed for a ham
> shack of that era - receiver, antenna, key, 'phones, and a desk or table to put
> it on. When the license test was passed, all that was left to do was add the

> transmitter and T/R system.
>
> In my case, I built my first transmitter while waiting for the license to
> arrive.
>
> From what I've read and seen, many newcomers today get the license first, then
> set about putting a station together. Some did it that way back when, too - and
> often they were the ones whose Novice licenses ran out before they were ready
> for the General test.
>
> Cart before the horse, IMHO.

It does make for some awkwardness. My own introduction to the ARS came because I thought it might be nice to make use of the local autopatch in support of one of my other hobbies, 4 wheeling. My wife is reasonable about my getting stuck in the woods and having to dig myself out, but she kinda likes to know about the delay.

So I got the tech license, and then joined the local club. The guys and gals were great, and invited me to the local shack for a contest, and bam, the rest is history.

So I had an unorthodox beginning in the hobby, and my licensing level outraced my operating ability for some time. So it's just my experience that makes me think about the mandatory wait period being a good thing.

- Mike KB3EIA -

622. Re: Fight the BPL

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-10 00:17:35 UTC
From: Paul Vanasse <pvanasse@cox.net>
Message-ID: <zg2Pa.1932$o86.548@news1.central.cox.net>
Source record: 70457
Cross-posted to:
rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.swap,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.policy

"Art Unwin KB9MZ" <aunwin@insightbb.com> wrote in message
news:85ed38d.0307091146.7f73ee0f@posting.google.com...
> 60db is a very high figure. Where does this figure come from.
> If this is correct wouldn't the VOA,BBC and others nations
> broadcasts be shut out from America? Something is odd here,
> I can't believe that the FCC would intentionally jam all HF
> frequencies from citizen useage.

Its the new ARRL policy. In the past they tried to get you to give them your money based on shear blind loyalty. Now'a'days they want to scare you into giving them the bucks. Its the old "If you cant coax them, scare the crap out of them" fundraising policy. The Catholic Church has used this for years and years.

Just think, when this Echo-link nonsense takes over (ala the ARRL's and their "Hinternet"), we'll all have $2000 CB radios.....I know I cant wait!

623. Re: Is There ANY Recourse re. FCC & Dropping CW?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-10 00:22:08 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030709202208.03929.00000793@mb-m28.aol.com>
Source record: 70460

In article <grXOa.5694$_k2.238628@nnrp1.ptd.net>, "Carl R. Stevenson"
<wk3cqth@wk3c.com> writes:

>Back a few years ago, when the FCC issued its Report and Order
>"restructuring" the ARS, the ONLY reason they gave for keeping
>ANY Morse testing at that time was the requirement in S25.5 of
>the ITU Radio Regs.

That was reaffirmed in their response to the Wormser-Adsit-Dinelli Petiton for
Reconsideration, too. I recall that the FCC said they thought code testing
"serves no regulatory purpose" other than meeting the treaty requirement.
>
>Now that that is gone, all of the countries of the world are free to
>drop Morse testing from their national rules.

The USA has to ratify the revised treaty first. Ink up the rubber stamps...
>
>While I think it's a fairly good bet that the FCC WILL drop Morse
>testing, frankly, I don't see the FCC acting on this in any sort of
>"automatic"
>or "self-initiated" way ...

Why not? They said the test is there for Reason X. Reason X no longer exists.
Bye-bye code test.

Of course there will be petitions all over the place just to make sure.

>the status quo is 5 wpm for General and Extra.

Hard to see what all the fuss is about, really.
>
>And, since there is currently no petition or open docket item at the FCC
>proposing to make any such changes, letters and e-mails would, at this
>point,
>most likely be considered an unwarranted annoyance by the FCC staffers
>who would have to deal with them.

The real problem is that FCC can't do anything about it until the treaty is
ratified anyway.

> (and no matter what our respective
>views on code/no-code, I don't think that ANY of us want the ARS
>to be viewed as being a thorn in the FCC's side ...)
>
OK, fine. Then let's ALL not send any letters, emails, proposals or petitions
to the FCC about code testing from now on. We'll just wait until FCC initiates
something and asks for comments. Deal?

>I remember a few years back when the ARRL got the amateur community
>all fired up over "little LEOs trying to take the 2m band" ... the result
>was
>a firestorm of e-mails to the FCC that overloaded their servers and cause
>them great difficulty in conducting normal business ... something that they
>DEFINITELY did NOT appreciate!

So we should all just be quiet, huh?
>
>I'm sure that the amateur community will get notice when this question
>finally does come up at the FCC ... THAT will be the time to comment
>(when they ASK for comments).

OK, fine. I promise not to bother FCC about the subject of code testing if everyone else promises not to bother FCC about the subject of code testing.

Does everyone agree?

>In the meantime, a major mail/e-mail
>"blitz" on the FCC will almost certainly harm the standing of the ARS
>as a whole at the FCC.

The thing to "blitz" the FCC about is Broadband over Power Line. They've only got about 1800 comments - and we have over 685,000 hams.

Did anyone besides me comment to the FCC about it?

Or should I have kept quiet, so as not to annoy FCC? The way the NOI was written, it seemed like BPL was the latest new golden technology. Sure seemed like FCC liked it a lot.

73 de Jim, N2EY

624. Re: Is There ANY Recourse re. FCC & Dropping CW?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-10 00:22:09 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030709202209.03929.00000795@mb-m28.aol.com>
Source record: 70458

In article <3F0C95C1.6070603@ix.netcom.com>, Robert Casey
<wa2ise@ix.netcom.com> writes:

>Bert Craig wrote:
>
>>Or is it a forgone conclusion that the FCC WILL drop Element 1 despite any
>>volume of sentiments to the contrary?

>Another angle is to ask "What does the FCC get for requiring element 1
>for generals and extras?"

I think that will be the ultimate question that decides the issue.

>No other American service uses code anymore.

Actually, there is some use of Morse code by other services for auto-ID.

But even if no other service uses Morse code, hams DO use it. A lot. Which is a
valid reason to have it as a test subject.

>The FCC isn't in the business of awarding gold stars.

Who said they were?

73 de Jim, N2EY

625. Re: Is There ANY Recourse re. FCC & Dropping CW?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-10 00:22:09 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030709202209.03929.00000794@mb-m28.aol.com>
Source record: 70459

In article <bei03n$8fu$1@slb0.atl.mindspring.net>, "Bill Sohl"
<billsohl@mindspring.com> writes:

>> 1)The FCC won't respond to anything filed before congress has ratified the
>> new treaty (no point approaching congress, though, as that part will be a
>> rubber stamp excercise);
>
>And even if congress failed to ratify it would change nothing
>in the ITU treaty. In fact, if congress doesn't
>ratify, then the USA would simply NOT be a participant
>in the treaty. The former treaty is, as of 7/5/03, null and void.

I don't think that's necessarily true, Bill. But it's academic - has the USA
ever not ratified a revised ITU-R treaty?
>
>> 2)Everyone and his dog will then file petitions to restructure the Amateur
>> service. You could file one too;
>
>Maybe. Time will tell.

The smart money will wait until the treaty is ratified.
>
>> 3)This will be followed by requests for comments, and you could then file
>> yours too.
>
>Not necessarily. Since the FCC already stated (in R&O 98-143)
>that code was only retained because of the S25.5 requirement, it is possible
>for the FCC to just drop Element 1 altogether based solely on
>prior consideration.

BINGO. In fact, considering both the R&O and the FCC response to the
Worser-Adsit-Dinelli Petition for Reconsideration, I would be very, very
surprised if FCC bothered with an NPRM.
>
>> The bottom line is yes, there's still plenty of recourse, but not yet, and
>> very little chance they won't dump element 1 completely anyway (see the
>> previous poster's explanation).
>
>Agree.
>
>> If you want to petition for all Techs getting Tech+ privileges, or file a
>> comment to that effect, that may be worthwhile, all the same.

The next step is "what other changes are needed?" That will take an NPRM

73 de Jim, N2EY

626. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-10 00:22:11 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030709202211.03929.00000796@mb-m28.aol.com>
Source record: 70461

In article <behl45$58fu1$5@ID-189073.news.dfncis.de>, "Ryan, KC8PMX"
<kc8pmx@diamondcs.net> writes:

>"Bert Craig" <wa2si@arrl.netNOSPAM> wrote in message
>news:ryDOa.9654$EC6.3989034@news4.srv.hcvlny.cv.net...
>> "Ryan, KC8PMX" <kc8pmx@diamondcs.net> wrote in message
>> news:beeshk$48kng$5@ID-189073.news.dfncis.de...
>> > Existing technicians may choose to utilize their
>> > new privileges
>>
>> Correct me if I'm wrong, but I don't think there've been any "new
>> privivleges" confered yet.
>
>New privileges if the code requirement is dropped, as mentioned in the
>thread in the past, and the basic tone of the thread in the first place.

If the FCC dumps Element 1 but makes no other changes to the rules, the only
folks to get any new privs will be Technicians who have not passed the code
test. They would get the same HF privileges as Novices and Techs who have
passed the code test.

Ironically, most of those privileges are for the use of code.
>
>> > but the dropping of morse code completely is not going to
>> > bring up our numbers any more than where we are at right now from a
>> >month to month basis.
>>
>> Probably correct.
>
>Overall, from what I have seen listed in the N2EY postings, we average about
>10,000 new licensees per month on average.

WHOA THERE!

The number of new ham licenses in the USA has been averaging about 2000 per
month for the past year or so, not 10,000. My posts in "ARS License Numbers"
show the current totals, not the number of new licenses.

Total growth in the 3 years and 3 months since restructuring has been about
10,000 hams.

>There may be an inrush at first,
>but for the most part I think it will still flatten back out to the average
>10,000 per month growth. That is of course if nothing is done in regards to
>promotion outside of the ham ranks more than is being done now.

There's a big difference between the number of new hams and the amount of growth, because of expirations. Growth in the past 3+ years has been about 300 per month, not 10,000.

10,000 per month growth since restructuring would mean we'd be well over a million US hams by now.
>
>> > "N2EY" <n2ey@aol.com> wrote in message
>> > news:20030707071110.09955.00000586@mb-m21.aol.com...
>> > > In article <5c01b95b.0307062127.58297c11@posting.google.com>,
>> k4yz@aol.com
>> > > (Steve Robeson, K4CAP) writes:
>> > >
>> > > >Once the official FCC changes are made, by whatever method, I wonder
>> > > >how long it will take the unlicensed to become licensed...Now that
>> > > >there's NO excuse remaining?
>> > >
>> > > There's always an excuse, Steve.
>>
>> Here's and interesting query...and probabbly a tad trollish, but I
>wonder...
>>
>> How long (or short, actually) will it take for many of the No-code Techs
>> that used to proclaim that their VHF and up allocation was all they wanted
>> because it completely satisfied their "technical" needs to suddenly become
>> Generals and Extras. I seem to remember reading how they could pass
>Element
>> 1 if they wanted to but it would gain them nothing. I wonder if that's
>> changed?
>
>I imagine, (IMHO) that some may elect to use them, some may not. My crystal
>ball is a little fuzzy on this one. I know it will be a few years before I
>could, regardless of what happens.

Exactly the case for many folks. There are three reasons for folks in that situation to upgrade:

1) To nail down a vanity call that they want before somebody else gets it

2) To be able to be a VE or control op without having to worry about privs.

3) To have the license in hand so that when their situation changes, they can take advantage of it. Example: the ham living in an apartment with no HF setup may someday get a big raise and move to their dream shack. If they have the license in hand, they'll be able to use it immediately.

Back in the bad old days I got my Extra for a couple of reasons:

- I wanted all privileges
- it was there
- it was easier and cheaper to get the license than to build or buy a calibrator that could tell me where the subband edges were
- I figured that the requirements would just keep getting tougher, so the thing

to do was get it ASAP.

73 de Jim, N2EY

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627. Re: NCI post-WRC (was Re: What of NCI?)

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-10 00:24:43 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
Message-ID: <3F0CB280.1050309@adelphia.net>
Source record: 70462

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Bill Sohl wrote:
> "Mike Coslo" <mjc5@psu.edu> wrote in message
> news:3F0C5027.2060809@psu.edu...
>
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>>Carl R. Stevenson wrote:
>>
>>>"Bill Sohl" <billsohl@mindspring.com> wrote in message
>>>news:beh6to$8fp$1@slb6.atl.mindspring.net...
>>>
>>>
>>>>"Penny Traytion" <renboova.news.invalid@web2news.net> wrote in message
>>>>news:48958N715@web2news.com...
>>>>
>>>>
>>>>>Bert Craig wrote:
>>>>>
>>>>>
>>>>>>Now that the ITU treaty requirement re. CW is gone, (For
>>>>>>all intents and
>>>>>>purposes.) does that mean NCI's job is done? If not,
>>>>>>what's next?
>>>>>
>>>>>No Test International.
>>>>
>>>>WRONG...
>>>>
>>>>NCI still has the individual administration decisions to address...
>>>>and for the uninformed... NCI's charter does NOT address
>>>>written testing. If anyone is going to propose a "No Test
>>>>International" they'll not get my support nor (IMHO) the support
>>>>of any other NCI directors.
>>>
>>Assuming success, what then? A big party and then disbandment?
>>
>>- Mike KB3EIA -
>
>
> That'd be fine with me. I am also in ARRL and have held a
> field assignment position (LGL) for several years. I have
> repeatedly stated I did not see NCI trying to expand
> beyond NCI's core objectives nor do anything else to
> try and replicate ARRL functions.
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> Cheers,
> Bill K2UNK
> Dir. NCI

Political groups often have problems after achieving their objectives. The people who join them tend to be avtivists and often will just shift their Objectives. Even if you personally are ready to disband, are your followers?

- Mike KB3EIA -

628. Re: HB9 First to Kill the Code Test!

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-10 00:25:42 UTC
From: Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93B3CFC4A3312elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>
Source record: 70463

"Bill Sohl" <billsohl@mindspring.com> wrote in
news:behvlj$4mo$1@slb3.atl.mindspring.net:

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> "Alun Palmer" <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote in message
> news:Xns93B39258EE2EAelektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4...
>> Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net> wrote in
>> news:3F0C3929.9E400FDF@att.net:
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>> >
>> >
>> > Alun Palmer wrote:
>> >
>> >> Switzerland has abolished code testing. They have mailed out a
>> >> letter to each Class 2 (no-code) ham authorising them to use all HF
>> >> bands.
>> >
>> > Both of them??
>>
>> I've done some homework on this. There are something like 4,800 Swiss
>> hams, about half and half Class 1 (HB9+2 letters) and Class 2 (HB9+3
>> letters), excepting only about 70 or 80 (!) Class 3 (HB3). I thought
>> at first that we would hear a new prefix, but the few HB3s will
>> continue to have only 2m/70cm. In fact there are about a couple of
>> thousand Class 2 Swiss no-coders now unleashed on HF with longer HB9 +
>> 3 letter calls.
>>
>> Switzerland is only the beginning. In a couple of weeks time you can
>> look forward to hearing UK no-coders on HF with G1, G6, G7, G8 and M1
>> calls. Those are just the ones with full privileges. There will be
>> 2E1s with Intermediate licences to join the existing 2E0s as well
>> (there are at least four times as many 2E1s as there are 2E0s). There
>> are probably about 40,000 UK no-coders.
>>
>> And it won't stop there.
>
> Is that an expression of concern? Or simply a statement
> of fact?
>
> Cheers,
> Bill K2UNK
>
>
>

>

More like gloating over the losers in this debate, I'm afraid!

629. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-10 00:26:16 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
Message-ID: <3F0CB2DE.1030003@adelphia.net>
Source record: 70464

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Bill Sohl wrote:
> "Mike Coslo" <mjc5@psu.edu> wrote in message
> news:3F0C3812.2050508@psu.edu...
>
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>>Bill Sohl wrote:
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>>>"Hans K0HB" <k0hb@earthlink.net> wrote in message
>>>news:21581ca121ce6e1a0cb83d94148bf23d.128005@mygate.mailgate.org...
>>>
>>>
>>>>"Mike Coslo" <mjc5@psu.edu> wrote in message news:3F0AC3F9.305@psu.edu
>>>>
>>>>
>>>>>Actually as a point of interest, and maybe a little trolling, Just WHY
>>>>>should there be testing for a ham license?
>>>>
>>>>Because your transmissions travel on a "public thoroughfare", there is a
>>>>requirement to ensure that you have demonstrated the knowledge to
>>>>operate without negative impact on the other users of that resource,
>>>>sort of like you need a drivers license to operate a motor vehicle on
>>>>public highways.
>>>> 73, de Hans, K0HB
>>>
>>>Well said Hans.
>>
>>Well said indeed, but what if enough people just reject that logic?
>>What if it is decided that the licenses just need to be bought? Say 200
>>bucks a shot? Or maybe a yearly sort of thing. Why have any other
>>qualifications for the license?
>>
>>- Mike KB3EIA -
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>
> When the FCC takes that position then I'll fight
> against it. For now, that's just empty speculation.
> I have long sgo stated my opposition to any
> elimination of written testing...and, have made
> suggestions to the VCCs on ways to improve
> written testing.

Understood, and I believe you, Bill. I just wonder what the troops will
do.......

- Mike KB3EIA -
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630. Re: Is There ANY Recourse re. FCC & Dropping CW?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-10 00:27:54 UTC
From: Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93B3D02384598elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>
Source record: 70465

"Bill Sohl" <billsohl@mindspring.com> wrote in
news:bei03n$8fu$1@slb0.atl.mindspring.net:

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> "Alun Palmer" <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote in message
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>>
>> > "Bert Craig" <wa2si@arrl.netNOSPAM> wrote in message
>> > news:QXWOa.38441$U23.29126@nwrdny01.gnilink.net...
>> >> Here's a question. Forgive me if it appears trollish, but I gotta
>> >> ask.
>> >>
>> >> Is there any individual or dept. within the FCC that folks can send
>> >> e-mails to in support of retaining the 5-wpm exam? Or, for
>> >> instance, all Techs would automatically get Novice/Tech+ privies
>> >> while Element 1 is retained for General and Extra?
>> >>
>> >> Or is it a forgone conclusion that the FCC WILL drop Element 1
>> >> despite any volume of sentiments to the contrary?
>> >
>> > Bert,
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>> > standing of the ARS as a whole at the FCC.
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>> > 73,
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>> Bert, as I see it the basic facts are these:
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>> the new treaty (no point approaching congress, though, as that part
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> that code was only retained because of the S25.5 requirement, it is
> possible for the FCC to just drop Element 1 altogether based solely on
> prior consideration.
>

Agreed, but do you really think that will stop people from submitting
petitions for restructuring?

>> The bottom line is yes, there's still plenty of recourse, but not yet,
>> and very little chance they won't dump element 1 completely anyway
>> (see the previous poster's explanation).
>
> Agree.
>

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>> file a comment to that effect, that may be worthwhile, all the same.
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> Cheers,
> Bill K2UNK
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631. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-10 00:38:23 UTC
From: Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93B3D1EA5992Eelektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>
Source record: 70466

Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net> wrote in
news:3F0CADC6.9020500@adelphia.net:

> Alun Palmer wrote:
>> Robert Casey <wa2ise@ix.netcom.com> wrote in
>> news:3F0B99D4.7010902@ix.netcom.com:
>>
>>
>>>Phil Kane wrote:
>>>
>>>
>>>> The questions come out of computer at a speed which is dependent on
>>>> how fast the applicant is answering them. Scramble the questions
>>>> and the multi-choice answers so that if one memorizes the "little
>>>> red book" of all the questions and answers it won't help unless
>>>> s/he understands and knows the material.
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>>>> The machine keeps feeding questions until it is a guaranteed "pass"
>>>> or a guaranteed "fail" and then it terminates the exam session. The
>>>> applicant does not know whether s/he passed or not until the
>>>> results are sent by mail. Just like the olden days.....
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>>>Back in 1994 I lived in Oregon for a year. The written driver's test
>>>at the DMV was
>>>done with a computer with touch screen. I knew how many questions I
>>>got wrong, but
>>>lost track of how many more I had to complete during the test. Then
>>>it told me that
>>>I passed and my score, around 92%.
>>>
>>>Paper tests generated just before the VE session via computer would be
>>>cheaper and
>>>easier than dedicated hardware like that DMV had anyway.
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>>
>> It wouldn't need dedicated hardware - just software
>
> Whatcha gonna run that software on?
>

>
> - Mike KB3EIA -
>
>

Any old PC

632. Re: HB9 First to Kill the Code Test!

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-10 00:59:44 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
Message-ID: <3F0CBAB6.4040709@adelphia.net>
Source record: 70467

Alun Palmer wrote:

> More like gloating over the losers in this debate, I'm afraid!

Yup, I kinda noticed that. I wasn't going to say anything but now that
you bring it up, you aren't much of a good "winner", are you?

- Mike KB3EIA -

633. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-10 01:03:58 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
Message-ID: <3F0CBBB1.8010703@adelphia.net>
Source record: 70468

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Alun Palmer wrote:
> Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net> wrote in
> news:3F0CADC6.9020500@adelphia.net:
>
>
>>Alun Palmer wrote:
>>
>>>Robert Casey <wa2ise@ix.netcom.com> wrote in
>>>news:3F0B99D4.7010902@ix.netcom.com:
>>>
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>>>
>>>>Phil Kane wrote:
>>>>
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>>>>
>>>>> The questions come out of computer at a speed which is dependent on
>>>>> how fast the applicant is answering them. Scramble the questions
>>>>> and the multi-choice answers so that if one memorizes the "little
>>>>> red book" of all the questions and answers it won't help unless
>>>>> s/he understands and knows the material.
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>> Whatcha gonna run that software on?
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>> - Mike KB3EIA -
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>
> Any old PC

Whose PC Alun? One of the test sessions I was at had at least 30 people in it. Who is going to pay for those PC's? Will a VE have to supply his or her own PC for other people to use? Maybe have to buy several to allow everyone to test?

- Mike KB3EIA -

634. Re: More on Broadband over Power Lines (BLP)

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-10 01:04:34 UTC
From: Dwight Stewart <stewart@say.net>
Message-ID: <BB3233E1.1E545%stewart@say.net>
Source record: 70469
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,alt.ham-radio.vhf-uhf

"Dan/W4NTI" wrote:
>
> Its all hype Dwight. Ask the brits what it
> sounds like. At 3 meters it is 30db over S9.
> So if your in the house, or next door, or down
> the street, or if the band is open, on the
> next continent....you aint gonna hear nothing
> but trash.

Man, that sucks. I suspected that might be the case. In the last place I lived, I had a nearby transformer that absolutely raised heck on the radio. However, someone else was obviously bothered by it also - someone shot it full of holes one evening. Anyway, if the normal devices can do that on their own, signals carried over or through those devices is almost certain to cause problems.

Dwight Stewart (W5NET)

http://www.qsl.net/w5net/

635. Re: More on Broadband over Power Lines (BLP)

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-10 01:12:40 UTC
From: Dwight Stewart <stewart@say.net>
Message-ID: <BB3235C7.1E547%stewart@say.net>
Source record: 70470
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,alt.ham-radio.vhf-uhf

"N2EY" wrote:
>
> None of it is good news for hams.

It darn sure doesn't sound like it.

> Basically they come down to two ideas:
>
> 1) spectrum masking, which consists of not
> allowing the BPL systems to use frequencies
> in the ham bands. (snip)

That has already been done with other devices and experience shows it
doesn't always work reliably.

> 2) "improved modes and modulations", which
> permit the use of lower signal levels and
> hence lower signal leakage. Supposedly.

On the HF frequencies, any leakage is significant.

> The BIG problem is obvious to anyone who
> actually goes out and looks at a typical
> aerial distribution system. Lots of nice,
> long wires, way up in the air, running all
> over everyone's neighborhood. Put a little
> RF in them and watch it radiate.

Exactly. That's what got me thinking about this in the first place. My
entire neighborhood is surrounded with power lines, some very high voltage
lines. While none are exactly next door, many are within sight.

> You can read the comments of others and leave
> your own at the FCC website, via the ECFS system.

I'll check into that, Jim. Thanks.

Dwight Stewart (W5NET)

http://www.qsl.net/w5net/

636. Re: More on Broadband over Power Lines (BLP)

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-10 01:17:12 UTC
From: Dwight Stewart <stewart@say.net>
Message-ID: <BB3236D7.1E549%stewart@say.net>
Source record: 70471
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,alt.ham-radio.vhf-uhf

"Dick Carroll" wrote:

> Sure. Just enable your DSP filters, and all
> will be well with the world.

DSP filters can barely keep up with the noise that exists occasionally
now. If that increases, I don't think that is going to do that much.

Dwight Stewart (W5NET)

http://www.qsl.net/w5net/

637. Re: More on Broadband over Power Lines (BLP)

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-10 01:20:22 UTC
From: Dwight Stewart <stewart@say.net>
Message-ID: <BB323795.1E54B%stewart@say.net>
Source record: 70472
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,alt.ham-radio.vhf-uhf

"Dwight Stewart" wrote:

> From the July 2003 issue (pg. 37) of PC World Magazine..

By the way, I'm surprised nobody commented on the mistake in the subject line. That should have read "BPL" instead of "BLP." Sorry about that - the result of typing too fast and not paying attention.

Dwight Stewart (W5NET)

http://www.qsl.net/w5net/

638. Re: So what do we call them?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-10 01:41:58 UTC
From: Hank Oredson <horedson@att.net>
Message-ID: <Gv3Pa.47153$0v4.3215060@bgtnsc04-news.ops.worldnet.att.net>
Source record: 70473
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.dx

"Robert Casey" <wa2ise@ix.netcom.com> wrote in message
news:3F0C5F45.5010705@ix.netcom.com...
> K0HB wrote:
>
> >What convention should we use on the air to refer to the 5 new
> >channels in the 5MHz band? I recommend we call them Channel E1, E2,
> >E3, E4, and E5. Simple and easy to remember.
> >
> >73, de Hans, K0HB
> >
> >
> On my Kenwood rig, I have them stored in memory, from memory location 51
> to 55.
> If Kenwood's methods are the same as the other guys, we could just say
> "five one"
> "five two" etc.

I stuck 'em into memories 1 - 5 (low freq to hi).

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... Hank

Hank: http://horedson.home.att.net
W0RLI: http://w0rli.home.att.net

639. Re: NCI post-WRC (was Re: What of NCI?)

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-10 01:51:16 UTC
From: Bill Sohl <billsohl@mindspring.com>
Message-ID: <beih0pltg1@slb6.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 70475

"Mike Coslo" <mcoslo@adelphia.net> wrote in message
news:3F0CB280.1050309@adelphia.net...
> Bill Sohl wrote:
> > "Mike Coslo" <mjc5@psu.edu> wrote in message
> > news:3F0C5027.2060809@psu.edu...
> >
> >>
> >>Carl R. Stevenson wrote:
> >>
> >>>"Bill Sohl" <billsohl@mindspring.com> wrote in message
> >>>news:beh6to$8fp$1@slb6.atl.mindspring.net...
> >>>
> >>>
> >>>>"Penny Traytion" <renboova.news.invalid@web2news.net> wrote in message
> >>>>news:48958N715@web2news.com...
> >>>>
> >>>>
> >>>>>Bert Craig wrote:
> >>>>>
> >>>>>
> >>>>>>Now that the ITU treaty requirement re. CW is gone, (For
> >>>>>>all intents and
> >>>>>>purposes.) does that mean NCI's job is done? If not,
> >>>>>>what's next?
> >>>>>
> >>>>>No Test International.
> >>>>
> >>>>WRONG...
> >>>>
> >>>>NCI still has the individual administration decisions to address...
> >>>>and for the uninformed... NCI's charter does NOT address
> >>>>written testing. If anyone is going to propose a "No Test
> >>>>International" they'll not get my support nor (IMHO) the support
> >>>>of any other NCI directors.
> >>>
> >>>Assuming success, what then? A big party and then disbandment?
> >>
> >>- Mike KB3EIA -
> >
> >
> > That'd be fine with me. I am also in ARRL and have held a
> > field assignment position (LGL) for several years. I have
> > repeatedly stated I did not see NCI trying to expand
> > beyond NCI's core objectives nor do anything else to

> > try and replicate ARRL functions.
> >
> > Cheers,
> > Bill K2UNK
> > Dir. NCI
>
> Political groups often have problems after achieving their objectives.
> The people who join them tend to be avtivists and often will just shift
> their Objectives. Even if you personally are ready to disband, are your
> followers?
> - Mike KB3EIA -

But I'm not ready to disband. There are over 100
adminstrations that need to change their rules before
NCI's core purpose is met.

Cheers,
Bill K2UNK

640. Re: Is There ANY Recourse re. FCC & Dropping CW?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-10 01:51:24 UTC
From: Dwight Stewart <stewart@say.net>
Message-ID: <BB323EDB.1E686%stewart@say.net>
Source record: 70474

"Alun Palmer" wrote:

> 1)The FCC won't respond to anything filed before
> congress has ratified the new treaty (no point
> approaching congress, though, as that part will
> be a rubber stamp excercise);

Is there no clause in the treaty Congress previous ratified that allows
for modifications in compliance with ITU changes?

Dwight Stewart (W5NET)

http://www.qsl.net/w5net/

641. Re: Is There ANY Recourse re. FCC & Dropping CW?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-10 01:57:27 UTC
From: Bill Sohl <billsohl@mindspring.com>
Message-ID: <beihgpldm1@slb6.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 70476

"N2EY" <n2ey@aol.com> wrote in message
news:20030709202209.03929.00000794@mb-m28.aol.com...
> In article <bei03n$8fu$1@slb0.atl.mindspring.net>, "Bill Sohl"
> <billsohl@mindspring.com> writes:
>
> >> 1)The FCC won't respond to anything filed before congress has ratified
the
> >> new treaty (no point approaching congress, though, as that part will be
a
> >> rubber stamp excercise);
> >
> >And even if congress failed to ratify it would change nothing
> >in the ITU treaty. In fact, if congress doesn't
> >ratify, then the USA would simply NOT be a participant
> >in the treaty. The former treaty is, as of 7/5/03, null and void.
>
> I don't think that's necessarily true, Bill. But it's academic - has the
USA
> ever not ratified a revised ITU-R treaty?

But let's pretend...for academic discussion. Just what would you
expect the USA position to be with regard to the New vs Old ITU
treaty if the USA doesn't ratify? Remember, ratification, if at all,
is a USA function and the end result of ITU doesn't require
a follow-up ratification process from each administration.

(SNIP)

Cheers,
Bill K2UNK

642. Re: Is There ANY Recourse re. FCC & Dropping CW?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-10 01:59:48 UTC
From: Bill Sohl <billsohl@mindspring.com>
Message-ID: <beihgrldm2@slb6.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 70477

"Alun Palmer" <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote in message
news:Xns93B3D02384598elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4...
> "Bill Sohl" <billsohl@mindspring.com> wrote in
> news:bei03n$8fu$1@slb0.atl.mindspring.net:
>
> >
> > "Alun Palmer" <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote in message
> > news:Xns93B394DA1BDE9elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4...
> >> "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> wrote in
> >> news:grXOa.5694$_k2.238628@nnrp1.ptd.net:
> >>
> >> > "Bert Craig" <wa2si@arrl.netNOSPAM> wrote in message
> >> > news:QXWOa.38441$U23.29126@nwrdny01.gnilink.net...
> >> >> Here's a question. Forgive me if it appears trollish, but I gotta
> >> >> ask.
> >> >>
> >> >> Is there any individual or dept. within the FCC that folks can send
> >> >> e-mails to in support of retaining the 5-wpm exam? Or, for
> >> >> instance, all Techs would automatically get Novice/Tech+ privies
> >> >> while Element 1 is retained for General and Extra?
> >> >>
> >> >> Or is it a forgone conclusion that the FCC WILL drop Element 1
> >> >> despite any volume of sentiments to the contrary?
> >> >
> >> > Bert,
> >> >
> >> > Back a few years ago, when the FCC issued its Report and Order
> >> > "restructuring" the ARS, the ONLY reason they gave for keeping
> >> > ANY Morse testing at that time was the requirement in S25.5 of
> >> > the ITU Radio Regs.
> >> >
> >> > Now that that is gone, all of the countries of the world are free to
> >> > drop Morse testing from their national rules.
> >> >
> >> > While I think it's a fairly good bet that the FCC WILL drop Morse
> >> > testing, frankly, I don't see the FCC acting on this in any sort of
> >> > "automatic" or "self-initiated" way ... the status quo is 5 wpm for
> >> > General and Extra.
> >> >
> >> > And, since there is currently no petition or open docket item at the
> >> > FCC proposing to make any such changes, letters and e-mails would,
> >> > at this point,
> >> > most likely be considered an unwarranted annoyance by the FCC
> >> > staffers who would have to deal with them. (and no matter what our

> >> > respective views on code/no-code, I don't think that ANY of us want
> >> > the ARS to be viewed as being a thorn in the FCC's side ...)
> >> >
> >> > I remember a few years back when the ARRL got the amateur community
> >> > all fired up over "little LEOs trying to take the 2m band" ... the
> >> > result was
> >> > a firestorm of e-mails to the FCC that overloaded their servers and
> >> > cause them great difficulty in conducting normal business ...
> >> > something that they DEFINITELY did NOT appreciate!
> >> >
> >> > I'm sure that the amateur community will get notice when this
> >> > question finally does come up at the FCC ... THAT will be the time
> >> > to comment (when they ASK for comments). In the meantime, a major
> >> > mail/e-mail "blitz" on the FCC will almost certainly harm the
> >> > standing of the ARS as a whole at the FCC.
> >> >
> >> > 73,
> >> >
> >>
> >> Bert, as I see it the basic facts are these:
> >>
> >> 1)The FCC won't respond to anything filed before congress has ratified
> >> the new treaty (no point approaching congress, though, as that part
> >> will be a rubber stamp excercise);
> >
> > And even if congress failed to ratify it would change nothing
> > in the ITU treaty. In fact, if congress doesn't
> > ratify, then the USA would simply NOT be a participant
> > in the treaty. The former treaty is, as of 7/5/03, null and void.
> >
> >> 2)Everyone and his dog will then file petitions to restructure the
> >> Amateur service. You could file one too;
> >
> > Maybe. Time will tell.
> >
> >> 3)This will be followed by requests for comments, and you could then
> >> file yours too.
> >
> > Not necessarily. Since the FCC already stated (in R&O 98-143)
> > that code was only retained because of the S25.5 requirement, it is
> > possible for the FCC to just drop Element 1 altogether based solely on
> > prior consideration.
> >
>
> Agreed, but do you really think that will stop people from submitting
> petitions for restructuring?

Obviously the ability to submit petitions is a public right.
The point is that the FCC doesn't need a petition to make
changes.

Cheers,
Bill K2UNK

643. Re: Fight the BPL

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-10 02:05:55 UTC
From: Dave Holford <holford@sympatico.ca>
Message-ID: <3F0CCA03.7FDE34A2@sympatico.ca>
Source record: 70478
Cross-posted to:
rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.swap,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.policy

JJ wrote:
>
> Dave Platt wrote:
>
> >
> > It has also become apparent that some very senior FCC officials are
> > woefully ignorant about radio. Political appointees, I suppose.
>
> Most of the FCC senior officials are lawyers who don't have a clue
> about the technical side of radio. They wouldn't know a door knob
> from a transistor. Come to think of it, a know lot of hams that
> don't either.

Maybe, but IIRC the FCC, along with the FAA, FEMA etc. etc. operate extensive HF communications systems. It seems unlikely that a source of such serious potential interference to their own communications would be authorized?

Dave

644. Re: So what do we call them?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-10 02:34:44 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030709223444.03929.00000807@mb-m28.aol.com>
Source record: 70479

In article <e79dbd9b.0307090701.64f92401@posting.google.com>, k0hb@arrl.net (K0HB) writes:

>What convention should we use on the air to refer to the 5 new
>channels in the 5MHz band? I recommend we call them Channel E1, E2,
>E3, E4, and E5. Simple and easy to remember.
>
>73, de Hans, K0HB

Hansl:

Good idea. New rigs that include those freqs could have VFO settings marked with the "E1 - E-5" channel designations, to make it easier for the dumbed-down New Age No-Coders.

73 de Larry, K3LT

645. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-10 02:34:44 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030709223444.03929.00000808@mb-m28.aol.com>
Source record: 70480

In article <beh7g3$u5b$1@slb0.atl.mindspring.net>, "Bill Sohl"
<billsohl@mindspring.com> writes:

>> The problem with that is, if Carl Stevenson's brain were composed of
>> Semtex, he couldn't blow his nose!
>> 73 de Larry, K3LT
>
>Larry,
>Sure sounds like sour grapes to me.
>
>Did you know that Carl was in Geneva as a member of the
>US delegation? Seems pretty respected in
>ITU circles to me.
>
>Cheers,
>Bill K2UNK
>

Bill:

I didn't know that, but it sounds like "blather" to me!

73 de Larry, K3LT

646. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-10 02:34:45 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030709223445.03929.00000809@mb-m28.aol.com>
Source record: 70481

In article <3F0B98A2.5070205@mailcity.moc>, JJ <radiobuff0@mailcity.moc>
writes:

>> Do you have
>> something
>> against operator skill -- or are you one of those New Age hams that think
>> yakking into a microphone is all the demonstration of operator skill that
>> should
>> ever be required of you?
>
>Do you have something against someone who has no desire to operate
>CW?

In a way, I do -- because their lack of desire to operate CW is usually
based on a lack of willingness to break their inertia and get down to
learning it. It's called laziness. Yup, that's right -- the "L" word.
L-A-Z-I-N-E-S-S. Hams who don't care or "don't want" to learn Morse code
are just plain old LAZY. Period. End of Story. Consider yourself to
have been grabbed by the collar and beaten with a club called The Truth!!!

>There are many different modes of operation in ham radio, do
>you operate them all?

Nope, not all -- but certainly a whole lot more than most hams do. And
you know something totally strange? My Morse/CW proficiency doesn't
interfere one little bit in my enjoyment of other modes!

>> Funny -- nobody has ever been able to "discourage" me from doing anything
>> I wanted to do. I just went ahead and did it. I could care less what
>other
>> people think, do,
>
>The proper phrase is "I could NOT care less what other people think"

Only if I couldn't care less -- and I can! Like right now!

73 de Larry, K3LT

647. Re: More on Broadband over Power Lines (BLP)

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-10 02:57:42 UTC
From: "\"Sparky\"" <sparks@nospam.com>
Message-ID: <Cf2dnZ0KVJAdeJGiU-KYgw@vnet-inc.com>
Source record: 70489
Cross-posted to: alt.ham-radio.vhf-uhf,rec.radio.amateur.policy

"N2EY" <N2EY@AOL.COM> wrote in message
news:c2356669.0307091055.54d9798a@posting.google.com...
| "Phil Kane" <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop> wrote in message
news:<cuvyxnansvbet.hhqg03m.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>...
| > On Wed, 09 Jul 2003 03:02:43 GMT, Jim Hampton wrote:
| >
| > >Phil, I doubt you're kidding, but a single wire with a ground
return? That
| > >is going to have a ton of problems even *without* putting
broadband on it.
| >
| > That amazed me too - but there's only one insulator on the pole
pig
| > and one wire crossing the street to same. Three phase primary
is
| > three wire, so there isn't even a Wye Neutral for return.
| >
| > I first saw this system along the Trans-Canada highway in
Alberta in
| > 1970 and I put it down to the rural-ness of the area. But
suburban
| > Portland in the 21st Century?
|
| Are there NO other wires on the pole?
|
| Here in EPA, most residential areas have three-phase going down the
| larger streets (like South Devon Ave. here in Wayne), with
| single-phase feeders going to the side streets. The return is partly
| through the dirt but mostly through the main messenger that carries
| the 120/240 twisted wires.
|
| Earth return will work fine, if the ground is good enough. The few
| HVDC lines that have been installed can be operated that way if one
| conductor fails.
|
73 de Jim, N2EY
The problem is, in most parts of the country the ground conductivity
is VERY poor. Just ask anyone who is familiar with commercial AM
broadcast station operation. They all wouldn't bury literally MILES
of copper wire around their towers in order to get somewhat of a
ground if they didn't have to. Besides our local electric utility
had nothing but big problems with 3-phase feeder lines without a
neutral along with the hot lines. They lose transformers whenever we

have a dandy lightning storm.

As far as BPL is concerned, BIG PROBLEMS LOOM for almost all licensed services, including amateur radio if this is allowed.

73, Sam

648. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-10 03:18:48 UTC
From: Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93B3ED1F1326Felektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>
Source record: 70483

Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net> wrote in
news:3F0CBBB1.8010703@adelphia.net:

> Alun Palmer wrote:
>> Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net> wrote in
>> news:3F0CADC6.9020500@adelphia.net:
>>
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>>>Alun Palmer wrote:
>>>
>>>>Robert Casey <wa2ise@ix.netcom.com> wrote in
>>>>news:3F0B99D4.7010902@ix.netcom.com:
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>>>>>> questions and the multi-choice answers so that if one memorizes
>>>>>> the "little red book" of all the questions and answers it won't
>>>>>> help unless s/he understands and knows the material.
>>>>>>
>>>>>> The machine keeps feeding questions until it is a guaranteed
>>>>>> "pass" or a guaranteed "fail" and then it terminates the exam
>>>>>> session. The applicant does not know whether s/he passed or not
>>>>>> until the results are sent by mail. Just like the olden days.....
>>>>>>
>>>>>>
>>>>>>
>>>>>
>>>>>Back in 1994 I lived in Oregon for a year. The written driver's
>>>>>test at the DMV was
>>>>>done with a computer with touch screen. I knew how many questions I
>>>>>got wrong, but
>>>>>lost track of how many more I had to complete during the test. Then
>>>>>it told me that
>>>>>I passed and my score, around 92%.
>>>>>
>>>>>Paper tests generated just before the VE session via computer would
>>>>>be cheaper and
>>>>>easier than dedicated hardware like that DMV had anyway.

>>>>>
>>>>>
>>>>
>>>>
>>>>It wouldn't need dedicated hardware - just software
>>>
>>> Whatcha gonna run that software on?
>>>
>>>
>>> - Mike KB3EIA -
>>>
>>>
>>
>>
>> Any old PC
>
> Whose PC Alun? One of the test sessions I was at had at least 30
> people
> in it. Who is going to pay for those PC's? Will a VE have to supply his
> or her own PC for other people to use? Maybe have to buy several to
> allow everyone to test?
>
> - Mike KB3EIA -
>
>

Point taken. Maybe buy some cheap PCs from the Goodwill store and run Linux on them? Write something in a portable interpreted language like Tcl/Tk so it will run unchanged on Windows/MacOS/Linux/Unix. Hard to scale up for large sessions, though, isn't it.

649. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-10 03:19:38 UTC
From: Bill Sohl <billsohl@mindspring.com>
Message-ID: <beimcltta1@slb6.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 70485

"Larry Roll K3LT" <yodoc@aol.comnospam> wrote in message
news:20030709223445.03929.00000809@mb-m28.aol.com...
> In article <3F0B98A2.5070205@mailcity.moc>, JJ <radiobuff0@mailcity.moc>
> writes:
>
> >> Do you have
> >> something
> >> against operator skill -- or are you one of those New Age hams that
think
> >> yakking into a microphone is all the demonstration of operator skill
that
> >> should
> >> ever be required of you?
> >
> >Do you have something against someone who has no desire to operate
> >CW?
>
> In a way, I do -- because their lack of desire to operate CW is usually
> based on a lack of willingness to break their inertia and get down to
> learning it. It's called laziness. Yup, that's right -- the "L" word.
> L-A-Z-I-N-E-S-S.

Yes sir, guess my lack of desire to play golf can best be attributed
to a lack of willingness to break my inertia and get down
to learing it. Just my basic laziness I guess...nothing at all
involving there's any personal choice, like or dislike involved.

Same ole Larry :-)

Cheers,
Bill K2UNK
Hams who don't care or "don't want" to learn Morse code
> are just plain old LAZY. Period. End of Story. Consider yourself to
> have been grabbed by the collar and beaten with a club called The Truth!!!
>
> >There are many different modes of operation in ham radio, do
> >you operate them all?
>
> Nope, not all -- but certainly a whole lot more than most hams do. And
> you know something totally strange? My Morse/CW proficiency doesn't
> interfere one little bit in my enjoyment of other modes!
>
> >> Funny -- nobody has ever been able to "discourage" me from doing
anything
> >> I wanted to do. I just went ahead and did it. I could care less what

> >other
> >> people think, do,
> >
> >The proper phrase is "I could NOT care less what other people think"
>
> Only if I couldn't care less -- and I can! Like right now!
>
> 73 de Larry, K3LT
>
>

650. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-10 03:22:30 UTC
From: Bill Sohl <billsohl@mindspring.com>
Message-ID: <beimcmtta2@slb6.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 70486

"Larry Roll K3LT" <yodoc@aol.comnospam> wrote in message
news:20030709223444.03929.00000808@mb-m28.aol.com...
> In article <beh7g3$u5b$1@slb0.atl.mindspring.net>, "Bill Sohl"
> <billsohl@mindspring.com> writes:
>
> >> The problem with that is, if Carl Stevenson's brain were composed of
> >> Semtex, he couldn't blow his nose!
> >> 73 de Larry, K3LT
> >
> >Larry,
> >Sure sounds like sour grapes to me.
> >
> >Did you know that Carl was in Geneva as a member of the
> >US delegation? Seems pretty respected in
> >ITU circles to me.
> >
> >Cheers,
> >Bill K2UNK
> >
>
> Bill:
>
> I didn't know that, but it sounds like "blather" to me!
>
> 73 de Larry, K3LT

Call it whatever you like. Fact is Carl was on the delegation
and involved both during and before the WRC.

Cheers,
Bill K2UNK

651. Re: Is There ANY Recourse re. FCC & Dropping CW?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-10 03:25:44 UTC
From: Robert Casey <wa2ise@ix.netcom.com>
Message-ID: <3F0CDCB8.5030105@ix.netcom.com>
Source record: 70484

Dwight Stewart wrote:

>
> Is there no clause in the treaty Congress previous ratified that allows
>for modifications in compliance with ITU changes?
>
>
>
Do you mean that the ITU treaty allows the retention of a code test if
the FCC decides
to? It says as much that it is now an option.

There is quite likely many new things in the new treaty that the USA
really wants and
the code thing for hams is likely at the very bottom of the list of
priorities. Most members
of congress are not likely to even know what ham radio is, much less
care about the
code requirement for hams......

We're not banning code. Some new hams will likely start playing it and
find it
easy to pick up, and become good at it. As long as there is interesting
DX to
be had on CW, hams will keep using it. "CW gets thru when nothing else
does,
and only needs the simplest of equipment".

652. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-10 03:27:40 UTC
From: Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93B3EE9FB8494elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>
Source record: 70487

yodoc@aol.comnospam (Larry Roll K3LT) wrote in
news:20030709223445.03929.00000809@mb-m28.aol.com:

> In article <3F0B98A2.5070205@mailcity.moc>, JJ
> <radiobuff0@mailcity.moc> writes:
>
>>> Do you have
>>> something
>>> against operator skill -- or are you one of those New Age hams that
>>> think yakking into a microphone is all the demonstration of operator
>>> skill that should ever be required of you?
>>
>>Do you have something against someone who has no desire to operate
>>CW?
>
> In a way, I do -- because their lack of desire to operate CW is usually
> based on a lack of willingness to break their inertia and get down to
> learning it. It's called laziness. Yup, that's right -- the "L" word.
> L-A-Z-I-N-E-S-S. Hams who don't care or "don't want" to learn Morse
> code are just plain old LAZY. Period. End of Story. Consider
> yourself to have been grabbed by the collar and beaten with a club
> called The Truth!!!
>
>>There are many different modes of operation in ham radio, do you
>>operate them all?
>
> Nope, not all -- but certainly a whole lot more than most hams do. And
> you know something totally strange? My Morse/CW proficiency doesn't
> interfere one little bit in my enjoyment of other modes!
>
>>> Funny -- nobody has ever been able to "discourage" me from doing
>>> anything I wanted to do. I just went ahead and did it. I could care
>>> less what other people think, do,
>>
>>The proper phrase is "I could NOT care less what other people think"
>
> Only if I couldn't care less -- and I can! Like right now!
>
> 73 de Larry, K3LT
>
>
>

So, the OP said he didn't want to _operate_ CW, but you then launched into
your spiel about him not wanting to take the test because he's lazy. He

probably doesn't want to take it, but I think you're missing the point,
and have been for years. And now it's all over bar the shouting.

653. Re: HB9 First to Kill the Code Test!

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-10 03:32:49 UTC
From: Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93B3EF7F836A0elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>
Source record: 70488

Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net> wrote in
news:3F0CBAB6.4040709@adelphia.net:

> Alun Palmer wrote:
>
>> More like gloating over the losers in this debate, I'm afraid!
>
> Yup, I kinda noticed that. I wasn't going to say anything but now
> that
> you bring it up, you aren't much of a good "winner", are you?
>
> - Mike KB3EIA -
>
>

It comes from dealing with the ranting of Larry Roll and the like

654. Re: Renewed my license "on-line", only took 4 Hours

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-10 04:01:58 UTC
From: JJ <radiobuff0@mailcity.moc>
Message-ID: <3F0CE536.5020000@mailcity.moc>
Source record: 70596

Alun Palmer wrote:
> JJ <radiobuff0@mailcity.moc> wrote in news:3F098148.1070403@mailcity.moc:
>
>
>>
>>Dan/W4NTI wrote:
>>
>>>I don't think that is correct 'jj'. I believe there is a charge if
>>>your not a member.
>>
>>License renewal is FREE, any amateur can renew FREE directly with
>>the FCC, you don't need to go through the ARRL, W5YI, or anyone
>>else. Why pay someone else (either directly or through ARRL dues)
>>for something that is very simple and one can do themselves for FREE?
>>
>
>
> Because if you are on dial-up it is very difficult to use the free service

Just print out the forms you need, fill them out and mail them in.

655. Re: The Pool

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-10 05:00:54 UTC
From: kf6tpt@thin.doobie.com
Message-ID: <beiru601mbb@enews3.newsguy.com>
Source record: 70496

N2EY <n2ey@aol.com> wrote:

: If I missed anybody, please add your guess to the list.

KF6TPT: September 29, 2003

I think the FCC already decided this one, when they lowered the code test to 5 WPM, it was solely due to the treaty requirement. In effect, they've already sought, and received, plenty of commentary on the matter.

So once everyone in Washington is back from their vacations, they'll just axe Element 1, and leave restructuring the written tests to whomever is in charge after 2004. Michael Powell is rather busy these days, what with all the brouhaha surrounding ClearChannel and the media consolidation. If we think that he, or anyone all that high on the food chain at the FCC gives a rat's patootie about what's going on in Amateurland, we're fooling ourselves.

As far as I'm concerned, it should have happened years ago. I think the written tests should be harder, and I think you should re-test when you renew your license.

656. Re: Have You been Interfered with by BPL/PLC Services?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-10 05:03:55 UTC
From: Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
Message-ID: <cuvyxnansvbet.hhs3yko.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 70491

On 9 Jul 2003 07:35:08 -0700, joe Smith@spam.spam wrote:

>> You DO know that Federal case law vests the FCC with exclusive
>> jurisdiction in radio interference matters. See _Broyde v Gotham
>> Tower, Inc_, 13 F 3d 994 (6th Cir. 1994). Save yourself the trouble
>> of having thr case removed from whatever court you intend to file in
>> to the FCC.
>
> Civil lawsuits are not covered by federal FCC regulations. If the utility
>corporation has a federal EPA license to distribute a chemical that
>doesn't mean if they spill their toxic waste on my front yard that I can't
>sue them in State or Federal court.

The case cited above involved suit for tort damages in state court,
removed to Federal court. The Federal appellate courts in several
circuits have found that in cases involving interference, The
Congress has granted the FCC EXCLUSIVE jurisdiction.

READ AND SHEPARDIZE THE BLOODY CASE.

Further I will not argue with an anonymous troll.

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73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane
Principal Attorney
Communications Law Center
San Francisco, CA

657. Re: More on Broadband over Power Lines (BLP)

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-10 05:03:56 UTC
From: Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
Message-ID: <cuvyxnansvbet.hhsd60p.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 70492

On 9 Jul 2003 06:07:34 -0700, Brian Kelly wrote:

>Question for Phil: At what point can opponents of BPL take it out of
>the hands of the FCC and into the Federal courts?

After the FCC hands down a ruling and the appellants can show that
the ruling will cause them harm.

The appellants must petition for reconsideration, and then take it
to the U S Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia, but they
will have to show that the Commission did something that was against
public policy or in violation of the Administrative Procedure Act.

If we lose there, we always have the option of petitioning the
Supreme Court of the United States to take the case, but because it
does not involve Contitutional or other high-profile issues, the
chances of them doing so are slim IMNSHO.

The biggest hurdle would be that the appellate courts are loath to
overturn an agency ruling based on facts within the agency's
expertise as long as there was an opportunity for public comment
(there was), there is a record in the proceedings (there is) and the
Commission's order makes reference to the record (I'm sure that it
will, especially to the stuff submitted by the internet and power
utility interests).

The last time that the League tried this route was when 220-222 MHz
was yanked away. We all know how that turned out.

The other way to fight this crap is via The Congress, as if they
know what the dickens it is all about other than "universal cheap
internet".

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73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane

658. Re: More on Broadband over Power Lines (BLP)

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-10 05:03:56 UTC
From: Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
Message-ID: <cuvyxnansvbet.hhsdd9q.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 70493
Cross-posted to: alt.ham-radio.vhf-uhf,rec.radio.amateur.policy

On 9 Jul 2003 11:55:18 -0700, N2EY wrote:

>> That amazed me too - but there's only one insulator on the pole pig
>> and one wire crossing the street to same. Three phase primary is
>> three wire, so there isn't even a Wye Neutral for return.
>>
>> I first saw this system along the Trans-Canada highway in Alberta in
>> 1970 and I put it down to the rural-ness of the area. But suburban
>> Portland in the 21st Century?
>
>Are there NO other wires on the pole?

I checked it out a lot closer - there appears to be a neutral wire
running quite a distance below the primaries but above the cable and
telco stuff. It looked a lot like a messenger or guy wire, but it is
most probably serves as the neutral of a Wye primary.

>Earth return will work fine, if the ground is good enough.

The rocks of western Oregon do not fall into that category.....

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73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane

659. Re: Is There ANY Recourse re. FCC & Dropping CW?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-10 05:04:11 UTC
From: "Ryan, KC8PMX" <kc8pmx@diamondcs.net>
Message-ID: <bejn5c$5ei11$6@ID-189073.news.dfncis.de>
Source record: 70572

Don't know about the emails, but you can send a letter to the commisioner or others in the FCC. I am sure a mailing address would be listed somewhere on their website, as well as maybe even the email addy's you mentioned.

Also, write a letter or email to you senators and congresspersons, as well as other ones not necessarily in your district. You would be pleasantly surprised as to what has been achieved by others over the years as far as concerns and interests, and this without a "big-brotherish, mafioso-like" organization taking your money and not showing where it goes but saying they are there to support you.

I currently write (or bug) my governmental representatives on somewhat of a regular basis. Hell, they may actually learn something as well. (both amateur radio related and other concerns as well.)

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Ryan, KC8PMX
FF1-FF2-MFR-(pending NREMT-B!)
--. --- -.. ... .- -. --. . .-.. ... .- .-. . ..-. .. .-. . ..-.
.. --. .... - . .-. ...
"Bert Craig" <wa2si@arrl.netNOSPAM> wrote in message
news:QXWOa.38441$U23.29126@nwrdny01.gnilink.net...
> Here's a question. Forgive me if it appears trollish, but I gotta ask.
>
> Is there any individual or dept. within the FCC that folks can send
e-mails
> to in support of retaining the 5-wpm exam? Or, for instance, all Techs
would
> automatically get Novice/Tech+ privies while Element 1 is retained for
> General and Extra?
>
> Or is it a forgone conclusion that the FCC WILL drop Element 1 despite any
> volume of sentiments to the contrary?
>
> --
> 73 de Bert
> WA2SI
>
>

660. Re: So what do we call them?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-10 05:04:32 UTC
From: Jim Hampton <aa2qa@frontiernet.net>
Message-ID: <At6Pa.2020$lz4.234@news02.roc.ny>
Source record: 70494

Ohhhh ... I don't need to visit *that* URL. LOL. Kept it as a favorite so I can copy and paste (as you must have done). Perhaps you should have suggested for channel numbers 4Q2, 4Q2OM, UR1LID, UR1ASS, and ZBM-2 LOL

I just love these newsgroups :)

Have a gooder & 73,
Jim AA2QA

"K0HB" <k0hb@arrl.net> wrote in message
news:e79dbd9b.0307091455.46d443bf@posting.google.com...
> hamradio@is.evil wrote
>
>
> > How about just saying the god damn frequency?
>
> OK, meet me on "the god damn frequency".
>
> For further details, see http://www.amishrakefight.org/gfy
>
> With all kind wishes,
>
> de Hans, K0HB

Outgoing mail is certified Virus Free.
Checked by AVG anti-virus system (http://www.grisoft.com).
Version: 6.0.498 / Virus Database: 297 - Release Date: 7/8/03

661. Re: Fight the BPL

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-10 05:08:16 UTC
From: Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net>
Message-ID: <3F0CF4BC.2CC45065@att.net>
Source record: 70495
Cross-posted to:
rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.swap,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.policy

Art Unwin KB9MZ wrote:

> 60db is a very high figure. Where does this figure come from.

Maybe the noise floor is pretty low at WA7AA! :0)

662. Re: What of NCI? FORGET THAT, HOW ABOUT ALL-CODE INTL.??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-10 05:17:22 UTC
From: "Ryan, KC8PMX" <kc8pmx@diamondcs.net>
Message-ID: <bejn5e$5ei11$7@ID-189073.news.dfncis.de>
Source record: 70573

I still think that if morse code is so important for the hams to have to know how to do, then all others utlizing public service and business band frequencies should have to know it as well such as law enforcement, fire, ems, governmental entities, transportation frequencies etc. Especially the emergency service people, as if there were ever a case where they may be caught in a position where morse code may be useful, I don't know what would be. Can you imagine if they used it for at least a secondary level of communications if not a primary one?? People in scannerland would have to learn morse code as well to figure out what the hell is being sent!

ALL-CODE INTL.!!!!!!!!

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Ryan, KC8PMX
FF1-FF2-MFR-(pending NREMT-B!)
--. --- -.. ... .- -. --. . .-.. ... .- .-. . ..-. .. .-. . ..-.
.. --. .... - . .-. ...
"Hans K0HB" <k0hb@earthlink.net> wrote in message
news:21581ca121ce6e1a0cb83d94148bf23d.128005@mygate.mailgate.org...
> "Mike Coslo" <mjc5@psu.edu> wrote in message news:3F0AC3F9.305@psu.edu
>
> >
> > Actually as a point of interest, and maybe a little trolling, Just WHY
> > should there be testing for a ham license?
> >
>
> Because your transmissions travel on a "public thoroughfare", there is a
> requirement to ensure that you have demonstrated the knowledge to
> operate without negative impact on the other users of that resource,
> sort of like you need a drivers license to operate a motor vehicle on
> public highways.
>
> 73, de Hans, K0HB
>
>
>
>
> --
> Posted via Mailgate.ORG Server - http://www.Mailgate.ORG

663. BPL interference - reply comments - YOUR ACTION REQUIRED

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-10 06:09:23 UTC
From: robkemp90210@hotmail.com
Message-ID: <6114e4af.0307092209.3569cfec@posting.google.com>
Source record: 70497

The BPL NOI has now moved to the second stage where reply comments can be submitted to the FCC.

Below are links to the comments from the cretins who want to flood our shortwave with interference.

IMPORTANT to read and tell the FCC what is wrong with their comments - many dismiss the interference issue without any data.

A huge amount of data has been submitted to the FCC that proves beyond all reasonable doubt that BPL is a gross polluter but more submissions are needed.

Please post comments and thoughts to this thread to provide ideas for other submitters.

Cinergy
http://svartifoss2.fcc.gov/prod/ecfs/retrieve.cgi?native_or_pdf=pdf&id_document=6514284577

PPL Telecom
http://svartifoss2.fcc.gov/prod/ecfs/retrieve.cgi?native_or_pdf=pdf&id_document=6514284575

Current Technologies
http://svartifoss2.fcc.gov/prod/ecfs/retrieve.cgi?native_or_pdf=pdf&id_document=6514284570

Electric Broadband
http://svartifoss2.fcc.gov/prod/ecfs/retrieve.cgi?native_or_pdf=pdf&id_document=6514284566

United Power Line Council
http://svartifoss2.fcc.gov/prod/ecfs/retrieve.cgi?native_or_pdf=pdf&id_document=6514284754

Southern Linc
http://svartifoss2.fcc.gov/prod/ecfs/retrieve.cgi?native_or_pdf=pdf&id_document=6514284561

Amperion
http://svartifoss2.fcc.gov/prod/ecfs/retrieve.cgi?native_or_pdf=pdf&id_document=6514284558

xG Technology, LLC
http://svartifoss2.fcc.gov/prod/ecfs/retrieve.cgi?native_or_pdf=pdf&id_document=6514284528

Progress Energy, Inc
http://svartifoss2.fcc.gov/prod/ecfs/retrieve.cgi?native_or_pdf=pdf&id_document=6514284481

Power Line Communications Association
http://svartifoss2.fcc.gov/prod/ecfs/retrieve.cgi?native_or_pdf=pdf&id_document=6514284549

HomePlug Powerline Alliance
http://svartifoss2.fcc.gov/prod/ecfs/retrieve.cgi?native_or_pdf=pdf&id_document=6514284554

POWERWAN, INC
http://svartifoss2.fcc.gov/prod/ecfs/retrieve.cgi?native_or_pdf=pdf&id_document=6514284548

Ameren Energy Communications Inc
http://svartifoss2.fcc.gov/prod/ecfs/retrieve.cgi?native_or_pdf=pdf&id_document=6514284552

http://svartifoss2.fcc.gov/prod/ecfs/retrieve.cgi?native_or_pdf=pdf&id_document=6514284553

Ambient Corporation
http://svartifoss2.fcc.gov/prod/ecfs/retrieve.cgi?native_or_pdf=pdf&id_document=6514284539

Main.net Communications Ltd
http://svartifoss2.fcc.gov/prod/ecfs/retrieve.cgi?native_or_pdf=pdf&id_document=6514284546

HomePlug Powerline Alliance
http://svartifoss2.fcc.gov/prod/ecfs/retrieve.cgi?native_or_pdf=pdf&id_document=6514284554

Intellon Corporation
http://svartifoss2.fcc.gov/prod/ecfs/retrieve.cgi?native_or_pdf=pdf&id_document=6514284532

More information is here;
http://www.arrl.org/news/features/2003/06/19/2/?nc=1

The FCC now is accepting electronically filed comments via its
Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS).

http://gullfoss2.fcc.gov/prod/ecfs/upload_v2.cgi

In the "Proceeding" field, enter "03-104" and complete the required
fields. Comments may be typed into a form or you may attach a file
containing your comments.

664. Re: Fight the BPL

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-10 07:08:25 UTC
From: Zoran Brlecic <...WA7AA...@get.lost>
Message-ID: <3F0D110B.6030105@get.lost>
Source record: 70498
Cross-posted to:
rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.swap,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.policy

Zoran Brlecic wrote:

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Out of the 12 follow-up messages to date:

5 are neutral or irrelevant

4 are defeatist (can't do anything, who cares, it's lost anyway)

2 are negative (never gonna happen, not gonna be as bad)

1 is positive (already filed comment)

One babbled about a "slur on the folks who live in rural USA", forgetting that the vast majority of Internet traffic is comprised of illegal mp3 downloads, Internet phone traffic, mass spam e-mail and porn browsing, i.e. pure garbage traffic. Did I insult anyone? I really don't give a flying fuck. I want my ham radio.

More than one wondered about the reliability of the 60 dB figure, stating that, if it is correct, other commercial users would be affected. Here's why they won't be:

To begin with, unlike amateur radio, none of the other radio services are weak signal users. Whereas in ham radio, DX-ing is more than a rule than an exception, commercial services aim for reliable, strong signal communication. Therefore, while even as little as a 20 dB noise increase (low enough for you, Art?) effectively prevents SW ham radio usage, commercial users will barely notice it.

An overwhelming majority of SW ham radio stations are located in urban areas with a high density of low and medium voltage power grids. Military installations, otoh, are typically found in isolated rural/suburban surroundings where they have a full control over (not) allowing BPL into the bases. Btw, high voltage cross-country power lines will not carry BPL, remember? There is fiber optic already in place for that.

BPL is going to be delivered all the way to your power outlet, as well as to your next-door neighbor's power outlet, and to every single power outlet of every single resident in your city or town. Think you have a hard time from your neighbor's electric toothbrush pwr supply? You ain't seen nothing yet.

FAA does not use SW, afaik, so they couldn't care less. Ship to shore? What ship to what shore? They use satellites. Navigational? Nobody navigates downtown Los Angeles or in Manhattan. Any SW navigation is done thousands of miles away from the power lines. Who's left? Some governmental agencies that will solve a problem by increasing their budgets to allow for stronger transmitters and longer antennas?

The only way I see this being resolved is if there's enough RFI obliterating all of Rush Limbaugh's AM channels. Only then will FCC listen, because they'll have to.

That doesn't mean we have to go down without a fight. In order to fight, ARRL, the *only* American ham radio organization, needs money. However, if you'd rather cut off your nose to spite the face and pretend a turd is not in the punch bowl, it's your funeral...

73 .... WA7AA

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Anti-spam measure: look me up on qrz.com if you need to reply directly

665. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-10 08:56:07 UTC
From: Bert Craig <wa2si@arrl.netNOSPAM>
Message-ID: <HS9Pa.637$hY1.513981@news4.srv.hcvlny.cv.net>
Source record: 70500

"Bill Sohl" <billsohl@mindspring.com> wrote in message
news:beimcmtta2@slb6.atl.mindspring.net...
> > >Did you know that Carl was in Geneva as a member of the
> Call it whatever you like. Fact is Carl was on the delegation
> and involved both during and before the WRC.

Sounds like an awful lot of effort....to get something removed that required
a much smaller amount of effort.

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73 de Bert
WA2SI

666. Re: Renewed my license "on-line", only took 4 Hours

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-10 09:44:26 UTC
From: Arnie Macy <kt4st@csam.net>
Message-ID: <bejcjh$5m1q6$1@ID-166180.news.dfncis.de>
Source record: 70551

"D. Stussy" wrote ...

Then your phone line has issues. The only way that could take 4 hours is if the download takes at least three, which means that your effective baud rate was just about 2,400.

That could very well have been. Normally, it runs very close to the 56k and downloads are fairly quick (for a dial-up), but there are days I notice a definite decrease in speed. Overall, though. I prefer paying the 9 bucks a month for dial-up opposed to the 40 plus bucks for cable.

73,

Arnie -
KT4ST

667. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-10 09:53:37 UTC
From: Arnie Macy <kt4st@csam.net>
Message-ID: <bejd4n$5nm66$1@ID-166180.news.dfncis.de>
Source record: 70552

"Leland C. Scott" wrote ...

Dah, you mean all those fine southern operators on 75m that claim to have been Hams since the dawn of the dinosaur have it all wrong! Gee I didn't know that. ;-) My favorite group to monitor hangs out around 3950 KHz more or less. One or more of them have even offered to Elmer R.H. on several occasions between beers.

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I don't hang out anywhere near 3950, Leland. But if you come on over to 3593 at around 7 EDT(Georgia State Traffic Net), you will more than likely hear me. But, don't hold your breath waiting on someone referring to a "code key" or sending 73's. You'll be waiting a very long time.

73,

Arnie -
KT4ST

"QSL nr 218 es 73 de KT4ST"

668. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-10 10:48:34 UTC
From: JJ <radiobuff0@mailcity.moc>
Message-ID: <3F0D4482.7080509@mailcity.moc>
Source record: 70520

N2EY wrote:

>>>>
>
>>>>Do you have something against someone who has no desire to operate CW?
>>>>There are many different modes of operation in ham radio, do you
>>>>operate them all?
>>>
>
> No - do you?

No, I certainly do not. If someone wants to only operate cw, only
ssb, only 2 meter FM, then fine, and they are just as much a ham
as someone who operates multiple modes. And I certainly do not
look down my nose and take a superior attitude toward those who
might choose to limit their operating to one mode like others here
on the group.

669. Re: Fight the BPL

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-10 11:00:18 UTC
From: Paul Vanasse <pvanasse@cox.net>
Message-ID: <6HbPa.3850$o86.559@news1.central.cox.net>
Source record: 70553
Cross-posted to:
rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.swap,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.policy

"Zoran Brlecic" <...WA7AA...@get.lost> wrote in message
news:3F0D110B.6030105@get.lost...
> Zoran Brlecic wrote:
>
> --- --- ---
>
> Out of the 12 follow-up messages to date:
>
> 5 are neutral or irrelevant
>
> 4 are defeatist (can't do anything, who cares, it's lost anyway)
>
> 2 are negative (never gonna happen, not gonna be as bad)
>
> 1 is positive (already filed comment)
>

I don't think we need a conclusionary synopsis Zoran, I believe just about everyone here knows full well how to read.

Did you ever stop and consider that because the responses to your original post were such, that perhaps the whole BPL matter is the usual ARRL exacerbated hyperbole?.....In the old'en days they called it "Much ado about nothing".

670. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-10 11:23:14 UTC
From: Bill Sohl <billsohl@mindspring.com>
Message-ID: <bejih7$ag4$1@slb6.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 70554

"Bert Craig" <wa2si@arrl.netNOSPAM> wrote in message
news:HS9Pa.637$hY1.513981@news4.srv.hcvlny.cv.net...
> "Bill Sohl" <billsohl@mindspring.com> wrote in message
> news:beimcmtta2@slb6.atl.mindspring.net...
> > > >Did you know that Carl was in Geneva as a member of the
> > Call it whatever you like. Fact is Carl was on the delegation
> > and involved both during and before the WRC.
>
> Sounds like an awful lot of effort....to get something removed that
required
> a much smaller amount of effort.
> 73 de Bert, WA2SI

The effort is of no consequence when judging the need
for any specific requirement. The only thing that matters
is clear and compelling reason(s) to have or not have
a particular requirement. The FCC weighed in on
morse rational in the R&O for 98-143 plus the
subsequent petitions for reconsideration.

Cheers,
Bill K2UNK

671. Re: More on Broadband over Power Lines (BLP)

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-10 11:52:33 UTC
From: kelly@dvol.com
Message-ID: <d22b54c3.0307100352.21216ae0@posting.google.com>
Source record: 70555

N2EY@AOL.COM (N2EY) wrote in message
news:<c2356669.0307091109.2bad34ef@posting.google.com>...
> kelly@dvol.com (Brian Kelly) wrote in message
news:<d22b54c3.0307090507.7adc636e@posting.google.com>...
> > N2EY@AOL.COM (N2EY) wrote in message
> >
> >
> > Where is the NTIA in all this?
>
> Waiting for the right moment. Or totally oblivious.

There was an earlier discussion on this topic. The ARRL petition for
ham ops on 60M was submitted well before the WTC towers came down. We
agreed that the reason that the NTIA finally piped up was probably
because 9/11 was a wakeup call for all federal agencies and they went
back and reviewed their homeland security assets and tightened 'em.

> > They sure got their knickers in a twist
> > about hams having broad access to 60M because of the potential
> > interference to vital gummint HF comms from us.
>
> Right - but they waited until AFTER all the comments were in and it
> looked like FCC was gonna give us 150 kHz and full power. THEN they
> spoke up, directly to FCC.

Above.

> Prolly same thing going on now. If FCC stops BPL because of the work
> of ARRL, IEEE and others, NTIA doesn't have to lift a finger.
>
> > BPL is not the same
> > kind of threat to the gummint itself than it is to us?
>
> NTIA isn't going to admit that sort of thing right out in public
> unless they have to.

They already did that to some extent ref: The NTIA 60M maneuver. But
this BPL thing has to be another whole level up from their
perspective. Some of it might be underway behind closed doors. We
dunno.

> > Hams are not
> > the only users of HF, in fact we're close to being bit players
> > overall. What about the SWL's? All the gummint time & frequency
> > standards stations? All the HF military comms we don't know about? The
> > commercial PACTOR users?

>
> Some of them are commenting. The IEEE Power Relaying committee did a
> really good comment that recognized the need to protect hams and
> others from BPL. There are also interesting safety and electrical
> noise issues as well. Example: The access BPL systems use a bypass
> filter to allow the signals to go around the pole pig, which is very
> lossy at RF. What if the bypass filter develops a short, and tries to
> put several KVs to ground through YOUR meter service? What about
> electrical noise (besides the BPL signals) on the primary side getting
> fed to the secondary side?

They're all vaild what-ifs but don't expect Powell, Inc. to bother getting all wrapped around techo details like leaky filters and insulators.

I doubt that the piles of objections to BPL posted by individual hams will carry much weight in the decision process. We're a lousy 0.2% of the national population and a big percentage of that tiny constituency can't operate below 50 Mhz.

Heavy hitters like the IEEE weighing in against BPL is another whole story however. I think the fates of BPL and HF ham radio will hang on the coat tails of The Really Big Guys like the IEEE, NTIA, the spooks, etc.

The ARRL did one helluva thorough job in their comments package and are to be congratulated for that effort. Unfortunately there is a question about ARRL clout.

> > Question for Phil: At what point can opponents of BPL take it out of
> > the hands of the FCC and into the Federal courts? I'm thinking in
> > terms of the ARRL taking it to the wall and laying on the expert
> > witnesses Powell Jr. can't brush off like he can at this stage.
> >
> I'd say that sort of thing is a really, really, REALLY good way to get
> the FCC seriously pissed off at the BPL opponents (personally) and the
> ARS in general. Even if such a case actually got to court, it would
> have a one-in-a-google chance of winning. And if it was actually won,
> FCC could make life VERY difficult for the winners, or the winners'
> service, in a zillion different little ways.

Don't believe it. Administrations come and go on regular 4/8 year cycles, the top end of the FCC empire comes and goes accordingly. We might piss off the transients at the top but screw them, they'll be long gone shortly.

The pros within the FCC we normally deal with are there forever and know BS when they see it. Professionals who hold grudges ain't professionals. They don't take being dragged into court in civil cases personally, it's just another business proposition they get paid to handle. Engineers, hams and neighbors get pissed off when they get sued. Lawyers and regulators don't.

> Trying to "go over the FCC's head" is a last-ditch
> nothing-left-to-lose desperation move, I think.

If this isn't a last-ditch nothing-left-to-lose situation I dunno what
is.

>
> Correct me if I'm wrong, Phil.
>
> 73 de Jim, N2EY

w3rv

672. Re: More on Broadband over Power Lines (BLP)

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-10 12:06:37 UTC
From: kelly@dvol.com
Message-ID: <d22b54c3.0307100406.548bae2f@posting.google.com>
Source record: 70556

"Phil Kane" <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop> wrote in message
news:<cuvyxnansvbet.hhsd60p.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>...
> On 9 Jul 2003 06:07:34 -0700, Brian Kelly wrote:
>
> >Question for Phil: At what point can opponents of BPL take it out of
> >the hands of the FCC and into the Federal courts?
>
> After the FCC hands down a ruling and the appellants can show that
> the ruling will cause them harm.

> The appellants must petition for reconsideration, and then take it
> to the U S Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia, but they
> will have to show that the Commission did something that was against
> public policy or in violation of the Administrative Procedure Act.
>
> If we lose there, we always have the option of petitioning the
> Supreme Court of the United States to take the case, but because it
> does not involve Contitutional or other high-profile issues, the
> chances of them doing so are slim IMNSHO.
>
> The biggest hurdle would be that the appellate courts are loath to
> overturn an agency ruling based on facts within the agency's
> expertise as long as there was an opportunity for public comment
> (there was), there is a record in the proceedings (there is) and the
> Commission's order makes reference to the record (I'm sure that it
> will, especially to the stuff submitted by the internet and power
> utility interests).

> The last time that the League tried this route was when 220-222 MHz
> was yanked away. We all know how that turned out.

ARRL blunder of blunders.

> The other way to fight this crap is via The Congress, as if they
> know what the dickens it is all about other than "universal cheap
> internet".

Yeah, RIGHT.

Nice concise map of the path thru the jungle (minefield?) Phil, tnx.

Offhand I'd say that this game has barely started and might boil down
to sticking pins in balloons to grind the sumbitches down.

w3rv

673. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-10 12:14:42 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu>
Message-ID: <3F0D58B2.10909@psu.edu>
Source record: 70557

Bert Craig wrote:
> "Bill Sohl" <billsohl@mindspring.com> wrote in message
> news:beimcmtta2@slb6.atl.mindspring.net...
>
>>>>Did you know that Carl was in Geneva as a member of the
>>>
>>Call it whatever you like. Fact is Carl was on the delegation
>>and involved both during and before the WRC.
>
>
> Sounds like an awful lot of effort....to get something removed that required
> a much smaller amount of effort.

Yup, a celebration of less knowledge.

- Mike KB3EIA -

674. Re: The Pool

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-10 12:17:42 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307100417.17766ce1@posting.google.com>
Source record: 70558

<kf6tpt@thin.doobie.com> wrote in message news:<beiru601mbb@enews3.newsguy.com>...
> N2EY <n2ey@aol.com> wrote:
>
> : If I missed anybody, please add your guess to the list.
>
>
> KF6TPT: September 29, 2003
>
> I think the FCC already decided this one, when they lowered the code
> test to 5 WPM, it was solely due to the treaty requirement. In effect,
> they've already sought, and received, plenty of commentary on the matter.
>
> So once everyone in Washington is back from their vacations, they'll
> just axe Element 1, and leave restructuring the written tests to
> whomever is in charge after 2004. Michael Powell is rather busy these
> days, what with all the brouhaha surrounding ClearChannel and the media
> consolidation.

Its important for informed Americans to get their news from as few,
controllable sources as possible.

If we think that he, or anyone all that high on the food
> chain at the FCC gives a rat's patootie about what's going on in
> Amateurland, we're fooling ourselves.

Some in Amateurland have always done that. As long as they congregate
in PCTA groups and invoke the PCTA double standard, they can insulate
themselves from reality.

> As far as I'm concerned, it should have happened years ago. I think the
> written tests should be harder, and I think you should re-test when you
> renew your license.

I think the written exam material IS "harder," but the format lends
itself to less than stellar results in retained knowledge.

bb

675. Re: So what do we call them?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-10 12:19:41 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307100419.1279807d@posting.google.com>
Source record: 70559

"Jim Hampton" <aa2qa@frontiernet.net> wrote in message
news:<At6Pa.2020$Iz4.234@news02.roc.ny>...
> Ohhhh ... I don't need to visit *that* URL. LOL. Kept it as a favorite so
> I can copy and paste (as you must have done). Perhaps you should have
> suggested for channel numbers 4Q2, 4Q2OM, UR1LID, UR1ASS, and ZBM-2 LOL
>
> I just love these newsgroups :)
>
> Have a gooder & 73,
> Jim AA2QA

I thought Larry's "friend" had a corner on that market. I guess not.

bb

676. Re: More on Broadband over Power Lines (BLP)

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-10 12:22:16 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030710082216.18497.00001224@mb-m05.aol.com>
Source record: 70561

In article <cuvyxnansvbet.hhsdd9q.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>, "Phil Kane"
<Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop> writes:

>On 9 Jul 2003 11:55:18 -0700, N2EY wrote:
>
>>> That amazed me too - but there's only one insulator on the pole pig
>>> and one wire crossing the street to same. Three phase primary is
>>> three wire, so there isn't even a Wye Neutral for return.
>>>
>>> I first saw this system along the Trans-Canada highway in Alberta in
>>> 1970 and I put it down to the rural-ness of the area. But suburban
>>> Portland in the 21st Century?
>>
>>Are there NO other wires on the pole?
>
> I checked it out a lot closer - there appears to be a neutral wire
> running quite a distance below the primaries but above the cable and
> telco stuff. It looked a lot like a messenger or guy wire, but it is
> most probably serves as the neutral of a Wye primary.

That's exactly what it is. Most of the return current is in that wire.

The system you describe is in use all over the Northeast.
>
>>Earth return will work fine, if the ground is good enough.
>
> The rocks of western Oregon do not fall into that category.....
>
Agreed - but the system described doesn;t use earth return.

73 de Jim, N2EY

677. Re: More on Broadband over Power Lines (BLP)

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-10 12:22:16 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030710082216.18497.00001223@mb-m05.aol.com>
Source record: 70563

In article <BB3235C7.1E547%stewart@say.net>, Dwight Stewart <stewart@say.net>
writes:

>N2EY" wrote:
>>
>> None of it is good news for hams.
>
> It darn sure doesn't sound like it.

Visit the ARRL website and read their articles on it. Lots of good info. Note
the difference between existing PLC systems, Access BPL, and in-building BPL.
>
>> Basically they come down to two ideas:
>>
>> 1) spectrum masking, which consists of not
>> allowing the BPL systems to use frequencies
>> in the ham bands. (snip)
>
> That has already been done with other devices and experience shows it
>doesn't always work reliably.
>
Exactly.

>> 2) "improved modes and modulations", which
>> permit the use of lower signal levels and
>> hence lower signal leakage. Supposedly.
>
> On the HF frequencies, any leakage is significant.
>
Particularly given the ubiquity and proximity of power lines to typical amateur
installations.

>> The BIG problem is obvious to anyone who
>> actually goes out and looks at a typical
>> aerial distribution system. Lots of nice,
>> long wires, way up in the air, running all
>> over everyone's neighborhood. Put a little
>> RF in them and watch it radiate.
>
> Exactly. That's what got me thinking about this in the first place. My
>entire neighborhood is surrounded with power lines, some very high voltage
>lines. While none are exactly next door, many are within sight.

The real villians for radiated noise are the medium voltage distribution lines.
For conducted and induced lines, it's the low voltage service wires.
>

>> You can read the comments of others and leave
>> your own at the FCC website, via the ECFS system.
>
> I'll check into that, Jim. Thanks.
>
Comments are closed but reply comments are still open. You can read mine there
- search under my last name.

73 de Jim, N2EY

678. Re: More on Broadband over Power Lines (BLP)

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-10 12:22:17 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030710082217.18497.00001225@mb-m05.aol.com>
Source record: 70564

In article <Cf2dnZ0KVJAdeJGiU-KYgw@vnet-inc.com>, "\"Sparky\""
<sparks@nospam.com> writes:

>"N2EY" <N2EY@AOL.COM> wrote in message
>news:c2356669.0307091055.54d9798a@posting.google.com...
>| "Phil Kane" <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop> wrote in message
>news:<cuvyxnansvbet.hhqg03m.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>...
>| > On Wed, 09 Jul 2003 03:02:43 GMT, Jim Hampton wrote:
>| >
>| > >Phil, I doubt you're kidding, but a single wire with a ground
>return? That
>| > >is going to have a ton of problems even *without* putting
>broadband on it.
>| >
>| > That amazed me too - but there's only one insulator on the pole
>pig
>| > and one wire crossing the street to same. Three phase primary
>is
>| > three wire, so there isn't even a Wye Neutral for return.
>| >
>| > I first saw this system along the Trans-Canada highway in
>Alberta in
>| > 1970 and I put it down to the rural-ness of the area. But
>suburban
>| > Portland in the 21st Century?
>|
>| Are there NO other wires on the pole?
>|
>| Here in EPA, most residential areas have three-phase going down the
>| larger streets (like South Devon Ave. here in Wayne), with
>| single-phase feeders going to the side streets. The return is partly
>| through the dirt but mostly through the main messenger that carries
>| the 120/240 twisted wires.
>|
>| Earth return will work fine, if the ground is good enough. The few
>| HVDC lines that have been installed can be operated that way if one
>| conductor fails.
>|
> 73 de Jim, N2EY
>The problem is, in most parts of the country the ground conductivity
>is VERY poor. Just ask anyone who is familiar with commercial AM
>broadcast station operation. They all wouldn't bury literally MILES
>of copper wire around their towers in order to get somewhat of a
>ground if they didn't have to.

Two words: Skin effect.

Because of skin effect, RF doesn't penetrate the earth very far. Which is why installing radials under a vertical can make a big difference in antenna efficiency.

At DC and low-frequency AC, the penetration is much deeper, and ground return can be used successfully. The old landwire telegraph used ground return for circuits hundreds of miles long. Tests of HVDC transmission using ground return for currents in the thousands of amperes have been successful.

>Besides our local electric utility
>had nothing but big problems with 3-phase feeder lines without a
>neutral along with the hot lines. They lose transformers whenever we
>have a dandy lightning storm.

That's a different problem.
>
>As far as BPL is concerned, BIG PROBLEMS LOOM for almost all licensed
>services, including amateur radio if this is allowed.
>
That I can agree with 100%

73 de Jim, N2EY

679. Re: Fight the BPL

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-10 12:22:18 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030710082218.18497.00001226@mb-m05.aol.com>
Source record: 70560

In article <Dq0Pa.1044$o86.640@news1.central.cox.net>, "Paul Vanasse"
<pvanasse@cox.net> writes:

>"Zoran Brlecic" <...WA7AA...@get.lost> wrote in message
>news:3F0BAC2C.2040401@get.lost...
>> A measly $25 - $100 can help prevent your $5000 equipment from becoming
>> an expensive coffee cup warmer.
>>
>>
>> 73 .... WA7AA
>
>Uhhh, this one is even better than Christian Science. What about all the
>government, military, ship to shore, and navigational use of the HF
>spectrum?

They don't do those things in residential neighborhoods.

>Do you think that the FCC is actually going to allow malicious
>interference to disrupt these services?

They've allowed far dumber things to happen.
>
>Whether the ARRL is involved or not, and if the statement concerning noise
>is true, it will never happen.

Never say never....

>Save your BPL money and take your girl friend out for a Prime Rib dinner and
>a night on the town......You'll get a hell of a lot more bang for your buck.

And if BPL IS implemented and the bands are full of noise, what are you going
to do?

680. Re: Is There ANY Recourse re. FCC & Dropping CW?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-10 12:22:19 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030710082219.18497.00001228@mb-m05.aol.com>
Source record: 70562

In article <beihgpldm1@slb6.atl.mindspring.net>, "Bill Sohl"
<billsohl@mindspring.com> writes:

>"N2EY" <n2ey@aol.com> wrote in message
>news:20030709202209.03929.00000794@mb-m28.aol.com...
>> In article <bei03n$8fu$1@slb0.atl.mindspring.net>, "Bill Sohl"
>> <billsohl@mindspring.com> writes:
>>
>> >> 1)The FCC won't respond to anything filed before congress has ratified
>the
>> >> new treaty (no point approaching congress, though, as that part will be
>a
>> >> rubber stamp excercise);
>> >
>> >And even if congress failed to ratify it would change nothing
>> >in the ITU treaty. In fact, if congress doesn't
>> >ratify, then the USA would simply NOT be a participant
>> >in the treaty. The former treaty is, as of 7/5/03, null and void.
>>
>> I don't think that's necessarily true, Bill. But it's academic - has the
>USA
>> ever not ratified a revised ITU-R treaty?
>
>But let's pretend...for academic discussion.

IOW, let's speculate.

>Just what would you
>expect the USA position to be with regard to the New vs Old ITU
>treaty if the USA doesn't ratify?

That depends on WHY the USA doesn't ratify, and how the non-ratification is done. Seems to me that the lawyers could argue it either way. Some would argue that the USA is no longer bound by treaty provisions of the old treaty that don;t appear in the new one, while others could argue the opposite. Plus all sorts of variations.

>Remember, ratification, if at all,
>is a USA function and the end result of ITU doesn't require
>a follow-up ratification process from each administration.

Yet at the same time, if nobody ratifies it, the new treaty means nothing.

Note that at the present time, the USA is acting as if the old treaty is still in force. The fact that there's a new one awaiting ratification doesn't make the old one and its requirements immediately disappear.

73 de Jim, N2EY

681. Re: Fight the BPL

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-10 12:22:19 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030710082219.18497.00001227@mb-m05.aol.com>
Source record: 70565

In article <3F0CCA03.7FDE34A2@sympatico.ca>, Dave Holford
<holford@sympatico.ca> writes:

>JJ wrote:
>>
>> Dave Platt wrote:
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>> >
>> > It has also become apparent that some very senior FCC officials are
>> > woefully ignorant about radio. Political appointees, I suppose.
>>
>> Most of the FCC senior officials are lawyers who don't have a clue
>> about the technical side of radio. They wouldn't know a door knob
>> from a transistor. Come to think of it, a know lot of hams that
>> don't either.
>
>
>Maybe, but IIRC the FCC, along with the FAA, FEMA etc. etc. operate
>extensive HF communications systems. It seems unlikely that a source of
>such serious potential interference to their own communications would be
>authorized?
>
>Dave

Three possibilities, Dave:

1) Those federal agencies are clueless about the interference potential of BPL
(not very likely)

2) Those federal agencies figure that since their facilities are not located in
residential areas and will not get their 'net access via BPL, there isn't much
they need to worry about (possible, but not likely)

3) Those federal agencies are sitting on the sidelines while the "civilians"
hash out the details and do the hard work of making proposals and comments. If
the ARRL and amateurs can get BPL squashed or controlled, those federal
agencies don't have to do a thing. (likely?)

73 de Jim, N2EY

682. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-10 12:24:00 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu>
Message-ID: <3F0D5AE0.2040509@psu.edu>
Source record: 70566

Larry Roll K3LT wrote:
> In article <3F0B98A2.5070205@mailcity.moc>, JJ <radiobuff0@mailcity.moc>
> writes:
>
>
>>>Do you have
>>>something
>>>against operator skill -- or are you one of those New Age hams that think
>>>yakking into a microphone is all the demonstration of operator skill that
>>>should
>>>ever be required of you?
>>
>>Do you have something against someone who has no desire to operate
>>CW?
>
>
> In a way, I do -- because their lack of desire to operate CW is usually
> based on a lack of willingness to break their inertia and get down to
> learning it. It's called laziness. Yup, that's right -- the "L" word.
> L-A-Z-I-N-E-S-S. Hams who don't care or "don't want" to learn Morse code
> are just plain old LAZY. Period. End of Story. Consider yourself to
> have been grabbed by the collar and beaten with a club called The Truth!!!

Strongly put, but strongly accurate...

>>There are many different modes of operation in ham radio, do
>>you operate them all?
>
>
> Nope, not all -- but certainly a whole lot more than most hams do. And
> you know something totally strange? My Morse/CW proficiency doesn't
> interfere one little bit in my enjoyment of other modes!

Right there is exactly what I was talking about a few threads ago.
Nothing is lost by learning Morse Code. Why some people seem to think
that learning Morse code will make them forget something else is beyond
me. The one exception to that is learning to make wine or beer, and then
only when you drink the results.

- Mike KB3EIA -

683. Re: The Pool

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-10 12:29:41 UTC
From: N2EY@AOL.COM
Message-ID: <c2356669.0307100429.19fd49fc@posting.google.com>
Source record: 70567

So far:

WA2SI: September 13, 2003
KF6TPT: September 29, 2003
KC8EPO: December 31, 2003
K2UNK: January 1, 2004
K2ASP: March 15, 2004
AA2QA: April 1, 2004
N2EY: April 15, 2004
N3KIP: May 1, 2004
KC8PMX: July 1, 2004
K3LT: September 15, 2004
Kim: June 1, 2008

If I missed anybody, please add your guess to the list.

73 de Jim, N2EY

684. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-10 12:32:47 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu>
Message-ID: <3F0D5CEF.7020907@psu.edu>
Source record: 70570

JJ wrote:
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> Larry Roll K3LT wrote:
>
>> In article <3F0B98A2.5070205@mailcity.moc>, JJ <radiobuff0@mailcity.moc>
>> writes:
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>>
>>>> Do you have
>>>> something
>>>> against operator skill -- or are you one of those New Age hams that
>>>> think
>>>> yakking into a microphone is all the demonstration of operator skill
>>>> that
>>>> should
>>>> ever be required of you?
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>> In a way, I do -- because their lack of desire to operate CW is usually
>> based on a lack of willingness to break their inertia and get down to
>> learning it. It's called laziness. Yup, that's right -- the "L"
>> word. L-A-Z-I-N-E-S-S. Hams who don't care or "don't want" to learn
>> Morse code
>> are just plain old LAZY. Period. End of Story. Consider yourself to
>> have been grabbed by the collar and beaten with a club called The Truth!!!
>
>
> You are a real piece of work Larry. I haven't worked CW in years, I
> still could but I just have no desire to talk in code when I can speak
> very well.
> Do you use a automobile to get from one distant place to another? You
> do? That is pure laziness, the "L" word. Why don't you ride a horse,
> bicycle, or better yet, walk. That is what folks did before the
> automobile came along. You are just plain old LAZY. You have a long way
> to go to ever grab me by the collar and you can't handle the truth. End
> of story.

You'll need a better argument than this JJ. I use an automobile, I know
how to ride a horse properly, bicycle occasionally and I walk quite a

bit. And laziness doesn't enter into the equation. If you are trying to equate transport modes with ARS modes, you simply use the one that is appropriate at the moment.

- Mike KB3EIA -

685. Re: CW Requirement Abolished

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-10 12:33:32 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307100433.1d1b4664@posting.google.com>
Source record: 70568

Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote in message
news:<Xns93B3801DC208Eelektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>...
> brianburke@juno.com (Brian) wrote in
> news:f45722ac.0307090623.3fca4279@posting.google.com:
>
> > N2EY@AOL.COM (N2EY) wrote in message
> > news:<c2356669.0307081338.7209a5cb@posting.google.com>...
> >> Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net> wrote in message
> >> news:<nipigv4r1n1c1879t1l4feut0kngr676br@4ax.com>...
> >> > On 7 Jul 2003 14:21:15 GMT, Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote:
> >> >
> >> > >We'll just have to think of something else to talk about. Besides,
> >> > >it's not over yet. The FCC will likely have multiple petitions to
> >> > >look at. For example, what happens to Techs? Should they all get
> >> > >Tech+ privileges?
> >>
> >> Seems completely obvious to me that they should.
> >
> > Ditto Novices
> >
> >> > In the short term, that's what I personally expect we will see. In
> >> > the long term, however, I think we will eventually have only two
> >> > license classes instead of the current three (one for VHF/UHF only
> >> > privileges, and one for full HF privileges in addition to that).
> >>
> >> I disagree!
> >
> > I also disagree, same reason.
> >
> >> The only reason to separate HF and VHF/UHF is/was because of the code
> >> test. HF licenses had to have code tests because of the old treaty.
> >> Once the new one is ratified, that reason goes away.
> >>
> >> Seems to me that in a nocodetest future it would make much more sense
> >> to let all hams have access to at least partial privileges on most ham
> >> bands, rather than continuing the artificial HF vs. VHF-UHF
> >> separation.
> >
> > Why limit band privs? Just limit power based upon safety reasons.
> >
> >> How about this: Three classes of license - call them Third, Second and
> >> First for discussion's sake.
> >
> > How about two?

> >
> >> Thirds have a simple written test and get to use a few modes (CW,
> >> SSB/FM phone, some data) on parts of all bands.
> >
> > On all parts of all bands.
> >
> > Power limit is below
> >> that requiring RF survey. Callsigns are six characters, and Thirds
> >> can't be repeater control ops or VEs.
> >
> > Fair enuf. But call it "limited."
> >
> >> Seconds have more modes, more space on the bands, and more power.
> >> Callsigns are five or six characters. Seconds can be repeater control
> >> ops and VEs. One year experience as a Third required.
> >
> > Superfluous license class.
> >
> >> Firsts have all privs, callsigns with four, five or six characters,
> >> etc. One year experience as a Second required.
> >
> > Two years as "limited" required.
> >
> >> You get the general idea.
> >
> > Yup.
> >
> >> > 1. FCC remains under a congressional mandate to simplify
> >> > regulations. The easiest system for FCC to administer would be
> >> > exactly what I have outlined - either you have HF privileges or you
> >> > don't.
> >>
> >> But is that what's best for the ARS? I don't think so.
> >
> > Two licenses are simple enough. All band/mode privs for both, with
> > the distinctions being power, ability to operate automated or remote
> > transmitters, and VE positions.
> >
> > Personally, I'd like to see the FCC write TOWER priveleges into the
> > license as well.
> >
> >> > 2. Reading between the lines on the FCC's R&O WRT the last
> >> > restructuring of amateur license classes leads me to believe that
> >> > the commission would have preferred to do this in the first place
> >> > but its hands were tied by the international requirement that WRC
> >> > just removed. Absent that requirement now, FCC will be free to do
> >> > what I think it would have preferred to do four years ago.
> >> >
> >> I think what FCC wanted several years back was pretty close to what
> >> they actually did - 3 classes of license, minimal or zero code

> >> testing. No medical waivers. Less written testing, too.
> >
> > They chose 6 classes of licenses. They neglected to deal with the
> > dangling Novice, Tech Plus, and Advanced issues.
> >
> >> 73 de Jim, N2EY
> >
> > 73, Brian
> >
>
> I'd like to see what the CEPT do at the end of this month in their
> meeting. At present they have two classes : Class 1 (full privileges,
> requires full theory test and 5wpm, recently reduced from 12wpm) and Class
> 2 (144 MHz +, reduced theory requirement, no code).
>
> It is not clear why Class 2 operators must stay above 144 MHz, as WARC '79
> changed the lower limit for no-coders to 30 MHz, but I guess it is because
> of countries who had not implemented that at the time the areement was
> originally written.

They may not want amateurs transmitting on a VHF-Low TV channel.

> They could merge Class 1 and Class 2, but as there is supposed to be a
> difference in theory level, they may not. If they do merge them, as some
> rumours are suggesting, then Class 2s (such as both types of US
> Technician) would have full privileges including full HF access in every
> CEPT treaty country they visit.
>
> Clearly, though, the CEPT are going to abolish the code requirement for
> Class 1, whether or not they merge it with Class 2 or reduce the lower
> frequency for Class 2, and this will come about a month after when the ITU
> introduced the new s25 rules.
>
> This will have enourmous impact. All of a sudden, no-coders from all sorts
> of countries will be able to operate HF in other countries, if maybe not
> immediately in their own. Don't forget, in many countries no-coders have
> to take the full theory, so those will become Class 1 even if Techs are
> still Class 2!

As it should be. We should have standardized long time ago.

> So many countries belong to the CEPT agreement that it will place a huge
> amount of pressure on individual countries to abolish code testing more
> quickly. In the interim, lots of no-coders would be able to operate HF
> only by going mobile and driving across a border!

As it should be. Maybe the travelling amateur will spend a few
dollars and help the accomodating countries economy.

73, bb

686. Re: CW Requirement Abolished

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-10 12:35:09 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307100435.449cce15@posting.google.com>
Source record: 70569

Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu> wrote in message news:<3F0C390D.60103@psu.edu>...
> Brian wrote:
>
> > Why limit band privs? Just limit power based upon safety reasons.
>
> Many CB'ers run illegal power amps without taking a test at all.
>
> - Mike KB3EIA -

Why is it when a person shoots a rabbit out of season he is called a
poacher rather than a hunter, but when a CBer uses illegal power, he
is still called a CBer?

bb

687. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-10 12:40:02 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu>
Message-ID: <3F0D5EA2.8050002@psu.edu>
Source record: 70571

Alun Palmer wrote:

> Point taken. Maybe buy some cheap PCs from the Goodwill store and run
> Linux on them? Write something in a portable interpreted language like
> Tcl/Tk so it will run unchanged on Windows/MacOS/Linux/Unix. Hard to scale
> up for large sessions, though, isn't it.

There we go.

Now we're on the same wavelength, I did give some thought to the matter, and say if the ARRL were to be interested in doing something like this, a program could be put together to run on a Win95 minimum system. Then an effort could be made to purchase older laptops, like early Pentium systems. These can be picked up pretty reasonably.

A pilot system could be tried in a few places to see how well accepted the system is.

My only negative thoughts are that very seldom will we get a system that relies on used equipment. But there it is, I think the cheapest way of introducing computer testing.

- Mike KB3EIA -

688. Re: Is There ANY Recourse re. FCC & Dropping CW?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-10 12:48:34 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu>
Message-ID: <3F0D60A2.7060401@psu.edu>
Source record: 70574

Bill Sohl wrote:

>
> And even if congress failed to ratify it would change nothing
> in the ITU treaty. In fact, if congress doesn't
> ratify, then the USA would simply NOT be a participant
> in the treaty. The former treaty is, as of 7/5/03, null and void.

Whoa there Bill! Are you saying that as of this moment, we are not part
of the treaty?

- Mike KB3EIA -=

689. Re: Is There ANY Recourse re. FCC & Dropping CW?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-10 13:08:49 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com>
Message-ID: <BzdPa.5761$_k2.252067@nnrp1.ptd.net>
Source record: 70575

Right ... "little LEOs" are Mobile Satellite Service systems with small constellations of satellites in low earth orbits ...

73,
Carl - wk3c

"Mike Coslo" <mjc5@psu.edu> wrote in message news:3F0C5231.7020702@psu.edu...
> Carl R. Stevenson wrote:
>
>
> <snippage>
> >
> > I remember a few years back when the ARRL got the amateur community
> > all fired up over "little LEOs trying to take the 2m band" ... the result
> > was
> > a firestorm of e-mails to the FCC that overloaded their servers and cause
> > them great difficulty in conducting normal business ... something that they
> > DEFINITELY did NOT appreciate!
>
> I'll show my ignorance here What is a LEO? Low Earth Orbiter?
>
> - Mike KB3EIA -
>

690. Re: CW Requirement Abolished

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-10 13:20:10 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com>
Message-ID: <eKdPa.5764$_k2.252157@nnrp1.ptd.net>
Source record: 70576

"Alun Palmer" <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote in message
news:Xns93B3801DC208Eelektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4...
> I'd like to see what the CEPT do at the end of this month in their
> meeting. At present they have two classes : Class 1 (full privileges,
> requires full theory test and 5wpm, recently reduced from 12wpm) and Class
> 2 (144 MHz +, reduced theory requirement, no code).

I believe that the only difference between CEPT Class 1 and Class 2
is the Morse requirement for Class 1 ... the written tests come from
the "HAREC" standard ... and I *believe* that they are the same.

> So many countries belong to the CEPT agreement that it will place a huge
> amount of pressure on individual countries to abolish code testing more
> quickly. In the interim, lots of no-coders would be able to operate HF
> only by going mobile and driving across a border!

Yes, ain't it *sweet*? :-)

I expect the dominoes to fall quite rapidly.

73,
--
Carl R. Stevenson - wk3c
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691. Re: Is There ANY Recourse re. FCC & Dropping CW?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-10 13:24:28 UTC
From: clutch@lycos.com
Message-ID: <vgqqb3drvfar09@corp.supernews.com>
Source record: 70577

"Bert Craig" <wa2si@arrl.netNOSPAM> wrote:

>Here's a question. Forgive me if it appears trollish, but I gotta ask.
>
>Is there any individual or dept. within the FCC that folks can send e-mails
>to in support of retaining the 5-wpm exam? Or, for instance, all Techs would
>automatically get Novice/Tech+ privies while Element 1 is retained for
>General and Extra?
>
>Or is it a forgone conclusion that the FCC WILL drop Element 1 despite any
>volume of sentiments to the contrary?

FWIW, I support keeping the code in and I am a technician that is
trying hard to learn this. Code still has a use and it makes one
commit effort to upgrade to higher classes. It causes those that are
not willing to work to be left out and does anyone want people in this
activity that are not willing to put effort into learning?

Sometimes the US does the right thing even though the rest of the
world makes another choice. Lemmings march into the sea. Are they
right?

/ <rant off>

73, Wes, kc8spr
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Reply to:
Whiskey Echo Sierra Sierra AT Gee Tee EYE EYE dot COM
Lycos address is a spam trap.

692. Re: More on Broadband over Power Lines (BLP)

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-10 13:29:27 UTC
From: Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net>
Message-ID: <3F0D6A2F.9840EAC3@att.net>
Source record: 70578

N2EY wrote:

> kelly@dvol.com (Brian Kelly) wrote in message
news:<d22b54c3.0307090507.7adc636e@posting.google.com>...
> > N2EY@AOL.COM (N2EY) wrote in message
> >
> > >
> > > Basically they come down to two ideas:
> > >
> > > 1) spectrum masking, which consists of not allowing the BPL systems to
> > > use frequencies in the ham bands. Which is fine until something
> > > nonlinear in the system causes intermodulation products, harmonics or
> > > other spurious signals to fall in the ham bands. This method was used
> > > to stop HomePlug and other in-building systems from tearing up 80
> > > meters - AFTER our own W1RFI and other ARRL folks got the manufacturer
> > > to recognize the problem.
> > >
> > > 2) "improved modes and modulations", which permit the use of lower
> > > signal levels and hence lower signal leakage. Supposedly.
> > >
> > > The BIG problem is obvious to anyone who actually goes out and looks
> > > at a typical aerial distribution system. Lots of nice, long wires, way
> > > up in the air, running all over everyone's neighborhood. Put a little
> > > RF in them and watch it radiate.
> > >
> > > Heck, one of the biggest problems in access BPL is that the lines are
> > > "lossy" at RF. They're "lossy" because they radiate!
> > > >
> > > You can read the comments of others and leave your own at the FCC
> > > website, via the ECFS system. Check out what the ARRL is saying and
> > > doing at the ARRL website.
> >
> > Where is the NTIA in all this?
>
> Waiting for the right moment. Or totally oblivious.
>
> > They sure got their knickers in a twist
> > about hams having broad access to 60M because of the potential
> > interference to vital gummint HF comms from us.
>
> Right - but they waited until AFTER all the comments were in and it
> looked like FCC was gonna give us 150 kHz and full power. THEN they
> spoke up, directly to FCC.
>

> Prolly same thing going on now. If FCC stops BPL because of the work
> of ARRL, IEEE and others, NTIA doesn't have to lift a finger.
>
> > BPL is not the same
> > kind of threat to the gummint itself than it is to us?
>
> NTIA isn't going to admit that sort of thing right out in public
> unless they have to.
>
> > Hams are not
> > the only users of HF, in fact we're close to being bit players
> > overall. What about the SWL's? All the gummint time & frequency
> > standards stations? All the HF military comms we don't know about? The
> > commercial PACTOR users?
>
> Some of them are commenting. The IEEE Power Relaying committee did a
> really good comment that recognized the need to protect hams and
> others from BPL. There are also interesting safety and electrical
> noise issues as well. Example: The access BPL systems use a bypass
> filter to allow the signals to go around the pole pig, which is very
> lossy at RF. What if the bypass filter develops a short, and tries to
> put several KVs to ground through YOUR meter service? What about
> electrical noise (besides the BPL signals) on the primary side getting
> fed to the secondary side?
> >
> > Question for Phil: At what point can opponents of BPL take it out of
> > the hands of the FCC and into the Federal courts? I'm thinking in
> > terms of the ARRL taking it to the wall and laying on the expert
> > witnesses Powell Jr. can't brush off like he can at this stage.
> >
> I'd say that sort of thing is a really, really, REALLY good way to get
> the FCC seriously pissed off at the BPL opponents (personally) and the
> ARS in general. Even if such a case actually got to court, it would
> have a one-in-a-google chance of winning. And if it was actually won,
> FCC could make life VERY difficult for the winners, or the winners'
> service, in a zillion different little ways.
>
> Trying to "go over the FCC's head" is a last-ditch
> nothing-left-to-lose desperation move, I think.
>
> Correct me if I'm wrong, Phil.
>
> 73 de Jim, N2EY

Remember, the ARRL *did* sue the FCC some years ago, seems like it was in the 80's, and IIRC the issue was
the 220 mhz reallocation, though I'm not certain of that. Sure seemed a poor idea to me.

693. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-10 13:32:30 UTC
From: Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net>
Message-ID: <3F0D6AE8.B88ED7C5@att.net>
Source record: 70579

JJ wrote:

> Dick Carroll wrote:
> > Based on the required and demonstrated knowledge and
> > ability level demanded of the testing
> > today, it's simply not possible to say with any certainty that the new licensee
> > knows anything about the subject
> > matter, nor is competent to handle radiotelegraphy at effective communications
> > speeds.
>
> This is not a new problem, it has been around for many years.

Didn't say it was, JJ, and it became far more common with the commercial phone licenses before it descended on ham radio in spades with the question pools among other things. Today it's much worse than ever. But you already knew that.

694. Re: So what do we call them?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-10 13:35:11 UTC
From: "Clair J. Robinson" <cjr@visi.com>
Message-ID: <3F0D6B8F.C7F4899A@visi.com>
Source record: 70580
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.dx

Why not just Channels 1 through 5. What does the "E" mean?

73, CJ K0CJ

K0HB wrote:
>
> What convention should we use on the air to refer to the 5 new
> channels in the 5MHz band? I recommend we call them Channel E1, E2,
> E3, E4, and E5. Simple and easy to remember.
>
> 73, de Hans, K0HB

695. Re: Is There ANY Recourse re. FCC & Dropping CW?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-10 13:36:43 UTC
From: Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net>
Message-ID: <3F0D6BE4.95DA48D1@att.net>
Source record: 70581

Bill Sohl wrote:

>
> And even if congress failed to ratify it would change nothing
> in the ITU treaty. In fact, if congress doesn't
> ratify, then the USA would simply NOT be a participant
> in the treaty. The former treaty is, as of 7/5/03, null and void.

Surely you know more about how treaties work than to believe that. No treaty--nor the recension of one-is effective until ratified by the governments involved.

696. Re: Is There ANY Recourse re. FCC & Dropping CW?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-10 13:45:24 UTC
From: Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net>
Message-ID: <3F0D6DED.83BFBD28@att.net>
Source record: 70582

N2EY wrote:

> In article <bei03n$8fu$1@slb0.atl.mindspring.net>, "Bill Sohl"
> <billsohl@mindspring.com> writes:
>
> >> 1)The FCC won't respond to anything filed before congress has ratified the
> >> new treaty (no point approaching congress, though, as that part will be a
> >> rubber stamp excercise);
> >
> >And even if congress failed to ratify it would change nothing
> >in the ITU treaty. In fact, if congress doesn't
> >ratify, then the USA would simply NOT be a participant
> >in the treaty. The former treaty is, as of 7/5/03, null and void.
>
> I don't think that's necessarily true, Bill. But it's academic - has the USA
> ever not ratified a revised ITU-R treaty?
> >
> >> 2)Everyone and his dog will then file petitions to restructure the Amateur
> >> service. You could file one too;
> >
> >Maybe. Time will tell.

And since "concensus" is a term totally foreign to ham radio, Bill Cross himself, the big stick at FCC for ham radio, the guy who makes all the rules that are rubberstamped by the other otherwise-occupied staff, will make the new rules for us, himself. He said so at Dayton a couple years ago.

697. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-10 13:56:06 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com>
Message-ID: <WfePa.5768$_k2.252496@nnrp1.ptd.net>
Source record: 70583

"Brian Kelly" <kelly@dvol.com> wrote in message
news:d22b54c3.0307091031.7d9d43f6@posting.google.com...
> "Bill Sohl" <billsohl@mindspring.com> wrote in message
news:<beh7g3$u5b$1@slb0.atl.mindspring.net>...
> >
> > Did you know that Carl was in Geneva as a member of the
> > US delegation? Seems pretty respected in ITU circles to me.
>
> Blather, he was just another observer with some commercial interest
> group he's involved with, had absolutely nothing to do with ham
> radio, not even close.

Actually, I was a "Private Sector Advisor" member of the US Delegation
(that's different than an "Observer" ... IARU was an "Observer" not a
member of a Member State Delegation)

I was officially listed on the Delegation as a private sector expert on
Agenda
Item 1.7, as well as the agenda items that my employer sent me for. (This
is
because I was heavily involved, through NCI, in the US prep process for the
WRC on 1.7.)

There were also two other private sector "experts" on the US Delegation
for Agenda Item 1.7 ... Paul Rinaldo and Jonathan Siverling of the ARRL.
(However, before anyone "flames" ARRL for not retaining the Morse
requirement in the ITU Radio Regs, I would remind them of two things:
1) the IARU postion was that that requirement should go
2) members of the US Delegation are *bound* to support the US position,
which was also that the Morse requirement should go.)

Interestingly, when the US presented its Proposal on 1.7 at the CITEL
meeting in Mexico City last year, the FCC International Bureau rep asked
me to present the document in Plenary (I was also attending that meeting
as a member of the US Delegation) ... I asked him "Why me, not you?"
His response was "You know more about the issue and the background."

What can I say? I participated in the process ... I don't recall you as
having
participated in any of the US WRC prep meetings, Brian ... nor did I see you
listed as a member of the US Delegation to the WRC.

73,
Carl - wk3c

698. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-10 13:59:33 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com>
Message-ID: <9jePa.5769$_k2.252039@nnrp1.ptd.net>
Source record: 70584

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"Bill Sohl" <billsohl@mindspring.com> wrote in message
news:behv3n$dsa$1@slb2.atl.mindspring.net...
>
> "Mike Coslo" <mjc5@psu.edu> wrote in message
> news:3F0C3812.2050508@psu.edu...
> >
> >
> > Bill Sohl wrote:
> > > "Hans K0HB" <k0hb@earthlink.net> wrote in message
> > > news:21581ca121ce6e1a0cb83d94148bf23d.128005@mygate.mailgate.org...
> > >
> > >>"Mike Coslo" <mjc5@psu.edu> wrote in message news:3F0AC3F9.305@psu.edu
> > >>
> > >>>Actually as a point of interest, and maybe a little trolling, Just
WHY
> > >>>should there be testing for a ham license?
> > >>
> > >>Because your transmissions travel on a "public thoroughfare", there is
a
> > >>requirement to ensure that you have demonstrated the knowledge to
> > >>operate without negative impact on the other users of that resource,
> > >>sort of like you need a drivers license to operate a motor vehicle on
> > >>public highways.
> > >> 73, de Hans, K0HB
> > >
> > > Well said Hans.
> >
> > Well said indeed, but what if enough people just reject that logic?
> > What if it is decided that the licenses just need to be bought? Say 200
> > bucks a shot? Or maybe a yearly sort of thing. Why have any other
> > qualifications for the license?
> >
> > - Mike KB3EIA -
>
> When the FCC takes that position then I'll fight
> against it. For now, that's just empty speculation.
> I have long sgo stated my opposition to any
> elimination of written testing...and, have made
> suggestions to the VCCs on ways to improve
> written testing.
>
> Cheers,
> Bill K2UNK
> NCI Director
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I fully agree with Bill ... I will also oppose any attempt to eliminate
written testing on technical, RF safety, rules/regs, etc. THAT's
what separates ham radio from "personal radio services."

73,
Carl - wk3c

699. Re: More on Broadband over Power Lines (BLP)

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-10 14:04:23 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com>
Message-ID: <HnePa.5770$_k2.251819@nnrp1.ptd.net>
Source record: 70585
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,alt.ham-radio.vhf-uhf

"Dick Carroll" <dickc58@att.net> wrote in message
news:3F0C527C.A97DD5F5@att.net...
>
>
> Dwight Stewart wrote:
>
> >
> > Does anyone know about these touted "advances that address problems of
> > interference" mentioned above? Are these "advances" really going to
prevent
> > potential interference problems out here in the real world?
>
> Sure. Just enable your DSP filters, and all will be well with the world.
Just
> ask
> Squiggy or Cecil.
>

Since folks have attempted to disparage me in the past by referring to me
as "Squiggy," I will assume you are referring to me ...

I never have, nor would I, make such a stupid assertion.

Access BPL *does* present a MAJOR threat to HF operation.

My good friend Ed Hare, of ARRL, and his colleagues, have done
an excellent job in the technical analysis that the ARRL filed with
their comments in the BPL NOI ... I would suggest that everyone
read it and be prepared for the next round of comments ... assuming
that the FCC moves from an NOI to an NPRM on this issue.

73,
Carl - wk3c

700. Re: What of NCI? FORGET THAT, HOW ABOUT ALL-CODE INTL.??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-10 14:09:20 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu>
Message-ID: <3F0D7390.6050607@psu.edu>
Source record: 70586

Ryan, KC8PMX wrote:
> I still think that if morse code is so important for the hams to have to
> know how to do, then all others utlizing public service and business band
> frequencies should have to know it as well such as law enforcement, fire,
> ems, governmental entities, transportation frequencies etc. Especially the
> emergency service people, as if there were ever a case where they may be
> caught in a position where morse code may be useful, I don't know what would
> be. Can you imagine if they used it for at least a secondary level of
> communications if not a primary one?? People in scannerland would have to
> learn morse code as well to figure out what the hell is being sent!
>
> ALL-CODE INTL.!!!!!!!!

Whoaaa there, Ryan! You're getting spun up here!

- Mike KB3EIA -

701. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-10 14:21:01 UTC
From: Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net>
Message-ID: <3F0D7646.6F101C30@att.net>
Source record: 70587

Arnie Macy wrote:

> "Leland C. Scott" wrote ...
>
> Dah, you mean all those fine southern operators on 75m that claim to have
> been Hams since the dawn of the dinosaur have it all wrong! Gee I didn't
> know that. ;-) My favorite group to monitor hangs out around 3950 KHz more
> or less. One or more of them have even offered to Elmer R.H. on several
> occasions between beers.
> ---
> --
>
> I don't hang out anywhere near 3950, Leland. But if you come on over to
> 3593 at around 7 EDT(Georgia State Traffic Net), you will more than likely
> hear me.

The question, obviously, is "How's he gonna know it's you???"

702. Re: More on Broadband over Power Lines (BLP)

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-10 14:40:23 UTC
From: Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net>
Message-ID: <3F0D7ACF.5A914FB4@att.net>
Source record: 70589
Cross-posted to: alt.ham-radio.vhf-uhf,rec.radio.amateur.policy

\"Sparky\" wrote:

> "N2EY" <N2EY@AOL.COM> wrote in message
> news:c2356669.0307091055.54d9798a@posting.google.com...
> | "Phil Kane" <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop> wrote in message
> news:<cuvyxnansvbet.hhqg03m.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>...
> | > On Wed, 09 Jul 2003 03:02:43 GMT, Jim Hampton wrote:
> | >
> | > >Phil, I doubt you're kidding, but a single wire with a ground
> return? That
> | > >is going to have a ton of problems even *without* putting
> broadband on it.
> | >
> | > That amazed me too - but there's only one insulator on the pole
> pig
> | > and one wire crossing the street to same. Three phase primary
> is
> | > three wire, so there isn't even a Wye Neutral for return.
> | >
> | > I first saw this system along the Trans-Canada highway in
> Alberta in
> | > 1970 and I put it down to the rural-ness of the area. But
> suburban
> | > Portland in the 21st Century?
> |
> | Are there NO other wires on the pole?
> |
> | Here in EPA, most residential areas have three-phase going down the
> | larger streets (like South Devon Ave. here in Wayne), with
> | single-phase feeders going to the side streets. The return is partly
> | through the dirt but mostly through the main messenger that carries
> | the 120/240 twisted wires.
> |
> | Earth return will work fine, if the ground is good enough. The few
> | HVDC lines that have been installed can be operated that way if one
> | conductor fails.
> |
> 73 de Jim, N2EY
> The problem is, in most parts of the country the ground conductivity
> is VERY poor. Just ask anyone who is familiar with commercial AM
> broadcast station operation. They all wouldn't bury literally MILES
> of copper wire around their towers in order to get somewhat of a
> ground if they didn't have to.

I still wonder about that AM tower I once passed in Santa Clara,CA that was sitting on a salt marsh right at sea level....do they have all that wire in the ground, er, water, too?

>
>
> As far as BPL is concerned, BIG PROBLEMS LOOM for almost all licensed
> services, including amateur radio if this is allowed.

That was exactly what I said in my comments to FCC on the docket:

"The use of the HF part of the spectrum as we have always known it will be ended".

Dick

703. Re: CW Requirement Abolished

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-10 14:41:18 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu>
Message-ID: <3F0D7B0E.1010807@psu.edu>
Source record: 70593

Brian wrote:
> Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu> wrote in message news:<3F0C390D.60103@psu.edu>...
>
>>Brian wrote:
>>
>>
>>>Why limit band privs? Just limit power based upon safety reasons.
>>
>> Many CB'ers run illegal power amps without taking a test at all.
>>
>> - Mike KB3EIA -
>
>
> Why is it when a person shoots a rabbit out of season he is called a
> poacher rather than a hunter, but when a CBer uses illegal power, he
> is still called a CBer?

I guess he's acting as expected?

- Mike KB3EIA -

704. Re: Fight the BPL

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-10 14:46:29 UTC
From: Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net>
Message-ID: <3F0D7C3D.3D3B98DE@att.net>
Source record: 70590

N2EY wrote:

> 3) Those federal agencies are sitting on the sidelines while the "civilians"
> hash out the details and do the hard work of making proposals and comments. If
> the ARRL and amateurs can get BPL squashed or controlled, those federal
> agencies don't have to do a thing. (likely?)

I doubt it, but for sure one can't be sure.So many organizations seem populated with something other than proficient talent that such things seem to get overlooked.
One wonders about that with NTIA and the 60 meter fiasco.
I know if I was in a position of responsibility in *any* organization I'd sure not sit by and allow this to go forward opposed only by other users when my organization had a serious vested interest in the outcome.

Dick

705. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-10 14:47:45 UTC
From: Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net>
Message-ID: <3F0D7C89.DD6329B5@att.net>
Source record: 70591

Dick Carroll wrote:

> Robert Casey wrote:
>
> >
> > Back in the early days of my HF career, I figured that if the band seems
> > empty, well either
> > propagation is out or everyone's asleep or at work or such. In any
> > event, there's nobody
> > to qso with, so check other bands.
>
> But--- did you listen carefully for any very weak signals on CW? Often that
> is the clue to what's happening, or about to happen, on an otherwise seemingly
> dead band.
> Sometimes when you tune around carefully, listening for any hint of signals,
> you'll start something - you hear a very weak one, peak him up with your
> receiver filtering, whatever you have to work with, listen long enough to ID him
> and where he's located. If he signs off with the station he's working, and
> you've tuned up, you give him a call. If he's copying as well as you, he answers
> and suddenly you've turned a dead band into a QSO. More often than not, others
> will hear you two in QSO and next thing you know they're either calling in
> tailending you, or calling CQ nearby and drumming up their own contact. When you
> next tune around, there'll be several QSO's going on on the "dead" band.
>
> This scene plays out far more often than you would think, or used to back when
> HF experienced hams were the norm rather than the exception. Sure is worth
> trying, anyway.
>
> Dick

One more hint-some of the best DX contacts I've ever had occurred when I called
CQ
on a "dead" band. You get to work the rare one who answers without the "benefit"
of
the hounds, no pileup, no QRM, at least until enough others hear you working him
to
draw a crowd.

706. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-10 14:47:55 UTC
From: Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net>
Message-ID: <3F0D7C94.7E099764@att.net>
Source record: 70592

Bert Craig wrote:

> "Bill Sohl" <billsohl@mindspring.com> wrote in message
> news:beimcmtta2@slb6.atl.mindspring.net...
> > > >Did you know that Carl was in Geneva as a member of the
> > Call it whatever you like. Fact is Carl was on the delegation
> > and involved both during and before the WRC.
>
> Sounds like an awful lot of effort....to get something removed that required
> a much smaller amount of effort.

Carl has obviously been on a Jihad against Morse code for most of his adult
life.
Seems he must have flunked his 13wpm code test for the General in San Diego many
years ago and wound up getting enough of that 13wpm to qualify for an
old-category Tech. That daunting experience seems likewise to have left him with
a load of bile that has taken all these years to find a relief outlet for...NCI
and its
"mission" have been right up his alley.

And you're right, of course- it would have been much easier for him to have
just
tuned in W1AW code practice a few more sessions and retested, but what the hey!

707. Re: Fight the BPL

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-10 15:00:51 UTC
From: Bill Ogden <ogden@us.ibm.com>
Message-ID: <3F0D7FA3.4CEFB384@us.ibm.com>
Source record: 70588
Cross-posted to:
rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.swap,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.policy

>
>
> Maybe, but IIRC the FCC, along with the FAA, FEMA etc. etc. operate
> extensive HF communications systems. It seems unlikely that a source of
> such serious potential interference to their own communications would be
> authorized?
>

These systems, as well as military HF systems, usually operate in relatively
strong signal
environments. A lot of ham HF operation (especially DX chasers like myself)
try to work with
very low signal levels. Hams are possibly the only HF users in this
category. It seems likely that
the proposed BPL operation could substantially hamper weak-signal operation
while not really
impacting strong-signal operation.

I think the threat is quite real --- an yes, I did file a comment (although
it was a rather small one).
And yes, I am sending a contribution to the ARRL---it seems they are
fighting as best they can.

Bill
W2WO

708. Re: More on Broadband over Power Lines (BLP)

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-10 15:38:07 UTC
From: robkemp90210@hotmail.com
Message-ID: <6114e4af.0307100738.983a55f@posting.google.com>
Source record: 70594

Phil,

As an expert in dealing with the FCC, what is your recommendation on
the issues to bring to the FCC's attention? And how should our
comments be phrased?

Is preventing reception of shortwave broadcasts a first amendment
issue?

Thanks

"Phil Kane" <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop> wrote in message
news:<cuvyxnansvbet.hhsd60p.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>...
> On 9 Jul 2003 06:07:34 -0700, Brian Kelly wrote:
>
> >Question for Phil: At what point can opponents of BPL take it out of
> >the hands of the FCC and into the Federal courts?
>
> After the FCC hands down a ruling and the appellants can show that
> the ruling will cause them harm.
>
> The appellants must petition for reconsideration, and then take it
> to the U S Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia, but they
> will have to show that the Commission did something that was against
> public policy or in violation of the Administrative Procedure Act.
>
> If we lose there, we always have the option of petitioning the
> Supreme Court of the United States to take the case, but because it
> does not involve Contitutional or other high-profile issues, the
> chances of them doing so are slim IMNSHO.
>
> The biggest hurdle would be that the appellate courts are loath to
> overturn an agency ruling based on facts within the agency's
> expertise as long as there was an opportunity for public comment
> (there was), there is a record in the proceedings (there is) and the
> Commission's order makes reference to the record (I'm sure that it
> will, especially to the stuff submitted by the internet and power
> utility interests).
>
> The last time that the League tried this route was when 220-222 MHz
> was yanked away. We all know how that turned out.
>
> The other way to fight this crap is via The Congress, as if they
> know what the dickens it is all about other than "universal cheap
> internet".

709. Re: Is There ANY Recourse re. FCC & Dropping CW?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-10 15:49:21 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com>
Message-ID: <5WfPa.14$lL.1567@nnrp1.ptd.net>
Source record: 70595

<clutch@lycos.com> wrote in message
news:vgqqb3drvfar09@corp.supernews.com...
>
> FWIW, I support keeping the code in and I am a technician that is
> trying hard to learn this. Code still has a use and it makes one
> commit effort to upgrade to higher classes.

"Making one commit effort" is not a legitimate regulatory purpose
for the FCC.

If YOU want to learn and use Morse, fine ... same for anyone else
with the same desire. But that does not give you (or anyone else)
the right to force it on everyone else.

> It causes those that are
> not willing to work to be left out and does anyone want people in this
> activity that are not willing to put effort into learning?

I want all the technically competent folks we can get ... with homeland
defense spuring increased demand for use of HF frequencies, we need
to increase our numbers to protect our spectrum

NOTE: I said "technically competent folks" ... I am NOT in the
"ham license in the Cracker Jacks box" camp AT ALL.

I just don't believe that forcing folks to learn Morse to get an HF
license is a reasonable requirement. Those who want to use it
will have to (voluntarily) learn it ... those who have no interest in
Morse, but could contribute technically, in public service communications,
etc. should not be excluded because of their lack of interest in Morse.

> Sometimes the US does the right thing even though the rest of the
> world makes another choice.

I'm confident that the FCC will do the right thing ... they will ultimately
eliminate the Morse element from US amateur license tests.

> Lemmings march into the sea. Are they right?

I don't see the relation ... lemmings are animals acting on some instinct
...
(most) hams are reasonably rational human beings ... big difference.

73,
Carl - wk3c

710. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-10 15:52:15 UTC
From: JJ <radiobuff0@mailcity.moc>
Message-ID: <3F0D8BAF.5020606@mailcity.moc>
Source record: 70607

Dick Carroll wrote:
>
> JJ wrote:
>
>
>>N2EY wrote:
>>
>>
>>>>>>Do you have something against someone who has no desire to operate CW?
>>>>>>There are many different modes of operation in ham radio, do you
>>>>>>operate them all?
>>>>>
>>>No - do you?
>>
>>No, I certainly do not. If someone wants to only operate cw, only
>>ssb, only 2 meter FM, then fine, and they are just as much a ham
>>as someone who operates multiple modes.
>
>
> So a ham who operates all modes except that he cannot operate radiotlegraphy
> because he doewn't know Morse code, is just as well qualified as a ham who
> operates all those and also can operate radiotelegraphy.

Yep, surely you understand the idiocy of your own argument.

711. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-10 16:00:19 UTC
From: JJ <radiobuff0@mailcity.moc>
Message-ID: <3F0D8D93.8080708@mailcity.moc>
Source record: 70609

Bill Sohl wrote:
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>
>
> So how come the other services abondoned morse as such a
> valuable back-up?
>
> Cheers,
> Bill K2UNK
>

I am sure the Coast Guard and Navy are trembling in their boots
that the day will come when the only thing they may have to rely
on is CW and no one will have the skill.
The other services realized that CW has been outmoded for
communications for some time and finally gave it up. For hams it
is just another mode to communicate and those who like that mode
will learn it whether it is required or not. Don't set on the edge
of your chair Larry and Dick, anticipating the day when you and
your code skills are going to be the only thing to save the day.
With all the different types of coms available today, it ain't
going to happen. CW is outdated, but it will be a part of ham
radio for some time to come just because of the tradition, but
that is the only importance CW can hold in ham radio, tradition.

712. Re: The Pool

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-10 16:06:03 UTC
From: N2EY@AOL.COM
Message-ID: <c2356669.0307100806.4485b8bb@posting.google.com>
Source record: 70597

<kf6tpt@thin.doobie.com> wrote in message news:<beiru601mbb@enews3.newsguy.com>...

> I think the FCC already decided this one, when they lowered the code
> test to 5 WPM, it was solely due to the treaty requirement. In effect,
> they've already sought, and received, plenty of commentary on the matter.

That's what the R&O said in 2000, and it was reaffirmed in their
dismissal of the Wormser-Adsit-Dinelli Petition for Reconsideration.
>
> So once everyone in Washington is back from their vacations, they'll
> just axe Element 1,

The Senate has to ratify the new treaty first.

> and leave restructuring the written tests to
> whomever is in charge after 2004.

Possibly. Or they will simply wait for the ARS to come up with a
restructuring proposal.

> Michael Powell is rather busy these
> days, what with all the brouhaha surrounding ClearChannel and the media
> consolidation. If we think that he, or anyone all that high on the food
> chain at the FCC gives a rat's patootie about what's going on in
> Amateurland, we're fooling ourselves.

I doubt Mr. Powell has much knowledge of what the ARS is, let alone
what the issues are. That's his staff's job.
>
> As far as I'm concerned, it should have happened years ago.

Why? Hams still use code. It's very popular. Learning enough code to
pass the test is about as hard as learning to recognize about 40 words
in a foreign language.

> I think the
> written tests should be harder,

That's easily arranged. All you have to do is write up some "harder"
questions and answers in multiple-choice format, and submit them to
the QPC.

There were a bunch of structural changes for the written tests
suggested to the FCC back in '99 as part of the restructuring, but
they ignored all of them and instead reduced written testing.

> and I think you should re-test when you renew your license.

Nice idea - are you volunteering to be a VE? Because requiring retest upon renewal would just about triple the tresting workload of the VECs.

Retesting would be a very tough sell because you would have to convince FCC that there is some sort of serious problem caused by lack of it.

73 de Jim, N2EY

713. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-10 16:25:26 UTC
From: N2EY@AOL.COM
Message-ID: <c2356669.0307100825.422f6c80@posting.google.com>
Source record: 70598

JJ <radiobuff0@mailcity.moc> wrote in message news:<3F0BC1E6.2060401@mailcity.moc>...
> Mike Coslo wrote:

> > JJ wrote:

> >> Larry Roll K3LT wrote:

> >>> Yup -- got it right that time. CW *is* an operator skill.

Actually, it's a whole set of skills. Only one of those skills is
actually tested. For now, anyway.

> >> Yes it is.

> >>> Do you have
> >>> something
> >>> against operator skill -- or are you one of those New Age hams that
> >>> think
> >>> yakking into a microphone is all the demonstration of operator skill
> >>> that should ever be required of you?

> >> Do you have something against someone who has no desire to operate CW?
> >> There are many different modes of operation in ham radio, do you
> >> operate them all?

No - do you?

> > No more than I have against someone who chooses to do satellite
> > work, while I have to test for it.

> What if you decide at some later time to do satellite work?

I'll learn it when I get interested in it.

> > Rf Safety is required to be calculated for by people when they run
> > over a certain power. Why should someone who never intends to work over
> > 50 watts have to test for RF safety?

> What if they decide at some later point to increase their power?

They'll look it up in the book and learn it then. Most of my hamming
today is QRP.

> > If someone never intends to homebrew, why should they test on any
> > equations.

> What is they suddenly get the urge to build a homebrew transmitter
> or amplifier?

They can learn it then. Besides, the knowledge required to pass the writtens is not nearly adequate to actually homebrew a transmitter.

> > Sounds like we should maybe make up our own tests.

If the argument that we shouldn't require code tests of those who don't plan to use code is valid, then we shouldn't require knowledge of other things of those who don't plan to use them.

> Maybe you had rather be call in to be tested on a new mode each
> time you decide to operate a new mode.

Why? FCC doesn't do that now.

The last time I was required to take an FCC amateur radio exam was in 1970. The tests I took had no questions on satellites, no questions on RF safety or exposure, no questions on PSK-31, Hellenschreiber (sp?), DSP, frequency synthesizers, APRS, spread spectrum, or anything related to VEC testing. Heck, I don't even think there were any questions on FM repeaters! There were no questions on 30, 17 or 12 meters, nor 902 MHz, because those were not hambands yet.

There WERE questions on the bands and subbands allowed to the various license classes - most of which have changed since then. (Didja know that 75 meter 'phone used to be only 3800 to 4000, and 40 meter 'phone was only 7200-7300?) There were also a lot of questions on stuff I'd

Yet for 33 years, FCC has trusted me to keep current with the rules, regs and operating practices, and I've done a pretty good job of doing so, I think. Homebrewed a lot of stuff in that time, most of which required knowledge not on any test.

Why was I forced to learn radio stuff I've never used just to pass the test? Why didn't the test give me credit for radio-related things I already knew that were not on the syllabus?

73 de Jim, N2EY

714. Re: Fight the BPL

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-10 16:36:35 UTC
From: N2EY@AOL.COM
Message-ID: <c2356669.0307100836.309f2f9d@posting.google.com>
Source record: 70599

Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net> wrote in message news:<3F0D7C3D.3D3B98DE@att.net>...
> N2EY wrote:
>
> > 3) Those federal agencies are sitting on the sidelines while the "civilians"
> > hash out the details and do the hard work of making proposals and comments. If
> > the ARRL and amateurs can get BPL squashed or controlled, those federal
> > agencies don't have to do a thing. (likely?)
>
> I doubt it, but for sure one can't be sure.So many organizations seem populated
> with something other than proficient talent that such things seem to get
> overlooked.

> One wonders about that with NTIA and the 60 meter fiasco.

Who says it was a fiasco? All NTIA had to do was send a letter to FCC.
Proposed amateur access of 60 went from 150 kHz with lots of modes and
power to 5 channels, one mode, and a severe ERP limit.

But NTIA waited until AFTER comments and reply comments were closed to
send the letter. That way, nobody could officially refute them. Slick,
very slick. You think the only barracudas in radio are hams?
bwaahaahaa.

> I know if I was in a position of responsibility in *any* organization I'd > sure
> not sit by and allow this to go forward opposed only by other users when my
> organization had a serious vested interest in the outcome.

Only if you weren't sure you could control the outcome. All NTIA, FEMA
or anybody else has to say are the HS words and BPL is history, baby.

But they don't want to do it unless they have to.

73 de Jim, N2EY

715. Re: Fight the BPL

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-10 16:59:29 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307100859.4c80be7@posting.google.com>
Source record: 70600

Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net> wrote in message news:<3F0D7C3D.3D3B98DE@att.net>...
> N2EY wrote:
>
> > 3) Those federal agencies are sitting on the sidelines while the "civilians"
> > hash out the details and do the hard work of making proposals and comments. If
> > the ARRL and amateurs can get BPL squashed or controlled, those federal
> > agencies don't have to do a thing. (likely?)
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> with something other than proficient talent that such things seem to get
> overlooked.
> One wonders about that with NTIA and the 60 meter fiasco.
> I know if I was in a position of responsibility in *any* organization I'd sure
> not sit by and allow this to go forward opposed only by other users when my
> organization had a serious vested interest in the outcome.
>
> Dick

Perhaps the organization's vested interest isn't so serious. bb

716. Re: So what do we call them?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-10 17:13:00 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307100913.3699887d@posting.google.com>
Source record: 70501
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.dx

k0hb@arrl.net (K0HB) wrote in message
news:<e79dbd9b.0307090701.64f92401@posting.google.com>...
> What convention should we use on the air to refer to the 5 new
> channels in the 5MHz band? I recommend we call them Channel E1, E2,
> E3, E4, and E5. Simple and easy to remember.
>
> 73, de Hans, K0HB

Or we could call them Airman Basic, Airman, Airman First Class, Senior
Airman, and Staff Sergeant.

717. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-10 18:15:35 UTC
From: Arnie Macy <kt4st@csam.net>
Message-ID: <bekai3$64tlc$1@ID-166180.news.uni-berlin.de>
Source record: 70502

"Dick Carroll" wrote ...

The question, obviously, is "How's he gonna know it's you???"

Dick,

I thought about saying just that. At our typical net speed of around 20wpm,
I seriously doubt he would pick up more than a letter or two every minute.

73,

Arnie -
KT4ST

718. For a laugh

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-10 18:23:15 UTC
From: "William H. O'Hara, III" <whoohara@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93B4928C35BDAAX2A3DA5M1512AODKAMO@65.100.3.61>
Source record: 70503

Why not remove 2x1 & 1x2 from none 20WPM
extras? You can get your HF privileges.
Everyone will be able to know that you
can hack CW with your XXXX callsign.

It will separate the men from the
anti-code whiners.

As a new tech that has yet to pass the
CW exam I have noticed that a lot of
1 land extra calls were taken by folks
that could not make 13 wpm GENERAL before
restructuring. Hehe

Let's stir up the hornets nest.

Bill

P.S. Why doesn't everyone take a break
from this? Let's go back to SSB versus
AM.

719. Re: For a laugh

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-10 18:52:44 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu>
Message-ID: <3F0DB5FC.6080701@psu.edu>
Source record: 70504

William H. O'Hara, III wrote:
> Why not remove 2x1 & 1x2 from none 20WPM
> extras? You can get your HF privileges.
> Everyone will be able to know that you
> can hack CW with your XXXX callsign.
>
> It will separate the men from the
> anti-code whiners.

Naah, just those who took the tests before the rules were changed.

> As a new tech that has yet to pass the
> CW exam I have noticed that a lot of
> 1 land extra calls were taken by folks
> that could not make 13 wpm GENERAL before
> restructuring. Hehe

The only real advantage of those short calls is in contesting.

> Let's stir up the hornets nest.
>
> Bill
>
> P.S. Why doesn't everyone take a break
> from this? Let's go back to SSB versus
> AM.

did we ever discuss that here?

- Mike KB3EIA -

720. Re: The Pool

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-10 19:03:44 UTC
From: KF6TPT <kf6tpt@thin.doobie.com>
Message-ID: <bekdag0lsh@enews2.newsguy.com>
Source record: 70506

N2EY <N2EY@aol.com> wrote things. They're marked like this: N2EY>
KF6TPT (me) wrote things in a prior post. They're marked like this: TPT>

N2EY> The Senate has to ratify the new treaty first.

I keep hearing this getting thrown around, and certainly, my civics teacher told me this. However, I can't seem to find any mention in the congressional record of the ratification after WRC-2000.

Can someone point me at it?

TPT> Michael Powell is rather busy these
TPT> days, what with all the brouhaha surrounding ClearChannel and the media
TPT> consolidation. If we think that he, or anyone all that high on the food
TPT> chain at the FCC gives a rat's patootie about what's going on in
TPT> Amateurland, we're fooling ourselves.

N2EY> I doubt Mr. Powell has much knowledge of what the ARS is, let alone
N2EY> what the issues are. That's his staff's job.

That's exactly my point. Chairman Powell (and other high-ranking FCC staff) doesn't need to know or care about the ARS. It makes absolutely no difference to those in charge of the FCC, whether we have a code requirement or not.

In this current incarnation of the FCC, I think it's reasonable to say that if code testing doesn't provide a benefit to the FCC, then the FCC will be eliminating it as quickly as they reasonably can.

TPT> As far as I'm concerned, it should have happened years ago.

N2EY> Why? Hams still use code. It's very popular.

I would even just say "Hams use code". But hams use AM, and RTTY, and PSK, and FSK and yes, even phone. Some of us like satellites. Should you have to prove that you're capable of tracking and hearing UO-14 before being granted a license to transmit on 145.975 MHz? Or that you know all 26 phonetics and how to locate your grid square (a useful item for a VHF+ operator to know)

CW is the only mode that is -required-. Sure, even hams who never use RTTY had to answer written questions about it... but the difference is, you don't have to get all written questions correct. A person can become at least a General, if not an Extra, without ever answering a question about RTTY... just skip them, and make sure you know the rest of the material.

The end of code testing does not mean the end of CW, nor should it. But as far as I'm concerned, CW is just another mode, albeit one with a certain history and artistry to it. With regards to testing, it should have about as much importance as the rest of the modes (i.e. a handful of questions in the pool, and perhaps a reference in the questions on frequency allocations, nothing more, nothing less)

N2EY> Learning enough code to pass the test is about as hard as
N2EY> learning to recognize about 40 words in a foreign language.

That's not the point. The fact that just about anyone can learn it given enough time and practice really just means that all that is really being tested is a potential ham's level of dedication (and how much free time he's had in the last few months)

There are plenty of people out there who will say that testing someone's dedication is a _good_ thing for our hobby. They're the ones that want to keep the "riff-raff" out. Or at least, that's how it seems.

I just don't see that. The enforcement actions taken by the FCC don't reflect that either. Many of the people cited for illegal operating practices have taken 13 and 20wpm code tests.

What I see is a generation of people to whom technology is second nature. I see hardware engineers and electrical engineers building amazing commercial applications up in the SHF frequencies. Most of these people aren't hams. I don't see them knocking down the doors to come join our ranks, but I don't see us reaching out to them and giving them a reason to join us, either.

We're doing just the opposite, not entirely with the code test, but with the attitude that goes with it.

I'd love for some of the current high-tech talent to bring their knowledge into the Amateur HF arena. We've seen what happens when we bring them into VHF (I'm thinking about APRS, WSJT/JT44, lots of software DSP stuff).

But to do that, we need to change. By telling a 22 year old engineer with a 10-hour a day job and a girlfriend that he needs to spend "just an hour a day" sitting and listening to code on headphones for the next month, we are essentially telling him to get lost. He won't have that kind of free time until he's retired. Plus he's got other methods of global communication, so the overall gee-whiz factor of HF is definitely not as much of a draw as it was years ago.

But show the same engineer a PSK31 pileup and his eyes light up. Perhaps he's thinking of a better way to discriminate between the colliding warbles and pull yet another call sign out of the morass. Maybe he's a software engineer. Maybe a DSP guru. Whatever he is, he could be an asset to the ARS, and play a part in enhancing the radio art. But he's probably not very interested in CW. Perhaps he will grow to work CW, perhaps not. But he definitely won't learn it until he has been exposed to other modes of HF. So, under today's rules, he

moves on to other things... and we'll never know whether his DSP ideas would work.

There was a time when children were frequently exposed to ham radio, but those days are past. Not every EE graduate has a dipole in his attic anymore. The fact is, if the kids and the geeks aren't joining us... something's wrong, and maybe we should fix it.

I think that it's time for us to grow up, evolve with the times, welcome newcomers into our ranks, and continue furthering the radio art.

-Jeff

PS.

TPT> and I think you should re-test when you renew your license.
N2EY> Nice idea - are you volunteering to be a VE?

Yes. I'd be happy to be a VE.

721. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-10 19:15:01 UTC
From: Bill Sohl <billsohl@mindspring.com>
Message-ID: <beke5rbgf1@slb2.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 70505

"Dick Carroll" <dickc58@att.net> wrote in message
news:3F0D7C94.7E099764@att.net...
>
>
> Bert Craig wrote:
>
> > "Bill Sohl" <billsohl@mindspring.com> wrote in message
> > news:beimcmtta2@slb6.atl.mindspring.net...
> > > > >Did you know that Carl was in Geneva as a member of the
> > > Call it whatever you like. Fact is Carl was on the delegation
> > > and involved both during and before the WRC.
> >
> > Sounds like an awful lot of effort....to get something removed that
required
> > a much smaller amount of effort.
>
> Carl has obviously been on a Jihad against Morse code for most of his
adult
> life.
> Seems he must have flunked his 13wpm code test for the General in San
Diego many
> years ago and wound up getting enough of that 13wpm to qualify for an
> old-category Tech. That daunting experience seems likewise to have left
him with
> a load of bile that has taken all these years to find a relief outlet
for...NCI
> and its
> "mission" have been right up his alley.
>
> And you're right, of course- it would have been much easier for him to
have
> just
> tuned in W1AW code practice a few more sessions and retested, but what the
hey!

Talk about a "load of bile"! NCI followed all the rules, participated
actively in the preparation for WRC and had an NCI Director at the
WRC itself and all Dick can do is whine. Seems like the PCTA
folks didn't care enough about morse to even try to retain it. Guess
morse will really die off if the PCTA folks are the sole recruiting
effort for morse going forward.

Cheers,
Bill K2UNK

722. Re: Is There ANY Recourse re. FCC & Dropping CW?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-10 19:24:53 UTC
From: Bill Sohl <billsohl@mindspring.com>
Message-ID: <bekeoc$6ce$1@slb6.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 70507

"N2EY" <n2ey@aol.com> wrote in message
news:20030710082219.18497.00001228@mb-m05.aol.com...
> In article <beihgpldm1@slb6.atl.mindspring.net>, "Bill Sohl"
> <billsohl@mindspring.com> writes:
>
> >"N2EY" <n2ey@aol.com> wrote in message
> >news:20030709202209.03929.00000794@mb-m28.aol.com...
> >> In article <bei03n$8fu$1@slb0.atl.mindspring.net>, "Bill Sohl"
> >> <billsohl@mindspring.com> writes:
> >>
> >> >> 1)The FCC won't respond to anything filed before congress has
ratified
> >the
> >> >> new treaty (no point approaching congress, though, as that part will
be
> >a
> >> >> rubber stamp excercise);
> >> >
> >> >And even if congress failed to ratify it would change nothing
> >> >in the ITU treaty. In fact, if congress doesn't
> >> >ratify, then the USA would simply NOT be a participant
> >> >in the treaty. The former treaty is, as of 7/5/03, null and void.
> >>
> >> I don't think that's necessarily true, Bill. But it's academic - has
the
> >USA
> >> ever not ratified a revised ITU-R treaty?
> >
> >But let's pretend...for academic discussion.
>
> IOW, let's speculate.
>
> >Just what would you
> >expect the USA position to be with regard to the New vs Old ITU
> >treaty if the USA doesn't ratify?
>
> That depends on WHY the USA doesn't ratify, and how the non-ratification
is
> done.

There's only two ways non-ratification can be done:
1. No action is ever taken at all to ratify or
2. The vote for ratification fails.

> Seems to me that the lawyers could argue it either way. Some would argue
> that the USA is no longer bound by treaty provisions of the old treaty
that
> don;t appear in the new one, while others could argue the opposite. Plus
all
> sorts of variations.

Arguing for the old treaty makes no sense since the rest
of the world is on the new treaty.

> >Remember, ratification, if at all,
> >is a USA function and the end result of ITU doesn't require
> >a follow-up ratification process from each administration.
>
> Yet at the same time, if nobody ratifies it, the new treaty means nothing.

Nobody has to ratify. Many, perhaps most, administrations
simply abide by the new treaty having empowered their
repective delegations to negotiate/participate on their pehalf.
The USA has a specific ratification process for ALL
treaties as a matter of USA law.

> Note that at the present time, the USA is acting as if the old treaty is
still
> in force.

Actually I disagree. I believe the official posture is that the USA
acknowledges the new treaty but makes no effort to change
USA law/rules until after USA ratification. I don't believe the
FCC has any expectation that the rest of the world is
respecting old treaty obligations.

> The fact that there's a new one awaiting ratification doesn't make
> the old one and its requirements immediately disappear.

That's only true to the extent that any specific country has their own
ratification process...and failure to ratify by one or more
countries does NOT nullify the new treaty.

Cheers,
Bill K2UNK

723. Re: Is There ANY Recourse re. FCC & Dropping CW?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-10 19:27:48 UTC
From: Bill Sohl <billsohl@mindspring.com>
Message-ID: <beketofkl1@slb0.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 70508

"Mike Coslo" <mjc5@psu.edu> wrote in message
news:3F0D60A2.7060401@psu.edu...
>
>
> Bill Sohl wrote:
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> >
> > And even if congress failed to ratify it would change nothing
> > in the ITU treaty. In fact, if congress doesn't
> > ratify, then the USA would simply NOT be a participant
> > in the treaty. The former treaty is, as of 7/5/03, null and void.
>
> Whoa there Bill! Are you saying that as of this moment, we are not part
> of the treaty?
> - Mike KB3EIA -=

You could say that to a certain degree. The old treaty is dead
as far as the rest of the world is concerned. The USA process
of ratification is a unique post WRC approval process for
the USA only. The rest of the world isn't
waiting for USA approval.

Cheers,
Bill K2UNK

724. Re: Is There ANY Recourse re. FCC & Dropping CW?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-10 19:30:10 UTC
From: Bill Sohl <billsohl@mindspring.com>
Message-ID: <bekf26$rc5$1@slb9.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 70509

"Dick Carroll" <dickc58@att.net> wrote in message
news:3F0D6BE4.95DA48D1@att.net...
>
> Bill Sohl wrote:
> > And even if congress failed to ratify it would change nothing
> > in the ITU treaty. In fact, if congress doesn't
> > ratify, then the USA would simply NOT be a participant
> > in the treaty. The former treaty is, as of 7/5/03, null and void.
>
> Surely you know more about how treaties work than to believe that. No
treaty-
> -nor the recension of one-is effective until ratified by the governments
> involved.

So tell us Dick, if the USA doesn't ratify does the WRC-03
become null and void? Ratification is a USA process that
may or may not have similar process in other administrations.

Cheers,
Bill K2UNK

725. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-10 19:44:12 UTC
From: N2EY@AOL.COM
Message-ID: <c2356669.0307101144.6ef77a31@posting.google.com>
Source record: 70511

"Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> wrote in message
news:<9jePa.5769$_k2.252039@nnrp1.ptd.net>...
> "Bill Sohl" <billsohl@mindspring.com> wrote in message
> news:behv3ndsa1@slb2.atl.mindspring.net...
> >
> > "Mike Coslo" <mjc5@psu.edu> wrote in message
> > news:3F0C3812.2050508@psu.edu...
> > >
> > >
> > > Bill Sohl wrote:
> > > > "Hans K0HB" <k0hb@earthlink.net> wrote in message
> > > > news:21581ca121ce6e1a0cb83d94148bf23d.128005@mygate.mailgate.org...
> > > >
> > > > >"Mike Coslo" <mjc5@psu.edu> wrote in message news:3F0AC3F9.305@psu.edu
> > > > >>
> > > > >>>Actually as a point of interest, and maybe a little trolling, Just
> WHY
> > > > >>>should there be testing for a ham license?
> > > > >>
> > > > >>Because your transmissions travel on a "public thoroughfare", there is
> a
> > > > >>requirement to ensure that you have demonstrated the knowledge to
> > > > >>operate without negative impact on the other users of that resource,
> > > > >>sort of like you need a drivers license to operate a motor vehicle on
> > > > >>public highways.
> > > > >> 73, de Hans, K0HB
> > > > >
> > > > > Well said Hans.
> > > >
> > > > Well said indeed, but what if enough people just reject that logic?
> > > > What if it is decided that the licenses just need to be bought? Say 200
> > > > bucks a shot? Or maybe a yearly sort of thing. Why have any other
> > > > qualifications for the license?
> > >
> > > - Mike KB3EIA -
> >
> > When the FCC takes that position then I'll fight
> > against it. For now, that's just empty speculation.
> > I have long sgo stated my opposition to any
> > elimination of written testing...and, have made
> > suggestions to the VCCs on ways to improve
> > written testing.
> >
> > Cheers,

> > Bill K2UNK
> > NCI Director
>
> I fully agree with Bill ... I will also oppose any attempt to eliminate
> written testing on technical, RF safety, rules/regs, etc.

The way it works is a slow, gradual reduction of written testing, not complete elimination all in one go.

Consider the 2000 restructuring. IIRC, to get a full-privileges license, we went from 5 written tests totalling 190 questions (30/35/35/50/40) to 3 written tests totalling 120 questions (35/35/50). For a General, it went from 3 written tests totalling 100 questions to 2 questions totalling 70 questions. Technician got the biggest reduction - from two tests totalling 65 questions to one test of 35 questions.

Yes, the Q&A pools were merged and the rules simplified, but does that account for the large drop in both the number of tests and number of questions? Note that the NPRM comments were full of suggestions to improve the written tests. Indeed, if there was any subject in which there was general consensus among those responding, it was that the written tests were either adequate as they were or needed to be improved. But all that was done was to reduce written testing and remove the requirement that each test contain a certain number of questions from each category.

In fact I recall that several of us were in agreement back before restructuring that the then-current tests for a Tech were inadequate for the privileges granted, particularly being able to run 1500 W output at meat-cooking wavelengths. But FCC disagreed, and cut the testing for a Tech almost in half.

Some folks here have proposed either a single license class, or at most two license classes. It is logical to conclude that such changes would result in even less written testing.

Perhaps the rewording of S25 wrt written testing standards will have an effect - but I sincerely doubt it.

I have read that W5YI, Fred Maia, has proposed making the license tests "less technical" in order to attract more newcomers. Perhaps this is where the misunderstanding about NCI's stand on written testing originated.

> THAT's
> what separates ham radio from "personal radio services."

That and a lot more. Like the use of a wide variety of bands and modes - including Morse/CW.

But to ask the devil's advocate question:

Why MUST there be so much written testing for an amateur license, given that most hams use modern, manufactured equipment today, and that almost all FCC enforcement actions against hams are for "operating" violations rather than technical ones?

73 de Jim, N2EY

726. Re: Fight the BPL

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-10 19:44:50 UTC
From: Uncle Peter <radioconnectionNO@cox.netSPAM>
Message-ID: <xljPa.32$zd4.19@lakeread02>
Source record: 70510
Cross-posted to:
rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.swap,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.policy

Damn anti-CW nuts are after the Brass Pounders League now!

Arrrggh

"'Doc" <w5lz@cwis.net> wrote in message news:3F0C5497.C48404D4@cwis.net...
>
>
> Zoran,
> Exactly how would my contribution be used to fight
> 'BPL'? Postage, salaries, ISP changes?
> 'Doc

727. Re: Fight the BPL

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-10 19:53:52 UTC
From: aunwin@insightbb.com
Message-ID: <85ed38d.0307101153.487f44bc@posting.google.com>
Source record: 70512
Cross-posted to:
rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.swap,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.policy

Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net> wrote in message news:<3F0CF4BC.2CC45065@att.net>...
> Art Unwin KB9MZ wrote:
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> > 60db is a very high figure. Where does this figure come from.
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> Maybe the noise floor is pretty low at WA7AA! :0)

I am not trying to be derogatory just trying to be reaslistic
but my logic may be incorrect!!!
60db I suppose could equate to an S9 signal. Is this in error?
Are we saying to the FCC that in all cases the noise will be at
a S9 level? Say the proponents Prove that the noise level will
never exceed S1 and state that the ARRL is over reacting !
If they also state that this benefits the majority of internet
users (or total population)in that it can reduce costs by half,
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Now I have heard it stated that from 14 thru 30 Mhz the actual
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Regards
Art Unwin KB9MZ....XG

728. Re: Fight the BPL

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-10 20:16:58 UTC
From: dplatt@radagast.org
Message-ID: <vgridqoso97hfa@corp.supernews.com>
Source record: 70513
Cross-posted to:
rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.swap,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.policy

In article <85ed38d.0307101153.487f44bc@posting.google.com>,
Art Unwin KB9MZ <aunwin@insightbb.com> wrote:

>60db I suppose could equate to an S9 signal. Is this in error?

No, I don't think so.

>Are we saying to the FCC that in all cases the noise will be at
>a S9 level?

They're saying that an Access BPL system, based on the technologies which have been proposed (and tested in other countries), would induce enough energy on nearby amateur-radio antennas (e.g. a dipole located within 30 metres of the power line), to raise the broadband noise level at HF frequencies on the rough order of 60 dB above the ambient noise levels which are now generally present in urban areas.

> Say the proponents Prove that the noise level will
>never exceed S1 and state that the ARRL is over reacting !

As far as I've been able to tell from reading the various materials, the BPL proponents here in the U.S. haven't made this sort of claim, nor have they performed any significant number of actual field trials to measure interference and noise levels.

They seem to be evading or ignoring the issue.

>If they also state that this benefits the majority of internet
> users (or total population)in that it can reduce costs by half,
>then ham radio would be in a very sad position.

I don't think they've made that level of claim either.

> Now I have heard it stated that from 14 thru 30 Mhz the actual
> noise level is far below the normal radios thresh hold, so what
> will be the TRUE noise level that we would have to compete with?

You have, I think, heard incorrectly.

What I have heard and read in the past... and what I've read in the noise specs posted in the ARRL's response to the FCC NOI - is that on the HF bands, the noise floor is dominated by atmospheric (QRN) and man-made (QRM) noise, *not* by the noise floor of the receiver's own electronics. The ambient noise level most of us face today is many dB up *above* the radio's threshold, not "far below".

It isn't until you get up into the VHF bands that the receiver's
self-noise becomes equal to, or greater than the ambient noise level.

That's the problem with BPL. It's not just that the noise levels it
generates would be quite a lot above the noise floors of our
receivers' electronics - they'd be well above the typical ambient
"band noise" levels present today on most of the HF bands.

In other words, BPL *will* bury a lot of the weak signals we can
receive today, and will bury 'em deep.

>If it was declared specifically what 'S' noise level increase that
>we would have to contend with on EACH band rather than the inuendo
>of S9 level, we would be better positioned to determine whether we
>were complaining for complaining sake and frittering away any
> possible influence we do have for the future.

So GO READ THE ARRL's RESEARCH, won't you? As I recall, the 121-page
analysis they posted a couple of days ago shows the typical
receiver-self-noise and typical ambient-band-noise levels in each of
the HF bands, and also shows the noise level which could be expected
to be created by an Access BPL system running on power lines located a
typical distance from an urban amateur's HF antenna.

They've done the research, Art, based on what appear to me to be very
reasonable (and probably conservative) models of BPL behavior,
powerline configuration, and radio sensitivity. The data's out there.
Go look for yourself.

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>the hobby then it would behoove the ARRL to be very specific
>with respect to the possible danger so that the label of
>obstructionists will not be aplied at a future date.

It appears to me that they have done so.

--
Dave Platt <dplatt@radagast.org> AE6EO
Hosting the Jade Warrior home page: http://www.radagast.org/jade-warrior
I do _not_ wish to receive unsolicited commercial email, and I will
boycott any company which has the gall to send me such ads!

729. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-10 20:52:00 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu>
Message-ID: <3F0DD1F0.9040306@psu.edu>
Source record: 70514

N2EY wrote:
> "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> wrote in message
news:<9jePa.5769$_k2.252039@nnrp1.ptd.net>...
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>>"Bill Sohl" <billsohl@mindspring.com> wrote in message
>>news:behv3ndsa1@slb2.atl.mindspring.net...
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>>>"Mike Coslo" <mjc5@psu.edu> wrote in message
>>>news:3F0C3812.2050508@psu.edu...
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>>>>Bill Sohl wrote:
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>>>>>"Hans K0HB" <k0hb@earthlink.net> wrote in message
>>>>>news:21581ca121ce6e1a0cb83d94148bf23d.128005@mygate.mailgate.org...
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>>written testing on technical, RF safety, rules/regs, etc.
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> this is where the misunderstanding about NCI's stand on written
> testing originated.

Well put, Jim. It's what I've been trying to say, without getting into
a "slippery slope" argument. You've phrased it very well indeed. Thanks much

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>>what separates ham radio from "personal radio services."
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Those responsible for such a reduction in knowledge needed for a
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the losing end of the proposition, just as those who support Morse code
testing have lost the battle at this time.

I remember when you had to have a license to use CB.

just something to think about......

- Mike KB3EIA (and one time KBM-8780)

730. Re: Is There ANY Recourse re. FCC & Dropping CW?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-10 20:59:14 UTC
From: Dwight Stewart <stewart@say.net>
Message-ID: <BB334BE1.1E72B%stewart@say.net>
Source record: 70515

"Robert Casey" wrote:

> Dwight Stewart wrote:
>
>> Is there no clause in the treaty Congress
>> previous ratified that allows for modifications
>> in compliance with ITU changes?
>>
> Do you mean that the ITU treaty allows the retention
> of a code test if the FCC decides to? It says as
> much that it is now an option.

No, that's not what I meant. Several have mentioned the treaty changes have to be ratified by the Congress. What I'm asking is if there isn't already a clause in the current treaty (the one already ratified by Congress) that allows minor changes to comply with ITU changes without additional ratification by Congress.

Another words, isn't there already a mechanism in the previous ratified treaty that would allow the changes to the treaty without further action by Congress. If so, wouldn't this allow the FCC to drop code without seeking additional Congressional ratification.

Dwight Stewart (W5NET)

http://www.qsl.net/w5net/

731. Re: Fight the BPL

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-10 21:02:38 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu>
Message-ID: <3F0DD46E.1070300@psu.edu>
Source record: 70516
Cross-posted to:
rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.swap,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.policy

Art Unwin KB9MZ wrote:
> Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net> wrote in message news:<3F0CF4BC.2CC45065@att.net>...
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> 60db I suppose could equate to an S9 signal. Is this in error?
> Are we saying to the FCC that in all cases the noise will be at
> a S9 level?

Of course not! But if you live in an area criss-crossed by active lines, and have the sigs coming into your house you can expect some pretty strong interference.

> Say the proponents Prove that the noise level will
> never exceed S1 and state that the ARRL is over reacting !

I will accept Ed Hare's (and the other testers) figures. You could if you like come up with some of your own.

> If they also state that this benefits the majority of internet
> users (or total population)in that it can reduce costs by half,
> then ham radio would be in a very sad position.

It isn't just hams who use HF. Some homeland security type services do also.

Would you ever design a system that spills rf all over the place like this? Why on earth should we shield televisins, radios computers, etc if we are going to put a huge antenna up to negate all that shielding?

There are good ways to get a broadband signal into a person's house without messing up everything else.

Adn why should the internet have priority over everything else?

> Now I have heard it stated that from 14 thru 30 Mhz the actual
> noise level is far below the normal radios thresh hold, so what

> will be the TRUE noise level that we would have to compete with?

From who?

> If it was declared specifically what 'S' noise level increase that
> we would have to contend with on EACH band rather than the inuendo
> of S9 level, we would be better positioned to determine whether we
> were complaining for complaining sake and frittering away any
> possible influence we do have for the future.

Prove them wrong and do the service a favor then.

> If we are to use our number strength wisely for the benefit of
> the hobby then it would behoove the ARRL to be very specific
> with respect to the possible danger so that the label of
> obstructionists will not be aplied at a future date.
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> Regards
> Art Unwin KB9MZ....XG

Or maybe just wait and see..........

- Mike KB3EIA -

732. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-10 22:22:27 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030710182227.02197.00001170@mb-m12.aol.com>
Source record: 70517

In article <f45722ac.0307100834.6218fbc1@posting.google.com>,
brianburke@juno.com (Brian) writes:

>Still no citation from Arnie concerning his claim that NCI is on
>record for less technical exams.

Still no answer from you concerning these questions about your alleged /T5
operation:

What callsign was used?
What rigs and antennas were used?
Who did the equipment belong to?
What amateur bands and modes were used?
What countries and continents were worked?
How were the QSLs delivered?

733. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-10 22:24:30 UTC
From: lk <lklose@net-link.net>
Message-ID: <vgrpvmdqqnf9@corp.supernews.com>
Source record: 70518

"Phil Kane" <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop> wrote in message
news:cuvyxnansvbet.hhq1rc4.pminews@netnews.comcast.net...
> On Tue, 08 Jul 2003 09:15:37 -0400, Mike Coslo wrote:
>
> >What of those who simply aren't smart enough to pass a test? are they
> >not human and have rights?
>
> Nobody has a "right" to transmit radio signals. See the
> International Radio Regulations and Section 301 of the US
> Communications Act.
>
> >As for mode specific questions, they have no business asking me about
> >modes of operation that I am not interested in.
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> "They" -the 800 pound gorilla - have every business......
>
> Let the good times roll, baby...... <ggg>
> --
> 73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane
>
> How many bannas will it to make the gorilla happy? :-)

Larry

734. Re: So what do we call them?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-10 22:32:01 UTC
From: k0hb@arrl.net
Message-ID: <e79dbd9b.0307101432.470a65a1@posting.google.com>
Source record: 70519
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.dx

LHA(Jg) wrote

> Or we could call them Airman Basic, Airman, Airman First Class, Senior
> Airman, and Staff Sergeant.

Perhaps you could Len ..... er, I mean Brian, but I doubt anyone else could.

With all kind wishes,

de Hans, K0HB

735. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-10 22:57:17 UTC
From: Bill Sohl <billsohl@mindspring.com>
Message-ID: <bekr6mruu1@slb0.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 70522

"Mike Coslo" <mjc5@psu.edu> wrote in message
news:3F0DD1F0.9040306@psu.edu...
> N2EY wrote:
> > "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> wrote in message
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The problem with your analysis is that you are attempting to
apply some mystical "amount of knowledge" criteria which
is NOT what licensing is about. Certainly, as a separate
knowledge base, the end of morse testing reduces one speciifc
piece of knowledge and testing. BUT, that is all it does.

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> license, regardless of their reasons, now find themselves in league with
> those who propose even less knowledge needed for that ticket. Politics
> makes for strange bedfellows.

FALSE - As Jim will attest, I have been an advocate of better written testing for a long time. Working to eliminate an unneeded (IMHO...but shared by WRC) requirement does not automatically put me or anyone else inleague with those that have a desire to lower or eliminate written tests.

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> knowledge needed. But that does not really matter.

Sure it matters. Our opinions are as valued as ayone else in the dialog.

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> tests to consist of nothing but sending in an application (if that)
> **applaud their efforts** That is another thing that is pretty hard to deny.

PLEASE tell us who the "just send in an application" advocates are? I haven't seen any semblence of support for that stand anywhere.

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> be radically simplified or eliminated, but believed the Morse code
> requirement should have been eliminated may some day find themselves on
> the losing end of the proposition, just as those who support Morse code
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Agreed, but it'll be a long wait to see if that pans out (IMHO).

> I remember when you had to have a license to use CB.

So? CB, even then, had NO testing to get that license.

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> - Mike KB3EIA (and one time KBM-8780)

Cheers,
Bill K2UNK

736. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-10 22:57:44 UTC
From: Arnie Macy <kt4st@csam.net>
Message-ID: <bekr2u$6cp92$1@ID-166180.news.uni-berlin.de>
Source record: 70521

"Brian" wrote ...

I have the quote from the NCI reply comments on restructuring where they say that the exams should be more geared to what ops actually do (IOW, more operating questions, less technical) -- I have to locate it, but will post it before I go to bed -- Just hold yer horses thar partner.

Arnie -
KT4ST

737. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-10 23:29:37 UTC
From: Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net>
Message-ID: <hpnrgvoscohkm6joqgdb4ubpkvpo2dkst0@4ax.com>
Source record: 70698

On 09 Jul 2003 03:57:18 GMT, yodoc@aol.comnospam (Larry Roll K3LT)
wrote:

>This is not "negativity," just a plainly truthful assessment of the present
>situation regarding licensing standards in the ARS.

My own feeling is that anyone who would whine about having to
"prepare" for the Element 2 written exam probably has never touched a
radio in his/her life other than maybe an AM/FM broadcast receiver.

With that said, and upon further consideration, I have to admit that
you're probably right, there probably will be some...and telling them
about how we used to have to hike barefooted 50 mile suphill both ways
to and from an FCC office to take the code test and the gawdawfullest
written exams anybody ever heard of isn't going to cut it with those
folks either. I myself might prefer to take a more positive
approach...yes, it's a pain in the neck to have to read that silly
book but look at the privileges you get once it's all over with, etc.

>>Every time I hear someone lamenting the supposed dumbing down of the
>>ARS, I can't help but think of the number of longtime hams I've seen
>>over the past few years who brought a brand new 2m or dual-band mobile
>>or HT, or an Icom 706MKIIG or Yaesu FT-100 into a club meeting to seek
>>help in programming it.
>
>I know what you're talking about -- and I'll concede up front that a lot of
>these technically-inept OT's are 20 WPM Extras to boot! However, I have

I dunno if I'd call them technically inept. These are guys who've
probably forgotten more about theory than I've ever learned. There are
other reasons for their difficulty with programming today's radios.

>always strove to keep up with the times as far as basic technical knowledge
>is concerned -- and not just the bare minimum required to keep beeping
>or yakking. I have always been involved in digital modes, for instance, and
>now use them more than CW! I have been my club's "Digital Mode Captain"
>for the past four Field Days, and will try to pass that job over to some
>newcomer next year, if only I could find one willing to open some books and
>turn some pages to learn everything I have -- instead of being "Elmered"
>with "hands on" training which only gives them the basic operational
>procedure and none of the background.

The last two years at Field Day, the only guy attempting any digital
mode other than CW was a no-code Tech. He made a few SSTV contacts.

>>I'm not talking about relative newcomers
>>either, I'm talking about guys who were hams before I was even born.

>
>Yup, I know. They're a real problem, all right. Usually the leaders of
>the "Don't PL our repeater" pack of whiners.

We were forced to PL ours about a year ago when a temperature inversion brought in signals on the input from users of four different repeaters 50-75 miles or more away from ours. Our repeater's transmitter was keyed down almost nonstop for about three hours one day. That was the end...the technical committee decided it was easier to beg forgiveness than obtain permission and enabled CTCSS on the input (we'd been transmitting the tone on the output for years to benefit those with radios with CTCSS decode). Funny thing was, nobody really complained to the board or to the committee. There was one group of four or five guys whose regular chitchat on every other morning moved to another repeater because one of the guys has an older radio that can't even transmit the tone let alone decode it on receive, but they seemed to understand why we had to do it. They were all older hams, but none of them has so far brought in a 2m rig to get help programming it.

>>Furthermore, sometimes it's a no-code Tech who picks up the
>>old-timer's HT and shows him how to program it.
>
>Sometimes, but certainly not often enough. The No-Code Techs are at the
>top of the list of the technically inept, in spite of their protests to the
>contrary.

In our club there are basically two guys they usually bring 'em to. One is me (current General) and the other is a Technician. We've done so many now that we generally just sit down and program the club repeater into a memory (proper offset and tone of course) while they stand there holding the manual and shaking their heads...but when we first started we read a lot of manuals that were very obviously written in Japanese and then translated into English and were very little help even to us - and we've been programming programmable radios almost since the first programmable scanners hit the market (remember the old Bearcat 100?).

>>Never mind that the
>>HT's owner could have learned this for himself by reading the manual,
>>because many manufactuers' manuals leave a lot to be desired, and
>>we're talking about guys who once built microphones out of tuna fish
>>cans and can do 40WPM or better in their sleep.
>
>Quite frankly, the tuna fish-can mics didn't sound that great, and the
>40 WPM in their sleep would have sounded a lot better if they had used
>25 WPM while wide awake.

Perhaps...but some of these guys are really amazing. We have at least one guy in our club who can sit there and hold a conversation with five other people, while across the room two guys are working a CW contest, one operating and the other logging, and all of a sudden

he'll turn around and tell the ops, "Work that guy, we need him!"
Invariably when the call is punched into the dupe checker, we do in
fact need that contact for a multiplier, too.

>This has always been the case, John -- I was one of the "technical
>nerds" when I was a newcomer ham as well -- much to the dismay of
>the OT's in my first club. And I don't claim to be a technical genius
>or anything like it -- I have strictly "amateur" technical skills. I am,
>however, technically self-sufficient as far as my own station set-up and
>operation is concerned, and I have enough know-how to maintain our
>club's repeaters, do all our computer logging for Field Day and other
>contests, etc. etc.

I've always set up my own station equipment too. It hasn't fallen to
me to maintain a repeater yet. I understand the theory behind 'em but
haven't gained practical experience working on a repeater.

>I don't disagree with you whatsoever about the technical abilities of
>hams past or present. However, I don't assign that technical inability
>to knowledge of the Morse code, either. The two are not related, no
>matter how hard the no-coders struggle to make that very same
>connection in their arguments.

Yet above you said (and I cut and paste here):

>Sometimes, but certainly not often enough. The No-Code Techs are at the
>top of the list of the technically inept, in spite of their protests to the
>contrary.

Presumably, then, this means that the lack of technical proficiency is
not related to the lack of CW skills. Well...Technician is the
entry-level license. A Tech isn't expected to have attained the same
level of technical proficiency as an Extra or a General. When they do,
they take another test (or currently, two tests) and upgrade.

>>BTW, Larry, you were supposed to look me up when you came up this way,
>>I still owe you a roast beef from a bet we made several years ago and
>>you haven't even bothered to collect your winnings.
>
>My apologies. I don't even remember the bet. I guess my brain is too
>full of Morse code knowledge to retain such things, eh? Please refresh
>my memory!

This happened during the weeks just prior to restructuring. There was
a discussion of how many license classes we were going to end up with.
Your prediction of three classes turned out to be correct. I'd
predicted two, and so still owe you a roast beef sandwich at Swiston's
in Tonawanda...when you get up to the Northtowns on one of your
occasional trips back to western NY.

73 DE John, KC2HMZ

738. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-10 23:29:39 UTC
From: Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net>
Message-ID: <mmprgvk2e81bjm4gd0khemkkhaeah4kblv@4ax.com>
Source record: 70699

On Fri, 11 Jul 2003 01:20:17 GMT, Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net>
wrote:

>> No, I certainly do not. If someone wants to only operate cw, only
>> ssb, only 2 meter FM, then fine, and they are just as much a ham
>> as someone who operates multiple modes.
>
>So a ham who operates all modes except that he cannot operate radiotlegraphy
>because he doewn't know Morse code, is just as well qualified as a ham who
>operates all those and also can operate radiotelegraphy.
>
> Surely you can understand the fallacy of your own argument,
>all other considerations aside.
>

The question becomes, qualified to do what?

The fact that I do not have a license to drive a motorcycle does not
make me any less qualified to drive a car. Similarly, the fact that I
choose not to operate in CW purely out of personal preference makes me
no less qualified to operate phone, packet, PSK31, etc.

73 DE John, KC2HMZ

739. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-10 23:29:40 UTC
From: Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net>
Message-ID: <cvprgvsq56kp7pctaq8m8dg09ld0r4c71o@4ax.com>
Source record: 70700

On 10 Jul 2003 02:34:45 GMT, yodoc@aol.comnospam (Larry Roll K3LT)
wrote:

>In article <3F0B98A2.5070205@mailcity.moc>, JJ <radiobuff0@mailcity.moc>
>writes:
>
>>Do you have something against someone who has no desire to operate
>>CW?
>
>In a way, I do -- because their lack of desire to operate CW is usually
>based on a lack of willingness to break their inertia and get down to
>learning it. It's called laziness. Yup, that's right -- the "L" word.
>L-A-Z-I-N-E-S-S. Hams who don't care or "don't want" to learn Morse code
>are just plain old LAZY. Period. End of Story. Consider yourself to
>have been grabbed by the collar and beaten with a club called The Truth!!!

Still on that kick, eh?

How about a ham who learned it (at least well enough to pass a 5WPM
code test) and now chooses not to operate in that mode anyway? Is that
laziness too, or is it a ham exercising his/her right to operate in
whatever mode he/she chooses from among those permitted to him/her
under the privileges granted by his/her license? (and it is not my
intention to trip you on the point that no-code techs are permitted to
operate in CW anywhere that they have privileges)

>>There are many different modes of operation in ham radio, do
>>you operate them all?
>
>Nope, not all -- but certainly a whole lot more than most hams do. And
>you know something totally strange? My Morse/CW proficiency doesn't
>interfere one little bit in my enjoyment of other modes!

Even though I learned the code well enough to pass a test, I don't
consider myself proficient at it. My lack of proficiency doesn't
interfere one little bit in my enjoyment of other modes.

73 DE John, KC2HMZ

740. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-10 23:29:41 UTC
From: Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net>
Message-ID: <gpqrgv0prmlqbruesjnih32ituanrbvaaq@4ax.com>
Source record: 70751

On 11 Jul 2003 02:08:29 GMT, yodoc@aol.comnospam (Larry Roll K3LT)
wrote:

>It is a plain fact that future hams who do not face a code tesing requirement
>for licensing are going to be less capable communicators than myself and
>others who did. The only thing that got me into the use of the Morse/CW
>mode was the requirement to learn it. It made me a better ham in every
>respect. The New Age non-code tested hams will be inferior for the lack of
>this requirement.

The only reason I learned code was that it was required to upgrade
beyond Technician class. Passing the code test would have made me a
Tech Plus and earned me some phone privileges on 10m and CW on several
other bands...except that I took the General class written at the same
VE session, and passed it, walking out with General class privileges.

At that point, I could communicate using CW at 5 WPM. At the same
point, I could also communicate using phone at a significantly faster
rate than 5 WPM since I can speak a lot faster than that. I could
also communicate using PSK31 at a significantly faster rate than 5 WPM
since I can type a lot faster than that. Thus, for me the use of
another mode is more efficient for me than to use CW. I would actually
be a less capable communicator if I used CW than I am using another
mode. My facing the code testing requirement did not affect my ability
to speak or to type.

>Well, everyone's estimate of their "enjoyment" of ham radio is a subjective
>thing. However, in this age where we're trying to justify our hold on
>literally
>billions of dollars worth of commercially viable spectrum, we place a great
>emphasis on our capabilities as "emergency" communicators. Unfortunately,
>the least reliable modes we employ are those that depend on voice
>communication -- and these modes are the first to "go South" when
>atmospheric conditions and man-made interference do not operate in our
>favor.

These days, the vast majority of emergency communications is done on a
local basis, primarily on 2m using FM repeaters and simplex. 70cm is
probably the next most widely used band for this purpose. Neither is
subject to the propagation difficulties often encountered on HF.

In my own estimation, the biggest problem with emergency
communications in the ARS right now isn't the people who don't know
CW, it's the people who think their 5-watt (or 2-watt, or 150
mkilliwatt) HT and its 650mAh battery pack is all they need to
function as an emergency communicator when the proverbial merde hits

the proverbial ventillateur.

>Morse/CW allows us to overcome the majority of those obstacles,
>but only those who know how to effectively employ this mode are qualified
>to make that judgment.

Actually, it's the agencies served by our ARES and RACES and other emergency communications groups who are best qualified to judge the effectiveness of our contributions. The ones I've worked with so far have expressed high praise for the efforts of our team of hams, and we have yet to use CW during an activation.

>Therefore, your argument about "enjoyment" is,
>as are most NCTA arguments, self-serving at best.

Apples and oranges, perhaps. Only the most masochistic among us would claim to actually enjoy pulling a 12- or 14-hour shift in a chilly EOC or standing in a street in the middle of an ice storm. Emergency communications isn't done for enjoyment. DX'ing, contesting, and casual ragchewing are done for enjoyment, and if one enjoys using CW for such activities, there's nothing stopping anyone from doing so. For those who do not enjoy using CW, the same activities can also be enjoyed using other modes.

73 DE John, KC2HMZ

741. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-10 23:29:42 UTC
From: Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net>
Message-ID: <n1srgvoclbgvdv7fnso1605d4ogdmhed77@4ax.com>
Source record: 70752

On Wed, 9 Jul 2003 23:19:38 -0400, "Bill Sohl"
<billsohl@mindspring.com> wrote:

>> In a way, I do -- because their lack of desire to operate CW is usually
>> based on a lack of willingness to break their inertia and get down to
>> learning it. It's called laziness. Yup, that's right -- the "L" word.
>> L-A-Z-I-N-E-S-S.
>>>Hams who don't care or "don't want" to learn Morse code
>> are just plain old LAZY. Period. End of Story. Consider yourself to
>> have been grabbed by the collar and beaten with a club called The Truth!!!
>>
>Yes sir, guess my lack of desire to play golf can best be attributed
>to a lack of willingness to break my inertia and get down
>to learing it. Just my basic laziness I guess...nothing at all
>involving there's any personal choice, like or dislike involved.
>
>Same ole Larry :-)

No, Bill - it's the fact that you couldn't find that club called The
Truth in your golf bag...even though you left it right there between
the three wood and the sand wedge. ;-)

73 DE John, KC2HMZ

742. Re: The Pool

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-10 23:29:43 UTC
From: Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net>
Message-ID: <7qsrgvcfsjfoogu3flitpus5jaa1hh8ahl@4ax.com>
Source record: 70753

On 9 Jul 2003 10:09:06 -0700, N2EY@AOL.COM (N2EY) wrote:

>What gets forgotten too often is that the license test is just the
>beginning.

Amen to that, OM.

73 DE John, KC2HMZ

743. Re: Fight the BPL

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-10 23:35:48 UTC
From: Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
Message-ID: <cuvyxnansvbet.hhtstnw.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 70523
Cross-posted to:
rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.swap

On Wed, 09 Jul 2003 22:05:55 -0400, Dave Holford wrote:

>Maybe, but IIRC the FCC, along with the FAA, FEMA etc. etc. operate
>extensive HF communications systems. It seems unlikely that a source of
>such serious potential interference to their own communications would be
>authorized?

But the top execs of the companies that want to do BPL are telling
the top execs of the agencies "we checked, there is no problem".

"The Fix Is In."

Sometimes I think that if it wasn't for the active hams who work at
those agencies and the input that they make, the brass wouldn't
have a clue about what happens in real life communications. I know -
I spent 28 years at the FCC....

--
73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane

Retired and loving every minute of it....
Work was getting in the way of my hobbies

744. Re: Is There ANY Recourse re. FCC & Dropping CW?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-10 23:35:48 UTC
From: Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
Message-ID: <cuvyxnansvbet.hhtsxdx.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 70524

On Wed, 09 Jul 2003 21:51:24 -0400, Dwight Stewart wrote:

> Is there no clause in the treaty Congress previous ratified that allows
>for modifications in compliance with ITU changes?

Nope.

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73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane

745. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-10 23:41:44 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030710194144.18497.00001242@mb-m05.aol.com>
Source record: 70527

In article <GuLOa.62$oD7.43@news02.roc.ny>, "Jim Hampton"
<aa2qa@frontiernet.net> writes:

>Jim,
>
>I'm going to have to look up that one.

Which one?

>I recently went to Burger King (sigh
>...). They were running a special - two burgers and two small fries for
>$2.22. I ordered four burgers and four small fries only onions and ketchup
>on the burgers (this is a very difficult problem; break out the slip stick
>and multiply $2.22 times two). Now add two Whopper Juniors at $0.99 each.
>Um ... about 2 seconds to come up with $6.42. Then the sales tax. Ok.
>This poor gal starts pressing all these buttons and comes up with something
>very close to $10.00. I asked her what the sales tax was. 8%. Wrong.
>8.25%, but I was being accessed nearly 50%. She looked hopelessly lost, so
>I offered that it should be $6.42 plus 8.25%, or something short of $7.00.
>She started pressing more buttons. She smiled, hit enter (or whatever) and
>then expressed dismay as the total was now around $15.00. She called the
>manager over. He explained what she did wrong, hit some buttons, smiled ...
>and stared at the total - now over $29.00. I was beginning to think I'd be
>better off at Radio Shack.

Been there done that. What really impresses 'em is when I do calcs like that in
the old noggin and am dead on to the penny. Or somebody wants to know how long
it takes to go a certain distance at a certain speed, and I give 'em the answer
down to the minute. They look at me like I'm Rain Man or something. But it's
just a matter of a few simple arithmetic skills.

but hey - who needs arithmetic skills in a 21st century calculator world?

>This problem is a *lot* bigger than amateur
>radio. They threw out the regents math test in New York since so many kids
>failed. I recall one point was made that it included geometry (unfair).
>Huh? I don't know what folks think math includes, but if it is button
>pushing, I've met one manager that would have failed button pushing 101 :)

Like I said - who needs arithmetic skills in a 21st century calculator world?

Here in Pa we have the PSSA. Will be interesting to see how the local school
district did.
>
>Say, have you seen the ad on TV touting one quick oil change place (was it
>Jiffy Lube?). They have folks that have been 'certified' by an organization
>called something like 'oil change specialists of America'.

Actually not as odd as it seems. Major damage can be done to modern cars by use
of the wrong oil, wrong filter, wrong quantity of oil, improper torquing, or
just forgetting to tighten the drain plug.
>
>Seeing these sort of events lately, I'm wondering if others have had similar
>experiences.

Some - not often. A lot of it could be cured by simple application of RTFM.

> If they have, is there a chance they might see some wisdom in
>having some kind of exam before turning someone loose with 1.5 KW of RF and
>perhaps thousands of volts in their amp? Yep, I didn't think so either. :)

1500 W equates to just two horsepower. About what the typical gas weedwhacker
delivers at full scream. My beloved old Rabbit Diesel ws rated at 37 kW.
>
>As to the ATV, remember the flying spot scanner? :)
>
I was just looking at one of Cop's original QST articles last night. They used
11 meters for the tests - back when it was a ham band, that's how old the
article is.

73 from Rochester, NY

Home of Dinosaur BBQ and Genny Cream Ale (sigh)

73 from the Principality of Radnor

Jim, N2EY
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>
>

746. Re: Is There ANY Recourse re. FCC & Dropping CW?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-10 23:41:46 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030710194146.18497.00001243@mb-m05.aol.com>
Source record: 70526

In article <bekeoc$6ce$1@slb6.atl.mindspring.net>, "Bill Sohl"
<billsohl@mindspring.com> writes:

>"N2EY" <n2ey@aol.com> wrote in message
>news:20030710082219.18497.00001228@mb-m05.aol.com...
>> In article <beihgpldm1@slb6.atl.mindspring.net>, "Bill Sohl"
>> <billsohl@mindspring.com> writes:
>>
>> >"N2EY" <n2ey@aol.com> wrote in message
>> >news:20030709202209.03929.00000794@mb-m28.aol.com...
>> >> In article <bei03n$8fu$1@slb0.atl.mindspring.net>, "Bill Sohl"
>> >> <billsohl@mindspring.com> writes:
>> >>
>> >> >> 1)The FCC won't respond to anything filed before congress has
>ratified
>> >the
>> >> >> new treaty (no point approaching congress, though, as that part will
>be
>> >a
>> >> >> rubber stamp excercise);
>> >> >
>> >> >And even if congress failed to ratify it would change nothing
>> >> >in the ITU treaty. In fact, if congress doesn't
>> >> >ratify, then the USA would simply NOT be a participant
>> >> >in the treaty. The former treaty is, as of 7/5/03, null and void.
>> >>
>> >> I don't think that's necessarily true, Bill. But it's academic - has
>the
>> >USA
>> >> ever not ratified a revised ITU-R treaty?
>> >
>> >But let's pretend...for academic discussion.
>>
>> IOW, let's speculate.
>>
>> >Just what would you
>> >expect the USA position to be with regard to the New vs Old ITU
>> >treaty if the USA doesn't ratify?
>>
>> That depends on WHY the USA doesn't ratify, and how the non-ratification
>is
>> done.
>
>There's only two ways non-ratification can be done:

>1. No action is ever taken at all to ratify

Not gonna happen. It's an agenda item for The Congress. Too many other radio services involved.

> or
>2. The vote for ratification fails.
>
Which, to my knowledge, has never happened before.

>> Seems to me that the lawyers could argue it either way. Some would argue
>> that the USA is no longer bound by treaty provisions of the old treaty
>> that
>> don;t appear in the new one, while others could argue the opposite. Plus
>> all
>> sorts of variations.
>
>Arguing for the old treaty makes no sense since the rest
>of the world is on the new treaty.

Doesn't matter if it makes sense or not, some lawyers somewhere will argue it.
>
>> >Remember, ratification, if at all,
>> >is a USA function and the end result of ITU doesn't require
>> >a follow-up ratification process from each administration.
>>
>> Yet at the same time, if nobody ratifies it, the new treaty means nothing.
>
>Nobody has to ratify. Many, perhaps most, administrations
>simply abide by the new treaty having empowered their
>repective delegations to negotiate/participate on their pehalf.

Which simply means they have a different ratification process than the USA. They choose their delegates and empower the delegates to ratify at the convention, rather than afterwards.

>The USA has a specific ratification process for ALL
>treaties as a matter of USA law.

Exactly. And until that process is carried out, the USA will abide by the old treaty.
>
>> Note that at the present time, the USA is acting as if the old treaty is
>> still
>> in force.
>
>Actually I disagree. I believe the official posture is that the USA
>acknowledges the new treaty but makes no effort to change
>USA law/rules until after USA ratification. I don't believe the
>FCC has any expectation that the rest of the world is
>respecting old treaty obligations.

Allow me to rephrase:

....the USA is still acting *internally* as if the old treaty is still in force.

IOW, the VEs are still giving code tests, and FCC won't allow any hams to operate on the HF/MF ham bands unless those hams pass a code test.

>> The fact that there's a new one awaiting ratification doesn't make
>> the old one and its requirements immediately disappear.
>
>That's only true to the extent that any specific country has their own
>ratification process...and failure to ratify by one or more
>countries does NOT nullify the new treaty.

Agreed. But as far as FCC rules are concerned, the old treaty is still in force in the USA. That's my point.

73 de Jim, N2EY

747. Re: Is There ANY Recourse re. FCC & Dropping CW?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-10 23:41:47 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030710194147.18497.00001244@mb-m05.aol.com>
Source record: 70525

In article <5WfPa.14$lL.1567@nnrp1.ptd.net>, "Carl R. Stevenson"
<wk3cqth@wk3c.com> writes:

><clutch@lycos.com> wrote in message
>news:vgqqb3drvfar09@corp.supernews.com...
>>
>> FWIW, I support keeping the code in and I am a technician that is
>> trying hard to learn this. Code still has a use and it makes one
>> commit effort to upgrade to higher classes.
>
>"Making one commit effort" is not a legitimate regulatory purpose
>for the FCC.

Then why all the different classes of license?

>If YOU want to learn and use Morse, fine ... same for anyone else
>with the same desire. But that does not give you (or anyone else)
>the right to force it on everyone else.
>
>> It causes those that are
>> not willing to work to be left out and does anyone want people in this
>> activity that are not willing to put effort into learning?
>
>I want all the technically competent folks we can get ...

"Technically competent" as defined by whom? At what level? Competent enough to
use a ham rig, or competent enough to design and build one from scratch, or
something in between?

>with homeland
>defense spuring increased demand for use of HF frequencies, we need
>to increase our numbers to protect our spectrum

Every increase in technical competency requirements works against increased
numbers.
>
>NOTE: I said "technically competent folks" ... I am NOT in the
>"ham license in the Cracker Jacks box" camp AT ALL.

Again - "technically competent" as defined by whom? At what level? Competent
enough to use a ham rig, or competent enough to design and build one from
scratch, or something in between?

Are the current written tests adequate for the technical competency
requirements of the ARS, or not?

If YOU want to increase your technical competency, fine ... same for anyone else with the same desire. But that does not give you (or anyone else) the right to force it on everyone else.

>I just don't believe that forcing folks to learn Morse to get an HF
>license is a reasonable requirement.

Yet even if the code test disappears tomorrow, to get an HF license with reasonable privileges, folks are forced to take a written test that goes beyond the test required for ALL VHF/UHF privileges. To get all HF/MF privileges, folks must take two written tests that go far beyond the test required for ALL VHF/UHF privileges.

>Those who want to use it
>will have to (voluntarily) learn it ... those who have no interest in
>Morse, but could contribute technically, in public service communications,
>etc. should not be excluded because of their lack of interest in Morse.

Those who want to be involved in the technical end of amateur radio will have to (voluntarily) learn it ... those who have no interest in technical subjects, but could contribute technically, in public service communications, etc. should not be excluded because of their lack of interest in technical subjects.

73 de Jim, N2EY

748. Re: Fight the BPL

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-10 23:42:17 UTC
From: "H. Adam Stevens" <solo@totalaccess.net>
Message-ID: <vgruh0bju62mb4@corp.supernews.com>
Source record: 70528
Cross-posted to:
rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.swap

"> I spent 28 years at the FCC...."
You poor thing. Why?
It took 3 years in broadcasting to run me back to college.
H.
NQ5H

"Phil Kane" <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop> wrote in message
news:cuvyxnansvbet.hhtstnw.pminews@netnews.comcast.net...
> On Wed, 09 Jul 2003 22:05:55 -0400, Dave Holford wrote:
>
> >Maybe, but IIRC the FCC, along with the FAA, FEMA etc. etc. operate
> >extensive HF communications systems. It seems unlikely that a source of
> >such serious potential interference to their own communications would be
> >authorized?
>
> But the top execs of the companies that want to do BPL are telling
> the top execs of the agencies "we checked, there is no problem".
>
> "The Fix Is In."
>
> Sometimes I think that if it wasn't for the active hams who work at
> those agencies and the input that they make, the brass wouldn't
> have a clue about what happens in real life communications. I know -
> I spent 28 years at the FCC....
>
> --
> 73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane
>
> Retired and loving every minute of it....
> Work was getting in the way of my hobbies
>
>

749. Re: So what do we call them?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-10 23:58:30 UTC
From: lk <lklose@net-link.net>
Message-ID: <vgrvftscigau4c@corp.supernews.com>
Source record: 70529

"K0HB" <k0hb@arrl.net> wrote in message
news:e79dbd9b.0307091455.46d443bf@posting.google.com...
> hamradio@is.evil wrote
>
>
> > How about just saying the god damn frequency?
>
> OK, meet me on "the god damn frequency".
> de Hans, K0HB

I can't talk to you on upper SSB GDHF because
I am hold a Technician license and can not copy Morse
code that is not allowed on the GDHF.

Larry

750. Re: Fight the BPL

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-11 00:42:54 UTC
From: Dave Shrader <david.shrader@comcast.net>
Message-ID: <3F0E078A.8010805@comcast.net>
Source record: 70530
Cross-posted to:
rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.swap,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.policy

Excerpt from the ARRL Release:

"Studies appended to the League's comments suggest received signal levels of BPL broadband noise at typical amateur stations would be anywhere from 33.7 dB to 65.4 dB higher than typical ambient noise levels in the worst-case situations. "BPL cannot be deployed using amateur allocations in the MF, HF and VHF bands without severely high interference potential," the ARRL reiterated. "

DD, W1MCE

The ARRL has submitted 120 pages of comments including analysis and related data.

The BPL grid includes power distribution on medium power lines right down to the 240 volt feed that comes right into your house!! Is that close enough to create a +60 dB noise level??

DD, W1MCE

Mike Coslo wrote:
>
> Of course not! But if you live in an area criss-crossed by active
> lines, and have the sigs coming into your house you can expect some
> pretty strong interference.
>
[SNIP]
>
>
>> Now I have heard it stated that from 14 thru 30 Mhz the actual
>> noise level is far below the normal radios thresh hold, so what
>> will be the TRUE noise level that we would have to compete with?
>
>[SNIP]

>> If we are to use our number strength wisely for the benefit of
>> the hobby then it would behoove the ARRL to be very specific
>> with respect to the possible danger so that the label of
>> obstructionists will not be aplied at a future date.
>> may have
>> Regards
>> Art Unwin KB9MZ....XG
>

751. Re: More on Broadband over Power Lines (BLP)

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-11 01:04:29 UTC
From: "\"Sparky\"" <sparks@nospam.com>
Message-ID: <bfGcncw_jId2tJOiXTWJig@vnet-inc.com>
Source record: 70542
Cross-posted to: alt.ham-radio.vhf-uhf,rec.radio.amateur.policy

(snip)

|
| I still wonder about that AM tower I once passed in Santa Clara,CA
that was
| sitting on a salt marsh right at sea level....do they have all that
wire in the
| ground, er, water, too?

Not sure on that one. I haven't ever seen AM towers with salt marsh surrounding it, but in that case they sure would put out a much better signal than a tower located away on dry rocky ground with all the buried radials.

| >
| > As far as BPL is concerned, BIG PROBLEMS LOOM for almost all
licensed
| > services, including amateur radio if this is allowed.
|
| That was exactly what I said in my comments to FCC on the docket:
|
| "The use of the HF part of the spectrum as we have always known it
| will be ended".
|
| Dick

Well stated, Dick. I totally agree.

73, Sam

752. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-11 01:20:17 UTC
From: Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net>
Message-ID: <3F0E10C8.6117F3C1@att.net>
Source record: 70531

JJ wrote:

> N2EY wrote:
>
> >>>>
> >
> >>>>Do you have something against someone who has no desire to operate CW?
> >>>>There are many different modes of operation in ham radio, do you
> >>>>operate them all?
> >>>
> >
> > No - do you?
>
> No, I certainly do not. If someone wants to only operate cw, only
> ssb, only 2 meter FM, then fine, and they are just as much a ham
> as someone who operates multiple modes.

So a ham who operates all modes except that he cannot operate radiotlegraphy
because he doewn't know Morse code, is just as well qualified as a ham who
operates all those and also can operate radiotelegraphy.

Surely you can understand the fallacy of your own argument,
all other considerations aside.

753. Re: Fight the BPL

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-11 01:21:12 UTC
From: Zoran Brlecic <...WA7AA...@get.lost>
Message-ID: <3F0E112B.2020802@get.lost>
Source record: 70532
Cross-posted to:
rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.swap,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.policy

Paul Vanasse wrote:

> I don't think we need a conclusionary synopsis Zoran, I believe just about
> everyone here knows full well how to read.

It is very easy to skip over my message if it annoys you. Just hit a
down arrow button. I wouldn't agree on the reading skill point, though.

> Did you ever stop and consider that because the responses to your original
> post were such, that perhaps the whole BPL matter is the usual ARRL
> exacerbated hyperbole?

Yes, I considered it for about a millisecond and then promptly dismissed
it based on my previous knowledge of the anti-League posts and feelings
from a small but vocal group of people. The only way you could get those
types on board against the BPL is if the ARRL took a pro-BPL position.
Then you'd never hear the end of it, and demonizing the League would go
on for years, like it has with no-code, for example.

> ....In the old'en days they called it "Much
> ado about nothing".

Yeah, sure. What, if I may ask, is your profession? If you are an
electrical engineer and you don't consider BPL (a dense, unshielded,
unbalanced grid of random-length wires carrying packets of digital
signals with all their harmonics straight to your shack) a huge
potential source of HF noise, then I don't know what to say. Have you
read on the subject? Have you seen the measurements from the field in
other parts of the world? All of this fails to convince you because you
know for a fact that this is just a conspiracy on the part of the ARRL
to swindle you for a couple of bucks?

Fine. Don't support it if you don't want to. Don't join the ARRL. Work
against it any chance you get. After all, CB has no representation and
organization and they've never been in a better shape, huh?

73 .... WA7AA

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Anti-spam measure: look me up on qrz.com if you need to reply directly

754. Re: Is There ANY Recourse re. FCC & Dropping CW?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-11 01:43:11 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com>
Message-ID: <PCoPa.74$lL.7697@nnrp1.ptd.net>
Source record: 70533

"N2EY" <n2ey@aol.com> wrote in message
news:20030710194147.18497.00001244@mb-m05.aol.com...
> In article <5WfPa.14$lL.1567@nnrp1.ptd.net>, "Carl R. Stevenson"
> <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> writes:
>
> ><clutch@lycos.com> wrote in message
> >news:vgqqb3drvfar09@corp.supernews.com...
> >>
> >> FWIW, I support keeping the code in and I am a technician that is
> >> trying hard to learn this. Code still has a use and it makes one
> >> commit effort to upgrade to higher classes.
> >
> >"Making one commit effort" is not a legitimate regulatory purpose
> >for the FCC.
>
> Then why all the different classes of license?

Different levels of knowledge, of course. Many people already
HAVE the technical knowledge to pass the written tests with ease.
The issue is that SOME people think that those who are in that
position "should be made to expend some (additional) effort" to
get their ham license (they ignore the effort ALREADY spent in
acquiring the aforementioned knowledge).

> >If YOU want to learn and use Morse, fine ... same for anyone else
> >with the same desire. But that does not give you (or anyone else)
> >the right to force it on everyone else.
> >
> >> It causes those that are
> >> not willing to work to be left out and does anyone want people in this
> >> activity that are not willing to put effort into learning?
> >
> >I want all the technically competent folks we can get ...
>
> "Technically competent" as defined by whom? At what level? Competent
enough to
> use a ham rig, or competent enough to design and build one from scratch,
or
> something in between?

According to the FCC, competent enough to pass the written tests.
I'd like to see folks even more competent than that, but everyone has
to start somewhere.

> >with homeland
> >defense spuring increased demand for use of HF frequencies, we need
> >to increase our numbers to protect our spectrum
>
> Every increase in technical competency requirements works against
increased
> numbers.
> >
> >NOTE: I said "technically competent folks" ... I am NOT in the
> >"ham license in the Cracker Jacks box" camp AT ALL.
>
> Again - "technically competent" as defined by whom? At what level?
Competent
> enough to use a ham rig, or competent enough to design and build one from
> scratch, or something in between?

See above.

> Are the current written tests adequate for the technical competency
> requirements of the ARS, or not?

That's the FCC's call ... as I said, I'd like to see folks actually learn
more
than the tests require (and would welcome more folks who ALREADY
know more than that, but aren't interested in Morse).

The point goes back to Garry Coffman's statement of some years ago
(where is Garry anyway? anybody know?) to the effect that too many
people view the license as a "graduation certificate" rather than the entry
permit into a lifelong learning experience. And too many people value the
license for what they had to do to get it, rather than what it allows them
to do.

> If YOU want to increase your technical competency, fine ... same for
anyone
> else with the same desire. But that does not give you (or anyone else)
> the right to force it on everyone else.

I'm not bitching about today's tests ... the only issue I have is that I
think the Tech test is "light" for the power level it allows at frequencies
that can cook meat. Other than that flaw (IMHO, it's a flaw and the
power limit should be more in line with the technical knowledge required
for the license), I'm content with the tests we have today ... they are
"entry level" for the priveleges granted.

> >I just don't believe that forcing folks to learn Morse to get an HF
> >license is a reasonable requirement.
>
> Yet even if the code test disappears tomorrow, to get an HF license with
> reasonable privileges, folks are forced to take a written test that goes
beyond
> the test required for ALL VHF/UHF privileges. To get all HF/MF privileges,
> folks must take two written tests that go far beyond the test required

for ALL
> VHF/UHF privileges.

Again, I think the Tech test/priv ratio is flawed WRT the power levels
allowed.

I think that the FCC uses HF as a "carrot" to induce folks to learn more
about radio ... and that they are more comfortable with Tech privs because
propagation generally limits the ability for Techs to cause interference
beyond
our borders. (note I said "generally")

> >Those who want to use it
> >will have to (voluntarily) learn it ... those who have no interest in
> >Morse, but could contribute technically, in public service
communications,
> >etc. should not be excluded because of their lack of interest in Morse.
>
> Those who want to be involved in the technical end of amateur radio will
have
> to (voluntarily) learn it ... those who have no interest in technical
subjects,
> but could contribute technically, in public service communications, etc.
should
> not be excluded because of their lack of interest in technical subjects.

Read your paragraph above ... it's flawed ... how can "those who have no
interest
in technical subjects" "contribute technically" ???

73,
Carl - wk3c

755. Re: For a laugh

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-11 02:08:26 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030710220826.14837.00001300@mb-m03.aol.com>
Source record: 70534

In article <Xns93B4928C35BDAAX2A3DA5M1512AODKAMO@65.100.3.61>, "William H. O'Hara, III" <whoohara@yahoo.com> writes:

>
>P.S. Why doesn't everyone take a break
>from this? Let's go back to SSB versus
>AM.

Bill:

Fine with me. I think AM sounds great! I think we should use more of it on all the bands, not just HF. How about including the AM mode on VHF/UHF transceivers?

Some of the best fun and the most enjoyable QSO's I had on phone were on 10-meter AM from the mobile HF station I had in my '78 Plymouth Horizon when I was stationed at Andrews AFB, MD. I used to get consistent 59 signal reports with good audio using 50 watts on my Icom IC-730 and a Hustler fold-over antenna with the 10-meter (low power) resonator.

73 de Larry, K3LT

756. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-11 02:08:27 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030710220827.14837.00001301@mb-m03.aol.com>
Source record: 70537

In article <beimcmtta2@slb6.atl.mindspring.net>, "Bill Sohl"
<billsohl@mindspring.com> writes:

>> Bill:
>>
>> I didn't know that, but it sounds like "blather" to me!
>>
>> 73 de Larry, K3LT
>
>Call it whatever you like. Fact is Carl was on the delegation
>and involved both during and before the WRC.
>
>Cheers,
>Bill K2UNK

Bill:

Hmmm -- impressive. I wish I could say the same about Nancy Kott.

73 de Larry, K3LT

757. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-11 02:08:28 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030710220828.14837.00001302@mb-m03.aol.com>
Source record: 70535

In article <f45722ac.0307091240.3e72fac1@posting.google.com>,
brianburke@juno.com (Brian) writes:

>> Dan:
>>
>> The problem with that is, if Carl Stevenson's brain were composed of
>> Semtex, he couldn't blow his nose!
>>
>> 73 de Larry, K3LT
>
>True, voluntary motor skills wouldn't be supported by the substitution
>of semtex for brain matter.
>
>bb

True. Moreover, if Carl's brain were composed of Semtex, I should hope
that he would not want to blow this nose!

In any event, I like Carl, so I'm glad that his brain is just the way it is!

73 de Larry, K3LT

758. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-11 02:08:29 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030710220829.14837.00001303@mb-m03.aol.com>
Source record: 70538

In article <3F0C2D8F.8060801@mailcity.moc>, JJ <radiobuff0@mailcity.moc>
writes:

>> In a way, I do -- because their lack of desire to operate CW is usually
>> based on a lack of willingness to break their inertia and get down to
>> learning it. It's called laziness. Yup, that's right -- the "L" word.
>> L-A-Z-I-N-E-S-S. Hams who don't care or "don't want" to learn Morse code
>> are just plain old LAZY. Period. End of Story. Consider yourself to
>> have been grabbed by the collar and beaten with a club called The Truth!!!
>
>You are a real piece of work Larry. I haven't worked CW in years,
>I still could but I just have no desire to talk in code when I can
>speak very well.
>Do you use a automobile to get from one distant place to another?
>You do? That is pure laziness, the "L" word. Why don't you ride a
>horse, bicycle, or better yet, walk. That is what folks did before
>the automobile came along. You are just plain old LAZY. You have a
>long way to go to ever grab me by the collar and you can't handle
>the truth. End of story.

JJ:

The difference is, I can ride a bicycle, ride a horse, and walk anytime
I want to because I've done all of the above and know how to use these
modes of transportation should the need arise. And, before the question
is raised again in yet another specious argument, No, I was not required
to ride a bicycle or a horse in order to get my driver's license! However,
nobody's going to tear up any roads and return them to use as farmland --
but I can't say the same thing about HF CW allocations!

>>>There are many different modes of operation in ham radio, do
>>>you operate them all?
>>
>>
>> Nope, not all -- but certainly a whole lot more than most hams do.
>
>If that is what floats your boat, knock yourself out, but those
>who choose not to play the ham radio game the same way you do does
>not mean they are any less of a ham, except to your "I am
>superior" way of thinking. Why don't you operate all the modes,
>too lazy?

It is a plain fact that future hams who do not face a code tesing requirement
for licensing are going to be less capable communicators than myself and
others who did. The only thing that got me into the use of the Morse/CW
mode was the requirement to learn it. It made me a better ham in every

respect. The New Age non-code tested hams will be inferior for the lack of this requirement.

>> And
>> you know something totally strange? My Morse/CW proficiency doesn't
>> interfere one little bit in my enjoyment of other modes!

>And you know something even more strange? For many hams, not being
>as proficient as you claim to be in CW,

I don't make any claims to Morse/CW proficiency other than I can effectively employ this mode. I'm certainly a lot less proficient at CW than a lot of other hams, but I can use it when I want to or need to, and I don't get any complaints on-the-air about my technique.

>and/or not operating in
>that mode does not interfere one little bit with their enjoyment
>of other modes either, and that includes myself.

Well, everyone's estimate of their "enjoyment" of ham radio is a subjective thing. However, in this age where we're trying to justify our hold on literally
billions of dollars worth of commercially viable spectrum, we place a great emphasis on our capabilities as "emergency" communicators. Unfortunately, the least reliable modes we employ are those that depend on voice communication -- and these modes are the first to "go South" when atmospheric conditions and man-made interference do not operate in our favor. Morse/CW allows us to overcome the majority of those obstacles, but only those who know how to effectively employ this mode are qualified to make that judgment. Therefore, your argument about "enjoyment" is, as are most NCTA arguments, self-serving at best.

73 de Larry, K3LT

759. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-11 02:08:30 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030710220830.14837.00001304@mb-m03.aol.com>
Source record: 70536

In article <beimcltta1@slb6.atl.mindspring.net>, "Bill Sohl"
<billsohl@mindspring.com> writes:

>> In a way, I do -- because their lack of desire to operate CW is usually
>> based on a lack of willingness to break their inertia and get down to
>> learning it. It's called laziness. Yup, that's right -- the "L" word.
>> L-A-Z-I-N-E-S-S.
>
>Yes sir, guess my lack of desire to play golf can best be attributed
>to a lack of willingness to break my inertia and get down
>to learing it. Just my basic laziness I guess...nothing at all
>involving there's any personal choice, like or dislike involved.
>
>Same ole Larry :-)
>
>Cheers,
>Bill K2UNK

Bill:

Nice try, but not quite the same thing. A prospective ham not wanting to learn and/or use the Morse code is like a prospective golfer not wanting to learn how to putt, because all he wants to do is drive golf balls for distance. Well, even I can drive a bucket balls at the range to kill an afternoon, but I'd never call myself a "golfer."

Morse/CW is an essential communications skill for anyone who is going to consider him/herself to be an effective amateur radio operator. This is the one skill which gives them the ability to keep on communicating under adverse conditions that put an end to communication using less robust or more equipment and electrical capacity-dependent modes. It gives us the ultimate in emergency backup communications capability, which is ever-so important and politically-correct for hams these days.

73 de Larry, K3LT

760. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-11 02:43:58 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bel898$hl3$1@adenine.netfront.net>
Source record: 70539

"Larry Roll K3LT" <yodoc@aol.comnospam> wrote in message
news:20030710220829.14837.00001303@mb-m03.aol.com...
>
> It is a plain fact that future hams who do not face a code tesing
requirement
> for licensing are going to be less capable communicators than myself and
> others who did. The only thing that got me into the use of the Morse/CW
> mode was the requirement to learn it. It made me a better ham in every
> respect. The New Age non-code tested hams will be inferior for the lack
of
> this requirement.
>

So, it's your blatant disregard for the possibility that "future hams" will be quite interested in CW and will learn the mode just because they *WANTED* to and not because it was required? You didn't learn CW because you wanted to but because you had to. So, what're you gonna say to those who will obviously be a better ham than you because they learned CW out of wanting to, not needing to?

Kim W5TIT

Posted via news://freenews.netfront.net
Complaints to news@netfront.net

761. Re: Latest News - Morse Code Test May Not "Die" at ITU Conference.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-11 02:49:48 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bel8k6hqn1@adenine.netfront.net>
Source record: 70540

> "Dick Carroll;" <dixie@townsqr.com> wrote in message
> news:be9e1bgus0@208.206.142.84...
> >
> > Really? And how would a swimming requirement add to the operational
> > capability of a ham radio operator? If you support Morse code testing I
> > assume you already know how Morse code proficiency adds to the
> > communications capability of a ham radio operator.
> >
>
> And, in what way does a proficiency at a level indicate interest level of
an
> amateur radio operator? What of those who could, at any time, conduct CW
at
> a high speed, but who are no longer active? Doesn't "no longer active"
> equate to a low interest level in your mind?
>
> Is your part of the debate on the *operational capability* of a ham (in
> which case you are right--the more modes a ham is skilled at, the better
an
> operational capability he or she has)? Or, is your debate on the
*interest
> level* of a ham (in which case--IMO--you are wrong--because the fact that
> someone can or will meet testing requirements to enter into something does
> not equate to interest level at all.
>
> A parallel could be drawn that two applicants for jobs at a company meet
the
> same requirements to get hired. But, one is a much more interested, i.e.
> loyal, dedicated, employee than another. That happens every day, Dick,
and
> you surely won't deny that. Conversely, two people may study for, take,
and
> pass an exam for whatever of license in ham radio. It is entirely
possible
> that, in a matter of time, *EVEN THOUGH* they both demonstrated the same
> "level of interest" at the time of testing, one of them could be
completely
> off the air, and have sold their stuff and moved on.
>
> So, what exactly is your debate, Dick, and what is your position on the
> debate? It's a simple question, not to be answered with, "go back and
> read..." There is obvious confusion and you've created the confusion.
So,
> would you help clear it up? I'm asking honestly. Can you answer without

> any of your typical rhetoric?
>
> Kim W5TIT
>
>

I missed the answer to this, Dick. Can you post it again?

Kim W5TIT

Posted via news://freenews.netfront.net
Complaints to news@netfront.net

762. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-11 02:59:38 UTC
From: Arnie Macy <kt4st@csam.net>
Message-ID: <bel98f$6b9k6$1@ID-166180.news.uni-berlin.de>
Source record: 70541

Brian wrote ...

Arnie, citation please. It is the disgruntled PCTA that have advocated a "No Test International" concept.

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"review the privileges afforded to each license class and make certain that all test
requirements for each license class RATIONALLY and DIRECTLY RELATE to the privileges the
licensee receives by virtue of passing the test."

"In the interest of continuity with the present licensing structure, study guides, and testing materials, NCI again recommends that the three license classes be called "Technician," "General," and "Extra." This will permit a practical combination of existing study guides and testing materials to be used until such time as such materials are REVISED and will result in REASONABLE tests for the three new classes of license contemplated in these comments."

(my emphasis
added)_____
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First, I was never a PCTA ... and you know that. But that aside, above are the quotes from the reply comments of NCI to the NPRM. Of course, they don't come out and directly say it, but it is clear where they are going with this. Now, add to that, the comment from an NCI Director -- "Just having a test...any test, serves as a barrier to millions of people. That an actual learning effort is required (even if it is straight memorization) will continue to act as a barrier for 99% or more of the population." - Bill Sohl, NCI Director, 02/01/97 on this NG.

Arnie -
KT4ST

763. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-11 03:30:08 UTC
From: Bill Sohl <billsohl@mindspring.com>
Message-ID: <belb65$9b0$1@slb6.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 70549

"Dick Carroll" <dickc58@att.net> wrote in message
news:3F0E10C8.6117F3C1@att.net...
>
>
> JJ wrote:
>
> > N2EY wrote:
> >
> > >>>>Do you have something against someone who has no desire to operate
CW?
> > >>>>There are many different modes of operation in ham radio, do you
> > >>>>operate them all?
> > >
> > > No - do you?
> >
> > No, I certainly do not. If someone wants to only operate cw, only
> > ssb, only 2 meter FM, then fine, and they are just as much a ham
> > as someone who operates multiple modes.
>
> So a ham who operates all modes except that he cannot operate
radiotlegraphy
> because he doewn't know Morse code, is just as well qualified as a ham who
> operates all those and also can operate radiotelegraphy.
>
> Surely you can understand the fallacy of your own argument,
> all other considerations aside.

Of course there is a fallacy since "operate" gives no indication
as to actual level of expertise, the ham who operates all modes except
CW could well be far more qualified then the ham who operates
all modes including CW. For the record, the opposite could also be
true and they might actually be equally qualified.

Cheers,
Bill K2UNK

764. Re: Fight the BPL

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-11 03:31:53 UTC
From: Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
Message-ID: <cuvyxnansvbet.hhtu2ny.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 70543
Cross-posted to:
rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.swap

On Thu, 10 Jul 2003 07:08:25 GMT, Zoran Brlecic wrote:

>FAA does not use SW, afaik, so they couldn't care less.

FAA contracts their HF comms to ARINC.

>Ship to shore? What ship to what shore? They use satellites.

Tell that to a good friend of mine who is chief tech for Globe
Wireless (licensee of maritime public coast stations KPH and KFS)
who is responsible for maintaining 23 5 KW HF marine transmitters in
the San Framcisco area. Yes, HF - not for CW, not for SSB, but for
SITOR, the commercial version of AMTOR/FEC, tied into the Internet
for e-mail.

Satellites are "great" for occasional use until one gets the bill.
Globe Wireless' HF circuits carry e-mail traffic 24/7 according to him.

But I agree -- BPL is a danger to HF communications. No doubt about
it.`

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73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane

From a Clearing in the Silicon Forest
Beaverton (Washington County) Oregon

765. Re: Is There ANY Recourse re. FCC & Dropping CW?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-11 03:31:53 UTC
From: Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
Message-ID: <cuvyxnansvbet.hhtvh90.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 70547

On Thu, 10 Jul 2003 13:45:24 GMT, Dick Carroll wrote:

>And since "concensus" is a term totally foreign to ham radio, Bill
>Cross himself, the big stick at FCC for ham radio, the guy who makes
>all the rules that are rubberstamped by the other otherwise-occupied
>staff, will make the new rules for us, himself. He said so at Dayton a
>couple years ago.

Hey, that's the way it was done (with the names changed) some 40
years ago when I started sniffing around the FCC to see if I wanted
to work there.

Why should it be different now ?? <ggg>

--
73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane

766. Re: CW Requirement Abolished

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-11 03:31:53 UTC
From: Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
Message-ID: <cuvyxnansvbet.hhtuloz.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 70548

On 10 Jul 2003 05:33:32 -0700, Brian wrote:

>> It is not clear why Class 2 operators must stay above 144 MHz, as WARC '79
>> changed the lower limit for no-coders to 30 MHz, but I guess it is because
>> of countries who had not implemented that at the time the areement was
>> originally written.
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>They may not want amateurs transmitting on a VHF-Low TV channel.

ISTR that most European countries dumped VHF-low channels many
years ago and that the UK dumped both VHF-Lo and Hi when they
went to the 625 line PAL colour system from the 405 line b/w system.

Perhaps someone "over there" can correct or update that info.

Alun ??

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73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane

767. Re: More on Broadband over Power Lines (BLP)

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-11 03:31:54 UTC
From: Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
Message-ID: <cuvyxnansvbet.hhu3mm2.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 70544

On 10 Jul 2003 08:38:07 -0700, Rob Kemp wrote:

>Phil,
>
>As an expert in dealing with the FCC, what is your recommendation on
>the issues to bring to the FCC's attention? And how should our
>comments be phrased?

The ARRL took the lead and emphasised the interference with
essential communications. That is the only thing that will be of
any value.

In any event, the Comment phase is closed, and only Reply Comments -
support or opposition/rebuttals to the comments already filed - can
be accepted at this stage.

>Is preventing reception of shortwave broadcasts a first amendment
>issue?

Not at all - the SCOTUS has been very clear in First Amendment cases
that the free speech right is that of the speaker to speak, and does
not guarantee an audience to to hear/receive what is being spoken.

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73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane

768. Re: More on Broadband over Power Lines (BLP)

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-11 03:31:54 UTC
From: Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
Message-ID: <cuvyxnansvbet.hhu3921.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 70545

On 10 Jul 2003 05:06:37 -0700, Brian Kelly wrote:

>> The last time that the League tried this route was when 220-222 MHz
>> was yanked away. We all know how that turned out.
>
>ARRL blunder of blunders.

I was told that the then Board of Directors of the League went over the General Counsel's head and insisted on hiring a law firm supposedly specializing in Federal appeals cases, which the client is always free to do. Said firm didn't have a clue about the radio spectrum and who uses what. Their performance proved it. At least the GC is a long-term active ham.

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73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane

769. Re: More on Broadband over Power Lines (BLP)

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-11 03:31:55 UTC
From: Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
Message-ID: <cuvyxnansvbet.hhu43f3.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 70546

On Thu, 10 Jul 2003 13:29:27 GMT, Dick Carroll wrote:

>> Trying to "go over the FCC's head" is a last-ditch
>> nothing-left-to-lose desperation move, I think.
>>
>> Correct me if I'm wrong, Phil.

You are so right.

>Remember, the ARRL *did* sue the FCC some years ago, seems like it
>was in the 80's, and IIRC the issue was the 220 mhz reallocation,
>though I'm not certain of that. Sure seemed a poor idea to me.

It was a good idea - it showed the FCC management (which is no
longer there) that the ARRL can do what the broadcasters do every
week - take an adverse decision into the Court of Appeals.

The problem was, it was done by an outside law firm which didn't do
a very good job because they didn't understand what was at stake as
precedent. Hence, the Amateur Spectrum Protection Bill which, at
long last, has a chnace to be passed during this session.

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73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane

770. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-11 03:35:38 UTC
From: Bill Sohl <billsohl@mindspring.com>
Message-ID: <belbgfodb1@slb4.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 70602

"Larry Roll K3LT" <yodoc@aol.comnospam> wrote in message
news:20030710220830.14837.00001304@mb-m03.aol.com...
> In article <beimcltta1@slb6.atl.mindspring.net>, "Bill Sohl"
> <billsohl@mindspring.com> writes:
>
> >> In a way, I do -- because their lack of desire to operate CW is usually
> >> based on a lack of willingness to break their inertia and get down to
> >> learning it. It's called laziness. Yup, that's right -- the "L" word.
> >> L-A-Z-I-N-E-S-S.
> >
> >Yes sir, guess my lack of desire to play golf can best be attributed
> >to a lack of willingness to break my inertia and get down
> >to learing it. Just my basic laziness I guess...nothing at all
> >involving there's any personal choice, like or dislike involved.
> >
> >Same ole Larry :-)
> >
> >Cheers,
> >Bill K2UNK
>
> Bill:
>
> Nice try, but not quite the same thing. A prospective ham not wanting to
> learn and/or use the Morse code is like a prospective golfer not wanting
> to learn how to putt, because all he wants to do is drive golf balls for
> distance. Well, even I can drive a bucket balls at the range to kill an
> afternoon, but I'd never call myself a "golfer."
>
> Morse/CW is an essential communications skill for anyone who is going
> to consider him/herself to be an effective amateur radio operator.

So you will claim tillhell freezes over I assume. Only
problem is, your claim failed at the only place that
counts...the FCC.

> This
> is the one skill which gives them the ability to keep on communicating
> under adverse conditions that put an end to communication using less
> robust or more equipment and electrical capacity-dependent modes. It
> gives us the ultimate in emergency backup communications capability,
> which is ever-so important and politically-correct for hams these days.

So how come the other services abondoned morse as such a
valuable back-up?

Cheers,
Bill K2UNK

771. Re: CW Requirement Abolished

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-11 03:38:45 UTC
From: Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93B4F08065207elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>
Source record: 70601

"Phil Kane" <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop> wrote in
news:cuvyxnansvbet.hhtuloz.pminews@netnews.comcast.net:

> On 10 Jul 2003 05:33:32 -0700, Brian wrote:
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> went to the 625 line PAL colour system from the 405 line b/w system.
>
> Perhaps someone "over there" can correct or update that info.
>
> Alun ??
>
> --
> 73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane
>
>
>

It's true about the UK. I don't know about the other countries.

772. Re: Fight the BPL

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-11 03:42:12 UTC
From: Brenda Ann <brendad@shinbiro.com>
Message-ID: <bel9i9nld1@news1.kornet.net>
Source record: 70603
Cross-posted to:
rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.swap

"Phil Kane" <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop> wrote in message
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> the San Framcisco area. Yes, HF - not for CW, not for SSB, but for
> SITOR, the commercial version of AMTOR/FEC, tied into the Internet
> for e-mail.
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> Satellites are "great" for occasional use until one gets the bill.
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> it.`
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> 73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane
>
> From a Clearing in the Silicon Forest
> Beaverton (Washington County) Oregon

I still hear maritime telephone service on 8 MHz USB.

Also in-flight comms over oceans are done with HF.

773. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-11 03:43:12 UTC
From: Bill Sohl <billsohl@mindspring.com>
Message-ID: <belbuq$no1$1@slb9.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 70604

"Arnie Macy" <kt4st@csam.net> wrote in message
news:bel98f$6b9k6$1@ID-166180.news.uni-berlin.de...
> Brian wrote ...
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> Arnie, citation please. It is the disgruntled PCTA that have advocated a
> "No Test International" concept.
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> practical combination of existing study guides and testing materials to be
> used until such time as such materials are REVISED and will result in
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added)---
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> don't come out and directly say it, but it is clear where they are going
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> having a test...any test, serves as a barrier to millions of people. That
> an actual learning effort is required (even if it is straight
memorization)
> will continue to act as a barrier for 99% or more of the population." -
Bill
> Sohl, NCI Director, 02/01/97 on this NG.
>
> Arnie -
> KT4ST

Well Arnie, nice of you to take my text out of context.
You try to imply by my stating the obvious, that I am
saying we should end tests and that is BUNK. The
point I was making was simply that even a multiple
choice test is sufficient a barrier to keep 99%
of the population from even considering becoming a ham...
that said, the statement does not then lead to any
position or support by me of ending written
testing.

Cheers,
Bill K2UNK

774. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-11 03:45:34 UTC
From: Bill Sohl <billsohl@mindspring.com>
Message-ID: <belc34bsg1@slb3.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 70605

"Larry Roll K3LT" <yodoc@aol.comnospam> wrote in message
news:20030710220827.14837.00001301@mb-m03.aol.com...
> In article <beimcmtta2@slb6.atl.mindspring.net>, "Bill Sohl"
> <billsohl@mindspring.com> writes:
>
> >> Bill:
> >>
> >> I didn't know that, but it sounds like "blather" to me!
> >>
> >> 73 de Larry, K3LT
> >
> >Call it whatever you like. Fact is Carl was on the delegation
> >and involved both during and before the WRC.
> >
> >Cheers,
> >Bill K2UNK
>
> Bill:
>
> Hmmm -- impressive. I wish I could say the same about Nancy Kott.
>
> 73 de Larry, K3LT

Who is Nancy Kott? My memory thinks it is
someone involved with FISTS?

Cheers,
Bill K2UNK

775. Re: Is There ANY Recourse re. FCC & Dropping CW?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-11 03:50:41 UTC
From: Bill Sohl <billsohl@mindspring.com>
Message-ID: <belcd5$d8b$1@slb6.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 70606

"N2EY" <n2ey@aol.com> wrote in message
news:20030710194146.18497.00001243@mb-m05.aol.com...
> In article <bekeoc$6ce$1@slb6.atl.mindspring.net>, "Bill Sohl"
> <billsohl@mindspring.com> writes:
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> >"N2EY" <n2ey@aol.com> wrote in message
> >news:20030710082219.18497.00001228@mb-m05.aol.com...
> >> In article <beihgpldm1@slb6.atl.mindspring.net>, "Bill Sohl"
> >> <billsohl@mindspring.com> writes:
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> >> >"N2EY" <n2ey@aol.com> wrote in message
> >> >news:20030709202209.03929.00000794@mb-m28.aol.com...
> >> >> In article <bei03n$8fu$1@slb0.atl.mindspring.net>, "Bill Sohl"
> >> >> <billsohl@mindspring.com> writes:
> >> >>
> >> >> >> 1)The FCC won't respond to anything filed before congress has
> >ratified
> >> >the
> >> >> >> new treaty (no point approaching congress, though, as that part
will
> >be
> >> >a
> >> >> >> rubber stamp excercise);
> >> >> >
> >> >> >And even if congress failed to ratify it would change nothing
> >> >> >in the ITU treaty. In fact, if congress doesn't
> >> >> >ratify, then the USA would simply NOT be a participant
> >> >> >in the treaty. The former treaty is, as of 7/5/03, null and void.
> >> >>
> >> >> I don't think that's necessarily true, Bill. But it's academic - has
> >the
> >> >USA
> >> >> >> ever not ratified a revised ITU-R treaty?
> >> >
> >> >But let's pretend...for academic discussion.
> >>
> >> IOW, let's speculate.
> >>
> >> >Just what would you
> >> >expect the USA position to be with regard to the New vs Old ITU
> >> >treaty if the USA doesn't ratify?
> >>
> >> That depends on WHY the USA doesn't ratify, and how the
non-ratification

> >is
> >> done.
> >
> >There's only two ways non-ratification can be done:
> >1. No action is ever taken at all to ratify
>
> Not gonna happen. It's an agenda item for The Congress. Too many other
radio
> services involved.
>
> > or
> >2. The vote for ratification fails.
> >
> Which, to my knowledge, has never happened before.
>
> >> Seems to me that the lawyers could argue it either way. Some would
argue
> >> that the USA is no longer bound by treaty provisions of the old treaty
> >> that
> >> don;t appear in the new one, while others could argue the opposite.
Plus
> >> all
> >> sorts of variations.
> >
> >Arguing for the old treaty makes no sense since the rest
> >of the world is on the new treaty.
>
> Doesn't matter if it makes sense or not, some lawyers somewhere will argue
it.
> >
> >> >Remember, ratification, if at all,
> >> >is a USA function and the end result of ITU doesn't require
> >> >a follow-up ratification process from each administration.
> >>
> >> Yet at the same time, if nobody ratifies it, the new treaty means
nothing.
> >
> >Nobody has to ratify. Many, perhaps most, administrations
> >simply abide by the new treaty having empowered their
> >repective delegations to negotiate/participate on their pehalf.
>
> Which simply means they have a different ratification process than the
USA.
> They choose their delegates and empower the delegates to ratify at the
> convention, rather than afterwards.
>
> >The USA has a specific ratification process for ALL
> >treaties as a matter of USA law.
>
> Exactly. And until that process is carried out, the USA will abide by the

old
> treaty.
> >
> >> Note that at the present time, the USA is acting as if the old treaty
is
> >> still
> >> in force.
> >
> >Actually I disagree. I believe the official posture is that the USA
> >acknowledges the new treaty but makes no effort to change
> >USA law/rules until after USA ratification. I don't believe the
> >FCC has any expectation that the rest of the world is
> >respecting old treaty obligations.
>
> Allow me to rephrase:
>
> ....the USA is still acting *internally* as if the old treaty is still in
> force.
>
> IOW, the VEs are still giving code tests, and FCC won't allow any hams to
> operate on the HF/MF ham bands unless those hams pass a code test.
>
> >> The fact that there's a new one awaiting ratification doesn't make
> >> the old one and its requirements immediately disappear.
> >
> >That's only true to the extent that any specific country has their own
> >ratification process...and failure to ratify by one or more
> >countries does NOT nullify the new treaty.
>
> Agreed. But as far as FCC rules are concerned, the old treaty is still in
force
> in the USA. That's my point.

Fair enough...internally only.
And, as you note above, USA ratification is just a matter of time.

Cheers,
Bill K2UNK

776. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-11 03:59:19 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
Message-ID: <3F0E363E.8050409@adelphia.net>
Source record: 70608

Bill Sohl wrote:

> So how come the other services abondoned morse as such a
> valuable back-up?

One big reason is that they can then use a not-so-skilled operator.

- Mike KB3EIA -

777. Re: Using ham bands for educational / research project

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-11 04:35:28 UTC
From: k0hb@arrl.net
Message-ID: <e79dbd9b.0307102035.44b0325e@posting.google.com>
Source record: 70610
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.amateur.digital.misc

Leo Szumel <please_use_my_last_name@ieee.org> wrote

> I am being paid by UC to do research in general.
> I would not receive compensation as a result of
> this specific research, so in my mind I have
> no pecuniary interest in the project.

If you are doing this research project within the scope of your paid position, then you DO have a pecuniary interest, and Amateur Radio is not an appropriate communications medium.

73, de Hans, K0HB

778. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-11 04:47:30 UTC
From: "Ryan, KC8PMX" <kc8pmx@diamondcs.net>
Message-ID: <ben95f$74ba7$1@ID-189073.news.uni-berlin.de>
Source record: 70685

Wish more people thought that way about 6 meters!

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Ryan, KC8PMX
FF1-FF2-MFR-(pending NREMT-B!)
--. --- -.. ... .- -. --. . .-.. ... .- .-. . ..-. .. .-. . ..-.
.. --. .... - . .-. ...
> One more hint-some of the best DX contacts I've ever had occurred when I
called
> CQ
> on a "dead" band. You get to work the rare one who answers without the
"benefit"
> of
> the hounds, no pileup, no QRM, at least until enough others hear you
working him
> to
> draw a crowd.

779. Re: More on Broadband over Power Lines (BLP)

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-11 04:51:55 UTC
From: Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
Message-ID: <cuvyxnansvbet.hhu4xj4.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 70611
Cross-posted to: alt.ham-radio.vhf-uhf,rec.radio.amateur.policy

On Thu, 10 Jul 2003 19:04:29 -0600, \"Sparky\" wrote:

>| I still wonder about that AM tower I once passed in Santa Clara,CA
>that was sitting on a salt marsh right at sea level....do they have all
>that wire in the ground, er, water, too? Not sure on that one.

There's no AM tower in Santa Clara (or at least none in the last 40
years that I know of), let alone one that meets that description.
There's one in Palo Alto (1220 kHz) and yes, it has the standard
120-radial ground system. The ground there isn't all -that- wet.

In "the good old days" the radials were 8 AWG copper, but after
several stations got their ground systems torn out by thieves who
sold the copper on the scrap metal market, almost everybody replaced
them with 8 AWG Copperweld, which has the same rf electrical
properties but has no value on the scrap metal market.

> I haven't ever seen AM towers with salt marsh surrounding it,

There are several other AM stations in the Bay Area whose antenna
arrays are located right at the water line. In those cases, the
radials go out from the base and into the Bay, which is tidal.

> but in that case they sure would put out a much better signal than a
> tower located away on dry rocky ground with all the buried radials.

The ground system and conductivity are but two elements in the
antenna efficiency. Other factors are the electrical height and the
spacing and phasing of elements in a directive array.

AM antenna design is more of an art than a science.

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73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane

780. Re: Renewed my license "on-line", only took 4 Hours

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-11 04:51:55 UTC
From: Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
Message-ID: <cuvyxnansvbet.hhu59e5.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 70612

On Thu, 10 Jul 2003 05:44:26 -0400, Arnie Macy wrote:

>That could very well have been. Normally, it runs very close to the
>56k and downloads are fairly quick (for a dial-up), but there are days
>I notice a definite decrease in speed. Overall, though. I prefer
>paying the 9 bucks a month for dial-up opposed to the 40 plus bucks
>for cable.

You forgot to add in the cost of a second phone line for the dial-up
(I keep my LAN on line 24/7), which used to be $26 per month. That
put the cable only ten bucks ahead of the dial-up and the extra
speed sure was worth that.

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73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane

From a Clearing in the Silicon Forest
Beaverton (Washington County) Oregon

781. Re: What of NCI? FORGET THAT, HOW ABOUT ALL-CODE INTL.??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-11 04:53:58 UTC
From: "Ryan, KC8PMX" <kc8pmx@diamondcs.net>
Message-ID: <ben95h$74ba7$2@ID-189073.news.uni-berlin.de>
Source record: 70686

Well, if fair is fair, and the value of morse code is what it has been
reported to be in this newsgroup and others, then it should be no problem
eh? :)

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Ryan, KC8PMX
FF1-FF2-MFR-(pending NREMT-B!)
--. --- -.. ... .- -. --. . .-.. ... .- .-. . ..-. .. .-. . ..-.
.. --. .... - . .-. ...
"Mike Coslo" <mjc5@psu.edu> wrote in message
news:3F0D7390.6050607@psu.edu...
>
>
> Ryan, KC8PMX wrote:
> > I still think that if morse code is so important for the hams to have to
> > know how to do, then all others utlizing public service and business
band
> > frequencies should have to know it as well such as law enforcement,
fire,
> > ems, governmental entities, transportation frequencies etc. Especially
the
> > emergency service people, as if there were ever a case where they may be
> > caught in a position where morse code may be useful, I don't know what
would
> > be. Can you imagine if they used it for at least a secondary level of
> > communications if not a primary one?? People in scannerland would have
to
> > learn morse code as well to figure out what the hell is being sent!
> >
> > ALL-CODE INTL.!!!!!!!!
>
>
>
> Whoaaa there, Ryan! You're getting spun up here!
>
> - Mike KB3EIA -
>

782. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-11 04:56:27 UTC
From: "Leland C. Scott" <no-spam@junk-mail.net>
Message-ID: <igadnUusKrXh3pOiXTWJiw@comcast.com>
Source record: 70613

"Arnie Macy" <kt4st@csam.net> wrote in message
news:bejd4n$5nm66$1@ID-166180.news.dfncis.de...
> "Leland C. Scott" wrote ...
>
> Dah, you mean all those fine southern operators
on 75m that claim to have
> been Hams since the dawn of the dinosaur have it
all wrong! Gee I didn't
> know that. ;-) My favorite group to monitor
hangs out around 3950 KHz more
> or less. One or more of them have even offered
to Elmer R.H. on several
> occasions between beers.
>

> --
>
> I don't hang out anywhere near 3950, Leland.

I never said you did. I was making a joke.

> But if you come on over to
> 3593 at around 7 EDT(Georgia State Traffic Net),
you will more than likely
> hear me.

I might do that some night. I'm not saying I can
copy anything that fast, but not everyone does 20
wpm either.

> But, don't hold your breath waiting on someone
referring to a
> "code key" or sending 73's. You'll be waiting a
very long time.

Maybe, then again maybe not. I've heard the terms
used before by other long time Hams. Just think
about how many times you, and others, probably
used the term "Power" when you really, and to be
technically correct, should have used the term
"Energy". Same idea.

Anyway the comments in this thread have been
interesting to read.

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73 de (<---- This is OK right?)
Leland C. Scott
KC8LDO

Saw this on a Tee-shirt:

"I am a
bomb
technician
if you see me
running
try to keep up "

783. Re: Fight the BPL

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-11 05:17:07 UTC
From: Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
Message-ID: <cuvyxnansvbet.hhu8f57.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 70614
Cross-posted to:
rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.swap

On Thu, 10 Jul 2003 18:42:17 -0500, H. Adam Stevens wrote:

>"> I spent 28 years at the FCC...."
>You poor thing. Why?

After ten years in the civilian side of the military electronics
field, where yearly project cancellations and ensuing layoffs were
the way of life, I wanted a steady job so I could feed my family.

Anyhow I was good at violating peoples' privacy, catching crooks,
and prosecuting them.... <ggg>

>It took 3 years in broadcasting to run me back to college.

Hey, I finished my doctorate while I was with the Commission....
<ggg>

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73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane
FCC San Francisco
District Director (retired)

784. Re: Fight the BPL

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-11 05:17:08 UTC
From: Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
Message-ID: <cuvyxnansvbet.hhu8le8.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 70615
Cross-posted to:
rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.swap

On Fri, 11 Jul 2003 00:42:54 GMT, Dave Shrader wrote:

>The BPL grid includes power distribution on medium power lines right
>down to the 240 volt feed that comes right into your house!! Is that
>close enough to create a +60 dB noise level??

My services are underground. Anyone who says that buried cables
can't be heard above ground has never chased cable TV leakage in an
buried system (I have....).

--
73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane

785. The Day has come....

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-11 05:29:47 UTC
From: LA Davies <lloyd_vfp@dalek.com>
Message-ID: <3f0e2f6d@shknews01>
Source record: 70550
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy

As I knew it always would. I would upgrade my ham license without EVER taking a CW test. Do I wish CW "Exterminated"- No. You old farts need the CW to pass the time away. I do not. Something like a CW test, keeps many good people like me from enjoying the ham bands. This is 2003, not 1955. Alot has changed.

I speak for many people. They feel the same way I do. We want the CW requirement dropped SOON. I can live with taking a written test(s) to get my HF.

I will be e-mailing my ARRL section manager soon. We will get the code dropped. Then on to bigger things.

Lloyd Davies, N0VFP
Future no-code Extra
FT-817

786. Re: Fight the BPL

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-11 05:32:49 UTC
From: Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
Message-ID: <cuvyxnansvbet.hhu9af9.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 70616
Cross-posted to:
rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.swap

On Fri, 11 Jul 2003 12:42:12 +0900, Brenda Ann wrote:

>
>I still hear maritime telephone service on 8 MHz USB.

Not by KFS/KPH, though. AT&T closed their SF HF station (KMI) a
couple of years ago so I don't know who is furnishing that service
now. It may be ARINC (Aeronautical Radio, Inc) which is big in HF
SSB. I'll try to find out.
>
>Also in-flight comms over oceans are done with HF.

That's ARINC.

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73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane

787. Re: Renewed my license "on-line", only took 4 Hours

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-11 06:48:28 UTC
From: Scott Unit 69 <scott_unit_69@yahoo.moc>
Message-ID: <3F0E5DBC.A7C594BB@yahoo.moc>
Source record: 70617

> >That could very well have been. Normally, it runs very close to the
> >56k and downloads are fairly quick (for a dial-up), but there are days
> >I notice a definite decrease in speed. Overall, though. I prefer
> >paying the 9 bucks a month for dial-up opposed to the 40 plus bucks
> >for cable.
>
> You forgot to add in the cost of a second phone line for the dial-up
> (I keep my LAN on line 24/7), which used to be $26 per month. That
> put the cable only ten bucks ahead of the dial-up and the extra
> speed sure was worth that.

Dial-up: It's like hooking a piece of aquarium air hose to a fire hydrant.

788. Re: Renewed my license "on-line", only took 4 Hours

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-11 08:11:41 UTC
From: Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93B52AA26194Eelektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>
Source record: 70618

Scott Unit 69 <scott_unit_69@yahoo.moc> wrote in
news:3F0E5DBC.A7C594BB@yahoo.moc:

>> >That could very well have been. Normally, it runs very close to the
>> >56k and downloads are fairly quick (for a dial-up), but there are
>> >days I notice a definite decrease in speed. Overall, though. I
>> >prefer paying the 9 bucks a month for dial-up opposed to the 40 plus
>> >bucks for cable.
>>
>> You forgot to add in the cost of a second phone line for the dial-up
>> (I keep my LAN on line 24/7), which used to be $26 per month. That
>> put the cable only ten bucks ahead of the dial-up and the extra
>> speed sure was worth that.
>
>
> Dial-up: It's like hooking a piece of aquarium air hose to a fire
> hydrant.
>

It can be cheap, though. It costs me $ 10/mo for regular PPP (no ads, no
weird extra software required). You have to shop around to get connected
for that price, but I haven't seen a high speed connection for less than $
35/mo.

789. Re: The Pool

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-11 08:43:29 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030711044329.27503.00000998@mb-m24.aol.com>
Source record: 70620

In article <bekdag0lsh@enews2.newsguy.com>, KF6TPT <kf6tpt@thin.doobie.com>
writes:

>N2EY <N2EY@aol.com> wrote things. They're marked like this: N2EY>
>KF6TPT (me) wrote things in a prior post. They're marked like this: TPT>

>N2EY> The Senate has to ratify the new treaty first.
>
KF6TPT>I keep hearing this getting thrown around, and certainly, my civics
KF6TPT>teacher told me this. However, I can't seem to find any mention in the
KF6TPT>congressional record of the ratification after WRC-2000.
>
KF6TPT>Can someone point me at it?
>
N2EY>I'm not sure when the Senate ratified the WRC-2000 treaty. But I do know
that the Senate has to do so.

>TPT> Michael Powell is rather busy these
>TPT> days, what with all the brouhaha surrounding ClearChannel and the media
>TPT> consolidation. If we think that he, or anyone all that high on the food
>TPT> chain at the FCC gives a rat's patootie about what's going on in
>TPT> Amateurland, we're fooling ourselves.
>
>N2EY> I doubt Mr. Powell has much knowledge of what the ARS is, let alone
>N2EY> what the issues are. That's his staff's job.
>
TPT>That's exactly my point. Chairman Powell (and other high-ranking FCC
>staff) doesn't need to know or care about the ARS. It makes absolutely
>no difference to those in charge of the FCC, whether we have a code
>requirement or not.
>
Sure - but they're not hams, and they really don't care that much. We ARE hams,
and we do care.

TPT>In this current incarnation of the FCC, I think it's reasonable to say
>that if code testing doesn't provide a benefit to the FCC, then the FCC
>will be eliminating it as quickly as they reasonably can.
>
I agree 100%. I'd go one step farther - eliminating it reduces the FCC's admin
work, so they have a reason to get rid of it.

>TPT> As far as I'm concerned, it should have happened years ago.
>
>N2EY> Why? Hams still use code. It's very popular.
>
TPT>I would even just say "Hams use code".

I just got off 40 meters. CW QSOs from the low end of the band to up above 7050, whcih is as far as I listened. Even though there's lots of QRN tonight, things are jumping. Worked a guy at a campsite in NH near Franconia Notch running 25 W to a dipole.

TPT>But hams use AM, and RTTY, and
>PSK, and FSK and yes, even phone. Some of us like satellites.

Sure - but except for FM and SSB voice, all of those modes are far less popular on HF/MF than CW. None of those modes require that the user learn a new skill in order to use them.

TPT>Should
>you have to prove that you're capable of tracking and hearing UO-14
>before being granted a license to transmit on 145.975 MHz?

Might not be a bad idea, if satellites were as popular on 2 as CW is on HF.

TPT>Or that you
>know all 26 phonetics and how to locate your grid square (a useful item
>for a VHF+ operator to know)

I'd say the phonetics, definitely. Grid square, maybe.
>
TPT>CW is the only mode that is -required-.

You mean the only mode where it's necessary to demonstrate an operating skill at a very basic level. That's certainly true - but there's no way to test Morse skill with a purely written test.

TPT>Sure, even hams who
>never use RTTY had to answer written questions about it... but the
>difference is, you don't have to get all written questions correct.

True - but then again, you don't know how many RTTY questions will be on the test you get. All it takes is one too many wrong answers and you flunk the written.

TPT>A
>person can become at least a General, if not an Extra, without ever
>answering a question about RTTY... just skip them, and make sure you
>know the rest of the material.

Ah, but that means learning stuff about other things you may never use.
>
TPT>The end of code testing does not mean the end of CW, nor should it.

Not as long as there are folks like me using it.

TPT> But
>as far as I'm concerned, CW is just another mode, albeit one with a
>certain history and artistry to it.

Have you ever really tried it?

N2EY> With regards to testing, it should
>have about as much importance as the rest of the modes (i.e. a handful
>of questions in the pool, and perhaps a reference in the questions on
>frequency allocations, nothing more, nothing less)

But it's far more popular than any HF mode except SSB. Does it make sense to
have as many CW questions on the test as, say, PACTOR questions, when CW is at
least 10 times more used by hams than PACTOR?
>
>N2EY> Learning enough code to pass the test is about as hard as
>N2EY> learning to recognize about 40 words in a foreign language.
>
TPT>That's not the point. The fact that just about anyone can learn it
>given enough time and practice really just means that all that is really
>being tested is a potential ham's level of dedication (and how much free
>time he's had in the last few months)

What's really being tested is a radio operating skill at a very basic level.
>
TPT>There are plenty of people out there who will say that testing someone's
>dedication is a _good_ thing for our hobby. They're the ones that want
>to keep the "riff-raff" out. Or at least, that's how it seems.

Perhaps they are concerned by what has happened to radio services without any
testing at all.
>
TPT>I just don't see that. The enforcement actions taken by the FCC don't
>reflect that either. Many of the people cited for illegal operating
>practices have taken 13 and 20wpm code tests.
>
True - but were they using CW when they were doing the alleged illegal
activities?
>
TPT>What I see is a generation of people to whom technology is second nature.

Nothing new about that. Look back 100 years or more and its the same story,
just different hardware.

>I see hardware engineers and electrical engineers building amazing
>commercial applications up in the SHF frequencies. Most of these people
>aren't hams. I don't see them knocking down the doors to come join our
>ranks, but I don't see us reaching out to them and giving them a reason
>to join us, either.

They're professionals, doing it because it's their job. They have the time, the
resources and the training. Most hams don't, because it's a part-time avocation
for them.
>
>We're doing just the opposite, not entirely with the code test, but with
>the attitude that goes with it.

I don't know what you mean.

I'm an EE, with bachelor's and master's degrees from accredited universities. I was led to EE because of amateur radio, not the other way around. I also build my own ham gear, mostly from scratch with the occasional kit thrown in. I know very few EEs who are also homebrewers.
>
TPT>I'd love for some of the current high-tech talent to bring their
>knowledge into the Amateur HF arena. We've seen what happens when we
>bring them into VHF (I'm thinking about APRS, WSJT/JT44, lots of
>software DSP stuff).
>
But if you check into who designed and promoted all that stuff, again and again it turns out to be hams who are code-tested.

TPT>But to do that, we need to change. By telling a 22 year old
>engineer with a 10-hour a day job and a girlfriend that he needs to
>spend "just an hour a day" sitting and listening to code on headphones
>for the next month, we are essentially telling him to get lost.

I disagree!

For one thing, it takes perhaps 20-30 minutes a day for 30 days to learn enough code to pass the test - not an hour a day. For another, if said person hasn't got the time to study for the test, when's that person going to have the time to use the license?

I was once one of those 22 year old engineers, btw. Now I'm a 49 year old engineer.

TPT>He
>won't have that kind of free time until he's retired.

Then he better not have any kids, get married, or buy a house.

TPT> Plus he's got
>other methods of global communication, so the overall gee-whiz factor of
>HF is definitely not as much of a draw as it was years ago.

Then he doesn't need an HF license, does he?
>
TPT>But show the same engineer a PSK31 pileup and his eyes light up.
>Perhaps he's thinking of a better way to discriminate between the
>colliding warbles and pull yet another call sign out of the morass.
>Maybe he's a software engineer. Maybe a DSP guru.

Maybe. But will he actually DO any of that? When will he have the time, if he doesn't have 20-30 minutes a day?

And he could just as easily be a she.

TPT>Whatever he is, he
>could be an asset to the ARS, and play a part in enhancing the radio
>art. But he's probably not very interested in CW. Perhaps he will
>grow to work CW, perhaps not. But he definitely won't learn it until he
>has been exposed to other modes of HF. So, under today's rules, he
>moves on to other things... and we'll never know whether his DSP ideas

>would work.

I have to disagree with this characterization of engineers, as if we're all alike.
>
>
TPT>There was a time when children were frequently exposed to ham radio, but
>those days are past. Not every EE graduate has a dipole in his attic
>anymore. The fact is, if the kids and the geeks aren't joining us...
>something's wrong, and maybe we should fix it.

I think you've got it backwards. Ham radio led a lot of people to EE, not the other way around. Look at many famous engineers, and you often find they were hams long before they became engineers.

>
TPT>I think that it's time for us to grow up, evolve with the times, welcome
>newcomers into our ranks, and continue furthering the radio art.
>
OK, fine - exactly how is that going to happen? I predict the code test will be gone very soon after the Senate ratifies the new treaty. In fact, I predict that there won't be an NPRM, comments, etc., just a Memorandum Opinion and Order from FCC saying, in effect, "we argued this back in 98-99 and again in 2000 and now we're just finishing the job that was delayed by the old treaty" Bye bye code test.

Now, what else has to change?

73 de Jim, N2EY

>
>-Jeff
>
>PS.
>
>TPT> and I think you should re-test when you renew your license.
>N2EY> Nice idea - are you volunteering to be a VE?
>
>Yes. I'd be happy to be a VE.
>
>
>

790. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-11 08:43:30 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030711044330.27503.00000999@mb-m24.aol.com>
Source record: 70619

In article <3F0D4482.7080509@mailcity.moc>, JJ <radiobuff0@mailcity.moc>
writes:

>N2EY wrote:

>>>>>Do you have something against someone who has no desire to operate CW?
>>>>>There are many different modes of operation in ham radio, do you
>>>>>operate them all?

>> No - do you?

>No, I certainly do not. If someone wants to only operate cw, only
>ssb, only 2 meter FM, then fine, and they are just as much a ham
>as someone who operates multiple modes.

I agree!

>And I certainly do not
>look down my nose and take a superior attitude toward those who
>might choose to limit their operating to one mode like others here
>on the group.
>
You mean like the folks who look down their noses at me because I operate
mostly CW?

73 de Jim, N2EY

791. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-11 10:44:16 UTC
From: kelly@dvol.com
Message-ID: <d22b54c3.0307110244.182a4143@posting.google.com>
Source record: 70621

"Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> wrote in message
news:<WfePa.5768$_k2.252496@nnrp1.ptd.net>...
> "Brian Kelly" <kelly@dvol.com> wrote in message
> news:d22b54c3.0307091031.7d9d43f6@posting.google.com...
> > "Bill Sohl" <billsohl@mindspring.com> wrote in message
> news:<beh7g3$u5b$1@slb0.atl.mindspring.net>...
> > >
> > > Did you know that Carl was in Geneva as a member of the
> > > US delegation? Seems pretty respected in ITU circles to me.
> >
> > Blather, he was just another observer with some commercial interest
> > group he's involved with, had absolutely nothing to do with ham
> > radio, not even close.
>
> Actually, I was a "Private Sector Advisor" member of the US Delegation
> (that's different than an "Observer" ... IARU was an "Observer" not a
> member of a Member State Delegation)
>
> I was officially listed on the Delegation as a private sector expert on
> Agenda
> Item 1.7, as well as the agenda items that my employer sent me for.
> (This
> is
> because I was heavily involved, through NCI, in the US prep process for the
> WRC on 1.7.)

OK . . .

> There were also two other private sector "experts" on the US Delegation
> for Agenda Item 1.7 ... Paul Rinaldo and Jonathan Siverling of the ARRL.

There's a couple more internationally well known ham radio power
brokers. Who the hell are Rinaldo and Silverling?? Never mind, don't
bother . .

> (However, before anyone "flames" ARRL for not retaining the Morse
> requirement in the ITU Radio Regs, I would remind them of two things:
> 1) the IARU postion was that that requirement should go
> 2) members of the US Delegation are *bound* to support the US position,
> which was also that the Morse requirement should go.)

Making the point to having this squad of "experts" on hand in Geneva
moot before the conclave even it got off the ground eh?

I find enormous humor in *you* of all people floating around Geneva
posing as an "private sector expert" in the testing and use of Morse

in ham radio in the U.S. Sez it all.

> Interestingly, when the US presented its Proposal on 1.7 at the CITEL
> meeting in Mexico City last year, the FCC International Bureau rep asked
> me to present the document in Plenary (I was also attending that meeting
> as a member of the US Delegation) ... I asked him "Why me, not you?"
> His response was "You know more about the issue and the background."

That's worse than appalling. One more chunk of evidence that the FCC has been seriously dumbed down and is dragging ham radio down with it. Phil is right.

But the FCC is apparently still smart enough to use tools of convenience to support it's own agenda. That's all you've been since the gitgo Carl, an FCC tool.

At no point has eliminating the code tests ever had anything to do with "modernizing" ham radio, "outdated modes", "taking ham radio into the 21st century" or any of the rest of transparent bullshit which has been touted as the rationales for eliminating the code tests Carl. This whole flap has been based on the "need" for the FCC to bail away from the labor (cost) associated with governing the code tests, dealing with waivers, the VEs on code test issues, etc. and nothing more.

You stuck your head up as a "leading proponent" of the FCC's agenda so they seized the opportunity and paraded you around the assorted conferences which have dealt with S25.5 as an "expert". . You've simply been used as a expendable tool Carl and that's all you've been. They basically made an ass of you. It's done all the time.

Let's see how your "clout" holds up when you weigh in on BPL. You being a self-proclaimed "expert" on wideband wireless technologies.

> What can I say? I participated in the process ... I don't recall you as
> having
> participated in any of the US WRC prep meetings, Brian

No kidding! Do you think the FCC or the ARRL would have wanted me espousing MY position on S25.5?

... nor did I see you
> listed as a member of the US Delegation to the WRC.

Spare me, nail your WRC 2003 Delegate "appointment" to yer shack wall along with all the rest of your ham radio achievement awards. Whatta hero.

By the way who paid yer air fare to Geneva? You? NCI? The FCC? Thought so. Otherwise you wouldn't have been there huh?

Back to Genesis here Tool: The NCI mission statement has been the elimination of S25.5. Ya blew it, S25.5 lives on. Now what?

>
> 73,
> Carl - wk3c

w3rv

792. Re: The Day has come....

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-11 11:51:49 UTC
From: Anonymous <rebleep@hush.com>
Message-ID: <d37278bfabeac35c972f47572676ec3c@rebleep>
Source record: 70622
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy

In article <3f0e2f6d@shknews01>
"LardAss Davies" <lloyd_vfp@dalek.com> whined:
>
>
> As I knew it always would. I would upgrade my ham license without EVER
> taking a CW test.

Now if you can only get that brain transplant in order to pass the theory....

> Do I wish CW "Exterminated"- No. You old farts need the
> CW to pass the time away. I do not.

Translation: Lllllllllllloooooooossssssssssser Lllllllllllloyd has tried for over 10 years and still can't get it (CW).

> Something like a CW test, keeps many
> good people like me from enjoying the ham bands. This is 2003, not 1955.
> Alot has changed.

But your stupidity remains constant....

> I speak for many people. They feel the same way I do.

Bullshit, LARDASS Lllllllllllllllooooooooooossssssser Lllllllllllllllloyd you only speak for yourself and the other retards that can't pass a simple 5 wpm code test.

> We want the CW
> requirement dropped SOON. I can live with taking a written test(s) to get
> my HF.

Shit, Llllllardasssssss Lllllllllllllllloooooossssssssser Lllllllllllllloyd, you couldn't pass the A+ certification, how are you going to pass even Element 3?

> I will be e-mailing my ARRL section manager soon.

Yeah, I'm writing mine, informing him about you Llllardaaaaaaaaaaasssssssssss Lllllllllllllllllllosser Lllllllllllllllloyd......

> We will get the code
> dropped.

"We" bwhahahahahahahahahahaha......just you and your section manager will get it dropped you fucking retard???????? bwhahahahahahahahahaha!!!!!!

>Then on to bigger things.

Like your fatass?

> Lloyd Davies, N0VFP
> Fuckhead no-code GEEK
> FT-817 because he can't afford anything better

793. Re: Is There ANY Recourse re. FCC & Dropping CW?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-11 12:07:15 UTC
From: Steve Stone <spfleck@zzcitlinkzz.net>
Message-ID: <SLxPa.2863$bH7.2489@news01.roc.ny>
Source record: 70623

> Read your paragraph above ... it's flawed ... how can "those who have no
> interest
> in technical subjects" "contribute technically" ???

By acting as examples on how not to do things for the rest of the amateur
community ?

794. Re: Fight the BPL

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-11 12:11:59 UTC
From: Paul Vanasse <pvanasse@cox.net>
Message-ID: <jQxPa.7976$o86.2980@news1.central.cox.net>
Source record: 70624
Cross-posted to:
rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.swap,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.policy

"Zoran Brlecic" <...WA7AA...@get.lost> wrote in message
news:3F0E112B.2020802@get.lost...
> Paul Vanasse wrote:
>
> > I don't think we need a conclusionary synopsis Zoran, I believe just
about
> > everyone here knows full well how to read.
>
> It is very easy to skip over my message if it annoys you. Just hit a
> down arrow button. I wouldn't agree on the reading skill point, though.
>

So, in other words you're not looking for independent opinions at all (as per you original posting) because you've already made up your mind that the BPL is a valid issue and anyone who disagrees with you is a simp. Sorry Zoran, some people wont throw their hard earned money at an issue just because you say they should..........

My god, do I actually have to explain this: The Amateur portion of the HF spectrum is not even 1/6 of the total spectrum. The remainder is controlled by COMMERCIAL and GOVERNMENT interests that have a hell of a lot more to lose with BPL's than amateurs ever will. Do actually believe that the ARRL is going to be the sole group that will rescue the bands from these evil power companies? Get real Zoran.

If you cant take someone disagreeing with you, try arguing in front of a mirror.

795. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-11 12:30:06 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307110430.20231f8e@posting.google.com>
Source record: 70625

Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net> wrote in message news:<3F0C36B8.99459D3D@att.net>...
> Brian wrote:
>
> > kelly@dvol.com (Brian Kelly) wrote in message
news:<d22b54c3.0307080401.27b2040a@posting.google.com>...
> > > "Bert Craig" <wa2si@arrl.netNOSPAM> wrote in message
news:<8tpOa.1709$EC6.857405@news4.srv.hcvlny.cv.net>...
> > > > Now that the ITU treaty requirement re. CW is gone, (For all intents and
> > > > purposes.) does that mean NCI's job is done? If not, what's next?
> > >
> > >
> > > Welp, since the name of the operation is No Code Test *International*
> > > their work is far from done. Seems like code tests will continue in a
> > > number of countries, Russia, Germany, China, the Arab states, etc. NCI
> > > will have to schmooze the likes of Putin (Col, ret. KGB), Jiang and
> > > the lop-yer-head-off Arab sweethearts before they can claim mission
> > > complete. Squiggy gets Yemen, Sohl gets Mongolia for openers. Oughta
> > > be interesting.
> > >
> > > w3rv
> >
> > What do I get?
>
> Somalia. This time do it right when you ask for permission.

Please cite the manual giving explicit directions for gaining
permission to operate amateur radio in a country w/o a government, and
now without an occupying military force that has jurisdiction over my
person.

Best of luck, bb

796. Re: More on Broadband over Power Lines (BLP)

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-11 12:36:07 UTC
From: N2EY@AOL.COM
Message-ID: <c2356669.0307110436.1cacf193@posting.google.com>
Source record: 70626

"Phil Kane" <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop> wrote in message
news:<cuvyxnansvbet.hhu43f3.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>...
> On Thu, 10 Jul 2003 13:29:27 GMT, Dick Carroll wrote:

(Actually, I wrote the next two sentences):
>
> >> Trying to "go over the FCC's head" is a last-ditch
> >> nothing-left-to-lose desperation move, I think.
> >>
> >> Correct me if I'm wrong, Phil.
>
> You are so right.

Wish I wasn't.
>
> >Remember, the ARRL *did* sue the FCC some years ago, seems like it
> >was in the 80's, and IIRC the issue was the 220 mhz reallocation,
> >though I'm not certain of that. Sure seemed a poor idea to me.
>
> It was a good idea - it showed the FCC management (which is no
> longer there) that the ARRL can do what the broadcasters do every
> week - take an adverse decision into the Court of Appeals.

But only AFTER that adverse decision had actually been made, right? In
the BPL case, it seems to me, such a move would only be advisable if
FCC decided to authorize uncontrolled BPL in ways that were sure to
cause massive interference, AND turned down petitions for
recosideration.
>
> The problem was, it was done by an outside law firm which didn't do
> a very good job because they didn't understand what was at stake as
> precedent. Hence, the Amateur Spectrum Protection Bill which, at
> long last, has a chnace to be passed during this session.

Yup.

Tnx for all the info, Phil.

73 de Jim, N2EY

797. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-11 12:42:32 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307110442.681e7070@posting.google.com>
Source record: 70627

"Bill Sohl" <billsohl@mindspring.com> wrote in message
news:<belbuq$no1$1@slb9.atl.mindspring.net>...
> "Arnie Macy" <kt4st@csam.net> wrote in message
> news:bel98f$6b9k6$1@ID-166180.news.uni-berlin.de...
> > Brian wrote ...
> >
> > Arnie, citation please. It is the disgruntled PCTA that have advocated a
> > "No Test International" concept.
> >
> _____
> >
> > "review the privileges afforded to each license class and make certain
> that
> > all test
> > requirements for each license class RATIONALLY and DIRECTLY RELATE to the
> > privileges the
> > licensee receives by virtue of passing the test."
> >
> > "In the interest of continuity with the present licensing structure, study
> > guides, and testing materials, NCI again recommends that the three license
> > classes be called "Technician," "General," and "Extra." This will permit a
> > practical combination of existing study guides and testing materials to be
> > used until such time as such materials are REVISED and will result in
> > REASONABLE tests for the three new classes of license contemplated in
> these
> > comments."
> >
> > (my emphasis
> >
> added)_____
> > _______
> >
> > First, I was never a PCTA ... and you know that. But that aside, above
> are
> > the quotes from the reply comments of NCI to the NPRM. Of course, they
> > don't come out and directly say it, but it is clear where they are going
> > with this. Now, add to that, the comment from an NCI Director -- "Just
> > having a test...any test, serves as a barrier to millions of people. That
> > an actual learning effort is required (even if it is straight
> memorization)
> > will continue to act as a barrier for 99% or more of the population." -
> Bill
> > Sohl, NCI Director, 02/01/97 on this NG.
> >

> > Arnie -
> > KT4ST
>
> Well Arnie, nice of you to take my text out of context.
> You try to imply by my stating the obvious, that I am
> saying we should end tests and that is BUNK. The
> point I was making was simply that even a multiple
> choice test is sufficient a barrier to keep 99%
> of the population from even considering becoming a ham...
> that said, the statement does not then lead to any
> position or support by me of ending written
> testing.
>
> Cheers,
> Bill K2UNK

Bill, welp, I brought out the fine-toothed comb and swept it through the citation. Nowhere did I pick up the words "reduced technical material" or anything remotely like it. Exams that "Rationally and Directly relate to priveleges" could be quite difficult, making some of these long-time hams glad that retesting isn't required every 10 years.

It is a PCTA ploy that they continue to cry for no exams. Since we won't let them take their ball and go home, they want to damage the ARS for all. They're tring to scuttle the ship rather than let it fall into unworthy hands.

73, Brian

798. Re: So what do we call them?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-11 12:54:58 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307110454.78602369@posting.google.com>
Source record: 70628
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.dx

k0hb@arrl.net (K0HB) wrote in message
news:<e79dbd9b.0307101432.470a65a1@posting.google.com>...
> LHA(Jg) wrote
>
> > Or we could call them Airman Basic, Airman, Airman First Class, Senior
> > Airman, and Staff Sergeant.
>
> Perhaps you could Len ..... er,

I thought Len was in the Army? The Army quit having Airmen when we
took their airplanes away.

> I mean Brian, but I doubt anyone else could.

Me and Larry.

> With all kind wishes,
>
> de Hans, K0HB

Actually, the Yahoo NVIS group has already tagged the frequencies with
designators. And its not E1, E2...

Nice idea, though.

73, Brian

799. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-11 13:12:22 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com>
Message-ID: <WIyPa.103$IL.13648@nnrp1.ptd.net>
Source record: 70629

"N2EY" <n2ey@aol.com> wrote in message
news:20030711044330.27503.00000999@mb-m24.aol.com...
> >
> You mean like the folks who look down their noses at me because I operate
> mostly CW?
>
> 73 de Jim, N2EY

Jim,

WHO looks down their noses at yhou because you operate mostly CW?
(certainly not me ...)

73,
Carl - wk3c

800. Re: For a laugh

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-11 13:20:24 UTC
From: "William H. O'Hara, III" <whoohara@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93B55F33A318BAX2A3DA5M1512AODKAMO@65.100.3.61>
Source record: 70630

Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu> wrote in
news:3F0DB5FC.6080701@psu.edu:

>> extras? You can get your HF privileges.
>> Everyone will be able to know that you
>> can hack CW with your XXXX callsign.
>> It will separate the men from the
> Naah, just those who took the tests before the rules
> were changed.

No. Bring back the 20 WPM test for anybody that
wants an 'EXTRA' callsign.

>> As a new tech that has yet to pass the
>> CW exam I have noticed that a lot of
>> 1 land extra calls were taken by folks
>> that could not make 13 wpm GENERAL before
>> restructuring. Hehe
>
> The only real advantage of those short calls is in
> contesting.

They all wanted to be extra's. In their own
notions an extra class callsign really conveyed
some sort of accomplishment. I bet that most
of them are NOT contesting. Ones that can do
20 WPM code and above with an extra call before
restructuring are more likely to be contestors
than 5 WPM extras of today IMHO.

>> Let's stir up the hornets nest.
>>
>> Bill
>>
>> P.S. Why doesn't everyone take a break
>> from this? Let's go back to SSB versus
>> AM.
> did we ever discuss that here?

I think that we should! AM whines for
a return!

801. Re: Fight the BPL

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-11 13:27:40 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu>
Message-ID: <3F0EBB4C.7030903@psu.edu>
Source record: 70632
Cross-posted to:
rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.swap,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.policy

Just for the record, the top quote was mine, and the other two were Art's.

My own opinioin is that if BPL is adopted, we might as well throw all
interference rules out the window.

- Mike KB3EIA -

Dave Shrader wrote:
> Excerpt from the ARRL Release:
>
> "Studies appended to the League's comments suggest received signal
> levels of BPL broadband noise at typical amateur stations would be
> anywhere from 33.7 dB to 65.4 dB higher than typical ambient noise
> levels in the worst-case situations. "BPL cannot be deployed using
> amateur allocations in the MF, HF and VHF bands without severely high
> interference potential," the ARRL reiterated. "
>
> DD, W1MCE
>
> The ARRL has submitted 120 pages of comments including analysis and
> related data.
>
> The BPL grid includes power distribution on medium power lines right
> down to the 240 volt feed that comes right into your house!! Is that
> close enough to create a +60 dB noise level??
>
> DD, W1MCE
>
>
>
> Mike Coslo wrote:
>
>>
>> Of course not! But if you live in an area criss-crossed by active
>> lines, and have the sigs coming into your house you can expect some
>> pretty strong interference.
>>
> [SNIP]
>
>>
>>
>>> Now I have heard it stated that from 14 thru 30 Mhz the actual
>>> noise level is far below the normal radios thresh hold, so what

>>> will be the TRUE noise level that we would have to compete with?
>>
>>
>> [SNIP]
>
>
>
>>> If we are to use our number strength wisely for the benefit of
>>> the hobby then it would behoove the ARRL to be very specific
>>> with respect to the possible danger so that the label of
>>> obstructionists will not be aplied at a future date.
>>> may have
>>> Regards
>>> Art Unwin KB9MZ....XG
>>
>>
>

802. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-11 13:32:37 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com>
Message-ID: <V%yPa.105$lL.14027@nnrp1.ptd.net>
Source record: 70631

"Arnie Macy" <kt4st@csam.net> wrote in message
news:bel98f$6b9k6$1@ID-166180.news.uni-berlin.de...
> Brian wrote ...
>
> Arnie, citation please. It is the disgruntled PCTA that have advocated a
> "No Test International" concept.
>

>
> "review the privileges afforded to each license class and make certain
that
> all test
> requirements for each license class RATIONALLY and DIRECTLY RELATE to the
> privileges the
> licensee receives by virtue of passing the test."
>
> "In the interest of continuity with the present licensing structure, study
> guides, and testing materials, NCI again recommends that the three license
> classes be called "Technician," "General," and "Extra." This will permit a
> practical combination of existing study guides and testing materials to be
> used until such time as such materials are REVISED and will result in
> REASONABLE tests for the three new classes of license contemplated in
these
> comments."
>
> (my emphasis
>
added)_____
> _______

Arnie ... I think you read FAR too much in to the words you emphasized
above.
(I take you at your word that the quotes are accurate ... I haven't bothered
to
check against the NCI filings because the language looks familiar and I
don't think
you'd "fiddle" with the words ... only that you seem to misinterpret their
meaning.)

In the first paragraph ... what's wrong with the test requirements
"rationally and
directly relating to the privileged the licensee receives by virtue of
passing the test" ???
This does NOT mean "weaken the test" ... it means "make the test fit the
privs" ...

which COULD result in a tougher test (or changed privs) ... my favorite example
(though the FCC didn't do it) would be what I view as the disparity between the
technical knowledge required in the Tech test vs. the 1500W power limit at the
frequencies authorized.

As far as the second paragraph goes, the study guides ARE revised as the QPC
updates question pools ... which they are, IIRC correctly, required to do periodically
to make sure the tests cover "the right stuff." And again, "reasonable tests for the three
new classes of license contemplated ..." does NOT imply "weaker" tests ... the tests
need to be reasonable (i.e., up to date, comprehensive enough to meet the FCC's
legitimate regulatory purposes, yet not so onerously tough that they present an
unreasonable barrier to folks who are not technical professionals in the radio field.

> First, I was never a PCTA ... and you know that. But that aside, above are
> the quotes from the reply comments of NCI to the NPRM. Of course, they
> don't come out and directly say it, but it is clear where they are going
> with this.

You're reading more into the comments than they meant ... it is NOT "clear"
that NCI is/was/will ever promote "no test" ... we have stated publicly MANY
times that that is not the case. And those NCI directors who participate here
from time to time have specifically stated that we would NEVER support
such a direction, but would rather fight HARD against it.

Finally, there are other passages in NCI's comments in that Proceeding
that you don't mention ... for example, ARRL wanted to grandfather
certain licensees who had not taken all of the prescribed written elements
to General, as I recall. NCI's position was "no freebies, they should have
to take the additional written elements to upgrade." Does THAT sound
like we have a "No Test Agenda" ???

> Now, add to that, the comment from an NCI Director -- "Just
> having a test...any test, serves as a barrier to millions of people. That
> an actual learning effort is required (even if it is straight memorization)
> will continue to act as a barrier for 99% or more of the population." - Bill
> Sohl, NCI Director, 02/01/97 on this NG.

That is not an advocacy for eliminating testing ... just a simple statement of

opinion ... if it said "a large proportion of the population" instead of speculating
on a specific number (99%), I'd say it was a statement of fact.
There are many people who have no interest in ham radio and, for them, ANY test is a barrier ... but again, I am QUITE sure that Bill was not in any way
advocating the wholesale elmination of amateur testing.

73,
Carl - wk3c

803. Re: Fight the BPL

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-11 13:47:43 UTC
From: aunwin@insightbb.com
Message-ID: <85ed38d.0307110547.2db5a230@posting.google.com>
Source record: 70633
Cross-posted to:
rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.swap

What reults in broad band receivers
can one expect if a ham fires up a kilowatt
when in close proximity to a power line ?

Art

804. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-11 14:07:47 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu>
Message-ID: <3F0EC4B3.8060800@psu.edu>
Source record: 70634

Bill Sohl wrote:
> "Mike Coslo" <mjc5@psu.edu> wrote in message

<a whole bunch of snippage to trim this one up>

>>Whether or not the Morse Code is an anachronism, whether or not it
>>should or should not be tested for, the elimination of the Morse code
>>test *is* a reduction in the amount of knowledge needed for a amateur
>>radio license; undeniable unless a person wants to look silly.
>
>
> The problem with your analysis is that you are attempting to
> apply some mystical "amount of knowledge" criteria which
> is NOT what licensing is about. Certainly, as a separate
> knowledge base, the end of morse testing reduces one speciifc
> piece of knowledge and testing. BUT, that is all it does.

Nope, just stating the obvious. No mysticism either.

>>Those responsible for such a reduction in knowledge needed for a
>>license, regardless of their reasons, now find themselves in league with
>>those who propose even less knowledge needed for that ticket. Politics
>>makes for strange bedfellows.
>
>
> FALSE - As Jim will attest, I have been an advocate of better written
> testing for a long time. Working to eliminate an
> unneeded (IMHO...but shared by WRC) requirement does not
> automatically put me or anyone else inleague with those that have
> a desire to lower or eliminate written tests.

No one is doubting your personal convictions, Bill. Related example:
Those who oppose elimination of smoking in public places because of
personal "rights" issues, and those who oppose it because they want to
smoke in public are on the same side of the fence.

>
>>I understand that Carl and Bill do not support lessening of the
>>knowledge needed. But that does not really matter.
>
> Sure it matters. Our opinions are as valued as ayone else
> in the dialog.

Yes they are. Nice out of context quote there too! Clip there and it
means one thing, put it next to the sentence it was suposed to be in,
and it means something else entirely.

>>Those who want the
>>tests to consist of nothing but sending in an application (if that)
>>**applaud their efforts** That is another thing that is pretty hard to
>
> deny.

You deny that people who want the tests reduced or even eliminated
don't think it is a good thing that the Morse code test is being eliminated?

> PLEASE tell us who the "just send in an application"
> advocates are? I haven't seen any semblence of support
> for that stand anywhere.

Well, I haven't taken a poll or collected names, but I've read enough
from people who think that the tests are too hard now. If I get the
gumption, I could google them out.

>
>>Let's put it this way: Those who do not believe that the tests should
>>be radically simplified or eliminated, but believed the Morse code
>>requirement should have been eliminated may some day find themselves on
>>the losing end of the proposition, just as those who support Morse code
>>testing have lost the battle at this time.
>
>
> Agreed, but it'll be a long wait to see if that pans out (IMHO).
>
>
>>I remember when you had to have a license to use CB.
>
>
> So? CB, even then, had NO testing to get that license.

And now there is not even that....

Look, I seriously doubt that there will ever come a time when there is
no test at all. We would probably lose the spectrum allotment before
that happens. That is just some slippery slope stuff.

But I have NO doubt whatsoever that there will be pressure to simplify
and reduce the difficulty of the testing process. Its all conjecture, so
we'll just have to wait and see.

- Mike KB3EIA -

805. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-11 14:11:02 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu>
Message-ID: <3F0EC576.5030807@psu.edu>
Source record: 70635

Bill Sohl wrote:

> Well Arnie, nice of you to take my text out of context.

Don't you Just HATE it when that happens, Bill!

When someone said:
>>> I understand that Carl and Bill do not support lessening of the
>>> knowledge needed. But that does not really matter.

And someone else said:

>> Sure it matters. Our opinions are as valued as ayone else
>> in the dialog.

- Mike KB3EIA -

806. Re: More on Broadband over Power Lines (BLP)

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-11 14:19:29 UTC
From: Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net>
Message-ID: <3F0EC767.1AD1D4FA@att.net>
Source record: 70637
Cross-posted to: alt.ham-radio.vhf-uhf,rec.radio.amateur.policy

Phil Kane wrote:

> On Thu, 10 Jul 2003 19:04:29 -0600, \"Sparky\" wrote:
>
> >| I still wonder about that AM tower I once passed in Santa Clara,CA
> >that was sitting on a salt marsh right at sea level....do they have all
> >that wire in the ground, er, water, too? Not sure on that one.
>
> There's no AM tower in Santa Clara (or at least none in the last 40
> years that I know of), let alone one that meets that description.

OOP! that Should have been Santa Cruz. Ya know, the place with the big boardwalk and all the thong bikinis.....

>
> There's one in Palo Alto (1220 kHz) and yes, it has the standard
> 120-radial ground system. The ground there isn't all -that- wet.
>

This one is right above the water level on a slough of some sort, I didn't get that good a look but observed it as we drove past. Sure looked like an local AM tower
of the sort I've worked around.

>
> In "the good old days" the radials were 8 AWG copper, but after
> several stations got their ground systems torn out by thieves who
> sold the copper on the scrap metal market, almost everybody replaced
> them with 8 AWG Copperweld, which has the same rf electrical
> properties but has no value on the scrap metal market.

We still had all the copper radials at the (smaller) stations I worked for. Evidently the locals were adverse to working for it.

807. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-11 14:21:36 UTC
From: Arnie Macy <kt4st@csam.net>
Message-ID: <bemh79$6qi0q$1@ID-166180.news.uni-berlin.de>
Source record: 70638

"Bill Sohl" wrote ...

Well Arnie, nice of you to take my text out of context. You try to imply by my stating the obvious, that I am saying we should end tests and that is BUNK. The point I was making was simply that even a multiple choice test is sufficient a barrier to keep 99% of the population from even considering becoming a ham... that said, the statement does not then lead to any position or support by me of ending written testing.

"Not so fast there, Brian. NCI has been on the record as saying that the tests should be made less technical. Not a far leap at all to presume they will try and "dumb" them down even more." - Arnie (7-8-2003)

Once again, I have been accused of saying that NCI wants to END testing. Never said it. BRIAN said it, then tried to attribute it to me. What I said (above) and stand by, is that NCI is in favor of less technical tests. They would favor written tests that concentrate more on rules and operating skills and less on knowing the alpha of a bipolar transistor.

Arnie -
KT4ST

808. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-11 14:22:30 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com>
Message-ID: <GKzPa.110$IL.938@nnrp1.ptd.net>
Source record: 70636

"Brian Kelly" <kelly@dvol.com> wrote in message
news:d22b54c3.0307110244.182a4143@posting.google.com...
> "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> wrote in message
news:<WfePa.5768$_k2.252496@nnrp1.ptd.net>...
> > "Brian Kelly" <kelly@dvol.com> wrote in message
> > news:d22b54c3.0307091031.7d9d43f6@posting.google.com...
> > > "Bill Sohl" <billsohl@mindspring.com> wrote in message
> > news:<beh7g3$u5b$1@slb0.atl.mindspring.net>...
> > > >
> > > > Did you know that Carl was in Geneva as a member of the
> > > > US delegation? Seems pretty respected in ITU circles to me.
> > >
> > > Blather, he was just another observer with some commercial interest
> > > group he's involved with, had absolutely nothing to do with ham
> > > radio, not even close.
> >
> > Actually, I was a "Private Sector Advisor" member of the US Delegation
> > (that's different than an "Observer" ... IARU was an "Observer" not a
> > member of a Member State Delegation)
> >
> > I was officially listed on the Delegation as a private sector expert on
> > Agenda
> > Item 1.7, as well as the agenda items that my employer sent me for.
> > (This
> > is
> > because I was heavily involved, through NCI, in the US prep process for
the
> > WRC on 1.7.)
>
> OK . . .
>
> > There were also two other private sector "experts" on the US Delegation
> > for Agenda Item 1.7 ... Paul Rinaldo and Jonathan Siverling of the ARRL.
>
> There's a couple more internationally well known ham radio power
> brokers. Who the hell are Rinaldo and Silverling?? Never mind, don't
> bother . .

Your ignorance of amateur radio regulatory matters never ceases to
amaze me, Brian ...

Actually, Paul Rinaldo spends a great deal of time in Geneva representing
ARRL at the ITU-R. And when he's stateside, I frequently run into him
in the halls of the FCC.

Jonathan Siverling also works for ARRL in the DC office ... he's a
"Chapter Coordinator" in CITEL and also does ITU-R work. Jon
was the "country outreach coordinator" for the Americas, due to his
CITEL experience/contacts and ability to speak Spanish. (I was
assigned several Latin American countries to work with because I
also speak Spanish pretty well and know delegates from Latin America
from my participatin in CITEL, and I also participated in the US review
of the Spanish translation of some documents from the editorial
committee to make sure the Spanish version was consistent with
the English text ... found some misuse of verbs that we had to have
corrected because they changed the meaning in the Spanish version.)

> > (However, before anyone "flames" ARRL for not retaining the Morse
> > requirement in the ITU Radio Regs, I would remind them of two things:
> > 1) the IARU postion was that that requirement should go
> > 2) members of the US Delegation are *bound* to support the US position,
> > which was also that the Morse requirement should go.)
>
> Making the point to having this squad of "experts" on hand in Geneva
> moot before the conclave even it got off the ground eh?

Not really ... the WRC is a VERY complex activity, involving both
technical and political considerations ... sometimes when there are
contentious issues, some "horse trading" goes on behind the scenes.
USG relies on Private Sector Advisors to help develop the strategies
and fallbacks and "talking points" that are used to lobby other delegations
to achieve the delegation's goals ... sometimes it means "giving" a little
on
an issue that's important to another delegation (or group of delegations),
where you have some flexibility, in order to obtain their support on some
other issue that is important to the US. In such cases, the USG folks
consult with the private sector advisors on things like "What can your
constituency live with?" so that they know how much they can "flex"
without hurting US private sector interests. They also often "assign"
private
sector advisors to "work the floor," lobbying other delegations (within
the bounds of the US position) for support (in many cases, the private
sector advisors know and have good relations with members of other
delegations that can be used to the Delegation's advantage in achieving
its overall goals.)

> I find enormous humor in *you* of all people floating around Geneva
> posing as an "private sector expert" in the testing and use of Morse
> in ham radio in the U.S. Sez it all.

I fail to find the humor ... it must be you. Having been licensed for
over 25 years, having learned Morse, passed a test (albeit 5 wpm,
but my skill increased as I *used* it in the early days), then losing
interest in using Morse, seeing Morse keep many of my engineering
colleagues from becoming hams over the years, and being involved
in this issue for a number of years, both before the FCC and in the
WRC prep process, I knew all the background, the issues, the US

position, etc. I also knew the postions of many/most other
administrations and regional groups. What's so funny about that?

> > Interestingly, when the US presented its Proposal on 1.7 at the CITEL
> > meeting in Mexico City last year, the FCC International Bureau rep asked
> > me to present the document in Plenary (I was also attending that meeting
> > as a member of the US Delegation) ... I asked him "Why me, not you?"
> > His response was "You know more about the issue and the background."
>
> That's worse than appalling. One more chunk of evidence that the FCC
> has been seriously dumbed down and is dragging ham radio down with it.

It's not reasonable to expect a single VERY high level person from the FCC
to know every detail of every agenda item ... their job at such meetings
is to rely on the lower level staffers and private sector experts,
overseeing things
to make sure everyone's doing their jobs, and (frankly) to do some high
level
"shmoozing" with important people on other delegations to help "grease the
skids" a bit.

It is not uncommon for a private sector member of delegation to be
tasked to present a document that he/she has been intimately involved
in crafting.

> But the FCC is apparently still smart enough to use tools of
> convenience to support it's own agenda. That's all you've been since
> the gitgo Carl, an FCC tool.

Attempt to disparage if you must, but it's simply not accurate.
The US position on most WRC agenda items was VERY substantially
driven by the private sector (the FCC's constituency) ... of course
the result had to be acceptable to NTIA, representing DoD and other
USG users of the spectrum, and to the State Dept. as well, but the
bulk of the prep committees that developed position papers, talking
points, strategies and fallbacks, etc. consisted of representatives from
the private sector.

This was, IMHO, truly an example of good governance ... the govt.
REALLY listened to those who actually use the spectrum and took
their technology, spectrum needs, etc. into account.

> At no point has eliminating the code tests ever had anything to do
> with "modernizing" ham radio, "outdated modes", "taking ham radio into
> the 21st century" or any of the rest of transparent bullshit which has
> been touted as the rationales for eliminating the code tests Carl.
> This whole flap has been based on the "need" for the FCC to bail away
> from the labor (cost) associated with governing the code tests,
> dealing with waivers, the VEs on code test issues, etc. and nothing
> more.

Under the VE system, code testing essentially costs the FCC zilch ...
there are no waivers, the VEs do the work ... where's the beef?

> > What can I say? I participated in the process ... I don't recall you as
> > having
> > participated in any of the US WRC prep meetings, Brian
>
> No kidding! Do you think the FCC or the ARRL would have wanted me
> espousing MY position on S25.5?

The process is open to all interested parties ... under the law you have
a right to participate. If you don't, then don't carp about the outcome.

> By the way who paid yer air fare to Geneva? You? NCI? The FCC? Thought
> so. Otherwise you wouldn't have been there huh?

Not that it's REALLY your business, but my employer paid my travel
expenses ... I was also there to follow two agenda items that were
important to my employer (non-ham stuff, of course).

ARRL paid the expenses for their reps ... IARU probably paid those
for Dave Sumner and the other IARU observers.

Again, where's the beef?

> Back to Genesis here Tool: The NCI mission statement has been the
> elimination of S25.5. Ya blew it, S25.5 lives on. Now what?

Actually, your statement is not correct. The NCI mission statement
makes NO mention of S25.5 ... (see the web page ... that text hasn't
changed in the time I've been Exectutive Director of NCI ...

You are also wrong that "I(we) blew it." The mandatory Morse requirement
in the ITU Radio Regs ceased to exist July 5, 2003 ... the new language of
S25.5 has EXACTLY the same effect as if S25.5 had been "suppressed"
(eliminated entirely) ... it states that administrations have the right to
decide if
Morse testing will be a part of their national requirements. (In the
absence
of a mandatory requirement, soverign nations ALWAYS have the right to
choose to have a requirement (or not) in their national rules, whether it's
said
so explicitly in the Radio Regs or not. Similarly, if the Radio Regs were
to
say, for example, "Stations in the Amateur Radio Service shall not employ
transmitter output powers in excess of 1500W PEP." that would NOT preclude
an administration from enacting a national rules limit lower than 1500W PEP.
However, an administration could not enact national rules permitting a power
limit greater than 1500W PEP without being in derrogation of the Radio
Regs.)

The Morse requirement is GONE from the ITU Radio Regs ... administrations
are free to drop Morse testing (many are planning to do so with surprising
rapidity ... we in the US are used to government moving slowly, so the speed
with which some administratons plan to allow access to HF by no-code hams
seems surprising to us ...)

These are facts that you can't change, so I suggest you simply learn to live with them.

73,
Carl - wk3c

809. Re: Fight the BPL

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-11 14:26:49 UTC
From: Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net>
Message-ID: <3F0EC91F.DD5E367B@att.net>
Source record: 70639
Cross-posted to:
rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.swap

Phil Kane wrote:

> On Fri, 11 Jul 2003 12:42:12 +0900, Brenda Ann wrote:
>
> >
> >I still hear maritime telephone service on 8 MHz USB.\

In the Sat-com age??? How Luddite can you get???

>
>
> Not by KFS/KPH, though. AT&T closed their SF HF station (KMI) a
> couple of years ago so I don't know who is furnishing that service
> now. It may be ARINC (Aeronautical Radio, Inc) which is big in HF
> SSB. I'll try to find out.
> >
> >Also in-flight comms over oceans are done with HF.
>
> That's ARINC.

Last time I flew to Seattle aboard a 757 I stuck my GPS up to the window and
read out the aircraft speed....526MPH.
Seems like they could use a more upscale comm system aboard planes when such
technology is that common.

810. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-11 14:29:27 UTC
From: Arnie Macy <kt4st@csam.net>
Message-ID: <bemhmb$5oq0t$1@ID-166180.news.uni-berlin.de>
Source record: 70640

"Brian" wrote ...

Bill, welp, I brought out the fine-toothed comb and swept it through the citation. Nowhere did I pick up the words "reduced technical material" or anything remotely like it. Exams that "Rationally and Directly relate to priveleges" could be quite difficult, making some of these long-time hams glad that retesting isn't required every 10 years. It is a PCTA ploy that they continue to cry for no exams. Since we won't let them take their ball and go home, they want to damage the ARS for all. They're tring to scuttle the ship rather than let it fall into unworthy hands.

"This will permit a practical combination of existing study guides and testing materials to be used until such time as such materials are REVISED and will result in REASONABLE tests for the three new classes of license contemplated in these comments."

First, please show me where I said that NCI wants to END testing. You can't because I never said it. Second, please explain what "revised" and "reasonable" mean within the context of the above quote from NCI? (that you conveniently snipped from my answer) Does it mean that NCI wants to make the test MORE difficult? Even a blind man could see where this is going.

Arnie -

811. Re: Renewed my license "on-line", only took 4 Hours

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-11 14:38:32 UTC
From: Arnie Macy <kt4st@csam.net>
Message-ID: <bemi71$6smkb$1@ID-166180.news.uni-berlin.de>
Source record: 70641

"Phil Kane" wrote ...

You forgot to add in the cost of a second phone line for the dial-up (I keep my LAN on line 24/7), which used to be $26 per month. That put the cable only ten bucks ahead of the dial-up and the extra speed sure was worth that.

I don't use a second line for my modem. I have online answering, so if I "really" want to take the call I will. That said, I was never all that impressed with the difference in speed -- other than for downloads. Regular surfing, NGs etc are close to the same for my system.

Arnie -

812. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-11 14:53:04 UTC
From: Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net>
Message-ID: <3F0ECF47.F0BF392B@att.net>
Source record: 70642

"Carl R. Stevenson" wrote:

> "N2EY" <n2ey@aol.com> wrote in message
> news:20030711044330.27503.00000999@mb-m24.aol.com...
> > >
> > > You mean like the folks who look down their noses at me because I operate
> > > mostly CW?
> > >
> > > 73 de Jim, N2EY
> >
> > Jim,
> >
> > WHO looks down their noses at yhou because you operate mostly CW?
> > (certainly not me ...)
> >
> > 73,
> > Carl - wk3c

Ah do believe Google could show otherwise.

813. Re: Is There ANY Recourse re. FCC & Dropping CW?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-11 14:54:55 UTC
From: N2EY@AOL.COM
Message-ID: <c2356669.0307110654.5b5a85c8@posting.google.com>
Source record: 70643

"Bill Sohl" <billsohl@mindspring.com> wrote in message
news:<belcd5$d8b$1@slb6.atl.mindspring.net>...
> "N2EY" <n2ey@aol.com> wrote in message
> news:20030710194146.18497.00001243@mb-m05.aol.com...

(massive snippage for sanity's sake)

> > Allow me to rephrase:
> >
> > ....the USA is still acting *internally* as if the old treaty is still in
> > force.
> >
> > IOW, the VEs are still giving code tests, and FCC won't allow any hams to
> > operate on the HF/MF ham bands unless those hams pass a code test.
> >
> > >> The fact that there's a new one awaiting ratification doesn't make
> > >> the old one and its requirements immediately disappear.
> > >
> > >That's only true to the extent that any specific country has their own
> > >ratification process...and failure to ratify by one or more
> > >countries does NOT nullify the new treaty.
> >
> > Agreed. But as far as FCC rules are concerned, the old treaty is still in
> > force in the USA. That's my point.
>
> Fair enough...internally only.

Yup - which is 99% of what US hams care about, anyway.

> And, as you note above, USA ratification is just a matter of time.

As Carl/WK3C predicted, the whole deal was/is a "slam dunk". Really
just a matter of waiting for the various bureaucratic gears to turn.
I'm predicting that there won't even be an NPRM or NOI on eliminating
the code test, just a neat little MO&O from FCC very soon after the
treaty is ratified. Bye bye Element 1, game over, thank you for
playing. Or maybe FCC will tack it onto the R&O for the petition to
refarm the Novice/Tech+ subbands. Would be ironic as heck: "No more
code tests, Novices and Techs get lots more HF access on 80, 40 and 15
- but they can only use CW/Morse on those bands". Stranger things have
happened.

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Stuff like code tests, written tests, technical competence, appliance
operating, hi-fi-ssb and license numbers are all red herrings compared

to the real threats to amateur radio, like BPL, CC&Rs, and
enforcement. Those real threats are where we have to focus our
resources and efforts. What good are licenses, tests and technical
competence out the ying-yang if you can't put up a decent antenna for
any band, and the antennas you *can* put up hear nothing but noise?

73 de Jim, N2EY

814. Re: More on Broadband over Power Lines (BLP)

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-11 14:56:06 UTC
From: kelly@dvol.com
Message-ID: <d22b54c3.0307110656.6cda0c19@posting.google.com>
Source record: 70644

"Phil Kane" <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop> wrote in message
news:<cuvyxnansvbet.hhu3mm2.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>...
> On 10 Jul 2003 08:38:07 -0700, Rob Kemp wrote:
>
> >Phil,
> >
> >As an expert in dealing with the FCC, what is your recommendation on
> >the issues to bring to the FCC's attention? And how should our
> >comments be phrased?
>
> The ARRL took the lead and emphasised the interference with
> essential communications. That is the only thing that will be of
> any value.
>
> In any event, the Comment phase is closed, and only Reply Comments -
> support or opposition/rebuttals to the comments already filed - can
> be accepted at this stage.

I can visualize this phase being a real nit-picking and repositioning
exercise, perhaps a source of fodder for appeals.

What's the relationship between an NOI and an NPRM? Doesn't the FCC
eventually have to publish an NPRM and go thru the whole comments and
rebuttals drill again?

>
> >Is preventing reception of shortwave broadcasts a first amendment
> >issue?
>
> Not at all - the SCOTUS has been very clear in First Amendment cases
> that the free speech right is that of the speaker to speak, and does
> not guarantee an audience to to hear/receive what is being spoken.

w3rv

815. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-11 15:00:08 UTC
From: Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net>
Message-ID: <3F0ED0ED.C16484A5@att.net>
Source record: 70645

Mike Coslo wrote:

> Bill Sohl wrote:
> > "Mike Coslo" <mjc5@psu.edu> wrote in message
>
> <a whole bunch of snippage to trim this one up>
>
> >>Whether or not the Morse Code is an anachronism, whether or not it
> >>should or should not be tested for, the elimination of the Morse code
> >>test *is* a reduction in the amount of knowledge needed for a amateur
> >>radio license; undeniable unless a person wants to look silly.
> > >
> > >
> > > The problem with your analysis is that you are attempting to
> > > apply some mystical "amount of knowledge" criteria which
> > > is NOT what licensing is about. Certainly, as a separate
> > > knowledge base, the end of morse testing reduces one speciifc
> > > piece of knowledge and testing. BUT, that is all it does.
>
> Nope, just stating the obvious. No mysticism either.
>
> >>Those responsible for such a reduction in knowledge needed for a
> >>license, regardless of their reasons, now find themselves in league with
> >>those who propose even less knowledge needed for that ticket. Politics
> >>makes for strange bedfellows.
> > >
> > >
> > > FALSE - As Jim will attest, I have been an advocate of better written
> > > testing for a long time. Working to eliminate an
> > > unneeded (IMHO...but shared by WRC) requirement does not
> > > automatically put me or anyone else inleague with those that have
> > > a desire to lower or eliminate written tests.
>
> No one is doubting your personal convictions, Bill. Related example:
> Those who oppose elimination of smoking in public places because of
> personal "rights" issues, and those who oppose it because they want to
> smoke in public are on the same side of the fence.
>
> > >
> > >>I understand that Carl and Bill do not support lessening of the
> > >>knowledge needed. But that does not really matter.
> > >
> > > Sure it matters. Our opinions are as valued as ayone else
> > > in the dialog.

>
> Yes they are. Nice out of context quote there too! Clip there and it
> means one thing, put it next to the sentence it was suposed to be in,
> and it means something else entirely.
>
> >>Those who want the
> >>tests to consist of nothing but sending in an application (if that)
> >>**applaud their efforts** That is another thing that is pretty hard to
> >
> > deny.
>
> You deny that people who want the tests reduced or even eliminated
> don't think it is a good thing that the Morse code test is being eliminated?
>
> > PLEASE tell us who the "just send in an application"
> > advocates are? I haven't seen any semblence of support
> > for that stand anywhere.
>
> Well, I haven't taken a poll or collected names, but I've read enough
> from people who think that the tests are too hard now. If I get the
> gumption, I could google them out.
>
> >
> >>Let's put it this way: Those who do not believe that the tests should
> >>be radically simplified or eliminated, but believed the Morse code
> >>requirement should have been eliminated may some day find themselves on
> >>the losing end of the proposition, just as those who support Morse code
> >>testing have lost the battle at this time.
> >
> >
> > Agreed, but it'll be a long wait to see if that pans out (IMHO).
> >
> >
> >>I remember when you had to have a license to use CB.
> >
> >
> > So? CB, even then, had NO testing to get that license.
>
> And now there is not even that....
>
> Look, I seriously doubt that there will ever come a time when there is
> no test at all. We would probably lose the spectrum allotment before
> that happens. That is just some slippery slope stuff.
>
> But I have NO doubt whatsoever that there will be pressure to simplify
> and reduce the difficulty of the testing process. Its all conjecture, so
> we'll just have to wait and see.

It may be conjecture but it sure is supported by history, both in the long and
particularily the short terms.

That the NCI mavens can't understand that shows the extent of their myopia.

816. Re: Is There ANY Recourse re. FCC & Dropping CW?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-11 15:01:22 UTC
From: Steve Stone <spfleck@zzcitlinkzz.net>
Message-ID: <6jAPa.3946$hD.2365@news01.roc.ny>
Source record: 70646

Removing the CW test does not mean you can no longer use CW ?

817. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-11 15:21:45 UTC
From: JJ <radiobuff0@mailcity.moc>
Message-ID: <3F0ED609.7030104@mailcity.moc>
Source record: 70772

Larry Roll K3LT wrote:

> Were it not for the occasional usefulness of the 2-meter band to
> "real" ham radio operators like you and me,

With you and Dick holding yourselves up as "real" hams, I can see
why some turn their back on ham radio and stay on cb.

818. Re: Fight the BPL

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-11 15:29:33 UTC
From: Richard Clark <kb7qhc@comcast.net>
Message-ID: <dqktgvknuabum352m5c816rdgvb563ptcb@4ax.com>
Source record: 70647
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>technology is that common.

Hi Dick,

It's a matter of economics and regulation more than design, but also
about design.

Electronic gear in the air must meet stringent considerations. These
are based on the simple fact of weight and power consumed. There is a
heat budget to meet, there is a power budget to meet, and there is a
physical volume budget to meet. Equipment must be designed to
co-exist with other equipment (they share the same heat vent, thus the
heat budget). There is also legacy systems to consider and to
interface to. The flight controllers had or have been using tube
equipment (no, not just their screens, some computers).

Much of this is probably already anticipated by state of the art
designs (except for the packaging). Heat and power issues are by and
large far less imposing than older stuff, but packaging still must
conform to other equipment that has no "modern" replacement.

Then back to the economics and regulation. ARINC places stringent
requirements that are by and large stringent in the top loading of
engineering time. That is, it takes a cadre of support personnel to
research and cross-correlate all the various issues demanded to find
its way into a product. When I designed the flight recorder, it was
to MIL-SPEC 883B which is no regulatory slouch. How much do you think
your HF rig would cost against such a standard? $30K would be a good
place to start. Then there is the retro-fit cost to meet the new
system. Abandoning HF for satellite means air and ground systems must
change to follow the trend (it is only a trend after-all) and this ups
the ante such that a large cadre of support people must be
co-ordinated to follow to a long-term schedule of mods and upgrades
(the schedule, in turn, having taken a couple of years to fashion).
Even changing the antenna type to follow the migration from HF to SHF

impacts the air frame and issues of flight safety. This may seem absurd on the basis of civil aviation which can opt into some gear, but commercial aviation must be done across the board.

73's
Richard Clark, KB7QHC

819. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-11 15:29:41 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu>
Message-ID: <3F0ED7E5.2090208@psu.edu>
Source record: 70648

Carl R. Stevenson wrote:

>
> I fail to find the humor ... it must be you. Having been licensed for
> over 25 years, having learned Morse, passed a test (albeit 5 wpm,
> but my skill increased as I *used* it in the early days), then losing
> interest in using Morse, seeing Morse keep many of my engineering
> colleagues from becoming hams over the years, and being involved
> in this issue for a number of years, both before the FCC and in the
> WRC prep process, I knew all the background, the issues, the US
> position, etc. I also knew the postions of many/most other
> administrations and regional groups. What's so funny about that?

I await the influx of all these engineers and the advances they will
bring Amateur Radio.

Did anyone seriously say they were really interested in Ham radio, but
the Morse Code test kept them out? just har dto imagine that someone
really interested would do that.

> The Morse requirement is GONE from the ITU Radio Regs ... administrations
> are free to drop Morse testing (many are planning to do so with surprising
> rapidity ... we in the US are used to government moving slowly, so the speed
> with which some administratons plan to allow access to HF by no-code hams
> seems surprising to us ...)
>
> These are facts that you can't change, so I suggest you simply learn to live
> with them.

Last time I checked, we were allowed to voice our opinions. No one
doubts it will be dropped, but we don't have to like it.

- Mike KB3EIA -

820. Re: Fight the BPL

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-11 15:38:36 UTC
From: Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net>
Message-ID: <3F0ED9F2.59877C93@att.net>
Source record: 70649
Cross-posted to:
rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.swap,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.policy

Paul Vanasse wrote:

> The Amateur portion of the HF
> spectrum is not even 1/6 of the total spectrum. The remainder is controlled
> by COMMERCIAL and GOVERNMENT interests that have a hell of a lot more to
> lose with BPL's than amateurs ever will.Do (u) actually believe that the ARRL

> is going to be the sole group that will rescue the bands from these evil
> power companies?

Not to disagree with your point Paul, but the part that makes me uneasy is the
fact that government may wind up with little or no choice because of the
big $$$$$ politicos who seem to be able to buy their way into most anything
given the right connections to the right....well, you get the point.

But the ARRL sure won't be able to stymie that fact, either, with or without
our
piddling amateur contributions. Only knowledgable, responsiple people in the
right places -with the intestinal fortitude to hang tough and fight the $$$$
flow-
will be able to head off this impending HF disaster. I have no idea if such
individuals in such places even exist today.

821. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-11 15:40:16 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu>
Message-ID: <3F0EDA60.3010404@psu.edu>
Source record: 70650

Arnie Macy wrote:
> "Brian" wrote ...
>
> Bill, welp, I brought out the fine-toothed comb and swept it through the
> citation. Nowhere did I pick up the words "reduced technical material" or
> anything remotely like it. Exams that "Rationally and Directly relate to
> priveleges" could be quite difficult, making some of these long-time hams
> glad that retesting isn't required every 10 years. It is a PCTA ploy that
> they continue to cry for no exams. Since we won't let them take their ball
> and go home, they want to damage the ARS for all. They're tring to scuttle
> the ship rather than let it fall into unworthy hands.
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>
> "This will permit a practical combination of existing study guides and
> testing materials to be used until such time as such materials are REVISED
> and will result in REASONABLE tests for the three new classes of license
> contemplated in these comments."
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>
> First, please show me where I said that NCI wants to END testing. You can't
> because I never said it. Second, please explain what "revised" and
> "reasonable" mean within the context of the above quote from NCI? (that you
> conveniently snipped from my answer) Does it mean that NCI wants to make
> the test MORE difficult? Even a blind man could see where this is going.

Since we have all this in one place now, just exactly is meant by that
statement?

REVISION means a change, obviously. It happens from time to time.

REASONABLE tests mean what?

You could poll 10 people and get 10 different answers. running from
virtually no esting to those who believe that the test process should
require the equivalent of a Bachelor's in EE. Reasonable means different
things to different people.

That quote is exceptionaly vague. Witness people here with different
interpretations.

Here is a golden chance for NCI to clarify and say *exactly* what they
mean. What is reasonable testing for the ARS?

- Mike KB3EIA -

822. Re: Fight the BPL

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-11 15:43:03 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu>
Message-ID: <3F0EDB07.5050300@psu.edu>
Source record: 70651
Cross-posted to:
rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.swap

Art Unwin KB9MZ wrote:
> What reults in broad band receivers
> can one expect if a ham fires up a kilowatt
> when in close proximity to a power line ?
>
> Art

Not much at all if the network is properly designed. A poorly designed
system (BPL) would probably experience several disruptions.

- Mike KB3EIA -

823. Re: CW Requirement Abolished

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-11 16:13:32 UTC
From: kelly@dvol.com
Message-ID: <d22b54c3.0307110813.45f76809@posting.google.com>
Source record: 70652

"Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> wrote in message
news:<eKdPa.5764$_k2.252157@nnrp1.ptd.net>...
> "Alun Palmer" <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote in message
> news:Xns93B3801DC208Eelektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4...
> > I'd like to see what the CEPT do at the end of this month in their
> > meeting. At present they have two classes : Class 1 (full privileges,
> > requires full theory test and 5wpm, recently reduced from 12wpm) and Class
> > 2 (144 MHz +, reduced theory requirement, no code).
>
> I believe that the only difference between CEPT Class 1 and Class 2
> is the Morse requirement for Class 1 ... the written tests come from
> the "HAREC" standard ... and I *believe* that they are the same.
>
> > So many countries belong to the CEPT agreement that it will place a huge
> > amount of pressure on individual countries to abolish code testing more
> > quickly. In the interim, lots of no-coders would be able to operate HF
> > only by going mobile and driving across a border!
>
> Yes, ain't it *sweet*? :-)
>
> I expect the dominoes to fall quite rapidly.
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> 73,
> --
> Carl R. Stevenson - wk3c
> Grid Square FN20fm
> http://home.ptd.net/~wk3c
> --
> NCI-1052
> Executive Director, No Code International
> Fellow, The Radio Club of America
> Senior Member, IEEE
> Member, IEEE Standards Association
> Chair, IEEE 802.18 Radio Regulatory Technical Advisory Group
> Member, Wi-Fi Alliance Spectrum Committee
> Co-Chair, Wi-Fi Alliance Legislative Committee
> Member, QCWA (31424)
> Member, ARRL
> Member, TAPR
> Member, The SETI League

World class joiner . . and ya still couldn't pass a lousy 13wpm code
test if yer life depended on it.

> --
> Join No Code International! Hams for the 21st Century.
> Help assure the survival and prosperity of ham radio.
> <http://www.nocode.org>

w3rv

824. Re: Fight the BPL

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-11 16:13:44 UTC
From: Richard Clark <kb7qhc@comcast.net>
Message-ID: <3vmtgvc6hdmou63ua68b52ussao20mmekq@4ax.com>
Source record: 70653
Cross-posted to:
rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.swap,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.policy

On Fri, 11 Jul 2003 12:11:59 GMT, "Paul Vanasse" <pvanasse@cox.net>
wrote:
>My god, do I actually have to explain this: The Amateur portion of the HF
>spectrum is not even 1/6 of the total spectrum. The remainder is controlled
>by COMMERCIAL and GOVERNMENT interests that have a hell of a lot more to
>lose with BPL's than amateurs ever will. Do actually believe that the ARRL
>is going to be the sole group that will rescue the bands from these evil
>power companies? Get real Zoran.
>

Hi Paul,

Given the poor service rendered by the present administration across
the board, it takes very little attention to recent FCC events to
observe their wholesale indifference to the consequences of their own
brand of one-answer-fits-all.

To expect that the other 5/6'ths of those affected will rescue this
mis-step is dreaming in technicolor and surround sound. Those who
might be affected will simply exercise their right to veto local
implementation. Follow the money, there are one or two principals
involved and their legislation and regulation has been paid for. The
sad fact of the matter is that the current administration employs the
balkanization of issues so that no single community has clout against
the indifferent neighborhood. The FCC has attempted to consolidate
the commercial market through the abandonment of serving community
needs. They entirely ignored every comment that rejected this path;
the people had to go to Congress to reverse this attitude. Those same
aggrieved are wholly unaware of this new plight, and lacking their
motivation, it will be a tougher hill for us to climb. I saw little
discussion in this regard of consolidation, even though we watch the
FCC closely which is to say we were just as indifferent, as a
community, to this plight of community service. The simple fact of it
is that our ox is being gored (we are not all that concerned about
public service as we are about having fun). To put it bluntly, your
neighbor will simply shrug off your problem and suggest you go to
Radio Shack for one of those filter thingies - you may note the hint
of an ironic smile offered.

For those who have NOT read the NOI, the FCC has carefully couched
this BPL in the jingo of Homeland Security (sic) and describes this
expressly as part of the solution of "the last mile problem"
something I have already described in past posts.

Getting real means climbing out of the grave already dug before they throw in the dirt.

73's
Richard Clark, KB7QHC

825. ARNewsline 1352 - July 11 2003

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-11 16:27:18 UTC
From: radionews@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030711122718.12200.00000179@mb-m13.aol.com>
Source record: 70655

Amateur Radio Newsline™ Report 1352 – July 11, 2003

Amateur Radio Newsline report number 1352 with a release date of Friday, July 11th 2003 to follow in 5-4-3-2-1.

The following is a QST. Ham radio does well at WRC 2003 and a California teen is named as Amateur Radio Newsline's Young Ham of the Year. Find out who on Amateur Radio Newsline report number 1352 coming your way right now.

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WRC-03: GOOD NEWS FOR HAM RADIO - BAD NEWS FOR SUPPORTERS OF CW

The 2003 World Radiocommunications Conference in Geneva is over and there is some generally good news for ham radio. Q-News Graham Kemp, VK4BB, has been following this story and has a complete wrap up on the way that amateur radio fared:

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The 2003 World Radiocommunication Conference concluded its discussions of the issues on its agenda on Thursday afternoon, 3 July, after marathon Plenary sessions that tested the patience and stamina of the conferees. The big news for radio amateurs is that there will be a dramatic improvement for we here in region 3 in regard the 40-meter band!

7100-7200 kHz band reallocated to the amateur service in both region 3 and 1, Region 2 7000-7300 kHz remains exclusively amateur. The change will take effect on 29 March 2009, less than six years from now!

Now the "but".. A footnote containing the names of countries that are mainly in Region 3 and the Arab States makes the band also available to the fixed and mobile services in those countries on a primary basis.

It was not easy to achieve such a positive outcome on this issue. A last-ditch effort to bridge differences was chaired by Alan Ashman of Australia.

Perhaps the magnitude of what has been accomplished for radio amateurs can best be explained this way: Never before in the history of radiocommunication has an HF broadcasting band been shifted to accommodate the needs of another service. This is not simply an accomplishment of the IARU. It would not have been possible without the cooperation of a number of broadcasters and many, many others. The people who worked with us who are not radio amateurs -- including some who were strongly opposed at the start but who acceded to the compromise --deserve much of the credit. For example, Australia came to the conference

with a strong "no change" position and had to shift its position dramatically in order to embrace the compromise.

Agenda item 1.7.1 (Article 25): A package of revisions to the international Radio Regulations that are specific to the amateur and amateur-satellite services, takes effect on Saturday, 5 July 2003. Michael Owen, VK3KI, has guided the work of IARU on this issue since 1996.

Agenda item 1.7.2 (Article 19): 432-438 MHz secondary allocation for satellite-borne synthetic aperture radars was approved in Plenary.

Agenda item 1.1 (footnotes): "Footnote fever" seized some administrations in the closing hours of the conference. Fortunately, the amateur service escaped serious damage from "footnote fever" although it may be a problem in the future if countries want to climb into the footnote for fixed and mobile at 7100-7200 kHz.

As Secretary David, K1ZZ said in wrapping up his report... "It's Over! Well, the work is over; the ceremonial closing of the Conference will occur on Friday afternoon, 4 July. Then we will
all be heading home, except for those who are staying for a two- day meeting to plan the preparatory work for WRC-07.

Yes, it's all beginning again...."

From Q-News Australia, I’m Graham Kemp, VK4BB, reporting for the Amateur Radio Newsline.
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There are two very important documents that came out of WRC 03 that every radio amateur should read. Both were issued at the close of the conference by the International Amateur Radio Union. The first is a final wrap up on the conference by Dave Sumner, K1ZZ. The other is an in-depth explanation of the changes to the worlds radio regulations authored by Michael Owen, VK3KI. You will find links to both of them on the front page of out website at www.arnewsline.org (Q-News, IARU, ARRL, WIA, others)

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60 METERS: A LOOK AT NIGHT ONE ON THE NEW GENTLEMENS BAND

Its being called the “New Gentlemans Band” by some. At least thats what monitoring the first availability of the new 60 meter band as it opened to the East Coast on July 3rd. Newsline’s Don Wilbanks, was listening in from the deep South:

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The ‘New Gentlemens Band” may well be a title that will stick on 60 meters. Even as the new frequencies came to life, there was none of the on-air pushing and shoving thats so prevelant on other bands like 20 and 40 meters. Instead, those observing, operating and posting thir thoughts to the Internet seemed to agree that calm and order was the way most approached 60 meter operation.

Ron Wray, WB5HZ, was one of those listening in. He says over the qrz.com website that it seemed as if someone had kicked an anthill at 11:00 PM Central time. That’s when hundreds of stations were conducting simultaneous QSO’s on all five frequencies.

According to Wray, there were explosions of activity that continued throughout the night as each time zone jumped onto the new band in sequence. And Wray notes the apparent success of the 50 watt effective radiated power limit. He says that from his location in Dear Park Texas, the low power limit made it so that no one signal was sufficiently strong to completely control any particular frequency. And because of this amateurs were able to make solid contacts despite the unbelievable level of QRM.

Robert Harper, AFZ0H, of Park Hills Missouri was another early user of 60 meters. In his posting to QRZ, Harper said that he was very impressed by the discipline of the amateur community on opening night. Despite the noise and the crowd, everyone seemed to keep a level head. He says that it was an atmosphere that reminded him of the "good ol' days," adding that he cannot recall when he last observed such gentlemanly behavior under such crowded conditions.

And Bill Collins K8NQC, may have summed it up best. In his QRZ note he said that multiple QSO's on the same frequency will greatly help the utility of the band. He adds that the absence of big signals is really a plus.

For the Amateur Radio Newsline, I’m Don Wilbanks, AE5DW, in New Orleans,

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So far there seem to be no complaints about the new spot frequencies that comprise the current 60 meter ham radio allocation. In fact, one ham was heard to say that the rest of high frequency Amateur Radio can learn lessons in sportsmanship and courtesy by simply tuning in. (ARNewsline(tm), from QRZ.com and other sources)

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RADIO RULES: ANTI-ENHANCED SSB PETITION ASSIGNED RM 10740

Its taken some time, but the FCC has now assigned the designation RM 10740 to the petition by Michael Lonneke, W0YR, of Round Hill, Virginia, and Melvin Ladisky, W6FDR, of Camarillo, California to limit the bandwidth of Single Sideband an full carrier ampletude modulated signals on all ham bands below 28 MHz. As previously reported, W0YR and W6FDR want SSB signals to be limited to 2.8 Kilohertz and AM to be no wider than 5.6 kilohertz.

The petitioners make no secret that their regulastory request is aimed squarely at those hams who are experimenting with enhanced SSB signals which are wider than the 2.8 kilohertz that they believe should be the maximum bandwidth. They claim that enhanced SSB is bothersome to other operations and that some users of the pseudo mode are unwilling to cooperate in minimizing harm being caused.

What Lonneke and Ladisky have not bothered to explain is why they also targeted users of AM whom even they they freely admit are not causing a problem for other radio amateurs.

Either way, RM 10740 carries a commentary cutoff date of August 2nd. You can let the agency know how you feel by submitting commentary by mail or using the FCC's Electronic Comment Filing System. It'sated in cyberspace at www.fcc.gov. Once there use the websites search function to locate RM 10740. (ARNewsline(tm))

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Break 1

From the United States of America, We are the Amateur Radio Newsline, heard on bulletin stations around the world including the WO1E repeater serving Templeton Massachusettes.

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YHOTY 2003: JAY THOMPSON, W6JAY, NAMED ARNEWSLINE(tm) YOUNG HAM OF THE YEAR

He is not yet 18, but he is a champion class hidden transmitter hunter as well as a young ham devoted to public service and to bringing more kids into the hobby. And for these reasons and more, a select committee of judges has named Jay Thompson, W6JAY, of Santa Ana California to receive the 2003 Amateur Radio Newsline Young Ham of the Year Award. We have more in this report:

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If the name Jay Thompson and the call sign W6JAY sound familiar, its because Jay has made news several times in the world of hidden transmitter hunting. In the five years that he has been licensed, W6JAY has participated in three championship hunts has won virtually every type of medal offered in his age group. One hunt took him all the way to China. And when you travel the world, hidden transmitter hunting can leave you with moments to remember:

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Thompson: "In China it was raining. And in the bamboo forest, when you shook the trees, you would get a mini-shower fall on you and it would just cool you off after you had been running for a while."

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But his exploits in T-hunting is not the only reason that Jay was chosen as this years Young Ham of the Year. He is also heavily involved in emergency communications and is a member of the Orange County Hospital Disaster Emergency Communications System. This is a medical communications support group that gave W6JAY his first taste of what responding to a real emergency is like:

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Thompson: "During the Plecencia Linda train crash I was stationed at a hospital with my dad where we helped to allocate information where patients were going. That helped the hospitals a lot from what I heard."

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If Jay Thompson sounds enthusiastic about his T-hunting and emergency communications work, you have to hear what he has to say about recruiting youngsters into the hobby. Jay believes that the future of ham radio is with the young:

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Thompson: “I noticed that there were not very many active young Amateur Radio operators, so I have tried to do my part to get more of them in so that Amateur Radio can have a better future. It starts with the kids and as they grow up they realize that it is such a good activity and will get more people to join. If there are not any kids, then there is not very much of a future for Amateur Radio.”

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A lot of people seem to agree. In fact ARRL Southwestern Division Vice Director Tuck Miller, NZ6T, calls Jay Thompson: “...a magnet for other young hams to become actively involved in the Amateur service.”

The Young Ham of the Year program is co sponsored by the Amateur Radio Newsline, Vertex Standard which manufactures Yaesu brand ham radio gear and C-Q Magazine. Jay Thompson, W6JAY, will receive his award at a presentation on Saturday August 16th at the Huntsville Hamfest in Alabama.

Right now we ask you to join us in congratulating Jay Thompson, W6JAY, as he is named 2003 Young Ham of the Year.

For the Amateur Radio Newsline, I’m Mark Abramowicz, NT3V, reporting.

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2003 marks the 17th consecutive year that the award has been presented. (ARNewsline(tm))

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ENFORCEMENT: FCC ACTS IN THREE CASES

The FCC has contacted three hams on various enforcement matters. The agency’s Daryl Duckworth, NN0W, has more:

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Audio report only. Hear it at www.arnewsline.org
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According to Duckworth, that’s the FCC’s enforcement actions through the period ending June 28th. (RAIN, FCC)

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RESCUE RADIO: PERSONAL LOCATOR BEACONS NOW LEGALLY SOLD IN LOWER 48

Hams could have a new emergency communications job in the near future. T-Hunting down people in distress wearing Personal Locator Beacons.

The CGC Communicator reports that retail stores in the continental United States are now being allowed market the pricey beacon transmitters which can be activated when a person is in a dangerous situation. Proponents of Personal Locator Beacons claim that they will assist rescue teams in finding lost persons in emergency situations.

According to CGC, each beacon must be registered with NOAA before alert activations can be relayed via satellite to the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center at Langley Air Force Base in Virginia. Actual beacon alerts are recieved over the SARSAT COSPAS satellite system which is a long term cooperative effort between the United States and Russia.

More information is on line at www.sarsat.noaa.gov (CGC)

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RESCUE RADIO: THE DEAN OF ARRL SECTION MANAGERS RETIRES

The dean of ARRL Section Managers, New Mexico's Joe Knight, W5PDY, stepped down from his post on July 2nd. Knight cited poor health in his decision to retire from the volunteer position after serving for nearly 27 years. This is a record of volunteer service longer than any other sitting SM.

Assistant Section Manager Bill Weatherford, KM5FT, of Albuquerque, has been named to fill the remainder of Knight's term, which ends on December 31st. In his departure statement Knight said that he plans to try to help Weatherford as much as he can to assume the Sectiin Managers job. He also thanked his constituancy for the wonderful job that they have done and asked that they support KM5FT in the same way as they did him.

Knight had recommended Weatherford's appointment as his successor. KM5FT is an ARRL life member and has served as an Assistant Section Manager for the past two years. (ARRL)

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ACCIDENTS HAPPEN: OMAHA’S KETV-TV TOWER COLLAPSES

Joe Eisenberg, K0NEB reports that a broadcast tower being converted for digital television has fallen in Omaha Nebraska. According to a story supplied by Joe, KETV's main broadcast antenna fell to the ground Friday July 4th.

Crews had been working to install High Definition TV technology on the tower since May 30. A new antenna was to replace the aging RCA TW-15 skyhook. A station spokesman said that it is not yet clear how much the tower collapse will set back the stations conversion to digital transmission or how long it will take to clear debris and rebuild. Nor is it known what caused the main tower to fall. (K0NEB)

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RADIO CONFLICT: PENNSYLVANIA TOWN DISCOVERS WATER AND RADIO WAVES DON'T MIX

Officials in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania have asked the FCC to intercede in a dispute between that township and Radio Station WCBG on 1590 kHz. This, s the borough hires a Louisiana attorney to try to force the owners of the radio

station to cease operating long enough for workers to finish a 2-million-gallon water storage tank project in the nearby Chambers-5 Business Park.

Chambersburg's effort to build a new, elevated, 150-foot-high water storage tank on land adjacent to WCBG's towers have stalled because workers complained of receiving RF burns. Complicating the situation are allegations that the storage tank interferes with WCBG's signal, presumably warping its radiation patterns.

WCBG operates 5 kW non-irectional daytime and, 1 kW directional at night. The whole story is on-line at http://tinyurl.com/g1dk (CGC)

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ARRL: LOOKING FOR MULTIMEDIA PRESENTATIONS AND VIDEOS

The ARRL’s Field and Educational Services is seeking donations of Amateur Radio related presentation programs or slide shows that utilize Microsoft PowerPoint or similar computer-based slide-viewing software. The department is also interested in VHS and digital video programs to add to materials that it offers hams through the ARRL Video Series. For guidelines on whats acceptable contact Mary Lau, N1VH, 225 Main St, Newington, Connecticut 06111 or e-mail herat mlau@arrl.org. (ARRL)

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BREAK 2

This is ham radio news for today’s radio amateur. From the United States of America, We are the Amateur Radio Newsline with links to the world from our only official website at www.arnewsline.org and being relayed by the volunteer services of the following radio amateur:

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THE CHANGING OF THE GUARD: 40 METER DX’ER AL HIX, W8AH, - S.K.

On a sad note, the changing of the guard continues with news that an internationally known dx-er has died. And this news hits very close to this anchor desk. As local hams gathered for field day here in Charleston last month, word was received that Albert Hix, W8AH had become a silent key. Al passed away at his home here in Charleston on June 25. He was 85.

W8AH not only loved amateur radio, he loved his country and the freedom she provides. Al was a skilled member of the US Army signal corps, serving during world war 2 when he was appointed radio officer to General George Patton. He also served during the Korean war and returned to Paris to climb the Eiffel tower again for the daily net with the Pentagon.

After his military service, Al returned to Charleston with his wife and worked as an engineer for Union Carbide until his retirement in 1985. He pursued his beloved hobby with a new vengeance, earning his place on the DXCC honor role with 388 countries confirmed. On 40 meters, he holds the top honors with 362

entries. Al made hundreds of friends around the world through amateur radio, many of them he visited with his wife, Connie.

Avid DX'ers knew one side of Al Hix. Many of us knew another side, as WV ARRL section manager Hal Turley, KC8FS, explains…
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(KC8FS audio)

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A US Army chaplain presided during Al's funeral and he was laid to rest with military honors. Meanwhile, local hams seemed to man the field day CW station with a special vigor… and without the traditional W8AH at the key at start time.

(KC8FS audio)_

Al is survived by his charming wife, Connie, brother James and by hundreds of ham friends around the world and here at home in the West Virginia hills… where we knew that the only thing bigger than his signal, was the kind heart of W8AH. (ARNewsline(tm))

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RADIO PUBLICATIONS: CQ RELEASES HAM RADIO MAGAZINE ANTHOLOGIES

Fans of the old Ham Radio magazine, take note: A new series of anthologies, reprinting selected articles from the pages of ham radio, is now available from the folks at CQ Magazine

The first four books in the series were introduced two weeks ago at the 2003 Dayton Hamvention. The topics covered are: "Antennas, 1968 to1972;" "Antennas, 1973 to 1975;"Homebrewing Techniques" and "Troubleshooting Techniques."

Ham radio magazine was published from 1968 to 1990 and is generally acknowledged as the premier amateur radio technical publication of its time. CQ Communications now owns the rights to Ham Radio magazine and decided to release to compilation books based on requests from the Amateur Radio community. They can be ordered on-line at www.cq-amateur-radio.com. (CQ)

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CONVENTIONS & HAMFESTS: CINCINNATI IN JULY

On the ham radio social circuit word that the sixth annual OH KY IN Hamfest is slated for Saturday July 26th at the Diamond Oaks Caerrer Development Center in Cincinnati Ohio. The event features a giant outdoor flea market, ham radio test sessions, vendor exhibits, door prizes and lots more. Fur further information e-mail Lynn Ernst at wd8jaw@arrl.net (Via press release)

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CONVENTIONS & HAMFESTS: DENVER COLORADO IN AUGUST

And the Denver Radio Club Hamfest is scheduled for Sunday, August 17th at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds in Golden Colorado. Doors open at 8:30 AM. For more information contact Bryan Steinberg, KCZ0CUA via e-ail to kcØcua@arrl.net, or via the club website at www.qsl.net/w0tx (Via press release)

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HAM RADIO IN SPACE: ARISS MARKS SUCCESSFUL EURO SPACE CENTER CONTACT

Another big success for Amateur Radio on the International Space Station. This as U-S Astronaut Ed Lu, operating as NA1SS made contact with youngsters on Space Camp at the Euro Space Center in Belgium at 08:25 U-T-C on Monday July 7th. .

The center operated as ON4ESC with bout 150 children gathered in the auditorium. Some of them were Dutch speaking, others spoke only French speaking and 45 were Americans living in Europe.

Ed Lu answered the call from ON4ESC the very second the ISS was in range of the Euro Space Center. He answered 17 questions during the nearly 8 minutes long pass. At its closest approach, the space outpost was 2000 km south of Belgium, over the Pyrenees mountains. AMSAT Vice Chairman Gaston Bertels, ON4WF, was on hand to oversee the operation as well as introducing the young audience to the amateur radio service, amateur radio satellites and the ham radio stations used by astronauts and cosmonauts while operating from space. (ON4WF)

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DX

In DX, the question is -- did you work them? Of coarse we are talking about DL6LAU, DL8OBQ, OH2BH, OH2NB and OH3BHL who have been Albania in preparation of setting up a training program to enhance amateur radio in that nation. They have also been on the air as ZA1B operating on several new bands and modes including 6 meters and 2 meters. Their operation was scheduled to conclude on July 13th with QSL’s to be handled together with the April and May ZA1B operation by OH2BH. (OH2BH via N4GN)

Bob Cumming, W2BZY, says that he will be active on 50.110 MHz from Costa Rica TI2 through July 27th. This, in an attempt to activate some of the less common grid square in that nation including EJ79. When not on 6 meters, Bob will be looking for contacts on the high frequency bands. QSL as directed on the air. (VHF Reflector)

Also, look for Desertas Island on the air from July 23rd to the 27th. This as the Madeira DX group activates CT9D and CT9M on RTTY from that rare location. The main purpose of this trip is to mount a VHF repeater on the island to enhance F-M coverage across the Madeira Archiplego. The operators will also be active on SSB, CW and RTTY during their stay. Q-S-L to CS3MAD, P.O.Box 4694 - 9000 Funchal -Ilha da Madeira - Portugal. (OPDX)

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THAT FINAL ITEM: MISSING LILLY FOUND

And finally this week, the story of a ham radio operator and his dog. It happened back in January, but only recently was the story forwarded to us. Here’s Amateur Radio Newsline’s Bruce Tennant, K6PZW with the details.

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Peter Kringle K-C-9-B-I-W of Superior Wisconsin tells it this way. Back in January Peter came home for lunch to find his dog Lilly missing. She has some how unhooked the standard dog clasp and a locking carabineer.

Peter first walked around the area looking for his dog. He then got in his car and drove their normal walking loop. But he was unable to find Lilly.

At this point he began asking people in the area if they had seen her. He found out that she had been seen in the area a few times and that she had escaped around 10:30am. So Peter called the local dog shelters, leaving a description of Lilly in case some one found her and brought her in.

By this time it was 3 P.M and Peter decided to try something that he had not heard of anyone else every trying before. He turned to ham radio for assistance in finding his mising pup.

Peter picked up his Yaesu VX-5, and called out on the local 146.94Mhz repeater asked if anyone his area could help my look for Lilly. Two amateur radio operators answered his call. This meant that there were now two in cars and K-C-9-B-I-W on foot looking for her. This meant that the searchers were able to cover much more ground in a very organized fashion.

It was just before 4:00 p.m. when one of the hams spotted Lilly and was able to pick her up. He then called out on the repeater to let every know she was safe. A bit later Peter was able to rendezvous and take the wandering Lilly back home. And thats a perfect happy ending to the story and to this weeks newscast as well.

For the Amateur Radio Newsline, I’m Bruce Tennant, K6PZW reporting.

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Peters Internet positing about the help he received came with an apology. He wants to thank the two hams who helped out, but unfortunately he has forgotten their call signs. He adds that he hopes they will e-mail him so that he can give proper credit where credit is due. And if you want to see what Peter and Lilly look like, look up KC9BIW om the www.qrz.com website. (WA9ICU)

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NEWSCAST CLOSE

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For now, with Bill Pasternak, WA6ITF, at the editors desk, I’m Jeff Clark, K8JAC, saying 73 and we thank you for listening." Amateur Radio Newsline(tm) is Copyright 2003. All rights reserved.

826. Re: The Pool

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-11 16:27:27 UTC
From: N2EY@AOL.COM
Message-ID: <c2356669.0307110827.42ed2b82@posting.google.com>
Source record: 70654

lbudney@pobox.com wrote in message news:<uu19zvrbc.fsf@pobox.com>...
>
> They

{meaning the FCC}

> have other incentives, too. One is minimizing bad operators who
> will QRM services in ARS or in other bands. Another may or may not be
> to discourage participation in ARS and whittle away bandwidth for
> lucrative reallocation, or at least to keep it small enough that the
> need for new bandwidth is minimized.

How about this motivation:

One of FCC's biggest headaches in the avocational-radio area is the pirate/freebander/bootlegger, who simply ignores FCC rules and goes on the air using whatever mode/frequency/power/equipment/ID strikes their fancy. Enforcement agains such folks is more challenging because they're not in the database and they don't really care about "the rules" anyway.

This is not a new problem - the FCC rules about RF power amplifiers covering 12 and 10 meters were a response to these folks and the manufacturers who sold to them, not any problem in ham radio. Those rules date from 1978.

Perhaps FCC figures that if they make it easier to get an amateur license, there will be more hams and fewer pirates/freebanders/bootleggers. And if they get out of line, enforcement will be easier.

A few weeks ago, FCC went after several hams who were operating illegally on about 26 MHz. These were relatively new hams - wonder what they did before they got their tickets?

Waddya think?

73 de Jim, N2EY

WWHD

827. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-11 16:32:46 UTC
From: JJ <radiobuff0@mailcity.moc>
Message-ID: <3F0EE6AE.4050507@mailcity.moc>
Source record: 70787

Larry Roll K3LT wrote:

>
> Again, follow the money and you'll learn the truth. The cost of hiring,
> training, and providing pay and benefits to CW-proficient radio operators
> is the key factor in play here.

BS, the services realized that with modern technology CW is an
outdated, antiquated mode, no longer useful to them. You are
living in your ham radio dream world too stubborn to see the truth.

828. Re: Fight the BPL

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-11 16:42:32 UTC
From: 6212hgk{invert}@newsguy.com
Message-ID: <3f0ee8b3.5795046@News.CIS.DFN.DE>
Source record: 70656
Cross-posted to:
rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.swap

On Fri, 11 Jul 2003 14:26:49 GMT, Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net> wrote:

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>Phil Kane wrote:
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>> On Fri, 11 Jul 2003 12:42:12 +0900, Brenda Ann wrote:
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>> >
>> >I still hear maritime telephone service on 8 MHz USB.\
>
>In the Sat-com age??? How Luddite can you get???
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>>
>> Not by KFS/KPH, though. AT&T closed their SF HF station (KMI) a
>> couple of years ago so I don't know who is furnishing that service
>> now. It may be ARINC (Aeronautical Radio, Inc) which is big in HF
>> SSB. I'll try to find out.
>> >
>> >Also in-flight comms over oceans are done with HF.
>>
>> That's ARINC.
>
> Last time I flew to Seattle aboard a 757 I stuck my GPS up to the window and
>read out the aircraft speed....526MPH.
> Seems like they could use a more upscale comm system aboard planes when such
>technology is that common.

They could, yes, with capital outlays. Capitol outlays are Doubleplus
Ungood in the aftermath of the Clinton Depression.

Besides, If it works, Don't Fix It, right?
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Nobody but a fool goes into a federal counterrorism operation without duct tape - Richard
Preston, THE COBRA EVENT.

829. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-11 16:48:21 UTC
From: JJ <radiobuff0@mailcity.moc>
Message-ID: <3F0EEA55.1040200@mailcity.moc>
Source record: 70788

Larry Roll K3LT wrote:

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> True -- when the "emergency" is confined to a small locality and the VHF/
> UHF repeater infrastructure remains intact. However, what if there is a
> widespread disaster -- such as the "Big One" striking the San Andreas fault
> line in California? That will not be a "local" disaster -- it will affect the
> entire country. Vast regions hundreds of miles in radius will be affected,
> and the commercial communications and existing Amateur Radio
> infrastructures and the power grids they depend on will be disrupted for
> God only knows how long. At that point, we could be talking about areas
> with populations of hundreds of thousands of people being out of
> communication with the area "outside" the disaster zone. Communications
> nets spanning many times the normal operational range of terresterial
> VHF/UHF systems will be necessary -- and don't look now, but we're
> coming to the downside of the solar cycle -- meaning poor propagation.
> I guarantee you that there will be lots of opportunities for No-Code HF
> Ham Heroes to help out, but when conditions dictate the use of CW, in
> order to be able to communicate when voice and data modes fail due to
> lack of available electrical power or poor atmospherics, that capability
> will not be available because it will not have been learned. That's when
> some guy like me will enter the picture, and say, "Step aside, Sonny,
> and take your toy microphone with you." Then he'll plug in his key and
> re-establish contact with the outside world. Of course, you will never
> be convinced that that could happen -- so you'll just have to hope it doesn't.
> In the meantime, I'll be ready!

John, you have to realize that Larry and his huge ego are just
waiting for the above scenario to happen so he can "save the
world" with his CW skills. He is in complete denial that when this
big disaster happens, he and his CW skills will mean nothing. I
can just see him waving his code key shouting "I can save the day
with my CW" at the officials who will laugh their ass off at him.
Read his "step aside Sonny" above and the picture of Larry and his
ego becomes very clear.
I have been a ham for over forty years, have participated in many
disaster situations, and I have never seen conditions where CW
was the only means of communication that would get through, even
at the bottom of the solar cycles. Guys like Larry live in a "I am
superior to you because of my CW skills" dream world.

830. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-11 16:50:24 UTC
From: JJ <radiobuff0@mailcity.moc>
Message-ID: <3F0EEAD0.3050204@mailcity.moc>
Source record: 70789

Larry Roll K3LT wrote:
> In article <3F0ED609.7030104@mailcity.moc>, JJ <radiobuff0@mailcity.moc>
> writes:
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>
>>Larry Roll K3LT wrote:

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>
> Well, on behalf of my colleague Dick (that's MISTER Carroll to you, BOY!)
> it's nice to know that we're providing a much needed service to the ARS!
>
> 73 de Larry, K3LT

Anyone ever tell you what a pompous ass you really are Larry?
That's MISTER JJ to you little BOY!!

>

831. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-11 16:55:47 UTC
From: JJ <radiobuff0@mailcity.moc>
Message-ID: <3F0EEC13.4070605@mailcity.moc>
Source record: 70790

Dick Carroll wrote:

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> Mygawd, Dwight, are you really licensed as a ham? And *that's* all you know of
> radiotelegraphy?
> You been hiding out in the wilderness somewhere, in a cave? What do you think
> it was that started
> radio in the first place, semaphores?

You mean you and Larry boy don't know semaphore Dick? Why that is
just plain LAZINESS. You know, when conditions are so bad that you
and Larry have to rely on CW and your faithful CW rigs gives up
the ghost or conditions get SO bad that CW can't even get through
you and Larry could save the world by using semaphore, if you had
that skill, that is.

832. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-11 16:58:33 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307110858.56d21eca@posting.google.com>
Source record: 70657

n2ey@aol.com (N2EY) wrote in message
news:<20030711044330.27503.00000999@mb-m24.aol.com>...
> In article <3F0D4482.7080509@mailcity.moc>, JJ <radiobuff0@mailcity.moc>
> writes:
>
> >N2EY wrote:
>
> >>>>>Do you have something against someone who has no desire to operate CW?
> >>>>>There are many different modes of operation in ham radio, do you
> >>>>>operate them all?
>
> >> No - do you?
>
> >No, I certainly do not. If someone wants to only operate cw, only
> >ssb, only 2 meter FM, then fine, and they are just as much a ham
> >as someone who operates multiple modes.
>
> I agree!
>
> >And I certainly do not
> >look down my nose and take a superior attitude toward those who
> >might choose to limit their operating to one mode like others here
> >on the group.
> >
> You mean like the folks who look down their noses at me because I operate
> mostly CW?

Who does that?

What most find irritable about you is that you insist that they learn
your favorite mode, not that you use it.

833. Re: Fight the BPL

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-11 17:04:54 UTC
From: Mike Luther <mike.luther@ziplog.com>
Message-ID: <vgtrhj2uniiu66@corp.supernews.com>
Source record: 70658
Cross-posted to:
rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.swap,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.policy

And the following Richard, is why, when I wrote my own professional answer and filed it timely, that I noted as to the issue of security that we absolutely could not afford this for that among many reasons. I stressed that not only do we have the massive problem for intereference from the proposed service, but that a carefully contrived attack on the service itself from the outside made us terribly vulnerable to security issues if we were to allow this technique.

Richard Clark wrote:

>On Fri, 11 Jul 2003 12:11:59 GMT, "Paul Vanasse" <pvanasse@cox.net>
>wrote:
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>
>>My god, do I actually have to explain this: The Amateur portion of the HF
>>spectrum is not even 1/6 of the total spectrum. The remainder is controlled
>>by COMMERCIAL and GOVERNMENT interests that have a hell of a lot more to
>>lose with BPL's than amateurs ever will. Do actually believe that the ARRL
>>is going to be the sole group that will rescue the bands from these evil
>>power companies? Get real Zoran.
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>
>Hi Paul,
>
>Given the poor service rendered by the present administration across
>the board, it takes very little attention to recent FCC events to
>observe their wholesale indifference to the consequences of their own
>brand of one-answer-fits-all.
>
>To expect that the other 5/6'ths of those affected will rescue this
>mis-step is dreaming in technicolor and surround sound. Those who
>might be affected will simply exercise their right to veto local
>implementation. Follow the money, there are one or two principals
>involved and their legislation and regulation has been paid for. The
>sad fact of the matter is that the current administration employs the
>balkanization of issues so that no single community has clout against
>the indifferent neighborhood. The FCC has attempted to consolidate
>the commercial market through the abandonment of serving community
>needs. They entirely ignored every comment that rejected this path;
>the people had to go to Congress to reverse this attitude. Those same
>aggrieved are wholly unaware of this new plight, and lacking their

>motivation, it will be a tougher hill for us to climb. I saw little
>discussion in this regard of consolidation, even though we watch the
>FCC closely which is to say we were just as indifferent, as a
>community, to this plight of community service. The simple fact of it
>is that our ox is being gored (we are not all that concerned about
>public service as we are about having fun). To put it bluntly, your
>neighbor will simply shrug off your problem and suggest you go to
>Radio Shack for one of those filter thingies - you may note the hint
>of an ironic smile offered.
>
>For those who have NOT read the NOI, the FCC has carefully couched
>this BPL in the jingo of Homeland Security (sic) and describes this
>expressly as part of the solution of "the last mile problem"
>something I have already described in past posts.
>
>Getting real means climbing out of the grave already dug before they
>throw in the dirt.
>
>73's
>Richard Clark, KB7QHC
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>

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--> Sleep well; OS2's still awake! ;)

Mike Luther

834. Re: So what do we call them?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-11 17:06:46 UTC
From: k0hb@arrl.net
Message-ID: <e79dbd9b.0307110906.62b2bf33@posting.google.com>
Source record: 70659
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.dx

"Clair J. Robinson" <cjr@visi.com> wrote

> Why not just Channels 1 through 5. What does the "E" mean?
>
> 73, CJ K0CJ

Hi CJ,

Fancy meeting you here. Since the frequencies were finagled in large part based on "E"mergency communications needs, I thought "E" would serve is a sort of subliminal reminder of one of our charter functions under 97.1.

73, de Hans, K0HB

835. Re: Fight the BPL

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-11 17:08:49 UTC
From: Mike Luther <mike.luther@ziplog.com>
Message-ID: <vgtrot6suj5p1e@corp.supernews.com>
Source record: 70660
Cross-posted to:
rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.swap

The real issue for security is the deliberately contrived attack on the services. Who in the devil wants to risk all the network to terroristic threat from a purposeful intervention into the service. As I pointed out in my personal reply, the purpose of the service is really a point to point data link through a transmission line. To me it is bizzare that anyone would contrive to perform a service needing confidentiality on a transmission line technique that is wide open to disaster.

Mike Coslo wrote:

> Art Unwin KB9MZ wrote:
>
>> What reults in broad band receivers can one expect if a ham fires up
>> a kilowatt when in close proximity to a power line ?
>>
>> Art
>
>
> Not much at all if the network is properly designed. A poorly designed
> system (BPL) would probably experience several disruptions.
>
> - Mike KB3EIA -
>

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--> Sleep well; OS2's still awake! ;)

Mike Luther

836. Re: Fight the BPL

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-11 17:11:00 UTC
From: "Gary S." <Idontwantspam@net>
Message-ID: <4mrtgvk5sa8nn9b29j4srlm3s15so9atk4@4ax.com>
Source record: 70661
Cross-posted to:
rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.swap

On Fri, 11 Jul 2003 15:29:33 GMT, Richard Clark <kb7qhc@comcast.net>
wrote:

>It's a matter of economics and regulation more than design, but also
>about design.
>
>Electronic gear in the air must meet stringent considerations. These
>are based on the simple fact of weight and power consumed. There is a

One must also consider how to transition from old to new, and that
airports would all have to have BOTH systems operating during a
transition until ALL aircraft around are upgraded to new technology.

Even the US military branches, which all work for the same boss, is
slow to make changes like this.

Another example: the transition to HDTV here in the US.

Happy trails,
Gary (net.yogi.bear)
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at the 51st percentile of ursine intelligence

Gary D. Schwartz, Needham, MA, USA
Please reply to: garyDOTschwartzATpoboxDOTcom

837. Re: Fight the BPL

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-11 17:12:08 UTC
From: Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net>
Message-ID: <3F0EEFDB.199EB164@att.net>
Source record: 70662
Cross-posted to:
rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.swap

Richard Clark wrote:

> On Fri, 11 Jul 2003 14:26:49 GMT, Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net>
> wrote:
> >> >Also in-flight comms over oceans are done with HF.
> >>
> >> That's ARINC.
> >
> > Last time I flew to Seattle aboard a 757 I stuck my GPS up to the window and
> >read out the aircraft speed....526MPH.
> > Seems like they could use a more upscale comm system aboard planes when such
> >technology is that common.
>
> Hi Dick,
>
> It's a matter of economics and regulation more than design, but also
> about design.
>
> Electronic gear in the air must meet stringent considerations. These
> are based on the simple fact of weight and power consumed. There is a
> heat budget to meet, there is a power budget to meet, and there is a
> physical volume budget to meet. Equipment must be designed to
> co-exist with other equipment (they share the same heat vent, thus the
> heat budget). There is also legacy systems to consider and to
> interface to. The flight controllers had or have been using tube
> equipment (no, not just their screens, some computers).
>
> Much of this is probably already anticipated by state of the art
> designs (except for the packaging). Heat and power issues are by and
> large far less imposing than older stuff, but packaging still must
> conform to other equipment that has no "modern" replacement.
>
> Then back to the economics and regulation. ARINC places stringent
> requirements that are by and large stringent in the top loading of
> engineering time. That is, it takes a cadre of support personnel to
> research and cross-correlate all the various issues demanded to find
> its way into a product. When I designed the flight recorder, it was
> to MIL-SPEC 883B which is no regulatory slouch. How much do you think
> your HF rig would cost against such a standard? $30K would be a good
> place to start. Then there is the retro-fit cost to meet the new
> system. Abandoning HF for satellite means air and ground systems must
> change to follow the trend (it is only a trend after-all) and this ups
> the ante such that a large cadre of support people must be

> co-ordinated to follow to a long-term schedule of mods and upgrades
> (the schedule, in turn, having taken a couple of years to fashion).
> Even changing the antenna type to follow the migration from HF to SHF
> impacts the air frame and issues of flight safety. This may seem
> absurd on the basis of civil aviation which can opt into some gear,
> but commercial aviation must be done across the board.

Tnx for the treatise, Rich, it clears up a few details that were hanging out there.

Clearly the revolution in technology is dependent on *other* factors more than on
the state of the art itself .
Which shouldn't, but as so often it happens, brings us back to
to the problem of "where do we go from here when the map is so ill defined?"

I can't help it, I keep being diverted back to the basics...all it takes for two
real radio operators to communicate is a basic radio transcieving system with very
minimal or even maybe no external support, and the skill to send and receive
radiotelegraphy....
Shucks, many of us recall when they used that system on aircraft!

Dick

838. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-11 17:13:53 UTC
From: Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net>
Message-ID: <3F0EF045.A6A1723F@att.net>
Source record: 70663

Mike Coslo wrote:

> Carl R. Stevenson wrote:
>
> >
> > I fail to find the humor ... it must be you. Having been licensed for
> > over 25 years, having learned Morse, passed a test (albeit 5 wpm,
> > but my skill increased as I *used* it in the early days), then losing
> > interest in using Morse, seeing Morse keep many of my engineering
> > colleagues from becoming hams over the years, and being involved
> > in this issue for a number of years, both before the FCC and in the
> > WRC prep process, I knew all the background, the issues, the US
> > position, etc. I also knew the postions of many/most other
> > administrations and regional groups. What's so funny about that?
>
> I await the influx of all these engineers and the advances they will
> bring Amateur Radio.
>

Yeah, Mike, we all do.....as we have lo these many years now.

> Did anyone seriously say they were really interested in Ham radio, but
> the Morse Code test kept them out? just hard to imagine that someone
> really interested would do that.
>
> > The Morse requirement is GONE from the ITU Radio Regs ... administrations
> > are free to drop Morse testing (many are planning to do so with surprising
> > rapidity ... we in the US are used to government moving slowly, so the speed
> > with which some administratons plan to allow access to HF by no-code hams
> > seems surprising to us ...)
> >
> > These are facts that you can't change, so I suggest you simply learn to live
> > with them.
>
> Last time I checked, we were allowed to voice our opinions. No one
> doubts it will be dropped, but we don't have to like it.

Ah, but you DO. Carl sez so.

839. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-11 17:17:10 UTC
From: Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net>
Message-ID: <3F0EF10A.E67376DA@att.net>
Source record: 70664

Mike Coslo wrote:

> Arnie Macy wrote:
> > "Brian" wrote ...
> >
> > Bill, welp, I brought out the fine-toothed comb and swept it through the
> > citation. Nowhere did I pick up the words "reduced technical material" or
> > anything remotely like it. Exams that "Rationally and Directly relate to
> > priveleges" could be quite difficult, making some of these long-time hams
> > glad that retesting isn't required every 10 years. It is a PCTA ploy that
> > they continue to cry for no exams. Since we won't let them take their ball
> > and go home, they want to damage the ARS for all. They're tring to scuttle
> > the ship rather than let it fall into unworthy hands.
> > ____
> >
> > "This will permit a practical combination of existing study guides and
> > testing materials to be used until such time as such materials are REVISED
> > and will result in REASONABLE tests for the three new classes of license
> > contemplated in these comments."
> >
> >
> > First, please show me where I said that NCI wants to END testing. You can't
> > because I never said it. Second, please explain what "revised" and
> > "reasonable" mean within the context of the above quote from NCI? (that you
> > conveniently snipped from my answer) Does it mean that NCI wants to make
> > the test MORE difficult? Even a blind man could see where this is going.
>
> Since we have all this in one place now, just exactly is meant by that
> statement?
>
> REVISION means a change, obviously. It happens from time to time.
>
> REASONABLE tests mean what?
>
> You could poll 10 people and get 10 different answers. running from
> virtually no esting to those who believe that the test process should
> require the equivalent of a Bachelor's in EE. Reasonable means different
> things to different people.
>
> That quote is exceptionaly vague. Witness people here with different
> interpretations.
>
> Here is a golden chance for NCI to clarify and say *exactly* what they
> mean. What is reasonable testing for the ARS?

Mike, you can Google up enough of Carl's stuff to show clearly what it means.
Which is exactly what Carl wants it to mean.

840. Re: Fight the BPL

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-11 17:17:15 UTC
From: Richard Clark <kb7qhc@comcast.net>
Message-ID: <cvrtgvsem7tg41rpa7eq0nphtf5u6maqk2@4ax.com>
Source record: 70665
Cross-posted to:
rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.swap,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.policy

On Fri, 11 Jul 2003 17:04:54 +0000, Mike Luther
<mike.luther@ziplog.com> wrote:

>And the following Richard, is why, when I wrote my own professional
>answer and filed it timely, that I noted as to the issue of security
>that we absolutely could not afford this for that among many reasons. I
>stressed that not only do we have the massive problem for intereference
>from the proposed service, but that a carefully contrived attack on the
>service itself from the outside made us terribly vulnerable to security
>issues if we were to allow this technique.
>

Hi Mike,

You didn't go far enough. The leakage is prima facia evidence of
security loss. The government is the poorest employer of standard
civil encryption services (government meaning those various agencies
that are not affiliated with black box funding).

What was it - a couple of months back some (friendly ruski?) diplomat
sat in his car outside of a government office downloading their
activity with his snooper attachment?

73's
Richard Clark, KB7QHC

841. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-11 17:33:20 UTC
From: Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93B589DAAF7D9elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>
Source record: 70666

Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu> wrote in news:3F0ED7E5.2090208@psu.edu:

> Carl R. Stevenson wrote:
>
>>
>> I fail to find the humor ... it must be you. Having been licensed for
>> over 25 years, having learned Morse, passed a test (albeit 5 wpm, but
>> my skill increased as I *used* it in the early days), then losing
>> interest in using Morse, seeing Morse keep many of my engineering
>> colleagues from becoming hams over the years, and being involved in
>> this issue for a number of years, both before the FCC and in the WRC
>> prep process, I knew all the background, the issues, the US position,
>> etc. I also knew the postions of many/most other administrations and
>> regional groups. What's so funny about that?
>
> I await the influx of all these engineers and the advances they
> will
> bring Amateur Radio.
>
> Did anyone seriously say they were really interested in Ham radio,
> but
> the Morse Code test kept them out? just har dto imagine that someone
> really interested would do that.
>

As an engineer myself, I can verfiy that lots of engineers have told me
exactly that. Whether they would get a licence once code testing is
abolished might be another matter.

>
>> The Morse requirement is GONE from the ITU Radio Regs ...
>> administrations are free to drop Morse testing (many are planning to
>> do so with surprising rapidity ... we in the US are used to government
>> moving slowly, so the speed with which some administratons plan to
>> allow access to HF by no-code hams seems surprising to us ...)
>>
>> These are facts that you can't change, so I suggest you simply learn
>> to live with them.
>
>
> Last time I checked, we were allowed to voice our opinions. No one
> doubts it will be dropped, but we don't have to like it.
>
> - Mike KB3EIA -
>

>

842. Re: Fight the BPL

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-11 17:38:56 UTC
From: Richard Clark <kb7qhc@comcast.net>
Message-ID: <erstgvkqdotna0os01adijrvk99po5mne8@4ax.com>
Source record: 70667
Cross-posted to:
rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.swap

On Fri, 11 Jul 2003 17:12:08 GMT, Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net>
wrote:
> I can't help it, I keep being diverted back to the basics...all it takes for two
>real radio operators to communicate is a basic radio transcieving system with very
>minimal or even maybe no external support, and the skill to send and receive
>radiotelegraphy....
> Shucks, many of us recall when they used that system on aircraft!
>
>Dick

Hi Dick,

One need only look at the defunct 500KHz emergency radio operation to observe that two radio operators was abandoned long ago. And it was "modern" technology in the form of a signature tone that moved it the first step away. And that was after the rules were relaxed (or put in place originally) to require 15 minutes monitoring of each hour.

In less than 100 years we went from spark gap to satellite technology from the Titanic to flight 800 - and neither of those two fared very well for it. In the millennium before, it was semaphore and smoke signals.

Clearly technology is taken up quite quickly by comparison. When I was in DC last year this time, my girlfriend was adjusting the rear view mirror and engaged the OnStar system by mistake (the buttons being located on the mount). Two decades before the best you had was CB, a decade before it was disposable cellular phones.

73's
Richard Clark, KB7QHC

843. Re: Is There ANY Recourse re. FCC & Dropping CW?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-11 17:59:42 UTC
From: N2EY@AOL.COM
Message-ID: <c2356669.0307110959.7882bfbd@posting.google.com>
Source record: 70668

"Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> wrote in message
news:<PCoPa.74$lL.7697@nnrp1.ptd.net>...
> "N2EY" <n2ey@aol.com> wrote in message
> news:20030710194147.18497.00001244@mb-m05.aol.com...
> > In article <5WfPa.14$lL.1567@nnrp1.ptd.net>, "Carl R. Stevenson"
> > <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> writes:
> >
> > ><clutch@lycos.com> wrote in message
> > >news:vgqqb3drvfar09@corp.supernews.com...
> > >>
> > >> FWIW, I support keeping the code in and I am a technician that is
> > >> trying hard to learn this. Code still has a use and it makes one
> > >> commit effort to upgrade to higher classes.
> > >
> > >"Making one commit effort" is not a legitimate regulatory purpose
> > >for the FCC.
> >
> > Then why all the different classes of license?
>
> Different levels of knowledge, of course.

Why do such different levels of knowledge need to be tested? FCC sez a
Tech is qualified to use any authorized mode/power anywhere on the 2
meter band - but nowhere on the 20 meter band. Code test or no code
test. Why does 20 meters require more technical competency than 2
meters? Why does 14.020 require more technical competency than 14.030?

Yes, there's rules, regs and propagation. But the General and Extra
tests cover a lot more than those three things. The written test
system we have now, and which we have had for decades, FORCES more
technical stuff on prospective hams whether they want it, need it, or
plan to use it, or not.

> Many people already
> HAVE the technical knowledge to pass the written tests with ease.

And many do not. For non-technical types, learning the written
material can require quite a bit of effort. It took me far longer to
learn the written material than the code way back when. Heck, I was
licensed and on the air long before school got around to things like
electricity and basic trigonometry, let alone how even the simplest
radios work.

> The issue is that SOME people think that those who are in that
> position "should be made to expend some (additional) effort" to
> get their ham license (they ignore the effort ALREADY spent in

> acquiring the aforementioned knowledge).

Call that the "ante" effect.
>
> > >If YOU want to learn and use Morse, fine ... same for anyone else
> > >with the same desire. But that does not give you (or anyone else)
> > >the right to force it on everyone else.
> > >
> > >> It causes those that are
> > >> not willing to work to be left out and does anyone want people in this
> > >> activity that are not willing to put effort into learning?
> > >
> > >I want all the technically competent folks we can get ...
> >
> > "Technically competent" as defined by whom? At what level? Competent
> > enough to
> > use a ham rig, or competent enough to design and build one from scratch,
> > or
> > something in between?
>
> According to the FCC, competent enough to pass the written tests.

> I'd like to see folks even more competent than that, but everyone has
> to start somewhere.

So are the current writtens OK with you or not?

And WHY must there be more written testing forced on people just to
have full privileges?
>
> > >with homeland
> > >defense spuring increased demand for use of HF frequencies, we need
> > >to increase our numbers to protect our spectrum
> >
> > Every increase in technical competency requirements works against
> > increased numbers.
> > >
> > >NOTE: I said "technically competent folks" ... I am NOT in the
> > >"ham license in the Cracker Jacks box" camp AT ALL.
> >
> > Again - "technically competent" as defined by whom? At what level?
> > Competent
> > enough to use a ham rig, or competent enough to design and build one from
> > scratch, or something in between?
>
> See above.

Doesn't answer the question.
>
> > Are the current written tests adequate for the technical competency
> > requirements of the ARS, or not?
>

> That's the FCC's call ... as I said, I'd like to see folks actually learn
> more
> than the tests require (and would welcome more folks who ALREADY
> know more than that, but aren't interested in Morse).

We'll see how that works out in a short time, when FCC dumps Element 1. I'm predicting that there won't be an NPRM or NOI or anything like that. FCC will just do a MOO or equivalent and say "This was all argued before, the treaty was the one reason to keep Element 1. Treaty's gone and so is the element. Game over, thank you for playing". As you predicted, a "slam-dunk".

Biggest unknown is how long it will take The Congress to rubberstamp the treaty.

btw, you put a date in The Pool yet? (see thread of that name).
>
> The point goes back to Garry Coffman's statement of some years ago
> (where is Garry anyway? anybody know?) to the effect that too many
> people view the license as a "graduation certificate" rather than the entry
> permit into a lifelong learning experience.

I'm not one of those people.

> And too many people value the
> license for what they had to do to get it, rather than what it allows them
> to do.

It is simply human nature not to value highly what is acquired easily.

But let's talk about this "graduation" thing. In a way, a license IS a "diploma" or "graduation certificate" - it says you have met the requirements for that level of privileges. It does NOT say you know everything there is to know about the subjects covered, or that your education is complete. Just that you met the minimum requirements.

> > If YOU want to increase your technical competency, fine ... same for
> > anyone
> > else with the same desire. But that does not give you (or anyone else)
> > the right to force it on everyone else.
>
> I'm not bitching about today's tests ...

Which means you think that it's OK to force more written testing on everyone else if they want a reasonable-privileges HF license or a full-privileges HF license. Because when Element 1 disappears, Elements 3 and 4 will still be there. Sure - they were easy for you ~3 years ago, and their predecessors were easy for me ~33 years ago, but they're NOT easy for everyone.

> the only issue I have is that I
> think the Tech test is "light" for the power level it allows at frequencies
> that can cook meat.

So you would either beef up (pun intended) the Tech written or lower
the Tech power level. (I think the latter is more reasonable, btw)

> Other than that flaw (IMHO, it's a flaw and the
> power limit should be more in line with the technical knowledge required
> for the license), I'm content with the tests we have today ... they are
> "entry level" for the priveleges granted.

Still doesn't explain why we need the Extra, or even most of the
General.
>
> > >I just don't believe that forcing folks to learn Morse to get an HF
> > >license is a reasonable requirement.
> >
> > Yet even if the code test disappears tomorrow, to get an HF license with
> > reasonable privileges, folks are forced to take a written test that goes
> > beyond
> > the test required for ALL VHF/UHF privileges. To get all HF/MF privileges,
> > folks must take two written tests that go far beyond the test required
> > for ALL
> > VHF/UHF privileges.
>
> Again, I think the Tech test/priv ratio is flawed WRT the power levels
> allowed.

But we're talking about a lot more than the power level. Most hams I
know don't ever run even 10% of the maximum allowed power. The past
two Field Days and Sweepstakes, I've used QRP. Did pretty well, too.
>
> I think that the FCC uses HF as a "carrot" to induce folks to learn more
> about radio

Ah - a "carrot" to get them to "jump through the hoop" of more written
testing. Or, to put it another way, it's OK to force people to learn
lots more written-test material, whether or not they are interested,
in order to grant them an HF license, but it's not OK to force people
to learn even a very basic level of Morse code/CW, whether or not they
are interested, in order to grant them an HF license.

Seems like a contradiction, since the Tech written test is obviously
adequate for all VHF/UHF modes and frequencies.

>... and that they are more comfortable with Tech privs because
> propagation generally limits the ability for Techs to cause interference
> beyond
> our borders. (note I said "generally")

Sure - but at the same time, VHF/UHF is where many if not most of the
public safety services are. Interference with those services can
easily cost lives.

FCC sez Techs are technically competent to operate all amateur
VHF/UHF, but not on most amateur HF/MF. Sounds like an artificial,
arbitrary barrier to force those without a technical background to

expend effort learning more technical stuff just to pass the test so
they can get on HF.
>
> > >Those who want to use it
> > >will have to (voluntarily) learn it ... those who have no interest in
> > >Morse, but could contribute technically, in public service
> communications,
> > >etc. should not be excluded because of their lack of interest in Morse.
> >
> > Those who want to be involved in the technical end of amateur radio will
> > have
> > to (voluntarily) learn it ... those who have no interest in technical
> > subjects,
> > but could contribute technically, in public service communications, etc.
> > should
> > not be excluded because of their lack of interest in technical subjects.
>
> Read your paragraph above ... it's flawed ... how can "those who have no
> interest
> in technical subjects" "contribute technically" ???

You missed the point that they could contribute in public service
communications and other ways. If there is any logical reason to make
ham licenses easier to get, it's so that there are more hams available
for public service comms - 'specially emergency comms.

Example: When the shuttle Columbia blew apart on reentry, it was
amateurs who provided much of the communications between search
parties (according to posts here by people who were there, on the
ground). Neither "technical competency" nor code speed made a bit of
difference then - just operating skills.

As for technical contributions, the writtens cover a wide variety of
subjects at a very basic level. Meaning you have to know a little bit
about a lot of things to pass, but knowing a lot about a few things
doesn't help you.

The person who is really interested in, say, antenna systems, is
forced to learn all sorts of stuff about other subjects to pass the
written tests - stuff that he/she may never use and isn't interested
in. Stuff which is not needed for the proper and legal operation of an
amateur station. Sounds like a hoop-jump.

73 de Jim, N2EY

WWHD

844. Re: Code a Deterrent to a Ham Ticket ??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-11 18:00:16 UTC
From: Guessing <Guessing@connectnet.net>
Message-ID: <QWCPa.913$Bd5.644@fed1read01>
Source record: 70669

> Someone squawked
> As an engineer myself, I can verfiy that lots of engineers have told me
> exactly that. Whether they would get a licence once code testing is
> abolished might be another matter.

Nonsense and a big copout

If you want a BS/MS/PHD Degree -- pass the tests
Want a driver license -- take a test
Want a job - take a drug test and physical exam and perhaps a professional test
Want insurance -- take a physical exam
Want to be an apprentice (JourneyPerson) -- take the test
Want to advance in the Military -- take the test
Pass the Bar (Legal that is) Pass Da Test
Nurses CPR for sure and maybe ACLS Tests
Sobriety Test -- Try to dodge this one
et al tests
Want an HF Ham license -- take the code and Technical/Rules et al test
Otherwise we have CB and FRS. And one who listens on these bands ought to be totally inspired to get a Ham Ticket !!!

Simple as that.

Anyone who used the code as an excuse for not becoming a ham, just wasn't serious about it.

If 10 to 17 year olds can do it, why can't an engineer or any other college grad ???

Did any of those "Engineers" get a No-Code Tech license ??
Didn't think so !!

845. Re: More on Broadband over Power Lines (BLP)

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-11 18:54:10 UTC
From: Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
Message-ID: <cuvyxnansvbet.hhv868b.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 70672

On 11 Jul 2003 05:36:07 -0700, N2EY wrote:

>> It was a good idea - it showed the FCC management (which is no
>> longer there) that the ARRL can do what the broadcasters do every
>> week - take an adverse decision into the Court of Appeals.
>
>But only AFTER that adverse decision had actually been made, right?

That is right. Section 402 of the Comm Act permits an appeal when
the party filing for same is challenging an actual action (order,
grant or denial of application, etc) of the Commission. Federal law
requires that actions can be brought in the Federal courts only where
there is an actual "case or controversy", IOW no "advance rulings".

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73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane

846. Re: More on Broadband over Power Lines (BLP)

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-11 18:54:11 UTC
From: Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
Message-ID: <cuvyxnansvbet.hhv8m7c.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 70670
Cross-posted to: alt.ham-radio.vhf-uhf,rec.radio.amateur.policy

On Fri, 11 Jul 2003 14:19:29 GMT, Dick Carroll wrote:

>> There's no AM tower in Santa Clara (or at least none in the last 40
>> years that I know of), let alone one that meets that description.
>
>OOP! that Should have been Santa Cruz. Ya know, the place with the
>big boardwalk and all the thong bikinis.......

>This one is right above the water level on a slough of some sort, I
>didn't get that good a look but observed it as we drove past. Sure
>looked like an local AM tower of the sort I've worked around.

Ah yes - KSCO, whose long-time owner/engineer, the late Vern Berlin.
was colloquially known as "The Radio Sheriff of Santa Cruz". Anyone
do anything that wasn't kosher - bang, here comes the phone call
from Vern. IIRC he was an olde-tymer ham as well.

He's been gone for many years now.

But yes, the multi-tower array is in a salt marsh (protected
wetland) and the radials dribble off into the water. The use of a
120-radial counterpoise ground of proper length gives some stability
to the antenna impedance and to the vertical pattern which is
important in MF work because of night-time sky-wave factors.

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73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane

847. Re: Renewed my license "on-line", only took 4 Hours

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-11 18:54:11 UTC
From: Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
Message-ID: <cuvyxnansvbet.hhv9g1d.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 70671

On Fri, 11 Jul 2003 10:38:32 -0400, Arnie Macy wrote:

>I don't use a second line for my modem. I have online answering, so if I
>"really" want to take the call I will.

That never worked here. And as I said, I kept the system on line
24/7 because of real-time updating the home office workstation to
and from the office server and instant e-mail connection.

As you know, Arnie, when HQ calls they expect you to be there on
the other end. I thought that I was finished with that when I
retired from the Feds but my private-practice clients expected no
less.

>That said, I was never all that
>impressed with the difference in speed -- other than for downloads. Regular
>surfing, NGs etc are close to the same for my system.

You apparently never had to download massive files. I frequently
had to download 150-300 MB worth of data bases or operating
system updates from IBM - "fixpacks" which are cumulative even
though only 10-20 MB of files are changed in each round.

The difference between "56K" running at 40K and the near-T1 speed of
a cable modem download has to be seen to be appreciated. It makes
the difference between doing it overnight or doing it while I go
get a cold drink from the 'fridge.

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73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane

848. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-11 18:54:11 UTC
From: Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
Message-ID: <cuvyxnansvbet.hhvacle.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 70673

On 11 Jul 2003 05:30:06 -0700, Brian wrote:

>Please cite the manual giving explicit directions for gaining
>permission to operate amateur radio in a country w/o a government, and
>now without an occupying military force that has jurisdiction over my
>person.

Ah, effendi, you are starting to understand.

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73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane

849. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-11 19:08:31 UTC
From: Dwight Stewart <stewart@say.net>
Message-ID: <BB34836E.1E833%stewart@say.net>
Source record: 70674

"Mike Coslo" wrote:

> (snip) Whether or not the Morse Code is an
> anachronism, whether or not it should or
> should not be tested for, the elimination of
> the Morse code test *is* a reduction in the
> amount of knowledge needed for a amateur
> radio license; undeniable unless a person
> wants to look silly.

Isn't Code more of a skill than a knowledge? Any person can look at a piece of paper with a code chart on it and translate code, but that doesn't mean they have the skill to send or receive code over a radio. Wasn't the latter the ultimate purpose of the code test?

Dwight Stewart (W5NET)

http://www.qsl.net/w5net/

850. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-11 19:45:07 UTC
From: Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net>
Message-ID: <67vtgvsuamd3qu2gp6dntf359u1tf6ooga@4ax.com>
Source record: 70861

On Fri, 11 Jul 2003 20:34:35 -0400, "Bill Sohl"
<billsohl@mindspring.com> wrote:

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>"Radio Amateur KC2HMZ" <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net> wrote in message
>news:n1srgvoclbgvdv7fnso1605d4ogdmhed77@4ax.com...
>> On Wed, 9 Jul 2003 23:19:38 -0400, "Bill Sohl"
>> <billsohl@mindspring.com> wrote:
>>
>> >> In a way, I do -- because their lack of desire to operate CW is usually
>> >> based on a lack of willingness to break their inertia and get down to
>> >> learning it. It's called laziness. Yup, that's right -- the "L" word.
>> >> L-A-Z-I-N-E-S-S.
>> >>>Hams who don't care or "don't want" to learn Morse code
>> >> are just plain old LAZY. Period. End of Story. Consider yourself to
>> >> have been grabbed by the collar and beaten with a club called The
>Truth!!!
>> >>
>> >Yes sir, guess my lack of desire to play golf can best be attributed
>> >to a lack of willingness to break my inertia and get down
>> >to learing it. Just my basic laziness I guess...nothing at all
>> >involving there's any personal choice, like or dislike involved.
>> >
>> >Same ole Larry :-)
>>
>> No, Bill - it's the fact that you couldn't find that club called The
>> Truth in your golf bag...even though you left it right there between
>> the three wood and the sand wedge. ;-)
>
>John, are you saying I am lying? If so, based on what?

Lying? Hmmm...actually, Bill, I have no idea if you're lying, sitting,
or standing. I do, however, have a pretty good idea that even if you
do have a golf bag, full of golf clubs, you probably won't find
Larry's club called The Truth therein.

Of course, Larry was talking about an entirely different sort of club,
although a well-aimed hit in the head with a golf club would have
pretty much the same effect as the kind Larry's referring to.

At any rate, you could have a set of golf clubs lying around in the
basement and still have no desire to play the game. The equipment then
simply becomes part of the junk in the basement/garage/closet/attic
that you pay no attention to...kind of like my straight key and
Larry's microphone.

73 DE John, KC2HMZ

851. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-11 19:45:09 UTC
From: Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net>
Message-ID: <s40ugv0e5c3ogqeqrt2c827ullhngbf3q9@4ax.com>
Source record: 70862

On 12 Jul 2003 02:05:48 GMT, yodoc@aol.comnospam (Larry Roll K3LT)
wrote:

>At the risk of sounding Kim-like, ROTFLMAO!!!

Imitation is the sincerest form of flattery, Larry. I think you're in
love with her!

>Were it not for the occasional usefulness of the 2-meter band to
>"real" ham radio operators like you and me, I'd suggest that it be
>separated from the licensing structure and just be given away to
>anyone who can afford a transceiver. Of course, we've already gone
>most of the way to doing just that, and we still don't see any real
>growth in the numbers of licensed amateurs.

Heckuva lot of growth in the number of no-code Techs, though. So if
the total number of hams hasn't increased, the number of hams with the
other classes of license must have decreased accordingly in order to
keep up. Or are guys reverse-upgrading to Technician nowadays?

73 DE John, KC2HMZ

852. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-11 19:45:10 UTC
From: Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net>
Message-ID: <6f0ugvgbret5j6t1q023nfbdb7hblpr8ur@4ax.com>
Source record: 70863

On 12 Jul 2003 03:51:04 GMT, yodoc@aol.comnospam (Larry Roll K3LT)
wrote:

>Well, on behalf of my colleague Dick (that's MISTER Carroll to you, BOY!)
>it's nice to know that we're providing a much needed service to the ARS!

Which would be...?

853. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-11 19:45:10 UTC
From: Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net>
Message-ID: <3j0ugvkfbjqcbdmas9jlmolh2g9iemqcdc@4ax.com>
Source record: 70864

On Sat, 12 Jul 2003 03:38:14 GMT, Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net>
wrote:

> Larry, when you trim all the BS off the no-code position, all that's left is
>that they refuse to even acknowledge that the first existing, most basic mode
>of radiocommunications is even a viable mode of radiocommunications!

When's the last time you took your laundry down to the river? Or do
you refuse to acknowledge that the first existing, most basic method
of getting your clothes clean is even a viable mode of doing so?

On top of which, it requires no expensive washing machine, no
electricity, no knowledge of which cycle to select - why,
it's...it's...

>Much less that it is the simplest, easiest to implement and one of the very
>most efficient modes!

Yeah, that's it...thanks!

> If it weren't so downright silly it'd be funny. But that's what ham radio had
>degenerated into.

If the shoe fits...

>seben trees

Of course...to hang 'em on afterwards so they can dry! :-)

73 DE John, KC2HMZ

854. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-11 19:45:11 UTC
From: Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net>
Message-ID: <ut1ugvkvjjcbs45gn1vo74lt04380hbb4v@4ax.com>
Source record: 70865

On 12 Jul 2003 03:39:36 GMT, yodoc@aol.comnospam (Larry Roll K3LT)
wrote:

>I agree that Morse code proficiency has nothing to do with speaking or
>typing -- but the ability to effectively employ the Morse/CW mode -- at
>speeds greater than 5 WPM -- will keep you communicating when conditions
>prevent you from communicating by voice or digital modes.

I thought CW *is* a digital mode.

>You have done
>nothing but provide personal, anecdotal proof that reducing code testing
>requirements down to a mere 5 WPM maximum was NOT a good thing!

Don't look now, but it's about to get reduced even further, to a zero
WPM maximum. The result will be that there will be fewer and fewer
people on the bands that know any code at all...which means that there
will be fewer and fewer people for you to contact on CW. Unless, of
course, you manage to start convinging some of them that CW is
actually fun to use - and if you keep on going with the same
derogatory comments about no-code hams that you've been treating
people to for at least four years now, you'll have a tough time
getting anyone's attention even if you do decide to try.

>>These days, the vast majority of emergency communications is done on a
>>local basis, primarily on 2m using FM repeaters and simplex. 70cm is
>>probably the next most widely used band for this purpose. Neither is
>>subject to the propagation difficulties often encountered on HF.
>
>True -- when the "emergency" is confined to a small locality and the VHF/
>UHF repeater infrastructure remains intact. However, what if there is a
>widespread disaster -- such as the "Big One" striking the San Andreas fault
>line in California? That will not be a "local" disaster -- it will affect the
>entire country. Vast regions hundreds of miles in radius will be affected,
>and the commercial communications and existing Amateur Radio
>infrastructures and the power grids they depend on will be disrupted for
>God only knows how long. At that point, we could be talking about areas
>with populations of hundreds of thousands of people being out of
>communication with the area "outside" the disaster zone. Communications
>nets spanning many times the normal operational range of terresterial
>VHF/UHF systems will be necessary -- and don't look now, but we're
>coming to the downside of the solar cycle -- meaning poor propagation.
>I guarantee you that there will be lots of opportunities for No-Code HF
>Ham Heroes to help out, but when conditions dictate the use of CW, in
>order to be able to communicate when voice and data modes fail due to
>lack of available electrical power or poor atmospherics, that capability

>will not be available because it will not have been learned. That's when
>some guy like me will enter the picture, and say, "Step aside, Sonny,
>and take your toy microphone with you."

No, that's when FEMA and the U.S. military will start shipping in
trailerloads of frequency-agile communications equipment - yes, VOICE
communications equipment including portable repeater systems, mobile
and handheld radios, and...aw, what the heck, you have Internet access
same as I do. Check out what the SHARES program is all about.

>Then he'll plug in his key and
>re-establish contact with the outside world.

With no electrical power? I think he'll need to plug in a lot more
than a key.

>Of course, you will never
>be convinced that that could happen -- so you'll just have to hope it doesn't.

Oh, I'm sure "the big one" could happen. I just don't think we agree
on what the needed response from the amateur community will be.
Furthermore, since I live in New York and you live in Delaware, it
doesn't matter what either of us expects. What matters is what the
ARES/RACES ops in the affected area will be expecting, based on what
the officials from their served agencies tell them they'll be asked to
do...unless you plan to hop on your horse and ride to California when
it happens - packing a QRP CW rig, a battery, and a few hundred feet
of wire, of course - in which case they may just stop you at the state
line and tell you to get lost.

>In the meantime, I'll be ready!

Is there a fault line in Delaware that I don't know about? :-)

>Well, unfortunately, there are lots of new Ham Heroes who believe
>precisely that, and they belive that their possession of the HT and
>650 mAh battery pack makes them a "real" ham radio operator!

The fact that their licenses say "Amateur Radio License" on them, same
as yours and mine, makes them "real" ham radio operators (assuming
they spelled their names right on their applications and thus don't
have an invalid license). How prepared they are for emergency
operation is another matter entirely.

>I don't think anyone's going to confuse emergency communications with
>anything enjoyable. However, in order to have total communications
>capability, leaving out Morse/CW capability just doesn't make sense to me.

Hmmmm...it made sense to the Coast Guard when it became clear that
they were better off using NAVTEX. USCG doesn't use CW anymore.
Somehow, I doubt that the rest of Homeland Security considers them any
less of a "real" organization because of that.

>We're going the wrong way on that, and the only reason for it is because
>people these days are just too damn LAZY to learn a useful communications
>skill.

Lots of people these days are learning lots of useful communications skills, Larry. Some even invent brand new ones once in awhile. The bottom line is, there is more than one way to skin a cat (so to speak), and as long as the message gets through, it really doesn't matter whether it went by CW, SSB, packet, PSK31, SSTV, or for that matter, by carrier pigeon.

Hmmm...my late paternal grandfather raised pigeons as a hobby. Makes me wonder if he thought the mailman was lazy.

>End of story.

But Larry, the story hasn't even *started* yet!

73 DE John, KC2HMZ

855. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-11 19:45:13 UTC
From: Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net>
Message-ID: <qu3ugvsab282f93n805pl9muksloje2ub3@4ax.com>
Source record: 70866

On Fri, 11 Jul 2003 10:48:21 -0600, JJ <radiobuff0@mailcity.moc>
wrote:

>John, you have to realize that Larry and his huge ego are just
>waiting for the above scenario to happen so he can "save the
>world" with his CW skills. He is in complete denial that when this
>big disaster happens, he and his CW skills will mean nothing.

Actually, Larry could be quite correct. Nonetheless, code testing as a licensing requirement appears on the verge of going the way of the auk, the Edsel, and point-to-point wiring in commercial radio gear. One of the other regulars in this NG likes to comment that the plug is about to be pulled on the government life support system, or words to that effect, which is that person's way of saying that those who have a genuine interest in the use of the mode had better start thinking about finding another way to get people interested in learning the code if they want the use of Morse to continue to be a part of the hobby. Telling people they are lazy if they've chosen not to learn it is not going to do the trick.

>I can just see him waving his code key shouting "I can save the day
>with my CW" at the officials who will laugh their ass off at him.

One could be waving state-of-the-art voice communications gear and get the same reaction. That's why it's important for ham radio emergency communications groups to establish a good relationship with the emergency management officials in the areas they serve *before* disaster strikes. Once the proverbial merde hits the proverbial ventillateur, the folks running the served agencies will be too busy to listen to explanations. I'm sure most of us know how it goes, or can at least imagine - when you are up to your keister in alligators, it's easy to forget that the initial objective was to drain the swamp.

>I have been a ham for over forty years, have participated in many
>disaster situations, and I have never seen conditions where CW
>was the only means of communication that would get through, even
>at the bottom of the solar cycles. Guys like Larry live in a "I am
>superior to you because of my CW skills" dream world.

Despite that, I've no doubt that it's possible for such conditions to exist. The point that I think Larry and numerous others in the hobby seem to be missing is that this is a diversified hobby with a lot of different and equally interesting facets, of which CW is just one. I'm not about to ridicule anyone because they enjoy communicating with CW. However, I also don't think it's right to ridicule people who do not.

73 DE John, KC2HMZ

856. Re: More on Broadband over Power Lines (BLP)

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-11 19:57:24 UTC
From: Dan/W4NTI <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com>
Message-ID: <ben4no$en2$1@slb0.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 70675
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,alt.ham-radio.vhf-uhf

"Dwight Stewart" <stewart@say.net> wrote in message
news:BB3233E1.1E545%stewart@say.net...
> "Dan/W4NTI" wrote:
> >
> > Its all hype Dwight. Ask the brits what it
> > sounds like. At 3 meters it is 30db over S9.
> > So if your in the house, or next door, or down
> > the street, or if the band is open, on the
> > next continent....you aint gonna hear nothing
> > but trash.
>
>
> Man, that sucks. I suspected that might be the case. In the last place I
> lived, I had a nearby transformer that absolutely raised heck on the
radio.
> However, someone else was obviously bothered by it also - someone shot it
> full of holes one evening. Anyway, if the normal devices can do that on
> their own, signals carried over or through those devices is almost certain
> to cause problems.
>
>
> Dwight Stewart (W5NET)
>
> http://www.qsl.net/w5net/
>

BINGO !!!!!

Dan/W4NTI

857. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-11 20:01:28 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307111201.6c37b307@posting.google.com>
Source record: 70676

"Arnie Macy" <kt4st@csam.net> wrote in message
news:<bemhmb$5oq0t$1@ID-166180.news.uni-berlin.de>...
> "Brian" wrote ...
>
> Bill, welp, I brought out the fine-toothed comb and swept it through the
> citation. Nowhere did I pick up the words "reduced technical material" or
> anything remotely like it. Exams that "Rationally and Directly relate to
> priveleges" could be quite difficult, making some of these long-time hams
> glad that retesting isn't required every 10 years. It is a PCTA ploy that
> they continue to cry for no exams. Since we won't let them take their ball
> and go home, they want to damage the ARS for all. They're tring to scuttle
> the ship rather than let it fall into unworthy hands.
> ____
>
> "This will permit a practical combination of existing study guides and
> testing materials to be used until such time as such materials are REVISED
> and will result in REASONABLE tests for the three new classes of license
> contemplated in these comments."

Arenie, does REVISED and REASONABLE mean "reduced technical material"
to you?

I guess if we asked for UNREASONABLE exams, that would make you
happier?

Probably not, but your intention is restore an UNREVISED amateur
service, which you aren't going to get.

> First, please show me where I said that NCI wants to END testing.

You did not, but chimed in when (see subject header) other PCTA were
suggesting "No Test International."

You can't
> because I never said it.

See above. Become enlightened.

Second, please explain what "revised" and
> "reasonable" mean within the context of the above quote from NCI? (that you
> conveniently snipped from my answer)

I read it in its entirety then stated that "Exams that "Rationally and
Directly relate to priveleges" could be quite difficult..."

If I didn't mean that, why would I state it?

You're welcome to repost it if you think I changed the context.

Does it mean that NCI wants to make
> the test MORE difficult? Even a blind man could see where this is going.
>
> Arnie -

Arnie, it means an exam level of difficulty commensurate with
priveleges, not punitive exams for the pleasure of those who want
Morse testing.

Brian

858. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-11 20:06:18 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307111206.16e3e2e8@posting.google.com>
Source record: 70677

"Arnie Macy" <kt4st@csam.net> wrote in message
news:<bemh79$6qi0q$1@ID-166180.news.uni-berlin.de>...
> "Bill Sohl" wrote ...
>
> Well Arnie, nice of you to take my text out of context. You try to imply
> by my stating the obvious, that I am saying we should end tests and that is
> BUNK. The point I was making was simply that even a multiple choice test is
> sufficient a barrier to keep 99% of the population from even considering
> becoming a ham... that said, the statement does not then lead to any
> position or support by me of ending written testing.
> ----------
>
> "Not so fast there, Brian. NCI has been on the record as saying that the
> tests should be made less technical. Not a far leap at all to presume they
> will try and "dumb" them down even more." - Arnie (7-8-2003)
>
> Once again, I have been accused of saying that NCI wants to END testing.
> Never said it. BRIAN said it, then tried to attribute it to me.

I absolutely did NOT say it, and I think a review of the posts over
the last few days will make it clear which of the PCTA are the
culprits. You're merely guilty of chiming in at the wrong time.

What I
> said (above) and stand by, is that NCI is in favor of less technical tests.
> They would favor written tests that concentrate more on rules and operating
> skills and less on knowing the alpha of a bipolar transistor.
>
> Arnie -
> KT4ST

And you have yet to cite where NCI has stated that they favor less
technical tests.

Good luck, Brian

859. Re: Fight the BPL

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-11 20:06:27 UTC
From: Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
Message-ID: <cuvyxnansvbet.hhvbgxf.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 70678
Cross-posted to:
rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.swap

On Fri, 11 Jul 2003 14:26:49 GMT, Dick Carroll wrote:

>> >I still hear maritime telephone service on 8 MHz USB.\
>
>In the Sat-com age??? How Luddite can you get???

You obvioulsly don't own stock in ARINC or Globe Wireless....

As I pointed out earlier, INMARSAT is great until the bill shows up -
the cost is out in deep space (pardon the pun).

Wanna talk about Luddite methods of communication? How 'bout
per-message traffic handling by CW ????

>> Not by KFS/KPH, though. AT&T closed their SF HF station (KMI) a
>> couple of years ago so I don't know who is furnishing that service
>> now. It may be ARINC (Aeronautical Radio, Inc) which is big in HF
>> SSB. I'll try to find out.

"My guy" says that it could be ARINC filling in the gap that ATT
left, or it could be WLO, the maritime public coast station in
Mobile, AL which also remote-controls KLB, the coast station in
Seattle, WA.

>> >Also in-flight comms over oceans are done with HF.
>>
>> That's ARINC.
>
>Last time I flew to Seattle aboard a 757 I stuck my GPS up to the
>window and read out the aircraft speed....526MPH.

>Seems like they could use a more upscale comm system aboard planes
>when such technology is that common.

GPS and INMARSAT are common on newer aircraft. So is Air-Ground
Phone dial-up service (put your plastic into the slot in front of
your seat). Just wait 'till the bill shows up.

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73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane

860. Re: More on Broadband over Power Lines (BLP)

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-11 20:06:28 UTC
From: Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
Message-ID: <cuvyxnansvbet.hhvc4jg.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 70679

On 11 Jul 2003 07:56:06 -0700, Brian Kelly wrote:

>I can visualize this phase being a real nit-picking and repositioning
>exercise, perhaps a source of fodder for appeals.

Yup. Maybe that's why there are some 3000 communication attornies
in the Washington DC area (and one in Beaverton).
>
>What's the relationship between an NOI and an NPRM? Doesn't the FCC
>eventually have to publish an NPRM and go thru the whole comments and
>rebuttals drill again?

Only if they decide to do it by a "publicly debated" rule change.

If they want to be sneaky (assuming that they have this much
imagination - Hey, Bill, pay attention - they can issue an Order and
Further Notice of Inquiry, dropping Element 1 and asking for further
input on Novice HF Refarming. (AKA "The SmokeScreen")

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73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane

861. Re: The Pool

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-11 20:06:28 UTC
From: Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
Message-ID: <cuvyxnansvbet.hhvczqh.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 70680

On 11 Jul 2003 09:27:27 -0700, N2EY wrote:

>One of FCC's biggest headaches in the avocational-radio area is the
>pirate/freebander/bootlegger, who simply ignores FCC rules and goes on
>the air using whatever mode/frequency/power/equipment/ID strikes their
>fancy. Enforcement agains such folks is more challenging because
>they're not in the database and they don't really care about "the
>rules" anyway.
>
>This is not a new problem - the FCC rules about RF power amplifiers
>covering 12 and 10 meters were a response to these folks and the
>manufacturers who sold to them, not any problem in ham radio. Those
>rules date from 1978.

This sort of thing was debated amongst the cognoscenti in the hard times before the CB license was abandoned by pressure from the Ford Administration (Remember "First Momma" Betty Ford ??). Here are some scenarios:

Imagined Scenario #1

Judge to Prosecutor - "What has this defendant violated?"

Prosecutor to Judge - "He operated a transmitter without a license"

Judge to Prosecutor - "Is there anything barring him from getting a license?"

Prosecutor to Judge - "No, your honor"

Judge to Prosecutor - "Will he be legal when he gets one?"

Prosecutor to Judge - "Yes, your honor"

Prosecutor to Defendant - "I order you to get a license. Next Case"

Imagined Scenario #2:

Congress to FCC - "What is your number one headache that is costing a lot of money?"

FCC to Congress - "Tracking down and punishing all the unlicensed CB operators"

Congress to FCC - "Well, just drop the CB license requirement. Then you won't have an "unlicensed" CB operator problem any more"

Unfortunately, both of them were real and the FCC did the latter.

>Perhaps FCC figures that if they make it easier to get an amateur
>license, there will be more hams and fewer
>pirates/freebanders/bootleggers. And if they get out of line,
>enforcement will be easier.

Not at all. It's the same amount of work to DF the bozo, and the
penalty phase is just as difficult.

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73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane

862. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-11 20:06:28 UTC
From: Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
Message-ID: <cuvyxnansvbet.hhvdkfi.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 70682

On 11 Jul 2003 09:55:05 -0700, Brian wrote:

>> This whole flap has been based on the "need" for the FCC to bail away
>> from the labor (cost) associated with governing the code tests,
>> dealing with waivers, the VEs on code test issues, etc. and nothing
>> more.
>
>Do you have an FCC policy letter stating that?

(a) Every FCC-watcher in the last 15 years knows that from public statements made by top brass (especially Reed Hundt) about cost-cutting.

(b) There was an internal policy memo circulated to staff talking about the need to privatize as many functions as possible in order to cut agency spending. This was not made public and is not available under FOIA because it dealt strictly with internal management issues. I did not retain a copy of same (because to do so would have been illegal).

(c) Every FCC-watcher in the last 15 years recognizes that in every "privitization" move by the FCC - or else they should be in some other line of work.

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73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane

863. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-11 20:06:29 UTC
From: Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
Message-ID: <cuvyxnansvbet.hhvdxuj.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 70681

On Fri, 11 Jul 2003 11:29:41 -0400, Mike Coslo wrote:

>Last time I checked, we were allowed to voice our opinions. No one
>doubts it will be dropped, but we don't have to like it.
>
In the spirit of "privitization", why don't you and some
like-dedicated folks set up a table at some place and run code
tests, granting an appropriate certificate for whatever speed the
passer-by ham copies.

Oh, I'm sorry - the "anti-code-test" ARRL has already done it. It's
called the Code Proficiency Award, instead of the CSRC or whatever
the VEs used to call theirs.

I'll have to find my certificate somewhere so I can put a few
higher-speed stickers on it when the time comes.

--
73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane
ARRL Life Member

864. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-11 20:12:16 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307111212.71420a6e@posting.google.com>
Source record: 70683

"Arnie Macy" <kt4st@csam.net> wrote in message
news:<bedltr$3nt3g$1@ID-166180.news.dfncis.de>...
> "Penny Traytion" wrote ...
>
> No Test International.
>
> ----------
>
> Dang it, Penny. You took my answer. ;-)
>
> Arnie -
> KT4ST
>
> Member of "Know Code" International

Dang it!

It would appear that Arnie -almost- authored "No Test International,"
as the next step for NCI, but Penetration stole his answer.

But he was thinking it. He says so above. He denies it elsewhere.

bb

865. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-11 20:16:07 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307111216.415cbdb6@posting.google.com>
Source record: 70684

yodoc@aol.comnospam (Larry Roll K3LT) wrote in message
news:<20030710220828.14837.00001302@mb-m03.aol.com>...
> In article <f45722ac.0307091240.3e72fac1@posting.google.com>,
> brianburke@juno.com (Brian) writes:
>
> >> Dan:
> >>
> >> The problem with that is, if Carl Stevenson's brain were composed of
> >> Semtex, he couldn't blow his nose!
> >>
> >> 73 de Larry, K3LT
> >
> >True, voluntary motor skills wouldn't be supported by the substitution
> >of semtex for brain matter.
> >
> >bb
>
> True. Moreover, if Carl's brain were composed of Semtex, I should hope
> that he would not want to blow this nose!
>
> In any event, I like Carl, so I'm glad that his brain is just the way it is!
>
> 73 de Larry, K3LT

Agreed. Brian

866. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-11 21:18:49 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com>
Message-ID: <ZQFPa.160$IL.17809@nnrp1.ptd.net>
Source record: 70687

"Arnie Macy" <kt4st@csam.net> wrote in message
news:bemh79$6qi0q$1@ID-166180.news.uni-berlin.de...
> "Bill Sohl" wrote ...
>
> Well Arnie, nice of you to take my text out of context. You try to imply
> by my stating the obvious, that I am saying we should end tests and that
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> BUNK. The point I was making was simply that even a multiple choice test
is
> sufficient a barrier to keep 99% of the population from even considering
> becoming a ham... that said, the statement does not then lead to any
> position or support by me of ending written testing.
>

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> "Not so fast there, Brian. NCI has been on the record as saying that the
> tests should be made less technical. Not a far leap at all to presume
they
> will try and "dumb" them down even more." - Arnie (7-8-2003)

Arnie ... your statement is JUST PLAIN FALSE. NCI has NEVER said
any such thing.

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Carl R. Stevenson - wk3c
Grid Square FN20fm
http://home.ptd.net/~wk3c

NCI-1052
Executive Director, No Code International
Fellow, The Radio Club of America
Senior Member, IEEE
Member, IEEE Standards Association
Chair, IEEE 802.18 Radio Regulatory Technical Advisory Group
Member, Wi-Fi Alliance Spectrum Committee
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867. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-11 21:24:18 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com>
Message-ID: <6WFPa.161$IL.17874@nnrp1.ptd.net>
Source record: 70688

"Mike Coslo" <mjc5@psu.edu> wrote in message
news:3F0ED7E5.2090208@psu.edu...
> Carl R. Stevenson wrote:
>
> >
> > I fail to find the humor ... it must be you. Having been licensed for
> > over 25 years, having learned Morse, passed a test (albeit 5 wpm,
> > but my skill increased as I *used* it in the early days), then losing
> > interest in using Morse, seeing Morse keep many of my engineering
> > colleagues from becoming hams over the years, and being involved
> > in this issue for a number of years, both before the FCC and in the
> > WRC prep process, I knew all the background, the issues, the US
> > position, etc. I also knew the postions of many/most other
> > administrations and regional groups. What's so funny about that?
>
> I await the influx of all these engineers and the advances they will
> bring Amateur Radio.
>
> Did anyone seriously say they were really interested in Ham radio, but
> the Morse Code test kept them out? just har dto imagine that someone
> really interested would do that.

I have reported that, in my over 32 years in the RF communications
business, I have worked with MANY very competent engineers who
would be interested in ham radio, but can't/won't be bothered with
wasting their time jumping through a silly Morse code "hoop."

Some have become hams since they could get meaningful HF privs
for "only" 5 wpm ... I'm sure that more will once they can do the
same without having to waste their time on even 5 wpm ... these
are folks that could pass a technical test well beyond the Extra.
Do you doubt that, even without Morse proficiency, they could/would
make good hams and could contribute to the service?

> > The Morse requirement is GONE from the ITU Radio Regs ...
administrations
> > are free to drop Morse testing (many are planning to do so with
surprising
> > rapidity ... we in the US are used to government moving slowly, so the
speed
> > with which some administratons plan to allow access to HF by no-code
hams
> > seems surprising to us ...)
> >
> > These are facts that you can't change, so I suggest you simply learn to

live
> > with them.
>
>
> Last time I checked, we were allowed to voice our opinions. No one
> doubts it will be dropped, but we don't have to like it.

I'm not saying you have to *like* it ... just that your disapproval of the facts won't change them and suggesting that you stop "crying over spilled milk." :-)

Carl - wk3c

868. Re: Is There ANY Recourse re. FCC & Dropping CW?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-11 21:52:08 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com>
Message-ID: <ckGPa.166$lL.17335@nnrp1.ptd.net>
Source record: 70689

"N2EY" <N2EY@AOL.COM> wrote in message
news:c2356669.0307110959.7882bfbd@posting.google.com...
> "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> wrote in message
news:<PCoPa.74$lL.7697@nnrp1.ptd.net>...
> > "N2EY" <n2ey@aol.com> wrote in message
> > news:20030710194147.18497.00001244@mb-m05.aol.com...
> > > In article <5WfPa.14$lL.1567@nnrp1.ptd.net>, "Carl R. Stevenson"
> > > <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> writes:
> > >
> > > ><clutch@lycos.com> wrote in message
> > > >news:vgqqb3drvfar09@corp.supernews.com...
> > > >>
> > > >> FWIW, I support keeping the code in and I am a technician that is
> > > >> trying hard to learn this. Code still has a use and it makes one
> > > >> commit effort to upgrade to higher classes.
> > > >
> > > >"Making one commit effort" is not a legitimate regulatory purpose
> > > >for the FCC.
> > >
> > > Then why all the different classes of license?
> >
> > Different levels of knowledge, of course.
>
> Why do such different levels of knowledge need to be tested? FCC sez a
> Tech is qualified to use any authorized mode/power anywhere on the 2
> meter band - but nowhere on the 20 meter band. Code test or no code
> test. Why does 20 meters require more technical competency than 2
> meters? Why does 14.020 require more technical competency than 14.030?
>
> Yes, there's rules, regs and propagation. But the General and Extra
> tests cover a lot more than those three things. The written test
> system we have now, and which we have had for decades, FORCES more
> technical stuff on prospective hams whether they want it, need it, or
> plan to use it, or not.

See 97.1 ... basis and purpose ... the ARS is supposed to promote
technical self-education and experimentation. While it is still sort of
"incentive licensing," using the "carrot" of increased privs on HF is
the FCC's way of promoting that goal.

Also, as I pointed out ... Techs on VHF/UHF stand less of a
chance of causing worldwide interference problems than folks
on HF (and the FCC doesn't like to have to deal with complaints
from other administrations ...)

>
> > Many people already
> > HAVE the technical knowledge to pass the written tests with ease.
>
> And many do not. For non-technical types, learning the written
> material can require quite a bit of effort. It took me far longer to
> learn the written material than the code way back when. Heck, I was
> licensed and on the air long before school got around to things like
> electricity and basic trigonometry, let alone how even the simplest
> radios work.

However, learning that material at least is in line with 97.1's goals.
Learning how to encode/decode Morse with one's "wetware"
doesn't fall in the same ballpark.

> > The issue is that SOME people think that those who are in that
> > position "should be made to expend some (additional) effort" to
> > get their ham license (they ignore the effort ALREADY spent in
> > acquiring the aforementioned knowledge).
>
> Call that the "ante" effect.

It's not a game of poker ... you either know the material or you don't
and it is not a legitimate purpose of regulation to "make you work xxx
amount to get a license." If someone has to work to learn the material
that's legitimately required, so be it ... if they already know it and don't
have to put forth any (further) effort to learn it, so be it, too.

[snippage]

> > The point goes back to Garry Coffman's statement of some years ago
> > (where is Garry anyway? anybody know?) to the effect that too many
> > people view the license as a "graduation certificate" rather than the
entry
> > permit into a lifelong learning experience.
>
> I'm not one of those people.
>
> > And too many people value the
> > license for what they had to do to get it, rather than what it allows
them
> > to do.
>
> It is simply human nature not to value highly what is acquired easily.

I worked hard for many years to gain the technical knowledge and
skills I have ... the fact that I didn't have to put forth additional
effort to pass the extra test doesn't devalue what the license allows
me to do one iota.

> But let's talk about this "graduation" thing. In a way, a license IS a
> "diploma" or "graduation certificate" - it says you have met the
> requirements for that level of privileges. It does NOT say you know

> everything there is to know about the subjects covered, or that your
> education is complete. Just that you met the minimum requirements.

OK ... goes to the old joke, "What do you call the guy who finished
at the bottom of his class in medical school?" (Doctor)

Hams will have different levels of technical knowledge and skills,
depending on whether they are engineers, plumbers, cab drivers,
etc. (Though there is nothing preventing an interested, intelligent
cab driver from studying on his own and achieving a high level of
technical knowledge and skill.)

> So you would either beef up (pun intended) the Tech written or lower
> the Tech power level. (I think the latter is more reasonable, btw)

If it were up to me *personally*, I would reduce the power limit for
techs to something around 50W ... those that simply operate commercial
radios wouldn't really be affected, those who have the skill and knowledge
to build higher powered rigs for things like EME, tropscatter, etc. should
have no problem passing at least the General written.

> > Other than that flaw (IMHO, it's a flaw and the
> > power limit should be more in line with the technical knowledge required
> > for the license), I'm content with the tests we have today ... they are
> > "entry level" for the priveleges granted.
>
> Still doesn't explain why we need the Extra, or even most of the
> General.

If you don't get why the FCC uses the "carrot" to promote 97.1
I doubt I can explain it in a way that will cause you to get it.

I strongly suspect that you actually *do* get it, but simply wish
to be contrarian about it because it suits your purpose ... which
appears to be to attempt to justify forcing Morse on everyone
"just because the technical stuff is forced on everyone" (or something
to that effect.

> > I think that the FCC uses HF as a "carrot" to induce folks to learn more
> > about radio
>
> Ah - a "carrot" to get them to "jump through the hoop" of more written
> testing. Or, to put it another way, it's OK to force people to learn
> lots more written-test material, whether or not they are interested,
> in order to grant them an HF license, but it's not OK to force people
> to learn even a very basic level of Morse code/CW, whether or not they
> are interested, in order to grant them an HF license.

Back to 97.1 ...

> Seems like a contradiction, since the Tech written test is obviously
> adequate for all VHF/UHF modes and frequencies.
>

> >... and that they are more comfortable with Tech privs because
> > propagation generally limits the ability for Techs to cause interference
> > beyond
> > our borders. (note I said "generally")
>
> Sure - but at the same time, VHF/UHF is where many if not most of the
> public safety services are. Interference with those services can
> easily cost lives.

But I would wager that the vast majority of techs use store-bought rigs
(and with today's interated circuits, SMT manufacturing, etc, they are
generally VERY reliable, statistically-speaking)

[snip]

> As for technical contributions, the writtens cover a wide variety of
> subjects at a very basic level. Meaning you have to know a little bit
> about a lot of things to pass, but knowing a lot about a few things
> doesn't help you.
>
> The person who is really interested in, say, antenna systems, is
> forced to learn all sorts of stuff about other subjects to pass the
> written tests - stuff that he/she may never use and isn't interested
> in. Stuff which is not needed for the proper and legal operation of an
> amateur station. Sounds like a hoop-jump.

Sounds like sour grapes because your favorite mode is no longer
going to be on government life support.

73,
Carl - wk3c

869. Re: Fight the BPL

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-11 21:54:33 UTC
From: Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net>
Message-ID: <3F0F320A.70262255@att.net>
Source record: 70690
Cross-posted to:
rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.swap

Phil Kane wrote:

> On Fri, 11 Jul 2003 14:26:49 GMT, Dick Carroll wrote:
>
> >> >I still hear maritime telephone service on 8 MHz USB.\
> > >
> > >In the Sat-com age??? How Luddite can you get???
> >
> > You obvioulsly don't own stock in ARINC or Globe Wireless....
> >
> > As I pointed out earlier, INMARSAT is great until the bill shows up -
> > the cost is out in deep space (pardon the pun).
> >

It's the same factor that kept the Interstate Police HF Radiotelegraph Net in operation into the early 70's even though wireline teletype had fully matured many decades earlier. The cost of dedicated wire lines, monopolized by one AT&T in those days, was just too high to justify. Plus some states and others hired personnel to do "double duty" with both commercial radiotelegraph operators and radidotelephone operators licenses so that they could handle interstate and
interdepartmental Morse messages, operate the voice dispatch centers, and do low echelon radio maintenance as circumstances demanded. Of course it's all gone now.

> > Wanna talk about Luddite methods of communication? How 'bout
> > per-message traffic handling by CW ????
> >

Evidently you've never observed a veteran, skilled CW message handler at work. Many would have given any voice traffic handling system a real competitive time of it, and some hams still do.

> > >> Not by KFS/KPH, though. AT&T closed their SF HF station (KMI) a
> > >> couple of years ago so I don't know who is furnishing that service
> > >> now. It may be ARINC (Aeronautical Radio, Inc) which is big in HF
> > >> SSB. I'll try to find out.
> >
> > "My guy" says that it could be ARINC filling in the gap that ATT
> > left, or it could be WLO, the maritime public coast station in
> > Mobile, AL which also remote-controls KLB, the coast station in
> > Seattle, WA.
> >

> >> >Also in-flight comms over oceans are done with HF.
> >>
> >> That's ARINC.
> >
> >Last time I flew to Seattle aboard a 757 I stuck my GPS up to the
> >window and read out the aircraft speed....526MPH.
>
> >Seems like they could use a more upscale comm system aboard planes
> >when such technology is that common.
>
> GPS and INMARSAT are common on newer aircraft. So is Air-Ground
> Phone dial-up service (put your plastic into the slot in front of
> your seat). Just wait 'till the bill shows up.

In 1972 I worked Bill Leonard, W2SKE, the TV news veteran, on 2 meters simplex when I heard him calling CQ /aeronauticala mobile. He was on a jetliner 30 m inutes out of Dallas at 30K feet headed for New York City, using a rig identical to the one I was using mobile at the time- a Drake TR22. All of a watt and a half on each end. He said he was holding his up to the window of the Boeing 707 (in the days prior to the banning of such operation) Our path didn't last long but we sure had a good noise quiet QSO while it did.
THAT was some pretty simple, inexepensive, unsophisticated but very workable technology. Looks to me that sometimes high-tech can get in the way of getting things done. But it's SACRED, and almost sacreligious to make such a statement.

870. Commenting on RM-10740 Wi Fi SSB and AM

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-11 22:10:26 UTC
From: Robert Casey <wa2ise@ix.netcom.com>
Message-ID: <3F0F35D2.5060003@ix.netcom.com>
Source record: 70691

Go to
http://gullfoss2.fcc.gov/prod/ecfs/upload_v2.cgi
and you need to type in "RM-10740" with the dash, else the
FCC's system doesn't recognize what you're talking about.

Also, none of the FCC's search engines seem to know what
"RM-10740" is. Really stupid system.....

871. Re: Renewed my license "on-line", only took 4 Hours

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-11 22:23:03 UTC
From: Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net>
Message-ID: <3F0F38B8.F8559DCC@att.net>
Source record: 70692

Phil Kane wrote:

> On Fri, 11 Jul 2003 10:38:32 -0400, Arnie Macy wrote:
>
> >I don't use a second line for my modem. I have online answering, so if I
> >"really" want to take the call I will.
>
> That never worked here. And as I said, I kept the system on line
> 24/7 because of real-time updating the home office workstation to
> and from the office server and instant e-mail connection.
>
> As you know, Arnie, when HQ calls they expect you to be there on
> the other end. I thought that I was finished with that when I
> retired from the Feds but my private-practice clients expected no
> less.
>
> >That said, I was never all that
> >impressed with the difference in speed -- other than for downloads. Regular
> >surfing, NGs etc are close to the same for my system.
>
> You apparently never had to download massive files. I frequently
> had to download 150-300 MB worth of data bases or operating
> system updates from IBM - "fixpacks" which are cumulative even
> though only 10-20 MB of files are changed in each round.
>
> The difference between "56K" running at 40K and the near-T1 speed of
> a cable modem download has to be seen to be appreciated. It makes
> the difference between doing it overnight or doing it while I go
> get a cold drink from the 'fridge.

I just finished reading a news article about how a new online scam is using
computers that stay online with broadband connections as host servers to serve
porn rings. The scammers download their webpages to your computer and then direct
users to your machine instead of theirs. Helps them dodge ID and shutdown by
their own ISP's. Meanwhile it's all transparent to the computers owners.
Evidently this is something new or just now being recognized.
It says one should use a firewall to prevent it all.....

872. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-11 22:23:49 UTC
From: Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net>
Message-ID: <3F0F38E8.53AF66FD@att.net>
Source record: 70693

Phil Kane wrote:

> On 11 Jul 2003 05:30:06 -0700, Brian wrote:
>
> >Please cite the manual giving explicit directions for gaining
> >permission to operate amateur radio in a country w/o a government, and
> >now without an occupying military force that has jurisdiction over my
> >person.
>
> Ah, effendi, you are starting to understand.
>
> -

Verily, I truly doubt it.

873. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-11 22:25:44 UTC
From: kelly@dvol.com
Message-ID: <d22b54c3.0307111425.4c1fa58b@posting.google.com>
Source record: 70694

"Phil Kane" <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop> wrote in message
news:<cuvyxnansvbet.hhvacle.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>...
> On 11 Jul 2003 05:30:06 -0700, Brian wrote:
>
> >Please cite the manual giving explicit directions for gaining
> >permission to operate amateur radio in a country w/o a government, and
> >now without an occupying military force that has jurisdiction over my
> >person.
>
> Ah, effendi, you are starting to understand.

That would be a milestone.

874. existing plc qrn?? or something else?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-11 22:30:26 UTC
From: David Robbins <k1ttt@arrl.net>
Message-ID: <3LqdnVRgpOAep5KiRTvUqA@crocker.com>
Source record: 70695

i know there are some power line communications systems in use out there. remote reading power meters, home computer networks over existing power wires, even x10 stuff puts signals over the power line. i have been hearing a noise that i just can't identify, i have narrowed the source down to an area of 3 or 4 houses about 1/2 mile away from my station, but need to build a directional antenna to get it down closer. the real question is what might i be looking for????

recording at: http://www.k1ttt.net/audio/rfi4125AM.wav
this recording was made at about the loudest peak i found at 4125khz, AM mode, 6khz wide filter. as you can hear it is a pulsing about 2 or 3 beats per second. this noise repeats at irregular intervals from at least 3410 to 4365 roughly every 30-60khz, in between the peaks there is virtually no trace of it. the pulsing is not in sync on all the peaks. to me this sounds like a multiple carrier fdm power line modem, but what kind of device would be available that operates in this frequency range?? does anyone know of a source of a noise like this??

875. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-11 22:50:58 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
Message-ID: <3F0F3F77.5050403@adelphia.net>
Source record: 70696

Alun Palmer wrote:
> Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu> wrote in news:3F0ED7E5.2090208@psu.edu:
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>
>>Carl R. Stevenson wrote:
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>>
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>>>my skill increased as I *used* it in the early days), then losing
>>>interest in using Morse, seeing Morse keep many of my engineering
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>>>etc. I also knew the postions of many/most other administrations and
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>>bring Amateur Radio.
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>> Did anyone seriously say they were really interested in Ham radio,
>> but
>>the Morse Code test kept them out? just har dto imagine that someone
>>really interested would do that.
>>
>
>
> As an engineer myself, I can verfiy that lots of engineers have told me
> exactly that. Whether they would get a licence once code testing is
> abolished might be another matter.

You're right about that last part. Kind of like the excuses that people
make for lots of things.

Didya ever notice people tend to be kind of indirect in their excuses?

- Mike KB3EIA -

876. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-11 22:55:01 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
Message-ID: <3F0F4078.10004@adelphia.net>
Source record: 70697

Dwight Stewart wrote:
> "Mike Coslo" wrote:
>
>
>>(snip) Whether or not the Morse Code is an
>>anachronism, whether or not it should or
>>should not be tested for, the elimination of
>>the Morse code test *is* a reduction in the
>>amount of knowledge needed for a amateur
>>radio license; undeniable unless a person
>>wants to look silly.
>
>
>
> Isn't Code more of a skill than a knowledge? Any person can look at a
> piece of paper with a code chart on it and translate code, but that doesn't
> mean they have the skill to send or receive code over a radio. Wasn't the
> latter the ultimate purpose of the code test?

One must know the Morse code to send and recieve it.

- Mike KB3EIA -

877. Re: Is There ANY Recourse re. FCC & Dropping CW?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-11 23:35:59 UTC
From: Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
Message-ID: <cuvyxnansvbet.hhvmkfn.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 70754

On 11 Jul 2003 10:59:42 -0700, N2EY wrote:

>As for technical contributions, the writtens cover a wide variety of
>subjects at a very basic level. Meaning you have to know a little bit
>about a lot of things to pass, but knowing a lot about a few things
>doesn't help you.
>
>The person who is really interested in, say, antenna systems, is
>forced to learn all sorts of stuff about other subjects to pass the
>written tests - stuff that he/she may never use and isn't interested
>in. Stuff which is not needed for the proper and legal operation of an
>amateur station. Sounds like a hoop-jump.

I for one have no problem requiring an applicant for an amateur
license to be well-rounded in radio and electronics, both theory and
operations including regulations.

There was lots of stuff that I was "forced" to learn in all three of
my professions (which I sometimes refer to as shoeshine boy, baggage
handler, and bus washer) but even though I may never use it in my
specialty, it was necessary to learn it in order to be a "well-rounded"
individual who can easily follow and evaluate what specialists in those
other fields say rather than just smiling, nodding my head, and not having
a clue.

Applying it to ham radio, the operator who may be a good traffic
handler but doesn't have a clue about what OET 65 requires of all
ham operators (OK folks, look it up) is going to be behind the
eight-ball if s/he's not in compliance. Ditto for the one who is an
antenna maven but doesn't have a clue about digital communication
protocols and emission masks.

Without the "generalist" background I'd be just another narrow geek.

--
73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane
"Highball the scanner"

878. Re: Fight the BPL

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-11 23:35:59 UTC
From: Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
Message-ID: <cuvyxnansvbet.hhvlf3m.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 70755
Cross-posted to:
rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.swap

On Fri, 11 Jul 2003 17:38:56 GMT, Richard Clark wrote:

>One need only look at the defunct 500KHz emergency radio operation to
>observe that two radio operators was abandoned long ago.

Only because of economic reasons. The "technology" worked just fine
but the shipping companies figured out a way to save $100,000 per
vessel per year, which is really peanuts compared to the cost of
operating a modern cargo vessel ($5000 per day to tie up at the
dock), by getting rid of the Radio Officer, and that was only in the
last 5 or so years.

>And it was
>"modern" technology in the form of a signature tone that moved it the
>first step away.

Do you mean "auto alarm" sequence? That wasn't a tone. It was
twelve (or more) 4-second dashes (3.8 sec. to 4.2 sec. by _my_
stopwatch) with one second silence between them. I inspected and
tested an awful lot of auto-alarm generators and receivers during
ship radio safety inspections over a period of 30+ years until the
GMDSS system came in and those inspections were privatized.

Standing watch by auto-alarm receiver was permitted only on cargo
vessels which carried one operator who was required to be on duty
eight hours a day. The auto-alarm watch could be used when the
operator was off-duty or on a break.

The four-second-dash auto-alarm signal was sent to alert other
vessels and shore stations that a Distress Call (with the famous
SOS) was following. On shipboard, if watch was being kept by
auto-alarm receiver, reception of the auto-alarm signal would
trigger a loud bell on the bridge, in the radio operator's cabin,
and in the radio room. One could not miss that activation !

The radiotelephone auto-alarm signal was a two-tone signal to
actuate a muted 2182 receiver on the bridge. It was supplanted by a
watch receiver on 2187.5 kHz in a Digital Selective Call system.

>And that was after the rules were relaxed (or put in
>place originally) to require 15 minutes monitoring of each hour.

Not quite.

The original pre-WW-II requirement was two "silent periods" of three minutes each, starting fifteen minutes after the hour and 45 minutes after the hour. During those periods, as well as when not actually sending and receiving traffic on another frequency, the operator on duty was obliged to monitor 500 kHz for distress traffic. After WW-II, a similar requirement was added for radiotelephone distress traffic on 2182 kHz, with the silent periods of three minutes each starting on the hour and half-hour.

Each radio room was required to be equipped with a special clock having the silent periods marked - a red wedge for the telegraphy silent periods and a green wedge for the radiotelephone silent periods, as well as red markings around the periphery of the dial for the four-second auto-alarm dashes.

Such a clock, made by Chelsea in six-inch size in a heavy brass case with an 8-day precision windup movement, would fetch about $800 now if one could be found, but a replica 10 inch diameter wall clock with a quartz movement (and all the right markings) is available on the internet for $15, believe it or not. I have one on the wall of my comm room / ham shack and it's just as advertised at:

<http://www.cafeshops.com/amradio,amradio2,amradio3.4044580>

(I'm not connected with them in any way.)

>In the millennium before, it was semaphore and smoke signals.

In 1965, in celebration of its centenary, the ITU published a wonderful "coffee table" book entitled "From Semaphore to Satellite" which covered the events and technology of its first 100 years including some very interesting pictures. I don't know if it is still available, but I was able to pick up an original edition when I was in Geneva on ITU business in 1967.

>Two decades before the best you had was CB,

Nonsense. I had a 2-meter transceiver in my car in 1958, which worked through a repeater in Los Angeles, crystal controlled AM, of course. Many of my friends who were hams did, too. By the time that the "CB" craze hit, we had 2-meter crystal-controlled FM rigs. My first mobile dial-the-channel synthesized 2-m transceiver (Icom IC-280) was in 1976 and my first 2-meter mobile transceiver with memory channels, variable offsets, CTCSS tones, and all the bells and whistles was in 1986 (and I was a "late bloomer" on that one) when cell-phones were still lunchbox-size and their coverage was spotty.

"Nothing new umder the sun."

--
73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane

From a Clearing in the Silicon Forest
Beaverton (Washington County) Oregon

Retired and loving every minute of it....
Work was getting in the way of my hobbies

879. Re: More on Broadband over Power Lines (BLP)

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-12 00:06:47 UTC
From: "\"Sparky\"" <sparks@nospam.com>
Message-ID: <tTqdnYxJJ4I28ZKiXTWJhw@vnet-inc.com>
Source record: 70763
Cross-posted to: alt.ham-radio.vhf-uhf,rec.radio.amateur.policy

"Phil Kane" <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop> wrote in message
news:cuvyxnansvbet.hhv8m7c.pminews@netnews.comcast.net...
| On Fri, 11 Jul 2003 14:19:29 GMT, Dick Carroll wrote:
|
| >> There's no AM tower in Santa Clara (or at least none in the
last 40
| >> years that I know of), let alone one that meets that
description.
| >
| >OOP! that Should have been Santa Cruz. Ya know, the place with the
| >big boardwalk and all the thong bikinis.......
|
| >This one is right above the water level on a slough of some sort, I
| >didn't get that good a look but observed it as we drove past. Sure
| >looked like an local AM tower of the sort I've worked around.
|
| Ah yes - KSCO, whose long-time owner/engineer, the late Vern
Berlin.
| was colloquially known as "The Radio Sheriff of Santa Cruz".
Anyone
| do anything that wasn't kosher - bang, here comes the phone call
| from Vern. IIRC he was an olde-tymer ham as well.
|
| He's been gone for many years now.
|
| But yes, the multi-tower array is in a salt marsh (protected
| wetland) and the radials dribble off into the water. The use of a
| 120-radial counterpoise ground of proper length gives some
stability
| to the antenna impedance and to the vertical pattern which is
| important in MF work because of night-time sky-wave factors.
|
| --
| 73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane
|
| I sure agree with that comment, Phil. What's really interesting is
a 4-tower inline array with one of the towers winding up as a negative
impedance. Lots of fun to keep that monster in tune. Glad I don't
have to do that any more. Same 4 towers are top loaded with the upper
most set of guy insulators on each tower shorted out, then no
additional insulators put lower down on the guys. Talk about a
drifting array when rime ice forms on the wires during the winter.

I also measured the peak RF voltage at the base of the two center towers at over 15,000 volts each! This with only 5 KW of RF total input.

73, Sam

880. Re: Renewed my license "on-line", only took 4 Hours

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-12 00:15:32 UTC
From: Arnie Macy <kt4st@csam.net>
Message-ID: <benk1b$71vnv$1@ID-166180.news.uni-berlin.de>
Source record: 70756

"Phil Kane" wrote ...

As you know, Arnie, when HQ calls they expect you to be there on the other end. I thought that I was finished with that when I retired from the Feds but my private-practice clients expected no less. You apparently never had to download massive files. I frequently had to download 150-300 MB worth of data bases or operating system updates from IBM - "fixpacks" which are cumulative even though only 10-20 MB of files are changed in each round. The difference between "56K" running at 40K and the near-T1 speed of a cable modem download has to be seen to be appreciated. It makes the difference between doing it overnight or doing it while I go get a cold drink from the 'fridge.

I agree with what you are saying, Phil. I don't download large files very often, so it's not a real issue for me. As to getting calls from higher higher, that's what pagers are for :-))

Arnie -

881. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-12 00:22:40 UTC
From: Arnie Macy <kt4st@csam.net>
Message-ID: <benkem$6pp70$1@ID-166180.news.uni-berlin.de>
Source record: 70757

"Carl R. Stevenson" wrote ...

Arnie ... your statement is JUST PLAIN FALSE. NCI has NEVER said any such thing.

And the moon is made of cheese, Carl. I suppose I could go back five years and research everything NCI Directors have said on the NG, but I just suspect that you would say I misunderstood those statements. I recall quite a few remarks by NCI Directors saying that the entry level tests were too technical and that revisions were in order. Of course, NCI was never in favor of removing the digital/CW sub bands either, right?

Arnie -

882. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-12 00:28:32 UTC
From: Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net>
Message-ID: <3F0F5621.7B3ADCFF@att.net>
Source record: 70758

Radio Amateur KC2HMZ wrote:

> On Fri, 11 Jul 2003 01:20:17 GMT, Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net>
> wrote:
>
> >> No, I certainly do not. If someone wants to only operate cw, only
> >> ssb, only 2 meter FM, then fine, and they are just as much a ham
> >> as someone who operates multiple modes.
> >
> >So a ham who operates all modes except that he cannot operate radiotlegraphy
> >because he doewn't know Morse code, is just as well qualified as a ham who
> >operates all those and also can operate radiotelegraphy.
> >
> > Surely you can understand the fallacy of your own argument,
> >all other considerations aside.
> >
>
> The question becomes, qualified to do what?

Do you really need to ask? *To Communicate by Amateur Radio*, of course.
CW ops have a mode available that no coders don't, and seems most never will.

883. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-12 00:33:07 UTC
From: Arnie Macy <kt4st@csam.net>
Message-ID: <benl2a$74lbp$1@ID-166180.news.uni-berlin.de>
Source record: 70759

"Brian" wrote ...

[Arnie], does REVISED and REASONABLE mean "reduced technical material" to you? I guess if we asked for UNREASONABLE exams, that would make you happier? Probably not, but your intention is restore an UNREVISED amateur service, which you aren't going to get. You did not, but chimed in when (see subject header) other PCTA were suggesting "No Test International." I read it in its entirety then stated that "Exams that "Rationally and Directly relate to priveleges" could be quite difficult..." If I didn't mean that, why would I state it? You're welcome to repost it if you think I changed the context. Arnie, it means an exam level of difficulty commensurate with priveleges, not punitive exams for the pleasure of those who want Morse testing.

First, I accept your premise that you were not talking about me saying that NCI wanted to end testing. And, yes, revised and reasonable mean reduced standards to me. Like most codewords, when asked about them, they (NCI) can put whatever interpretation (spin) they want on them. How convenient. As to the Morse testing theory of yours. They don't state "Morse Testing" because they are speaking of the "written" exams. Look at their NPRM reply comments in that particular section and you will see this.

Arnie -
KT4ST

884. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-12 00:34:35 UTC
From: Bill Sohl <billsohl@mindspring.com>
Message-ID: <benl92jfa1@slb6.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 70760

"Radio Amateur KC2HMZ" <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net> wrote in message
news:n1srgvoclbgvdv7fnso1605d4ogdmhed77@4ax.com...
> On Wed, 9 Jul 2003 23:19:38 -0400, "Bill Sohl"
> <billsohl@mindspring.com> wrote:
>
> >> In a way, I do -- because their lack of desire to operate CW is usually
> >> based on a lack of willingness to break their inertia and get down to
> >> learning it. It's called laziness. Yup, that's right -- the "L" word.
> >> L-A-Z-I-N-E-S-S.
> >>>Hams who don't care or "don't want" to learn Morse code
> >> are just plain old LAZY. Period. End of Story. Consider yourself to
> >> have been grabbed by the collar and beaten with a club called The
Truth!!!
> >>
> >Yes sir, guess my lack of desire to play golf can best be attributed
> >to a lack of willingness to break my inertia and get down
> >to learing it. Just my basic laziness I guess...nothing at all
> >involving there's any personal choice, like or dislike involved.
> >
> >Same ole Larry :-)
>
> No, Bill - it's the fact that you couldn't find that club called The
> Truth in your golf bag...even though you left it right there between
> the three wood and the sand wedge. ;-)

John, are you saying I am lying? If so, based on what?

Cheers,
Bill K2UNK

885. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-12 00:42:25 UTC
From: Bill Sohl <billsohl@mindspring.com>
Message-ID: <benlnnqvn1@slb2.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 70761

"Mike Coslo" <mjc5@psu.edu> wrote in message
news:3F0EC4B3.8060800@psu.edu...
> Bill Sohl wrote:
> > "Mike Coslo" <mjc5@psu.edu> wrote in message
>
>
> <a whole bunch of snippage to trim this one up>
>
>
> >>Whether or not the Morse Code is an anachronism, whether or not it
> >>should or should not be tested for, the elimination of the Morse code
> >>test *is* a reduction in the amount of knowledge needed for a amateur
> >>radio license; undeniable unless a person wants to look silly.
> >
> >
> > The problem with your analysis is that you are attempting to
> > apply some mystical "amount of knowledge" criteria which
> > is NOT what licensing is about. Certainly, as a separate
> > knowledge base, the end of morse testing reduces one speciifc
> > piece of knowledge and testing. BUT, that is all it does.
>
> Nope, just stating the obvious. No mysticism either.
>
>
> >>Those responsible for such a reduction in knowledge needed for a
> >>license, regardless of their reasons, now find themselves in league with
> >>those who propose even less knowledge needed for that ticket. Politics
> >>makes for strange bedfellows.
> >
> >
> > FALSE - As Jim will attest, I have been an advocate of better written
> > testing for a long time. Working to eliminate an
> > unneeded (IMHO...but shared by WRC) requirement does not
> > automatically put me or anyone else inleague with those that have
> > a desire to lower or eliminate written tests.
>
> No one is doubting your personal convictions, Bill. Related example:
> Those who oppose elimination of smoking in public places because of
> personal "rights" issues, and those who oppose it because they want to
> smoke in public are on the same side of the fence.
>
> >
> >>I understand that Carl and Bill do not support lessening of the
> >>knowledge needed. But that does not really matter.

> >
> > Sure it matters. Our opinions are as valued as ayone else
> > in the dialog.
>
> Yes they are. Nice out of context quote there too! Clip there and it
> means one thing, put it next to the sentence it was suposed to be in,
> and it means something else entirely.
>
> >>Those who want the
> >>tests to consist of nothing but sending in an application (if that)
> >>**applaud their efforts** That is another thing that is pretty hard to
> >
> > deny.
>
> You deny that people who want the tests reduced or even eliminated
> don't think it is a good thing that the Morse code test is being
eliminated?
>
>
> > PLEASE tell us who the "just send in an application"
> > advocates are? I haven't seen any semblence of support
> > for that stand anywhere.
>
> Well, I haven't taken a poll or collected names, but I've read enough
> from people who think that the tests are too hard now. If I get the
> gumption, I could google them out.

Please do, since I've been in this newsgroup since day 1 and
can't recall even handful.

> >>Let's put it this way: Those who do not believe that the tests should
> >>be radically simplified or eliminated, but believed the Morse code
> >>requirement should have been eliminated may some day find themselves on
> >>the losing end of the proposition, just as those who support Morse code
> >>testing have lost the battle at this time.
> >
> > Agreed, but it'll be a long wait to see if that pans out (IMHO).
> >
> >>I remember when you had to have a license to use CB.
> >
> > So? CB, even then, had NO testing to get that license.
>
> And now there is not even that....

Even what? There NEVER was any CB testing. The license
was nothing but an administrative excersize.

> Look, I seriously doubt that there will ever come a time when there is
> no test at all. We would probably lose the spectrum allotment before
> that happens. That is just some slippery slope stuff.

> But I have NO doubt whatsoever that there will be pressure to simplify
> and reduce the difficulty of the testing process. Its all conjecture, so
> we'll just have to wait and see.

Fair enough, but you know my position on lowering written
testing.

Cheers,
Bill K2UNK

886. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-12 01:58:08 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
Message-ID: <3F0F6B57.1000200@adelphia.net>
Source record: 70762

Carl R. Stevenson wrote:
> "Mike Coslo" <mjc5@psu.edu> wrote in message
> news:3F0ED7E5.2090208@psu.edu...
>
>>Carl R. Stevenson wrote:
>>
>>
>>>I fail to find the humor ... it must be you. Having been licensed for
>>>over 25 years, having learned Morse, passed a test (albeit 5 wpm,
>>>but my skill increased as I *used* it in the early days), then losing
>>>interest in using Morse, seeing Morse keep many of my engineering
>>>colleagues from becoming hams over the years, and being involved
>>>in this issue for a number of years, both before the FCC and in the
>>>WRC prep process, I knew all the background, the issues, the US
>>>position, etc. I also knew the postions of many/most other
>>>administrations and regional groups. What's so funny about that?
>>
>>I await the influx of all these engineers and the advances they will
>>bring Amateur Radio.
>>
>>Did anyone seriously say they were really interested in Ham radio, but
>>the Morse Code test kept them out? just har dto imagine that someone
>>really interested would do that.
>
>
> I have reported that, in my over 32 years in the RF communications
> business, I have worked with MANY very competent engineers who
> would be interested in ham radio, but can't/won't be bothered with
> wasting their time jumping through a silly Morse code "hoop."
>
> Some have become hams since they could get meaningful HF privs
> for "only" 5 wpm ... I'm sure that more will once they can do the
> same without having to waste their time on even 5 wpm ... these
> are folks that could pass a technical test well beyond the Extra.
> Do you doubt that, even without Morse proficiency, they could/would
> make good hams and could contribute to the service?

I dunno. I doubt it though. I wonder if a person who doesn't want to
jump through hoops is going to do much of anything that he/she doesn't
want to do.

>>>The Morse requirement is GONE from the ITU Radio Regs ...
>>
> administrations
>

>>>are free to drop Morse testing (many are planning to do so with
>>
> surprising
>
>>>rapidity ... we in the US are used to government moving slowly, so the
>>
> speed
>
>>>with which some administratons plan to allow access to HF by no-code
>>
> hams
>
>>>seems surprising to us ...)
>>>
>>>These are facts that you can't change, so I suggest you simply learn to
>>
> live
>
>>>with them.
>>
>>
>>Last time I checked, we were allowed to voice our opinions. No one
>>doubts it will be dropped, but we don't have to like it.
>
>
> I'm not saying you have to *like* it ... just that your disapproval of
> the facts won't change them and suggesting that you stop "crying over
> spilled milk." :-)

Umm, Carl.... you are here! You have have achieved your goal, at least will be very soon. I'm going to have to assume the reason is to engage in a little gloating? So you're getting what you want on all counts. You really wouldn't have to hear all us PCTA's crying if you didn't want to.

In other words, if you want to discuss it, we're here. Lessay we all do what you want, and "just live with it". I guess that means we're supposed to shut up. Then you wouldn't have the fun of discussing it with us, or even telling us to "just live with it".

I don't think you would like that very much..

- Mike KB3EIA -

887. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-12 02:05:48 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030711220548.23406.00000783@mb-m27.aol.com>
Source record: 70764

In article <3F0E10C8.6117F3C1@att.net>, Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net> writes:

>> No, I certainly do not. If someone wants to only operate cw, only
>> ssb, only 2 meter FM, then fine, and they are just as much a ham
>> as someone who operates multiple modes.
>
>So a ham who operates all modes except that he cannot operate radiotlegraphy
>because he doewn't know Morse code, is just as well qualified as a ham who
>operates all those and also can operate radiotelegraphy.
>
> Surely you can understand the fallacy of your own argument,
>all other considerations aside.

Dick:

An even greater fallacy is the notion that "hams" who operate only
2-meters FM (which probably defines at least 80 percent of "hams"
licensed since 1991) is "qualified" as an amateur radio operator!
At the risk of sounding Kim-like, ROTFLMAO!!!

Were it not for the occasional usefulness of the 2-meter band to
"real" ham radio operators like you and me, I'd suggest that it be
separated from the licensing structure and just be given away to
anyone who can afford a transceiver. Of course, we've already gone
most of the way to doing just that, and we still don't see any real
growth in the numbers of licensed amateurs.

73 de Larry, K3LT

888. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-12 02:11:42 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
Message-ID: <3F0F6E91.3030905@adelphia.net>
Source record: 70765

Bill Sohl wrote:
> "Mike Coslo" <mjc5@psu.edu> wrote in message
<some snippage>

>>>So? CB, even then, had NO testing to get that license.
>>
>>And now there is not even that....
>
>
> Even what? There NEVER was any CB testing. The license
> was nothing but an administrative excersize.

Umm, the license, Bill? No license.

eschew obtuseness

- Mike KB3EIA -

889. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-12 02:33:24 UTC
From: JJ <radiobuff0@mailcity.moc>
Message-ID: <3F0F7374.5070401@mailcity.moc>
Source record: 70727

Arnie Macy wrote:

>
> This EMA Director won't. I have already incorporated CW in my Emergency
> Management Plans. It's a great tool to have (in conjunction with the other
> available communications modes). I actually feel sorry for those in EMA,
> and Amateur Radio, that discount it. We put it to great use during
> Hurricane Floyd in 1999, and I'm sure we'll use it again in the future.

And your response comes because you are a ham and support CW and
you just can't stand the thought that CW may not save the world
someday. Go talk to your local emergency officials about how you
can save the world because you can use CW and see how much
importance they put on you views. So you put it to use in 1999
during Hurricane Floyd. Why? Was it the only means of
communications that could get through? I seriously doubt it. I am
not arguing the fact you used CW, just don't tout it as the end
all to communications during the Hurricane.

> Your 40 years as a Ham apparently haven't taught you very much. It's always
> better to leave Emergency Management Planning to the professionals. You
> just proved it.

It has taught me that I have never had to use CW as the only means
of communication during any emergency, and that includes
disastrous tornados, hurricanes, floods, and earthquakes. It has
taught me that CW is an antiquated mode and I am not silly enough
to think it will be some ham nut like Dick, Larry or you that will
save the world from disaster with your little code key. I am not
anti CW, just anti those who claim that it will be the savior of
the world and anyone who doesn't use code isn't as good a ham as
Larry, Dick, and others (you too I guess). I have known many hams
that never operated CW after upgrading from Novice, and they would
put Larry and Dick to shame as far as being "real" hams.
Look into the future and you see Larry's skeleton sitting at his
rig, hand on the code key still waiting to say the world with is
CW skills. It isn't going to happen.

890. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-12 02:39:48 UTC
From: JJ <radiobuff0@mailcity.moc>
Message-ID: <3F0F74F4.2080002@mailcity.moc>
Source record: 70728

Dick Carroll wrote:

>
> you just like to slam CW.

And you just like to slam anyone who dosen't feel about the use of
CW as you do.

891. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-12 02:42:01 UTC
From: JJ <radiobuff0@mailcity.moc>
Message-ID: <3F0F7579.9060100@mailcity.moc>
Source record: 70729

Arnie Macy wrote:
> "JJ" wrote ...
>
> You mean you and Larry boy don't know semaphore Dick? Why that is just
> plain LAZINESS. You know, when conditions are so bad that you and Larry have
> to rely on CW and your faithful CW rigs gives up the ghost or conditions get
> SO bad that CW can't even get through you and Larry could save the world by
> using semaphore, if you had that skill, that is.
> ----------
>
> I have to presume by your comment, JJ that you indeed know semaphore.
> Otherwise, you look stupid when you chastise them for a skill you don't
> possess. And, of course -- I'm sure it's just plain LAZINESS on your part.
> What else could it be?

No, I don't know semaphore, and I don't tout it as being some
ancient mode of communication that will save the world either.

892. Re: Code a Deterrent to a Ham Ticket ??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-12 02:44:21 UTC
From: Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93B5E7473C4B8elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>
Source record: 70766

"Guessing" <Guessing@connectnet.net> wrote in
news:QWCPa.913$Bd5.644@fed1read01:

>
>> Someone squawked
>> As an engineer myself, I can verfiy that lots of engineers have told
>> me exactly that. Whether they would get a licence once code testing is
>> abolished might be another matter.
>
> Nonsense and a big copout

It happens to be the truth, whether you like it or not

>
> If you want a BS/MS/PHD Degree -- pass the tests
> Want a driver license -- take a test
> Want a job - take a drug test and physical exam and perhaps a
> professional test
> Want insurance -- take a physical exam
> Want to be an apprentice (JourneyPerson) -- take the test
> Want to advance in the Military -- take the test
> Pass the Bar (Legal that is) Pass Da Test
> Nurses CPR for sure and maybe ACLS Tests
> Sobriety Test -- Try to dodge this one
> et al tests
> Want an HF Ham license -- take the code and Technical/Rules et al test

Code won't be included in that for much longer. I assume that since you
just say 'take the test' about everything, that you must have no problem
with that. I certainly don't!

> Otherwise we have CB and FRS. And one who listens on these bands ought
> to be totally inspired to get a Ham Ticket !!!
>
> Simple as that.
>

You live in a 'black and white' world, don't you?

> Anyone who used the code as an excuse for not becoming a ham, just
> wasn't serious about it.
>

An unsupported assertion, and untrue

> If 10 to 17 year olds can do it, why can't an engineer or any other
> college grad ???

>

Code aptitude and IQ are completely unrelated

> Did any of those "Engineers" get a No-Code Tech license ??

Yes, I did (although I did code eventually)

> Didn't think so !!
>
>
>

893. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-12 02:45:37 UTC
From: JJ <radiobuff0@mailcity.moc>
Message-ID: <3F0F7651.6090407@mailcity.moc>
Source record: 70730

Carl R. Stevenson wrote:

>
> Fred Maia, W5YI, was quoted as saying something along that line WRT the
> Tech test ... but Fred is just *one* of the Directors of NCI, and I can
> state that
> his view in that regard is NOT NCI policy and is not shared by me or the
> rest of the NCI board. (IIRC, Fred also said he'd like to make the Extra
> test
> more rigorous ...)

Having known Fred Maia personally in the past, I would not put
much stock in anything he has to say.

894. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-12 02:48:13 UTC
From: Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93B5E7EEE271Eelektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>
Source record: 70767

Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net> wrote in
news:3F0F3F77.5050403@adelphia.net:

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> Alun Palmer wrote:
>> Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu> wrote in news:3F0ED7E5.2090208@psu.edu:
>>
>>
>>>Carl R. Stevenson wrote:
>>>
>>>
>>>>I fail to find the humor ... it must be you. Having been licensed
>>>>for over 25 years, having learned Morse, passed a test (albeit 5 wpm,
>>>>but my skill increased as I *used* it in the early days), then losing
>>>>interest in using Morse, seeing Morse keep many of my engineering
>>>>colleagues from becoming hams over the years, and being involved in
>>>>this issue for a number of years, both before the FCC and in the WRC
>>>>prep process, I knew all the background, the issues, the US position,
>>>>etc. I also knew the postions of many/most other administrations and
>>>>regional groups. What's so funny about that?
>>>
>>> I await the influx of all these engineers and the advances they
>>> will
>>>bring Amateur Radio.
>>>
>>> Did anyone seriously say they were really interested in Ham
>>> radio, but
>>>the Morse Code test kept them out? just har dto imagine that someone
>>>really interested would do that.
>>>
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>>
>> As an engineer myself, I can verfiy that lots of engineers have told
>> me exactly that. Whether they would get a licence once code testing is
>> abolished might be another matter.
>
> You're right about that last part. Kind of like the excuses that
> people
> make for lots of things.
>
> Didya ever notice people tend to be kind of indirect in their
> excuses?
>

> - Mike KB3EIA -
>
>

Well, it's certainly possible that it was their excuse to make me go away and quit bothering them!

All the same, these are people who could pass the Extra theory without too much effort, so once there is no longer a code test we probably _will_ see some of them on the air.

895. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-12 02:49:46 UTC
From: Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93B5E8327822Delektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>
Source record: 70768

Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net> wrote in
news:3F0F4078.10004@adelphia.net:

> Dwight Stewart wrote:
>> "Mike Coslo" wrote:
>>
>>
>>>(snip) Whether or not the Morse Code is an
>>>anachronism, whether or not it should or
>>>should not be tested for, the elimination of
>>>the Morse code test *is* a reduction in the
>>>amount of knowledge needed for a amateur
>>>radio license; undeniable unless a person wants to look silly.
>>
>>
>>
>> Isn't Code more of a skill than a knowledge? Any person can look at
>> a
>> piece of paper with a code chart on it and translate code, but that
>> doesn't mean they have the skill to send or receive code over a radio.
>> Wasn't the latter the ultimate purpose of the code test?
>
> One must know the Morse code to send and recieve it.
>
> - Mike KB3EIA -
>
>
>

But not vice versa

896. Re: FCC's broadband strategy

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-12 02:52:54 UTC
From: JJ <radiobuff0@mailcity.moc>
Message-ID: <3F0F7806.8030607@mailcity.moc>
Source record: 70732

Dick Carroll wrote:
> If there's anyone who doubts the seriousness of the "Broadband over Power Lines"
>
> issue take a look at this, directly from the FCC's website, front page under
> "Broadband".
> It sure looks like they welcome any type of system that will cheaply bring
> broadband access
> to a large area, and that certainly describes the BPL proposal. Heading this
> off may be a tough challenge.

What are you worried about Dick? You and Larry will still be able
to communicate with your CW skills. I am sure your CW will still
continue to get through. I would think you would be very happy
that BPL may put all those nasty no CW hams off the air, then you
and your CW only buddies can demonstrate every day how your
superior CW skills can be used.

897. Re: For a laugh

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-12 02:53:57 UTC
From: Jim Hampton <aa2qa@frontiernet.net>
Message-ID: <9LKPa.326$3a7.323@news02.roc.ny>
Source record: 70769

Frankly, since anyone can get any call sign within their license class (or below), I should get back WN2CJV (a novice call sign). Of course, anyone can likely get a program to send/receive CW, but perhaps I should restudy the American Morse (land-line Morse) as I have used it in the past. That might eliminate the software programs. Then ... well, let's see what happens. I will admit that I'm not up to what I used to do; I checked a web site that offered CW up to 65 words per minute and I admit that I was in trouble at around 55 or 60. Still, I might have fun with that old novice call sign :)

73 from Rochester, NY
Jim AA2QA

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898. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-12 03:04:22 UTC
From: Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93B5EAABF9CE2elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>
Source record: 70770

Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net> wrote in
news:cvprgvsq56kp7pctaq8m8dg09ld0r4c71o@4ax.com:

> On 10 Jul 2003 02:34:45 GMT, yodoc@aol.comnospam (Larry Roll K3LT)
> wrote:
>
>>In article <3F0B98A2.5070205@mailcity.moc>, JJ
>><radiobuff0@mailcity.moc> writes:
>>
>>>Do you have something against someone who has no desire to operate
>>>CW?
>>
>>In a way, I do -- because their lack of desire to operate CW is usually
>>based on a lack of willingness to break their inertia and get down to
>>learning it. It's called laziness. Yup, that's right -- the "L" word.
>> L-A-Z-I-N-E-S-S. Hams who don't care or "don't want" to learn Morse
>>code are just plain old LAZY. Period. End of Story. Consider
>>yourself to have been grabbed by the collar and beaten with a club
>>called The Truth!!!
>
> Still on that kick, eh?
>
> How about a ham who learned it (at least well enough to pass a 5WPM
> code test) and now chooses not to operate in that mode anyway? Is that
> laziness too, or is it a ham exercising his/her right to operate in
> whatever mode he/she chooses from among those permitted to him/her
> under the privileges granted by his/her license? (and it is not my
> intention to trip you on the point that no-code techs are permitted to
> operate in CW anywhere that they have privileges)
>
>
>>>There are many different modes of operation in ham radio, do you
>>>operate them all?
>>
>>Nope, not all -- but certainly a whole lot more than most hams do. And
>>you know something totally strange? My Morse/CW proficiency doesn't
>>interfere one little bit in my enjoyment of other modes!
>
> Even though I learned the code well enough to pass a test, I don't
> consider myself proficient at it. My lack of proficiency doesn't
> interfere one little bit in my enjoyment of other modes.
>
> 73 DE John, KC2HMZ
>

>

What about me? I passed 20wpm and choose not to use it atall? No doubt I will be told I'm missing out, but I'm doing exactly what I want to.

899. Re: The Day has come....

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-12 03:06:33 UTC
From: Jim Hampton <aa2qa@frontiernet.net>
Message-ID: <ZWKPa.327$s77.200@news02.roc.ny>
Source record: 70771
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy

Hey, go for it! Just keep in mind that I may be able to send and receive Morse faster than you can type ... :)

I love it when folks talk about the speed of the internet. I have programmed in a number of different languages, but 'cut and paste' doesn't count in my book. Yes, one guy I worked with used to brag how he 'prepared' his essays in college using 'cut and paste'. My question is, how fast can someone actually send a message without cut and paste?

Dang, original thought has reappeared as 'vapourware'.

For the record, 40 per was the fastest test administered by the Navy at Bainbridge, Md. I had perfect copy. How much faster I could go, I don't know. I doubt it was much more that 50, however. So, the question is, can you put 50 words per minute out on your keyboard? Hmmmm ... BTW, I could hit bursts of 92 words per minute on a 100 word per minute teletype back when. Ok, so I'm getting slow. Care to bet that I can't do 60? How about 70 on my keyboard? That doesn't matter; the question is, can you do 40 per with *no* errors.

Your ball!

73 from Rochester, NY
Jim AA2QA

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900. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-12 03:38:14 UTC
From: Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net>
Message-ID: <3F0F8295.58F741A8@att.net>
Source record: 70773

Larry Roll K3LT wrote:

> In article <3F0E10C8.6117F3C1@att.net>, Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net> writes:
>
> >> No, I certainly do not. If someone wants to only operate cw, only
> >> ssb, only 2 meter FM, then fine, and they are just as much a ham
> >> as someone who operates multiple modes.
> >
> >So a ham who operates all modes except that he cannot operate radiotlegraphy
> >because he doewn't know Morse code, is just as well qualified as a ham who
> >operates all those and also can operate radiotelegraphy.
> >
> > Surely you can understand the fallacy of your own argument,
> >all other considerations aside.
>
> Dick:
>
> An even greater fallacy is the notion that "hams" who operate only
> 2-meters FM (which probably defines at least 80 percent of "hams"
> licensed since 1991) is "qualified" as an amateur radio operator!
> At the risk of sounding Kim-like, ROTFLMAO!!!
>
> Were it not for the occasional usefulness of the 2-meter band to
> "real" ham radio operators like you and me, I'd suggest that it be
> separated from the licensing structure and just be given away to
> anyone who can afford a transceiver. Of course, we've already gone
> most of the way to doing just that, and we still don't see any real
> growth in the numbers of licensed amateurs.

Larry, when you trim all the BS off the no-code position, all that's left is
that they refuse to even acknowledge that the first existing, most basic mode
of radiocommunications is even a viable mode of radiocommunications!
Much less that it is the simplest, easiest to implement and one of the very
most efficient modes!

If it weren't so downright silly it'd be funny. But that's what ham radio had
degenerated into.

seben trees,
Dick

901. Re: The Day has come....

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-12 03:39:31 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030711233931.23406.00000784@mb-m27.aol.com>
Source record: 70778

In article <3f0e2f6d@shknews01>, "LA Davies" <lloyd_vfp@dalek.com> writes:

>As I knew it always would. I would upgrade my ham license without EVER
>taking a CW test. Do I wish CW "Exterminated"- No. You old farts need the
>CW to pass the time away. I do not. Something like a CW test, keeps many
>good people like me from enjoying the ham bands. This is 2003, not 1955.
>Alot has changed.
>
>I speak for many people. They feel the same way I do. We want the CW
>requirement dropped SOON. I can live with taking a written test(s) to get
>my HF.
>
>I will be e-mailing my ARRL section manager soon. We will get the code
>dropped. Then on to bigger things.
>
>Lloyd Davies, N0VFP
>Future no-code Extra
>FT-817

Well, as always, those that can -- do. Those that can't -- whine about
the requirements and wait for them to be dumbed-down to their level!
I highly suggest that to add to your sense of self-satisfaction, that once
you get your "No-Code Extra" you make a point of telling every Pre-
Restructuring, 20-WPM code-tested Extra you know that you are their
"equal" as a ham radio operator. I'll go so far as to bet that you can
even find a few that might agree with you -- but they'll mostly be phone
operators who outgas into their microphones all day, and haven't touched
a key in who knows how long!

73 de Larry, K3LT

902. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-12 03:39:32 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030711233932.23406.00000785@mb-m27.aol.com>
Source record: 70775

In article <belc34bsg1@slb3.atl.mindspring.net>, "Bill Sohl"
<billsohl@mindspring.com> writes:

>> Bill:
>>
>> Hmmm -- impressive. I wish I could say the same about Nancy Kott.
>>
>> 73 de Larry, K3LT
>
>Who is Nancy Kott? My memory thinks it is
>someone involved with FISTS?
>
>Cheers,
>Bill K2UNK

Bill:

Yes, that's right. She's involved in the "non-political" CW Operator Awards Program for Retired Geezer Brass Bashers known as FISTS. She is, in fact, the North American "Secretary" of that organization. She is also the new editor of WorldRadio. At least she has found something useful to do.

73 de Larry, K3LT

903. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-12 03:39:32 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030711233932.23406.00000786@mb-m27.aol.com>
Source record: 70777

In article <bel898$hl3$1@adenine.netfront.net>, "Kim W5TIT"
<fahgedit@nomail.net> writes:

>So, it's your blatant disregard for the possibility that "future hams" will
>be quite interested in CW and will learn the mode just because they *WANTED*
>to and not because it was required? You didn't learn CW because you wanted
>to but because you had to. So, what're you gonna say to those who will
>obviously be a better ham than you because they learned CW out of wanting
>to, not needing to?
>
>Kim W5TIT

Well, Kim, if any show up, I'll be the first to congratulate them! However,
I hope you'll forgive me for not holding my breath in the meantime! You
see, I've become somewhat accustomed to the occasional whiff of oxygen!

73 de Larry, K3LT

904. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-12 03:39:33 UTC
From: Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net>
Message-ID: <3F0F82E4.56DD6C61@att.net>
Source record: 70774

Mike Coslo wrote:

>
> eschew obtuseness

And if you can't eschew it, then chew on it!

905. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-12 03:39:33 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030711233933.23406.00000787@mb-m27.aol.com>
Source record: 70776

In article <belbgfodb1@slb4.atl.mindspring.net>, "Bill Sohl"
<billsohl@mindspring.com> writes:

>> Bill:
>>
>> Nice try, but not quite the same thing. A prospective ham not wanting to
>> learn and/or use the Morse code is like a prospective golfer not wanting
>> to learn how to putt, because all he wants to do is drive golf balls for
>> distance. Well, even I can drive a bucket balls at the range to kill an
>> afternoon, but I'd never call myself a "golfer."
>>
>> Morse/CW is an essential communications skill for anyone who is going
>> to consider him/herself to be an effective amateur radio operator.
>
>So you will claim tillhell freezes over I assume. Only
>problem is, your claim failed at the only place that
>counts...the FCC.

Bill:

Of course it did. The FCC is a government bureaucracy that serves
mainly commercial interests. Amateur Radio just isn't important enough
to them to be bothered to expend the resources necessary to maintain
high licensing standards as the had in the past. No mystery there.

>> This
>> is the one skill which gives them the ability to keep on communicating
>> under adverse conditions that put an end to communication using less
>> robust or more equipment and electrical capacity-dependent modes. It
>> gives us the ultimate in emergency backup communications capability,
>> which is ever-so important and politically-correct for hams these days.
>
>So how come the other services abondoned morse as such a
>valuable back-up?

Again, follow the money and you'll learn the truth. The cost of hiring,
training, and providing pay and benefits to CW-proficient radio operators
is the key factor in play here. But you already knew that. Moreover,
these "other services" you're talking about use high-powered satellite-
based technology which is designed for their specific purposes. But
you already knew that, as well. When you make apples-to-oranges
comparisons between the all-volunteer Amateur Radio Service and
publicly- or commercially-funded communications services, your argument
falls flat on it's face. And if you didn't already know that, you're just as
deluded as any other NCTA.

73 de Larry, K3LT

906. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-12 03:39:34 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030711233934.23406.00000788@mb-m27.aol.com>
Source record: 70779

In article <cvprgvsq56kp7pctaq8m8dg09ld0r4c71o@4ax.com>, Radio Amateur KC2HMZ
<kc2hmz@aa-mail.net> writes:

>>>Do you have something against someone who has no desire to operate
>>>CW?
>>
>>In a way, I do -- because their lack of desire to operate CW is usually
>>based on a lack of willingness to break their inertia and get down to
>>learning it. It's called laziness. Yup, that's right -- the "L" word.
>>L-A-Z-I-N-E-S-S. Hams who don't care or "don't want" to learn Morse code
>>are just plain old LAZY. Period. End of Story. Consider yourself to
>>have been grabbed by the collar and beaten with a club called The Truth!!!
>
>Still on that kick, eh?
>
>How about a ham who learned it (at least well enough to pass a 5WPM
>code test) and now chooses not to operate in that mode anyway? Is that
>laziness too, or is it a ham exercising his/her right to operate in
>whatever mode he/she chooses from among those permitted to him/her
>under the privileges granted by his/her license? (and it is not my
>intention to trip you on the point that no-code techs are permitted to
>operate in CW anywhere that they have privileges)

John:

It's all based on laziness, because at the end of the day, the guy is
just too plain lazy to make the effort to improve his CW technique. It's
not about choice or anything like that. Lacking the motivation of a
requirement to take code tests of increasing difficulty in order to upgrade
and obtain higher privileges, you and your hypothetical "ham" will not
be bothered to do so, in the majority of cases. You can make as many
excuses as you care to, but it all boils down to laziness.

>>>There are many different modes of operation in ham radio, do
>>>you operate them all?
>>
>>Nope, not all -- but certainly a whole lot more than most hams do. And
>>you know something totally strange? My Morse/CW proficiency doesn't
>>interfere one little bit in my enjoyment of other modes!
>
>Even though I learned the code well enough to pass a test, I don't
>consider myself proficient at it. My lack of proficiency doesn't
>interfere one little bit in my enjoyment of other modes.

Of course it doesn't, because you're not qualified to know the difference,
or to judge those who are.

73 de Larry, K3LT

907. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-12 03:39:36 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030711233936.23406.00000789@mb-m27.aol.com>
Source record: 70780

In article <gpqrgv0prmlqbruesjnih32ituanrbvaaq@4ax.com>, Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net> writes:

>The only reason I learned code was that it was required to upgrade
>beyond Technician class. Passing the code test would have made me a
>Tech Plus and earned me some phone privileges on 10m and CW on several
>other bands...except that I took the General class written at the same
>VE session, and passed it, walking out with General class privileges.
>
>At that point, I could communicate using CW at 5 WPM. At the same
>point, I could also communicate using phone at a significantly faster
>rate than 5 WPM since I can speak a lot faster than that. I could
>also communicate using PSK31 at a significantly faster rate than 5 WPM
>since I can type a lot faster than that. Thus, for me the use of
>another mode is more efficient for me than to use CW. I would actually
>be a less capable communicator if I used CW than I am using another
>mode. My facing the code testing requirement did not affect my ability
>to speak or to type.

John:

I agree that Morse code proficiency has nothing to do with speaking or typing -- but the ability to effectively employ the Morse/CW mode -- at speeds greater than 5 WPM -- will keep you communicating when conditions prevent you from communicating by voice or digital modes. You have done nothing but provide personal, anecdotal proof that reducing code testing requirements down to a mere 5 WPM maximum was NOT a good thing!

>>Well, everyone's estimate of their "enjoyment" of ham radio is a subjective
>>thing. However, in this age where we're trying to justify our hold on
>>literally
>>billions of dollars worth of commercially viable spectrum, we place a great
>>emphasis on our capabilities as "emergency" communicators. Unfortunately,
>>the least reliable modes we employ are those that depend on voice
>>communication -- and these modes are the first to "go South" when
>>atmospheric conditions and man-made interference do not operate in our
>>favor.
>
>These days, the vast majority of emergency communications is done on a
>local basis, primarily on 2m using FM repeaters and simplex. 70cm is
>probably the next most widely used band for this purpose. Neither is
>subject to the propagation difficulties often encountered on HF.

True -- when the "emergency" is confined to a small locality and the VHF/UHF repeater infrastructure remains intact. However, what if there is a widespread disaster -- such as the "Big One" striking the San Andreas fault

line in California? That will not be a "local" disaster -- it will affect the entire country. Vast regions hundreds of miles in radius will be affected, and the commercial communications and existing Amateur Radio infrastructures and the power grids they depend on will be disrupted for God only knows how long. At that point, we could be talking about areas with populations of hundreds of thousands of people being out of communication with the area "outside" the disaster zone. Communications nets spanning many times the normal operational range of terresterial VHF/UHF systems will be necessary -- and don't look now, but we're coming to the downside of the solar cycle -- meaning poor propagation. I guarantee you that there will be lots of opportunities for No-Code HF Ham Heroes to help out, but when conditions dictate the use of CW, in order to be able to communicate when voice and data modes fail due to lack of available electrical power or poor atmospherics, that capability will not be available because it will not have been learned. That's when some guy like me will enter the picture, and say, "Step aside, Sonny, and take your toy microphone with you." Then he'll plug in his key and re-establish contact with the outside world. Of course, you will never be convinced that that could happen -- so you'll just have to hope it doesn't. In the meantime, I'll be ready!

>In my own estimation, the biggest problem with emergency
>communications in the ARS right now isn't the people who don't know
>CW, it's the people who think their 5-watt (or 2-watt, or 150
>mkilliwatt) HT and its 650mAh battery pack is all they need to
>function as an emergency communicator when the proverbial merde hits
>the proverbial ventillateur.

Well, unfortunately, there are lots of new Ham Heroes who believe precisely that, and they belive that their possession of the HT and 650 mAh battery pack makes them a "real" ham radio operator!

>>Morse/CW allows us to overcome the majority of those obstacles,
>>but only those who know how to effectively employ this mode are qualified
>>to make that judgment.
>
>Actually, it's the agencies served by our ARES and RACES and other
>emergency communications groups who are best qualified to judge the
>effectiveness of our contributions. The ones I've worked with so far
>have expressed high praise for the efforts of our team of hams, and we
>have yet to use CW during an activation.

That is the usual case. However, I did impress the begeebers out of one certain county EOC Director by using CW during a practice exercise. Then he asked me, "Why can all the other hams do that? I can see where Morse code could be very effective. You were copying that other guy (who was in Indiana -- I was in Delaware) perfectly even though I could hardly hear him!"

>>Therefore, your argument about "enjoyment" is,
>>as are most NCTA arguments, self-serving at best.
>

>Apples and oranges, perhaps. Only the most masochistic among us would
>claim to actually enjoy pulling a 12- or 14-hour shift in a chilly EOC
>or standing in a street in the middle of an ice storm. Emergency
>communications isn't done for enjoyment. DX'ing, contesting, and
>casual ragchewing are done for enjoyment, and if one enjoys using CW
>for such activities, there's nothing stopping anyone from doing so.
>For those who do not enjoy using CW, the same activities can also be
>enjoyed using other modes.
>
>73 DE John, KC2HMZ

I don't think anyone's going to confuse emergency communications with anything enjoyable. However, in order to have total communications capability, leaving out Morse/CW capability just doesn't make sense to me. We're going the wrong way on that, and the only reason for it is because people these days are just too damn LAZY to learn a useful communications skill. End of story.

73 de Larry, K3LT

908. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-12 03:51:04 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030711235104.23406.00000790@mb-m27.aol.com>
Source record: 70781

In article <Xns93B5EAABF9CE2elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>, Alun Palmer
<elektros@yahoo.com> writes:

>What about me? I passed 20wpm and choose not to use it atall? No doubt I
>will be told I'm missing out, but I'm doing exactly what I want to.

Alun:

Feel free to do as you please, but you're right -- you're missing
out on a lot of fun if you don't use CW on-the-air!

73 de Larry, K3LT

909. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-12 03:51:04 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030711235104.23406.00000791@mb-m27.aol.com>
Source record: 70782

In article <3F0ED609.7030104@mailcity.moc>, JJ <radiobuff0@mailcity.moc>
writes:

>Larry Roll K3LT wrote:
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>
>> Were it not for the occasional usefulness of the 2-meter band to
>> "real" ham radio operators like you and me,
>
>With you and Dick holding yourselves up as "real" hams, I can see
>why some turn their back on ham radio and stay on cb.
>

Well, on behalf of my colleague Dick (that's MISTER Carroll to you, BOY!)
it's nice to know that we're providing a much needed service to the ARS!

73 de Larry, K3LT

910. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-12 03:55:17 UTC
From: Dwight Stewart <stewart@say.net>
Message-ID: <BB34FEE4.1E86D%stewart@say.net>
Source record: 70783

"Mike Coslo" wrote:

> Dwight Stewart wrote:
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>> Isn't Code more of a skill than a knowledge? Any
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> One must know the Morse code to send and recieve it.

You're right. Perhaps memorizing the individual sequence of sounds associated with a letter of the alphabet is knowledge on some very basic level, similar to a young child memorizing the sounds associated with the letters of the alphabet. Amazing that this would become a key focus of testing in ham radio for so many years.

Dwight Stewart (W5NET)

http://www.qsl.net/w5net/

911. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-12 04:02:52 UTC
From: Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net>
Message-ID: <3F0F885B.18B0BF24@att.net>
Source record: 70784

Dwight Stewart wrote:

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Mygawd, Dwight, are you really licensed as a ham? And *that's* all you know of
radiotelegraphy?
You been hiding out in the wilderness somewhere, in a cave? What do you think
it was that started
radio in the first place, semaphores?

912. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-12 04:06:23 UTC
From: Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net>
Message-ID: <3F0F8930.6F943456@att.net>
Source record: 70785

JJ wrote:

> Larry Roll K3LT wrote:
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> > Were it not for the occasional usefulness of the 2-meter band to
> > "real" ham radio operators like you and me,
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> With you and Dick holding yourselves up as "real" hams, I can see
> why some turn their back on ham radio and stay on cb.

JJ, one does as one is. Even Forrest Gump knew that.
Look for excuses and there are always some to be found.

913. Re: More on Broadband over Power Lines (BLP)

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-12 04:27:05 UTC
From: kelly@dvol.com
Message-ID: <d22b54c3.0307112027.3caab8c7@posting.google.com>
Source record: 70786

"Phil Kane" <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop> wrote in message
news:<cuvyxnansvbet.hhvc4jg.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>...
> On 11 Jul 2003 07:56:06 -0700, Brian Kelly wrote:
>
> >I can visualize this phase being a real nit-picking and repositioning
> >exercise, perhaps a source of fodder for appeals.
>
> Yup. Maybe that's why there are some 3000 communication attornies
> in the Washington DC area (and one in Beaverton).

Takes 3,000 of you guys in D.C. alone to "handle" the FCC huh?
Something is not just wrong with this picture, something is *really*
GOOFY. As far as BPL is concerned I'm wondering about how many hassles
will develop if the FCC abandons it's current rules in Part 15 in
order to accomodate BPL and/or related types of creative legal hassles
guys like you might be able to dredge up to stymie BPL, Tie it up in
the courts or wherever until the proponents give it up, etc.

> >What's the relationship between an NOI and an NPRM? >
> Only if they decide to do it by a "publicly debated" rule change.
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> If they want to be sneaky (assuming that they have this much
> imagination - Hey, Bill, pay attention - they can issue an Order and
> Further Notice of Inquiry, dropping Element 1 and asking for further
> input on Novice HF Refarming. (AKA "The SmokeScreen")

I think ya slipped a thread. The BPL thing is currently the subject of
an NOI. Doesn't the FCC eventually have to publish an NPRM and go thru
the whole comments and rebuttals drill again for BPL before they can
authorize it?

914. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-12 05:06:55 UTC
From: Dwight Stewart <stewart@say.net>
Message-ID: <BB350FAE.1E90B%stewart@say.net>
Source record: 70791

"Dick Carroll" wrote:

> Dwight Stewart wrote:
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>> (snip) Amazing that this would become a key focus of
>> testing in ham radio for so many years.
>
> (snip) What do you think it was that started radio in
> the first place, semaphores?

Radio's start was a very long time ago, Dick. And I can understand that. However, it is the "for so many years" part of my comment that I find amazing. Here we are so many, many, years later still focused on that.

Dwight Stewart (W5NET)

http://www.qsl.net/w5net/

915. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-12 05:19:13 UTC
From: Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93B6D63F9C26elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>
Source record: 70792

Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net> wrote in news:3F0F885B.18B0BF24@att.net:

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> Dwight Stewart wrote:
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>> "Mike Coslo" wrote:
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> radio in the first place, semaphores?
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Phone goes back a long way. Yes, Marconi started out with Morse code, but
AM was only a few years behind.

There was phone even when people used spark. A circuit patented by Elihu
Thomson to keep arc lamps burning was adapted by Prof Duddell FRS to keep
a spark going continously for this purpose. This type of transmitter was
used by DeForrest in his famous voice coverage of the yacht race from New
York harbour. His 'Audion' (triode) was not used in the transmitter as
most assume, but in the regenerative receiver used to pick up his spark AM

signals on shore. This was because he hadn't figured out that it could be used to amplify, so it predated TRF receivers even.

Even before DeForrest, the first transmission of AM over one mile took place on Cobb Island, Maryland, on December 12, 1900. The system was designed by Fessenden, a Canadian whose research was funded by the weather service in the US. He used a spark gap driven by a high frequency alternator, commonly used to produce Morse at several kW of RF back then, but he had an 80 kHz alternator specially made for him by Poulsen, another pioneer in his own right. By exciting the gap with an alternator running at a frequency _above_ audio he was able to make maybe a kW of AM, whereas the Thomson/Dudell design made far less power (a few watts). Unfortunately he had to rely on some sort of rectifier with no amplification or regeneration for the receiver, hence only being able to hear a kW of AM no more than one mile away.

Moving on just a couple more years, the earliest published circuits I have seen for continuous wave transmitters, such as those by John Scott-Taggart, show a mic as well as a key. They would, of course, as phone was known for spark transmitters. CW, of course, originally stood for continuous wave in the sense of 'not spark', and was applied to AM as well as Morse. I do use that kind of CW!

916. Re: The Day has come....

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-12 05:50:09 UTC
From: vshah101@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030712015009.26622.00000176@mb-m18.aol.com>
Source record: 70793

Larry Roll K3LT said:
>Those that can't -- whine about
>the requirements and wait for them to be dumbed-down to their level!

Well some coders refuse to learn the technical material. Although
time-consuming, Its easy to learn one skill (CW) and claim superiority for
that.
Seems like the requirement was dumbed down to the non-technical Ham's level.

There are other reasons not to learn code other than "dumbed-down" as you say.
One is that I don't like code. Another reason is image. It shows that you put
time into a worthless pursuit (Morse code). Image is NOT the consideration for
me. I would learn it if I wanted to.

I don't have to learn <Morse> code just so I can prove I have the ability to
learn <Morse> code. I have learned other skills that are just as difficult.
Another reason is the "benefit" is not worth the effort. I would put effort
into those because I can use those skills in <real> life. I cannot use <Morse>
code.

>I highly suggest that to add to your sense of self-satisfaction, that once
>you get your "No-Code Extra" you make a point of telling every Pre-
>Restructuring, 20-WPM code-tested Extra you know that you are their
>"equal" as a ham radio operator.

Funny, thats what pro-coders say. They say that a General class that learned
<Morse> code is superior because they have a higher license class. I would say
that the General or Extra that just learned code may not be superior to the
Technician that wants to have good technical skills, but refuses to learn code.

917. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-12 05:59:25 UTC
From: Arnie Macy <kt4st@csam.net>
Message-ID: <beo84o$6rsn1$1@ID-166180.news.uni-berlin.de>
Source record: 70794

"JJ" wrote ...

You mean you and Larry boy don't know semaphore Dick? Why that is just plain LAZINESS. You know, when conditions are so bad that you and Larry have to rely on CW and your faithful CW rigs gives up the ghost or conditions get SO bad that CW can't even get through you and Larry could save the world by using semaphore, if you had that skill, that is.

I have to presume by your comment, JJ that you indeed know semaphore. Otherwise, you look stupid when you chastise them for a skill you don't possess. And, of course -- I'm sure it's just plain LAZINESS on your part. What else could it be?

Arnie -
KT4ST

918. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-12 06:06:48 UTC
From: Arnie Macy <kt4st@csam.net>
Message-ID: <beo8ik$7at8j$1@ID-166180.news.uni-berlin.de>
Source record: 70795

"Alun Palmer" wrote ...

Well, it's certainly possible that it was their excuse to make me go away
and quit bothering them! All the same, these are people who could pass the
Extra theory without too much effort, so once there is no longer a code test
we probably _will_ see some of them on the air.

No we won't. At least not in any great numbers. We've had a 'codeless'
license in the ARS for quite a while, and I'm yet to see the great influx of
EEs and the like. The code requirement were reduced -- still nothing. If
they were truly interested in the ARS, they would be here already (lots of
technical stuff to do under the entry license). Old argument, Alun -- not
good then, not good now.

Arnie -
KT4ST

919. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-12 06:12:10 UTC
From: JJ <radiobuff0@mailcity.moc>
Message-ID: <3F0FA6BA.1050109@mailcity.moc>
Source record: 70856

N2EY wrote:

>
> A question for JJ: Are you against the MODE, or just the TEST? Words like
> "antiquated" and "obsolete", when applied to a mode, don't indicate support to
> most people.

I am not against the mode, and not sure it is necessary to testing anymore. CW will continue for some time to come to be a ham radio tradition and will be in use on the bands probably long after most of us are gone, even if it is dropped from the requirements to obtain a license. The use of "antiquated" or "obsolete" does not automatically imply against. A Ford Model T is antiquated and obsolete as compared to modern day automobiles, but I certainly am not against those who restore and run Model T's, I really like seeing one go down the street. I restore old "antiquated" and "obsolete" radios, and play them every day.
I am against those who think that they are far superior to others just because they use and support CW as opposed to those who chose not to use that mode. There are those on this group who constantly remind everyone how much superior they are and they are the "real" hams just because they like to use CW. They are no more superior or a "real" ham than the ham who chooses not to use that mode. It is all their inflated egos and nothing else. Their opinion of the importance of CW is just that, their opinion and nothing more. CW isn't going to save the world.

920. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-12 06:20:21 UTC
From: Arnie Macy <kt4st@csam.net>
Message-ID: <beo9c2$7f9gp$1@ID-166180.news.uni-berlin.de>
Source record: 70796

"JJ" wrote in part ...

John, you have to realize that Larry and his huge ego are just waiting for the above scenario to happen so he can "save the world" with his CW skills. He is in complete denial that when this big disaster happens, he and his CW skills will mean nothing. I can just see him waving his code key shouting "I can save the day with my CW" at the officials who will laugh their ass off at him.

This EMA Director won't. I have already incorporated CW in my Emergency Management Plans. It's a great tool to have (in conjunction with the other available communications modes). I actually feel sorry for those in EMA, and Amateur Radio, that discount it. We put it to great use during Hurricane Floyd in 1999, and I'm sure we'll use it again in the future. Your 40 years as a Ham apparently haven't taught you very much. It's always better to leave Emergency Management Planning to the professionals. You just proved it.

Arnie -
KT4ST

921. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-12 06:20:46 UTC
From: JJ <radiobuff0@mailcity.moc>
Message-ID: <3F0FA8BE.4090009@mailcity.moc>
Source record: 70859

Carl R. Stevenson wrote:

>
> I never said I was "the original expert" ... but I have logged many hundreds
> of
> hours of emergency comms service in my over 25 years as a ham ... and never
> had to use CW (not that anyone else in the ARES or RACES teams would have
> suggested it either ...)

Since the beginning of the use of phone in ham radio, I would be
interested to know of any disaster where ham radio was used for
communications and CW was the only means of communications that
could get through. I don't mean CW was used just because someone
wanted to or because they only had CW capabilities, but because
it was the ONLY mode that could get through.

922. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-12 06:27:12 UTC
From: Arnie Macy <kt4st@csam.net>
Message-ID: <beo9ou$6l06d$1@ID-166180.news.uni-berlin.de>
Source record: 70797

"JJ" wrote ...

BS, the services realized that with modern technology CW is an outdated, antiquated mode, no longer useful to them. You are living in your ham radio dream world too stubborn to see the truth.

Hey JJ -- did you forget that SSB is over 60 years old? By your logic, it's time to shut that antiquated puppy down as well. I mean, there are MUCH more modern modes out there, right? Or are you too stubborn to see the truth?

Arnie -
KT4ST

923. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-12 06:32:03 UTC
From: Arnie Macy <kt4st@csam.net>
Message-ID: <beoa21$7i6bm$1@ID-166180.news.uni-berlin.de>
Source record: 70798

"Alun Palmer" wrote ...

What about me? I passed 20wpm and choose not to use it at all? No doubt I will be told I'm missing out, but I'm doing exactly what I want to.

I would probably be one of those that would say that. But, I also believe that it's your choice to make once you have passed the test. However, once learned (especially at 20wpm) you will never lose the ability to use it. Rusty maybe, but it will always be there.

Arnie -
KT4ST

924. Law: Have You Been Victimized During ARRL Field Day?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-12 08:20:36 UTC
From: lawyer-hamradio@operamail.com
Message-ID: <beogck022hv@drn.newsguy.com>
Source record: 70799

Recently a prospective client approached our law firm and revealed shocking news. Apparently elected ARRL officials are raping old men while they sleep in their tents during Field Day. If you have been a victim of this unspeakable crime please contact:
lawyer-hamradio@operamail.com

Don't be embarrassed because you are a victim of this crime. Look at the millions of dollars received by Catholic alter boys!

What difference does it make to the dead, the orphans,
and the homeless, whether the mad destruction is brought
under the name of totalitarianism or the holy name of
liberty and democracy? Gandhi

925. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-12 10:00:15 UTC
From: Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93B63D08A74F9elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>
Source record: 70800

"Arnie Macy" <kt4st@csam.net> wrote in
news:beo8ik$7at8j$1@ID-166180.news.uni-berlin.de:

> "Alun Palmer" wrote ...
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> and quit bothering them! All the same, these are people who could pass
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> Old argument, Alun -- not good then, not good now.
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> Arnie -
> KT4ST
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How do you know they are not here? Do you really know what each of us
majored in? I really don't think so.

926. The Man, Ronald A. Wright, N9EE

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-12 10:11:15 UTC
From: ke4jcd@yahoo.com
Message-ID: <460a6f44.0307120211.38866bbd@posting.google.com>
Source record: 70701

The Man, Ronald A. Wright, N9EE

Story By Robert Hartung - KE4JCD
Publisher of Hartung Press - http://www.ke4jcd.com

Mr. Ronald A Wright, N9EE is no stranger to trouble, for over 3 years now, his repeater has been plagued with jammers, notices from the FCC about interference to other area repeaters, hams avoid his repeater because of the endless jamming and rude comments made by N9EE and other uses of his repeater.

In this writers opinion, Ron N9EE, has a High-minded view of himself because he is an Extra Class, his malicious attitude at me simply because I will not upgrade is well known. It seems he lives to trying to bring dishonor to anyone that don't live up to Ron's expectation of what a ham should be and, trying to discredit area hams by malicious but untrue things about other like, there the ones doing the jamming...

Some like this writer feel that the jammers have not been located because there being used as a tool to run undesirable hams off the air and it seems to be working too. The jamming has been going on for over 10 years now in the Tampa Bay Area, why? That's the question many area hams have asking and who is behind it?

The jammers always attack the undesirable hams like WA8JSC, W4BVH, WE4H, KE4JCD and the list goes on and on.... Now I'm not saying that Ron knows who or is behind it, only that no one including Ron is trying very hard to locate the Jammers, why? Maybe it because the reason stated above, many think so....

Plus, where is the all powerful FCC, why?

To read this and other Amateur Radio Stories go to
http://www.ke4jcd.com

I hope this will help bring the FCC to our AID!

927. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-12 10:20:14 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com>
Message-ID: <yhRPa.202$IL.24571@nnrp1.ptd.net>
Source record: 70702

"Dick Carroll" <dickc58@att.net> wrote in message
news:3F0F8930.6F943456@att.net...
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> JJ wrote:
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> > why some turn their back on ham radio and stay on cb.
>
> JJ, one does as one is. Even Forrest Gump knew that.
> Look for excuses and there are always some to be found.
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>

Dick,

If find your comparison of yourself (and Larry) to Forest Gump
to be most appropriate :-) "Stupid is as stupid does." was the
saying from the movie ... and while I don't actually think either
you or Larry actually ARE stupid, you both certainly ACT that
way.

Carl - wk3c

928. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-12 10:24:09 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com>
Message-ID: <dIRPa.203$IL.24863@nnrp1.ptd.net>
Source record: 70703

"Dick Carroll" <dickc58@att.net> wrote in message
news:3F0F8295.58F741A8@att.net...
>
> Larry, when you trim all the BS off the no-code position, all that's left
is
> that they refuse to even acknowledge that the first existing, most basic
mode
> of radiocommunications is even a viable mode of radiocommunications!

Dick,

That's simply not true ... OOK Morse is clearly still a viable mode of
communications ... (to use the much-used analogy, so is horseback
riding as a form of transcontinental transportation).

It's just that it's been bypassed by more modern, more efficient means
that that vast majority of people prefer.

Read again the "What we believe" on the NCI webpage ... nowhere does
it say that "Morse is not longer a viable mode." ... and it certainly
doesn't
say that we oppose its use.

Carl - wk3c

929. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-12 10:29:46 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com>
Message-ID: <uqRPa.207$IL.24456@nnrp1.ptd.net>
Source record: 70704

"Larry Roll K3LT" <yodoc@aol.comnospam> wrote in message
news:20030711233933.23406.00000787@mb-m27.aol.com...
> In article <belbgfodb1@slb4.atl.mindspring.net>, "Bill Sohl"
> <billsohl@mindspring.com> writes:

[snippage]

> >So how come the other services abondoned morse as such a
> >valuable back-up?
>
> Again, follow the money and you'll learn the truth. The cost of hiring,
> training, and providing pay and benefits to CW-proficient radio operators
> is the key factor in play here. But you already knew that. Moreover,
> these "other services" you're talking about use high-powered satellite-
> based technology which is designed for their specific purposes.

Satellites have NOT totally supplanted the use of HF by other services.
Morse has simply been replaced by things like SITOR and other data
services using ALE techniques for faster throughput and better reliability.

If HF had been abandoned, we would have gotten more than 5 discrete
channels at 5 MHz.

> But
> you already knew that, as well. When you make apples-to-oranges
> comparisons between the all-volunteer Amateur Radio Service and
> publicly- or commercially-funded communications services, your argument
> falls flat on it's face. And if you didn't already know that, you're just
as
> deluded as any other NCTA.

Larry, it's you that's deluded, with your quasi-religious-faith belief that
"Morse makes the ham."

Carl - wk3c

930. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-12 10:30:02 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030712063002.00871.00000622@mb-m17.aol.com>
Source record: 70705

In article <f45722ac.0307110432.434f720b@posting.google.com>,
brianburke@juno.com (Brian) writes:

>n2ey@aol.com (N2EY) wrote in message
>news:<20030710182227.02197.00001170@mb-m12.aol.com>...
>> In article <f45722ac.0307100834.6218fbc1@posting.google.com>,
>> brianburke@juno.com (Brian) writes:
>>
>> >Still no citation from Arnie concerning his claim that NCI is on
>> >record for less technical exams.
>>
>> Still no answer from you concerning these questions about your alleged /T5
>> operation:
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>> What callsign was used?
>> What rigs and antennas were used?
>> Who did the equipment belong to?
>> What amateur bands and modes were used?
>> What countries and continents were worked?
>> How were the QSLs delivered?
>
>Why is it alleged?
>
Because you haven't provided any information about or confirmation of your
alleged operation.

Why won't you answer these simple, direct questions, if you were really
operating from there?

What callsign was used?
What rigs and antennas were used?
Who did the equipment belong to?
What amateur bands and modes were used?
What countries and continents were worked?
How were the QSLs delivered?

931. Re: Code a Deterrent to a Ham Ticket ??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-12 10:30:03 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030712063003.00871.00000623@mb-m17.aol.com>
Source record: 70706

In article <Xns93B5E7473C4B8elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>, Alun Palmer
<elektros@yahoo.com> writes:

>"Guessing" <Guessing@connectnet.net> wrote in
>news:QWCPa.913$Bd5.644@fed1read01:
>
>>> Someone squawked
>>> As an engineer myself, I can verfiy that lots of engineers have told
>>> me exactly that. Whether they would get a licence once code testing is
>>> abolished might be another matter.
>>
>> Nonsense and a big copout
>
>It happens to be the truth, whether you like it or not

I'm sure there are people from all walks of life who would have been hams but
for the code test. I'm also sure there are people from all walks of life who
would have been hams but for the written test.

There are also lots of people who are not really interested, and the code test
makes a handy excuse.

>> If you want a BS/MS/PHD Degree -- pass the tests
>> Want a driver license -- take a test
>> Want a job - take a drug test and physical exam and perhaps a
>> professional test
>> Want insurance -- take a physical exam
>> Want to be an apprentice (JourneyPerson) -- take the test
>> Want to advance in the Military -- take the test
>> Pass the Bar (Legal that is) Pass Da Test
>> Nurses CPR for sure and maybe ACLS Tests
>> Sobriety Test -- Try to dodge this one
>> et al tests
>> Want an HF Ham license -- take the code and Technical/Rules et al test
>
>Code won't be included in that for much longer.

Probably - at least one country has already dumped it in the wake of WRC-2003.

What will be very interesting to see is what effect complete elimination of
code testing has on the number of new hams and the overall growth of the ARS.
More than three years ago, the 13 and 20 wpm code tests, and the medical
waivers, were dumped by FCC. Result was growth of about 11,000 hams - and a lot
of already-licensed hams got upgrades. Sure doesn't seem like there were a lot
of people being kept out by the 13 and 20 wpm code tests.

btw - I'm an engineer, and none of the tests were a deterrent for me.

73 de Jim, N2EY

932. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-12 10:35:39 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com>
Message-ID: <%vRPa.208$IL.24937@nnrp1.ptd.net>
Source record: 70707

"Arnie Macy" <kt4st@csam.net> wrote in message
news:beo9ou$6l06d$1@ID-166180.news.uni-berlin.de...
> "JJ" wrote ...
>
> BS, the services realized that with modern technology CW is an outdated,
> antiquated mode, no longer useful to them. You are living in your ham
radio
> dream world too stubborn to see the truth.
> ----------
>
> Hey JJ -- did you forget that SSB is over 60 years old? By your logic,
it's
> time to shut that antiquated puppy down as well. I mean, there are MUCH
> more modern modes out there, right? Or are you too stubborn to see the
> truth?
>
> Arnie -
> KT4ST

Arnie,

The technical fact of the matter is that SSB is just about as efficient as
it
gets for voice communications. The baseband (audio frequencies) are
translated to RF and back, with the result that the RF signal is no wider
than
required to convey the baseband bandwidth. (unless, of course you're
running things into clipping and causing all sorts of intermod products)

While digital voice has some advantages in some applications (particularly
if one wants to use mixed media, such as VOIP links), even the best
low-rate codecs require a bandwidth at least as wide as SSB and at those
coding rates don't provide the same fidelity (speaker recognition, tonal
quality, etc.) due to the coding involved.

Yes, SSB is at least 60 years old ... but Morse is what? About 3X as
old?

Its not simply a matter of age ...

Carl - wk3c

933. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-12 10:48:33 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com>
Message-ID: <5IRPa.209$IL.24860@nnrp1.ptd.net>
Source record: 70708

"Mike Coslo" <mcoslo@adelphia.net> wrote in message
news:3F0F6B57.1000200@adelphia.net...
>
>
> Carl R. Stevenson wrote:
> > "Mike Coslo" <mjc5@psu.edu> wrote in message
> > news:3F0ED7E5.2090208@psu.edu...
> >
> >>Carl R. Stevenson wrote:

> >
> > I have reported that, in my over 32 years in the RF communications
> > business, I have worked with MANY very competent engineers who
> > would be interested in ham radio, but can't/won't be bothered with
> > wasting their time jumping through a silly Morse code "hoop."
> >
> > Some have become hams since they could get meaningful HF privs
> > for "only" 5 wpm ... I'm sure that more will once they can do the
> > same without having to waste their time on even 5 wpm ... these
> > are folks that could pass a technical test well beyond the Extra.
> > Do you doubt that, even without Morse proficiency, they could/would
> > make good hams and could contribute to the service?
>
> I dunno. I doubt it though. I wonder if a person who doesn't want to
> jump through hoops is going to do much of anything that he/she doesn't
> want to do.

Mike,

Do you seriously believe that just because someone is not interested in
Morse that they could not be interested in, and contribute in valuable
ways to, other aspects of ham radio?

"Elmering" new hams who are not technical on the technical aspects
designing new modes
writing useful ham software
building networks
public service communications
emergency/disaster communications
"SKYWARN"
etc., etc.

Just because someone isn't interested in jumping through the Morse
hoop, doesn't mean that they are so selfish that they can't/won't
contribute.

> Umm, Carl.... you are here! You have have achieved your goal, at least
> will be very soon. I'm going to have to assume the reason is to engage
> in a little gloating? So you're getting what you want on all counts. You
> really wouldn't have to hear all us PCTA's crying if you didn't want to.
>
> In other words, if you want to discuss it, we're here. Lessay we all do
> what you want, and "just live with it". I guess that means we're
> supposed to shut up. Then you wouldn't have the fun of discussing it
> with us, or even telling us to "just live with it".
>
> I don't think you would like that very much..

I'm not here to gloat ... I'm here to make sure that newcomers hear
the news and aren't overly tainted by being totally awash in PCTAs
to the point that they think all hams are that way and decide that ham
radio isn't really for them after all, because of a false perception that
it's totally populated with the sort of folks that they'd really not like to
associate. :-)

Carl - wk3c

934. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-12 11:04:48 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com>
Message-ID: <kXRPa.210$IL.25098@nnrp1.ptd.net>
Source record: 70709

"Arnie Macy" <kt4st@csam.net> wrote in message
news:benkem$6pp70$1@ID-166180.news.uni-berlin.de...
> "Carl R. Stevenson" wrote ...
>
> Arnie ... your statement is JUST PLAIN FALSE. NCI has NEVER said any
such
> thing.
> ----------
>
> And the moon is made of cheese, Carl. I suppose I could go back five
years
> and research everything NCI Directors have said on the NG, but I just
> suspect that you would say I misunderstood those statements.

You must have missunderstood ... NCI *never* said the tests were
too technical ... we did refer to (modernizing) revisions, revisions
necessary
to align test elements with the new licensing structure, and to making
the material tested relevant to the privs the license class conveyed.

Since we oppose testing for your favorite mode, and the debate here
has occasionally been "less than totally civil," I can understand how
you could be inclined to interpret things in the most negative (from your
perspective) possible way.

> I recall quite
> a few remarks by NCI Directors saying that the entry level tests were too
> technical and that revisions were in order.

Fred Maia, W5YI, was quoted as saying something along that line WRT the
Tech test ... but Fred is just *one* of the Directors of NCI, and I can
state that
his view in that regard is NOT NCI policy and is not shared by me or the
rest of the NCI board. (IIRC, Fred also said he'd like to make the Extra
test
more rigorous ...)

> Of course, NCI was never in
> favor of removing the digital/CW sub bands either, right?

No, we were not ... and we never said we were. If you "google" or
whatever, you will, I am sure, find numerous instances of me saying
that I would *not* favor an expansion of the phone bands at the
expense of the digital/CW sub-bands, because I wouldn't want to
see the future development of digital modes impeded.
(You will also note that CW is the only mode that is allowed on

ALL amateur frequencies ... with two minor exceptions ... a small chunk at 220 MHz that is reserved for high-speed digital links and the 5 new channels at 5 MHz where only USB is allowed for reasons of compatibility with incumbent US Govt. users ...)

Carl - wk3c

935. Re: existing plc qrn?? or something else?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-12 11:21:07 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com>
Message-ID: <DaSPa.211$IL.25302@nnrp1.ptd.net>
Source record: 70710

I'm not sure, but IIRC, some of the "remote phone jack" modems that
used to be IN the 80m ham band may have been moved above the
band. This could be one that is malfunctioning, but that is just a guess.

I would suggest you contact Ed Hare w1rfi@arrl.org and see what
he thinks.

BTW, I tried to listen to the .wav file at the link you provided, but
even with my cable modem connection the file had not loaded after
about 2-3 minutes, so I closed the browser and gave up. (are you
hosting your website on a dial-up connection?)

73,
Carl - wk3c

"David Robbins" <k1ttt@arrl.net> wrote in message
news:3LqdnVRgpOAep5KiRTvUqA@crocker.com...
> i know there are some power line communications systems in use out there.
> remote reading power meters, home computer networks over existing power
> wires, even x10 stuff puts signals over the power line. i have been
hearing
> a noise that i just can't identify, i have narrowed the source down to an
> area of 3 or 4 houses about 1/2 mile away from my station, but need to
build
> a directional antenna to get it down closer. the real question is what
> might i be looking for????
>
> recording at: http://www.k1ttt.net/audio/rfi4125AM.wav
> this recording was made at about the loudest peak i found at 4125khz, AM
> mode, 6khz wide filter. as you can hear it is a pulsing about 2 or 3
beats
> per second. this noise repeats at irregular intervals from at least 3410
to
> 4365 roughly every 30-60khz, in between the peaks there is virtually no
> trace of it. the pulsing is not in sync on all the peaks. to me this
> sounds like a multiple carrier fdm power line modem, but what kind of
device
> would be available that operates in this frequency range?? does anyone
know
> of a source of a noise like this??
>
>
>

936. Re: existing plc qrn?? or something else?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-12 11:45:53 UTC
From: David Robbins <k1ttt@arrl.net>
Message-ID: <7GydnRIIwZNsaZKiRTvUpQ@crocker.com>
Source record: 70711

i tried w1rfi but haven't gotten a response yet. the website is on an isdn line and is normally pretty quick, the file is only 129k so should not have been a problem, the best description i have heard for it is that it sounds like an old steam engine chugging away.

"Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> wrote in message news:DaSPa.211$lL.25302@nnrp1.ptd.net...
> I'm not sure, but IIRC, some of the "remote phone jack" modems that
> used to be IN the 80m ham band may have been moved above the
> band. This could be one that is malfunctioning, but that is just a guess.
>
> I would suggest you contact Ed Hare w1rfi@arrl.org and see what
> he thinks.
>
> BTW, I tried to listen to the .wav file at the link you provided, but
> even with my cable modem connection the file had not loaded after
> about 2-3 minutes, so I closed the browser and gave up. (are you
> hosting your website on a dial-up connection?)
>
> 73,
> Carl - wk3c
>
> "David Robbins" <k1ttt@arrl.net> wrote in message
> news:3LqdnVRgpOAep5KiRTvUqA@crocker.com...
> > i know there are some power line communications systems in use out there.
> > remote reading power meters, home computer networks over existing power
> > wires, even x10 stuff puts signals over the power line. i have been
> hearing
> > a noise that i just can't identify, i have narrowed the source down to an
> > area of 3 or 4 houses about 1/2 mile away from my station, but need to
> build
> > a directional antenna to get it down closer. the real question is what
> > might i be looking for????
> >
> > recording at: http://www.k1ttt.net/audio/rfi4125AM.wav
> > this recording was made at about the loudest peak i found at 4125khz, AM
> > mode, 6khz wide filter. as you can hear it is a pulsing about 2 or 3
> beats
> > per second. this noise repeats at irregular intervals from at least 3410
> to
> > 4365 roughly every 30-60khz, in between the peaks there is virtually no

> > trace of it. the pulsing is not in sync on all the peaks. to me this
> > sounds like a multiple carrier fdm power line modem, but what kind of
> device
> > would be available that operates in this frequency range?? does anyone
> know
> > of a source of a noise like this??
> >
> >
> >
>

937. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-12 11:47:14 UTC
From: JJ <radiobuff0@mailcity.moc>
Message-ID: <3F0FF542.6040407@mailcity.moc>
Source record: 70882

Carl R. Stevenson wrote:

>
>>when the ONLY way you could do that was to fail the 13wpm
>>code test when trying for General but copying enough to qualify for 5wpm,
>>because Tech in that time frame was a by-mail-order only license.
>
>
> Not true ... at the time, the only test that was given by volunteer
> examiners was the Novice ...

Are you forgetting about the Conditional (same as the General)?

938. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-12 11:57:30 UTC
From: Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net>
Message-ID: <3F0FF79A.C95EA5D0@att.net>
Source record: 70712

Arnie Macy wrote:

> "JJ" wrote ...
>
> You mean you and Larry boy don't know semaphore Dick? Why that is just
> plain LAZINESS. You know, when conditions are so bad that you and Larry have
> to rely on CW and your faithful CW rigs gives up the ghost or conditions get
> SO bad that CW can't even get through you and Larry could save the world by
> using semaphore, if you had that skill, that is.
> ---
>
> I have to presume by your comment, JJ that you indeed know semaphore.
> Otherwise, you look stupid when you chastise them for a skill you don't
> possess. And, of course -- I'm sure it's just plain LAZINESS on your part.
> What else could it be?

Arnie, if learning semaphores had been a licensing requirement for the ARS, I would have learned it along with lots of others, like it or not. I sure wouldn't have sat on my backside for most of my lifetime carping about how 'unnecessary' it all was to make me jump through some "useless" hoop.
But of course semaphores have no application to radiocommunications, as I inferred, and JJ knows that, it's just all he could grope around and come up with.

939. Re: Fight the BPL

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-12 12:01:11 UTC
From: Paul Vanasse <pvanasse@cox.net>
Message-ID: <bMSPa.14821$o86.13143@news1.central.cox.net>
Source record: 70713
Cross-posted to:
rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.swap,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.policy

"Dick Carroll" <dickc58@att.net> wrote in message
news:3F0ED9F2.59877C93@att.net...
> But the ARRL sure won't be able to stymie that fact, either, with or
without
> our
> piddling amateur contributions. Only knowledgable, responsiple people in
the
> right places -with the intestinal fortitude to hang tough and fight the
$$$$
> flow-
> will be able to head off this impending HF disaster. I have no idea if
such
> individuals in such places even exist today.

Hello Dick:

I rec'd the following yesterday as you probably did as well;

SB QST @ ARL $ARLB043
ARLB043 ARRL files comments, studies in Broadband Over Power Line
proceeding

ZCZC AG43
QST de W1AW
ARRL Bulletin 43 ARLB043
From ARRL Headquarters
Newington CT July 10, 2003
To all radio amateurs

SB QST ARL ARLB043
ARLB043 ARRL files comments, studies in Broadband Over Power Line
proceeding

Pointing to a potential for interference to and from Amateur Radio,
the ARRL has called on the FCC to "take no steps" to permit
Broadband over Power Line (BPL). The League's 120-page filing, which
includes several lab studies, was in response to the FCC's BPL
Notice of Inquiry in ET Docket 03-104, published May 23.

Comment: OK, this is fine, however where are these studies posted and who
performed them? Is this similar to the only study the ARRL possesses on
CC&R's that was done in 1988 in Boulder CO (which is the 4th most liberal
place in the US). The League is pouring thousands of dollars into that
particular lobbying effort (CC&R's) and resting their laurels on an inept 15

year old study. When I started investigating the CC&R issue, I found out that the only evidence the ARRL had to persuade Congress (other than throwing $$$ at them) was this pathetic study.

ARRL said the Amateur Service should not be "gored with the double-edged sword of an incompatible service" that will at once cause widespread interference and preclude any future changes in the amateur HF allocations.

Comment: OK, this is still on point but wht does the league need my money?

Citing "diligent and exhaustive research," ARRL concluded that BPL must avoid any and all amateur MF, HF and VHF allocations without exception.

Comment: What "diligent and exhaustive research," ? When someone asks you for $$$, dont they usually give you some stated facts relating to the reasons for the request? This is like reaching into a box of unmarked resistors and assuming that the one you pick is the correct value.

"This interference potential, as a matter of both law and fact, disqualifies access BPL as a potential future competitive broadband delivery system," the ARRL said in its comments.

Comment: CASE CLOSED. Its already a matter of law. No money needed.

League studies show received signal levels of BPL broadband noise at typical amateur stations would be anywhere from 33.7 dB to 65.4 dB higher than typical ambient noise levels in worst-case situations.
NNNN
/EX

Comment: Typical amateur station? 33.7 dB to 65.4 dB from what noise floor? WHERES THE BEEF?

73 de Paul

940. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-12 12:03:16 UTC
From: Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net>
Message-ID: <3F0FF8F3.960E4BC8@att.net>
Source record: 70714

Arnie Macy wrote:

> "Alun Palmer" wrote ...
>
> What about me? I passed 20wpm and choose not to use it at all? No doubt I
> will be told I'm missing out, but I'm doing exactly what I want to.
> ____
>
> I would probably be one of those that would say that. But, I also believe
> that it's your choice to make once you have passed the test. However, once
> learned (especially at 20wpm) you will never lose the ability to use it.
> Rusty maybe, but it will always be there.

I seriously doubt that he actually learned it at 20wpm, tho I don't doubt he did pass a 20wpm 'test'. At one period the code tests were made quite easy and if you could copy at all often one could guess out 7 of 10 correct multiple choice answers on the test.

941. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-12 12:04:36 UTC
From: Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net>
Message-ID: <3F0FF944.C1BEC505@att.net>
Source record: 70715

Alun Palmer wrote:

> "Arnie Macy" <kt4st@csam.net> wrote in
> news:beo8ik$7at8j$1@ID-166180.news.uni-berlin.de:
>
> > "Alun Palmer" wrote ...
> >
> > Well, it's certainly possible that it was their excuse to make me go
> > away
> > and quit bothering them! All the same, these are people who could pass
> > the Extra theory without too much effort, so once there is no longer a
> > code test we probably _will_ see some of them on the air.
> > ____
> > __
> >
> > No we won't. At least not in any great numbers. We've had a
> > 'codeless' license in the ARS for quite a while, and I'm yet to see the
> > great influx of EEs and the like. The code requirement were reduced --
> > still nothing. If they were truly interested in the ARS, they would be
> > here already (lots of technical stuff to do under the entry license).
> > Old argument, Alun -- not good then, not good now.
> >
> > Arnie -
> > KT4ST
> >
> >
> >
> >
> >
>
> How do you know they are not here? Do you really know what each of us
> majored in? I really don't think so.

That's an easy one. The numbers didn't rise accordingly after restructuring.

942. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-12 12:06:45 UTC
From: Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net>
Message-ID: <3F0FF9C5.38990358@att.net>
Source record: 70716

"Carl R. Stevenson" wrote:

> "Dick Carroll" <dickc58@att.net> wrote in message
> news:3F0F8930.6F943456@att.net...
> >
> >
> > JJ wrote:
> >
> > > Larry Roll K3LT wrote:
> > >
> > > > Were it not for the occasional usefulness of the 2-meter band to
> > > > "real" ham radio operators like you and me,
> > >
> > > With you and Dick holding yourselves up as "real" hams, I can see
> > > why some turn their back on ham radio and stay on cb.
> >
> > JJ, one does as one is. Even Forrest Gump knew that.
> > Look for excuses and there are always some to be found.
> >
> >
>
> Dick,
>
> If find your comparison of yourself (and Larry) to Forest Gump
> to be most appropriate :-) "Stupid is as stupid does." was the
> saying from the movie ... and while I don't actually think either
> you or Larry actually ARE stupid, you both certainly ACT that
> way.

Speak for yourself, Squig, you're the guy who's been whining and looking for
excuses for half a lifetime.

943. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-12 12:18:55 UTC
From: Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net>
Message-ID: <3F0FFC9E.C75BB3AF@att.net>
Source record: 70717

"Carl R. Stevenson" wrote:

> OOK Morse is clearly still a viable mode of
> communications ... (to use the much-used analogy, so is horseback
> riding as a form of transcontinental transportation).

So you equate transcontinental horseback riding to the use of radiotelegraphy.
And you regard yourself as an engineer (even nondegreed)?
Just for your basic information, radiotelgraphy uses the same radio propagation
that any other mode uses, and - when the operater is actually skilled in its
use-
often does it better and faster, at lower power than most other common modes,
particularly than weak-signal voice modes which demand slowly pronounced and
enunciated words and the use of phonetics.
And, as it happens, both travel at the same speed! Eureka!Carl has found it!

But you already knew all that, you just like to slam CW. You still remember
failing that
13wpm test long ago, don't you? Too bad you didn't have what it took to go back
and do it right instead of spending your lifetime carping about all that hazing
that we who did
have laid on you.

944. Re: Is There ANY Recourse re. FCC & Dropping CW?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-12 12:21:43 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030712082143.27503.00001013@mb-m24.aol.com>
Source record: 70719

In article <ckGPa.166$lL.17335@nnrp1.ptd.net>, "Carl R. Stevenson"
<wk3cqth@wk3c.com> writes:

>"N2EY" <N2EY@AOL.COM> wrote in message
>news:c2356669.0307110959.7882bfbd@posting.google.com...
>> "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> wrote in message
>news:<PCoPa.74$lL.7697@nnrp1.ptd.net>...
>> > "N2EY" <n2ey@aol.com> wrote in message
>> > news:20030710194147.18497.00001244@mb-m05.aol.com...
>> > > In article <5WfPa.14$lL.1567@nnrp1.ptd.net>, "Carl R. Stevenson"
>> > > <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> writes:
>> > >
>> > > ><clutch@lycos.com> wrote in message
>> > > >news:vgqqb3drvfar09@corp.supernews.com...
>> > > >>
>> > > >> FWIW, I support keeping the code in and I am a technician that is
>> > > >> trying hard to learn this. Code still has a use and it makes one
>> > > >> commit effort to upgrade to higher classes.
>> > > >
>> > > >"Making one commit effort" is not a legitimate regulatory purpose
>> > > >for the FCC.
>> > >
>> > > Then why all the different classes of license?
>> >
>> > Different levels of knowledge, of course.
>>
>> Why do such different levels of knowledge need to be tested? FCC sez a
>> Tech is qualified to use any authorized mode/power anywhere on the 2
>> meter band - but nowhere on the 20 meter band. Code test or no code
>> test. Why does 20 meters require more technical competency than 2
>> meters? Why does 14.020 require more technical competency than 14.030?
>>
>> Yes, there's rules, regs and propagation. But the General and Extra
>> tests cover a lot more than those three things. The written test
>> system we have now, and which we have had for decades, FORCES more
>> technical stuff on prospective hams whether they want it, need it, or
>> plan to use it, or not.
>
>See 97.1 ... basis and purpose ... the ARS is supposed to promote
>technical self-education and experimentation.

And it does. But that does not mean a whole range of arcane bits of knowledge
has to be used as an entry hazing ritual.

Do the tests actually cause anyone to experiment, or educate themselves beyond the level required for the tests? I don't think so. Those who are interested pursue their interests, that's all.

97.1 also talks about a pool of trained operators, but wtihout the code test there will be no tests of operator skills at all. So if it's OK not to force operator skills on people by means of tests, why must mean a whole range of arcane bits of knowledge be forced on them?

> While it is still sort of
>"incentive licensing," using the "carrot" of increased privs on HF is
>the FCC's way of promoting that goal.

Sure - but is that what's best for the ARS?
>
>Also, as I pointed out ... Techs on VHF/UHF stand less of a
>chance of causing worldwide interference problems than folks
>on HF (and the FCC doesn't like to have to deal with complaints
>from other administrations ...)
>
Nonsense. How often has the FCC had to deal with such complaints regarding HF hams in the past 20-25 years? Besides, Techs and Novices have long had access to at least 4 HF bands, at power levels only about 8 dB below that of Generals and above.
>>
>> > Many people already
>> > HAVE the technical knowledge to pass the written tests with ease.
>>
>> And many do not. For non-technical types, learning the written
>> material can require quite a bit of effort. It took me far longer to
>> learn the written material than the code way back when. Heck, I was
>> licensed and on the air long before school got around to things like
>> electricity and basic trigonometry, let alone how even the simplest
>> radios work.
>
>However, learning that material at least is in line with 97.1's goals.

Sure. So is learning the code. And a lot of other things, most of which have no test.

>Learning how to encode/decode Morse with one's "wetware"
>doesn't fall in the same ballpark.

Sure it does. Listen to the non-phone parts of the amateur HF bands sometime. Lots of hams on there using Morse. Lots of DX, too, which comes under the "international goodwill" part of 97.1
>
>> > The issue is that SOME people think that those who are in that
>> > position "should be made to expend some (additional) effort" to
>> > get their ham license (they ignore the effort ALREADY spent in
>> > acquiring the aforementioned knowledge).
>>
>> Call that the "ante" effect.

>
>It's not a game of poker ... you either know the material or you don't
>and it is not a legitimate purpose of regulation to "make you work xxx
>amount to get a license." If someone has to work to learn the material
>that's legitimately required, so be it ... if they already know it and don't
>have to put forth any (further) effort to learn it, so be it, too.
>
>[snippage]
>
>> > The point goes back to Garry Coffman's statement of some years ago
>> > (where is Garry anyway? anybody know?) to the effect that too many
>> > people view the license as a "graduation certificate" rather than the
>entry
>> > permit into a lifelong learning experience.
>>
>> I'm not one of those people.
>>
>> > And too many people value the
>> > license for what they had to do to get it, rather than what it allows
>them
>> > to do.
>>
>> It is simply human nature not to value highly what is acquired easily.
>
>I worked hard for many years to gain the technical knowledge and
>skills I have ... the fact that I didn't have to put forth additional
>effort to pass the extra test doesn't devalue what the license allows
>me to do one iota.

That's you. Others are different.
>
>> But let's talk about this "graduation" thing. In a way, a license IS a
>> "diploma" or "graduation certificate" - it says you have met the
>> requirements for that level of privileges. It does NOT say you know
>> everything there is to know about the subjects covered, or that your
>> education is complete. Just that you met the minimum requirements.
>
>OK ... goes to the old joke, "What do you call the guy who finished
>at the bottom of his class in medical school?" (Doctor)

Right.
>
>Hams will have different levels of technical knowledge and skills,
>depending on whether they are engineers, plumbers, cab drivers,
>etc. (Though there is nothing preventing an interested, intelligent
>cab driver from studying on his own and achieving a high level of
>technical knowledge and skill.)

Of course. Nor is there any requirement that the engineers will progress beyond
the level required by the tests. In fact, many of the 'engineers' and 'tecnical
people' I know who have ham licenses don't do much technical stuff in ham radio

at all. Too much of a busman's holiday.
>
>> So you would either beef up (pun intended) the Tech written or lower
>> the Tech power level. (I think the latter is more reasonable, btw)
>
>If it were up to me *personally*, I would reduce the power limit for
>techs to something around 50W ... those that simply operate commercial
>radios wouldn't really be affected, those who have the skill and knowledge
>to build higher powered rigs for things like EME, tropscatter, etc. should
>have no problem passing at least the General written.
>
>> > Other than that flaw (IMHO, it's a flaw and the
>> > power limit should be more in line with the technical knowledge required
>> > for the license), I'm content with the tests we have today ... they are
>> > "entry level" for the priveleges granted.
>>
>> Still doesn't explain why we need the Extra, or even most of the
>> General.
>
>If you don't get why the FCC uses the "carrot" to promote 97.1
>I doubt I can explain it in a way that will cause you to get it.

I get it. I'm just pointing out that the same logic that has been applied
against the code test can be applied against much of the written test.
>
>I strongly suspect that you actually *do* get it, but simply wish
>to be contrarian about it because it suits your purpose ... which
>appears to be to attempt to justify forcing Morse on everyone
>"just because the technical stuff is forced on everyone" (or something
>to that effect.

I'm simply pointing out that the same logic applies in both cases.
>
>> > I think that the FCC uses HF as a "carrot" to induce folks to learn more
>> > about radio
>>
>> Ah - a "carrot" to get them to "jump through the hoop" of more written
>> testing. Or, to put it another way, it's OK to force people to learn
>> lots more written-test material, whether or not they are interested,
>> in order to grant them an HF license, but it's not OK to force people
>> to learn even a very basic level of Morse code/CW, whether or not they
>> are interested, in order to grant them an HF license.
>
>Back to 97.1 ...
>
>> Seems like a contradiction, since the Tech written test is obviously
>> adequate for all VHF/UHF modes and frequencies.
>>
>> >... and that they are more comfortable with Tech privs because
>> > propagation generally limits the ability for Techs to cause interference
>> > beyond

>> > our borders. (note I said "generally")
>>
>> Sure - but at the same time, VHF/UHF is where many if not most of the
>> public safety services are. Interference with those services can
>> easily cost lives.
>
>But I would wager that the vast majority of techs use store-bought rigs
>(and with today's interated circuits, SMT manufacturing, etc, they are
>generally VERY reliable, statistically-speaking)

Do not the vast majority of Generals, Advanceds and Extras use VERY reliab;e
store-bought rigs with today's interated circuits, SMT manufacturing, etc.?

What rigs do YOU use on the HF amateur bands, Carl?
>
>[snip]
>
>> As for technical contributions, the writtens cover a wide variety of
>> subjects at a very basic level. Meaning you have to know a little bit
>> about a lot of things to pass, but knowing a lot about a few things
>> doesn't help you.
>>
>> The person who is really interested in, say, antenna systems, is
>> forced to learn all sorts of stuff about other subjects to pass the
>> written tests - stuff that he/she may never use and isn't interested
>> in. Stuff which is not needed for the proper and legal operation of an
>> amateur station. Sounds like a hoop-jump.
>
>Sounds like sour grapes because your favorite mode is no longer
>going to be on government life support.
>
Not at all - Morse isn't on any type of "life support". (Just the test).

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All of this is quite academic compared to the threat posed by BPL systems. Yet
I notice that very frew of the regular posters here have even bothered to
comment to FCC about it. There's still time - comments are closed but reply
comments are open.

73 de Jim, N2EY

945. Re: Is There ANY Recourse re. FCC & Dropping CW?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-12 12:21:44 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030712082144.27503.00001014@mb-m24.aol.com>
Source record: 70718

In article <cuvyxnansvbet.hhvmkfn.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>, "Phil Kane"
<Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop> writes:

>On 11 Jul 2003 10:59:42 -0700, N2EY wrote:
>
>>As for technical contributions, the writtens cover a wide variety of
>>subjects at a very basic level. Meaning you have to know a little bit
>>about a lot of things to pass, but knowing a lot about a few things
>>doesn't help you.
>>
>>The person who is really interested in, say, antenna systems, is
>>forced to learn all sorts of stuff about other subjects to pass the
>>written tests - stuff that he/she may never use and isn't interested
>>in. Stuff which is not needed for the proper and legal operation of an
>>amateur station. Sounds like a hoop-jump.
>
> I for one have no problem requiring an applicant for an amateur
> license to be well-rounded in radio and electronics, both theory and
> operations including regulations.

Nor do I, Phil.

Seems to me that a person who is "well rounded" in amateur radio will have at
least some skill in Morse code, though.
>
> There was lots of stuff that I was "forced" to learn in all three of
> my professions (which I sometimes refer to as shoeshine boy, baggage
> handler, and bus washer) but even though I may never use it in my
> specialty, it was necessary to learn it in order to be a "well-rounded"
> individual who can easily follow and evaluate what specialists in those
> other fields say rather than just smiling, nodding my head, and not having
> a clue.

Same here. But amateur radio is an avocation, not a profession.
>
> Applying it to ham radio, the operator who may be a good traffic
> handler but doesn't have a clue about what OET 65 requires of all
> ham operators (OK folks, look it up) is going to be behind the
> eight-ball if s/he's not in compliance. Ditto for the one who is an
> antenna maven but doesn't have a clue about digital communication
> protocols and emission masks.

Only if the person wants to do those things.
>
> Without the "generalist" background I'd be just another narrow geek.
>

Exactly! I'm sure you realize that I was in "devil's advocate" mode. Just applying the anticodetest rhetoric to the writtens.

> 73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane
> "Highball the scanner"
>
73 de Jim, N2EY

"No defects found...."

946. Re: Fight the BPL

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-12 13:00:45 UTC
From: Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net>
Message-ID: <3F10066C.47EA52DF@att.net>
Source record: 70720
Cross-posted to:
rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.swap,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.policy

Paul Vanasse wrote:

>
> ARRL said the Amateur Service should not be "gored with the
> double-edged sword of an incompatible service" that will at once
> cause widespread interference and preclude any future changes in the
> amateur HF allocations.
>
> Comment: OK, this is still on point but wh(y) does the league need my money?

IMO they're just following the standard organizational philosophy, that being

"Get the money while you can, while you have a good reason to request it".

Seems all organizations now operate under this plan and thus they always have
funding
available (provided they can keep from squandering it on unnecessaries) during
times when they don't have a hot-button "issue" to scare contributers with..

947. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-12 13:06:44 UTC
From: kelly@dvol.com
Message-ID: <d22b54c3.0307120506.39df23@posting.google.com>
Source record: 70721

"Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> wrote in message
news:<GKzPa.110$lL.938@nnrp1.ptd.net>...
> "Brian Kelly" <kelly@dvol.com> wrote in message
> >
> > There's a couple more internationally well known ham radio power
> > brokers. Who the hell are Rinaldo and Silverling?? Never mind, don't
> > bother . .
>
> Your ignorance of amateur radio regulatory matters never ceases to
> amaze me, Brian ...

I can't tell you how many times you've managed to amaze me too Carl,
there is no end to it. Ya just did it again. As far as my ignorance of
ham regulatory matters goes I readily bow to your expertise in ITU
regulatory minutia. Which is obviously your hobby. My hobby is ham
radio.

> Actually, Paul Rinaldo spends a great deal of time in Geneva representing
> ARRL at the ITU-R. And when he's stateside, I frequently run into him
> in the halls of the FCC.

Of course, I wouldn't expect you to run into him anywhere else.

> Jonathan Siverling also works for ARRL in the DC office ... he's a
> "Chapter Coordinator" in CITEL and also does ITU-R work. Jon
> was the "country outreach coordinator" for . . .

Carl I did finally realize who they are. That's why I said never mind.
Next time read the instructions.

> the Americas, due to his
> CITEL experience/contacts and ability to speak Spanish. (I was
> assigned several Latin American countries to work with because I
> also speak Spanish pretty well and know delegates from Latin America
> from my participatin in CITEL, and I also participated in the US review
> of the Spanish translation of some documents from the editorial
> committee to make sure the Spanish version was consistent with
> the English text ... found some misuse of verbs that we had to have
> corrected because they changed the meaning in the Spanish version.)

Some of my ARRL dues paid for a round trip or two to Latin America to
fix some verbs. Outstanding, just outstanding.

> > Making the point to having this squad of "experts" on hand in Geneva
> > moot before the conclave even it got off the ground eh?
>
> Not really ... the WRC is a VERY complex activity, involving both

> technical and political considerations ... sometimes when there are
> contentious issues, some "horse trading" goes on behind the scenes.
> USG relies on Private Sector Advisors to help develop the strategies
> and fallbacks and "talking points" that are used to lobby other delegations
> to achieve the delegation's goals ... sometimes it means "giving" a little
> on
> an issue that's important to another delegation (or group of delegations),
> where you have some flexibility, in order to obtain their support on some
> other issue that is important to the US.

You're preaching to the choir again Carl, we watched that phenomenon
in action when S25.5 neatly survived the assault to wipe it out
completely.

> In such cases, the USG folks
> consult with the private sector advisors on things like "What can your
> constituency live with?" so that they know how much they can "flex"
> without hurting US private sector interests. They also often "assign"
> private
> sector advisors to "work the floor," lobbying other delegations (within
> the bounds of the US position) for support (in many cases, the private
> sector advisors know and have good relations with members of other
> delegations that can be used to the Delegation's advantage in achieving
> its overall goals.)

Wunnerful wunnerful. Now get back to the basics: If you had stayed
home how would the results of WRC03 be any different from the way they
turned out?

> > I find enormous humor in *you* of all people floating around Geneva
> > posing as an "private sector expert" in the testing and use of Morse
> > in ham radio in the U.S. Sez it all.
>
> I fail to find the humor ... it must be you.

And a few dozen others around here.

> Having been licensed for
> over 25 years, having learned Morse, passed a test (albeit 5 wpm,
> but my skill increased as I *used* it in the early days), then losing
> interest in using Morse

Yeah, you "lost interset in Morse" alrighty. More like you didn't feel
like putting enough effort into the matter to become proficient in the
mode. The oldest excuse in the game.

> seeing Morse keep many of my engineering
> colleagues from becoming hams over the years, and being involved
> in this issue for a number of years,

Carl me boy who gives a rat's ass if a ham, new or otherwise happens
to be an engineer or an electronics tech - and why please? When I look
around this region at what hams are doing and not doing I have to come

to the conclusion that if the health and welfare of ham radio depended on the engineers in the hobby ham radio would be a very sick pup. I'm talking about the engineers' miniscule participation in RACES, club leaderships, contesting, dxing, repeater coordination, ARRL field appointments, elmering, all of those things which are at the core of what makes ham radio tick.

The elevation of engineers to some godlike status in ham radio is another giggle I enjoy no end. Fortunately 95% of this nonsense is only found in RRAP and not out on the bands or in the neighborhoods where radio is.

> both before the FCC and in the
> WRC prep process, I knew all the background, the issues, the US
> position, etc. I also knew the postions of many/most other
> administrations and regional groups. What's so funny about that?

I don't expect you to get it Carl, some things obviously go over your head. Like Morse at 13 wpm.

> It's not reasonable to expect a single VERY high level person from the FCC
> to know every detail of every agenda item ... their job at such meetings
> is to rely on the lower level staffers and private sector experts,
> overseeing things
> to make sure everyone's doing their jobs, and (frankly) to do some high
> level
> "shmoozing" with important people on other delegations to help "grease the
> skids" a bit.
>
> It is not uncommon for a private sector member of delegation to be
> tasked to present a document that he/she has been intimately involved
> in crafting.

"If you had stayed home how would the results of WRC03 be any different from the way they turned out?"

> > But the FCC is apparently still smart enough to use tools of
> > convenience to support it's own agenda. That's all you've been since
> > the gitgo Carl, an FCC tool.
>
> Attempt to disparage if you must, but it's simply not accurate.
> The US position on most WRC agenda items was VERY substantially
> driven by the private sector (the FCC's constituency) ... of course
> the result had to be acceptable to NTIA, representing DoD and other
> USG users of the spectrum, and to the State Dept. as well, but the
> bulk of the prep committees that developed position papers, talking
> points, strategies and fallbacks, etc. consisted of representatives from
> the private sector.
>
> This was, IMHO, truly an example of good governance ... the govt.
> REALLY listened to those who actually use the spectrum and took
> their technology, spectrum needs, etc. into account.

"If you had stayed home how would the results of WRC03 be any
different from the way they turned out?"

I think I have you scoped out Carl. You're one of these types whose
big jollies come from schmoozing all kinds of alleged VIPs and
advertising how "influential" they are as a result. Compulsive
joiners, thrive on endless "policy meetings", OhYeah, I've run into
the type many times. But when you peel away their bullshit and look at
their personal accomplishments . . .

Speaking of . . back when you picked up yer nickel Extra you crowed
about the all the towers & beams you were gonna put up and charge into
the HF bands in a big way. How's the tower work coming along Carl?

> Under the VE system, code testing essentially costs the FCC zilch ...
> there are no waivers, the VEs do the work ... where's the beef?

Every line in Part 97 costs the FCC money.

> > No kidding! Do you think the FCC or the ARRL would have wanted me
> > espousing MY position on S25.5?
>
> The process is open to all interested parties ... under the law you have
> a right to participate. If you don't, then don't carp about the outcome.

"If you had stayed home how would the results of WRC03 be any
different from the way they turned out?"

Nor would I have made a bit of difference.

> > By the way who paid yer air fare to Geneva? You? NCI? The FCC? Thought
> > so. Otherwise you wouldn't have been there huh?
>
> Not that it's REALLY your business, but my employer paid my travel
> expenses ... I was also there to follow two agenda items that were
> important to my employer (non-ham stuff, of course).

In other words I'm right. You wouldn't have been in Geneva "making
things happen" if yer boss hadn't paid the freight bill.

> > Back to Genesis here Tool: The NCI mission statement has been the
> > elimination of S25.5. Ya blew it, S25.5 lives on. Now what?
>
> Actually, your statement is not correct. The NCI mission statement
> makes NO mention of S25.5 ... (see the web page ... that text hasn't
> changed in the time I've been Exectutive Director of NCI ...

Want me to dig up all the posts in which you stated it was the NCI
mission to completely eliminate S25.5? Yes, NCI still has "work" to
do.

> . . . to government moving slowly, so the speed
> with which some administratons plan to allow access to HF by no-code hams
> seems surprising to us ...)

> These are facts that you can't change, so I suggest you simply learn to live
> with them.

Carl I've been comfortable with all of it ever since I passed the 20
wpm code test and got my Extra 35 years ago. I have no stake in any of
beyond the entertainment folks like you provide.

>
> 73,
> Carl - wk3c

w3rv

948. FCC's broadband strategy

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-12 13:21:30 UTC
From: Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net>
Message-ID: <3F100B48.33AF154A@att.net>
Source record: 70722

If there's anyone who doubts the seriousness of the "Broadband over Power Lines"

issue take a look at this, directly from the FCC's website, front page under
"Broadband".
It sure looks like they welcome any type of system that will cheaply bring
broadband access
to a large area, and that certainly describes the BPL proposal. Heading this
off may be a tough challenge.

Broadband

The FCC's strategic goal for Broadband is to establish
regulatory policies that promote competition, innovation, and
investment in broadband services and facilities while
monitoring progress toward the deployment of broadband services in
the United States and abroad.

Description

Broadband technologies, which encompass all evolving
high-speed digital technologies that provide consumers integrated
access to voice, high-speed data, video-on-demand, and
interactive delivery services, are a fundamental component of
the communications revolution. Fully-evolved broadband
will:

Virtually eliminate geographic distance as an
obstacle to acquiring information, and
Dramatically reduce the time it takes to access
information.

All will benefit as broadbandï¿½s technologies are
developed and deployed. Nonetheless:

The infrastructure is not yet ubiquitous,
Relative costs of deployment remain high compared to
narrowband,
Access is limited in underserved areas, and
Adoption rates remain low relative to availability.

Objectives

Promote the availability of broadband to all
Americans.

Conceptualize broadband in a way that includes any
platform capable of providing high-bandwidth intensive content.

Clarify and stabilize the regulatory treatment of broadband services.

Encourage and facilitate an environment that stimulates investment and innovation in broadband technology and services.

Harmonize regulation of competing broadband services that are provided via different technologies and network architectures.

Dutifully enforce market-opening requirements.

Monitor social and economic developments in order to provide ongoing national and international policy leadership and consumer education in the emerging broadband arena.

949. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-12 13:37:28 UTC
From: kelly@dvol.com
Message-ID: <d22b54c3.0307120537.4e192c79@posting.google.com>
Source record: 70723

"Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> wrote in message
news:<6WFPa.161$lL.17874@nnrp1.ptd.net>...
> "Mike Coslo" <mjc5@psu.edu> wrote in message
> news:3F0ED7E5.2090208@psu.edu...
> > Carl R. Stevenson wrote:

> >
> > I await the influx of all these engineers and the advances they will
> > bring Amateur Radio.

Don't hold your breath waiting for either.

> > Did anyone seriously say they were really interested in Ham radio, but
> > the Morse Code test kept them out? just har dto imagine that someone
> > really interested would do that.

Right on the money.

> I have reported that, in my over 32 years in the RF communications
> business, I have worked with MANY very competent engineers who
> would be interested in ham radio, but can't/won't be bothered with
> wasting their time jumping through a silly Morse code "hoop."
>
> Some have become hams since they could get meaningful HF privs
> for "only" 5 wpm ... I'm sure that more will once they can do the
> same without having to waste their time on even 5 wpm ... these
> are folks that could pass a technical test well beyond the Extra.
> Do you doubt that, even without Morse proficiency, they could/would
> make good hams and could contribute to the service?

Brings up a question Carl: You're a seasoned EE and have been a ham
for many years. What technology-based contributions have you made to
the service?

w3rv

950. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-12 14:22:03 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030712102203.10078.00000696@mb-m26.aol.com>
Source record: 70724

In article <beo9ou$6l06d$1@ID-166180.news.uni-berlin.de>, "Arnie Macy"
<kt4st@csam.net> writes:

>Subject: Re: Now That It's "Over"...
>From: "Arnie Macy" <kt4st@csam.net>
>Date: Sat, 12 Jul 2003 02:27:12 -0400
>
>"JJ" wrote ...
>
> BS, the services realized that with modern technology CW is an outdated,
>antiquated mode, no longer useful to them. You are living in your ham radio
>dream world too stubborn to see the truth.
>____
>
>Hey JJ -- did you forget that SSB is over 60 years old?

Actually, the use of SSB on radio is over 75 years old (AT&T transatlantic
telephone, 55 kHz LSB, in service 1927). SSB was first used by hams over 70
years ago (Ray Moore, W6DEI, and several others, early 1930s).

Widespread use by hams began in the late 1940s - almost 60 years ago - BEFORE
manufactured SSB equipment for hams was readily available.

>By your logic, it's
>time to shut that antiquated puppy down as well.

Old does not equal bad, or useless, or obsolete.

A question for JJ: Are you against the MODE, or just the TEST? Words like
"antiquated" and "obsolete", when applied to a mode, don't indicate support to
most people.

73 de Jim, N2EY

951. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-12 14:32:28 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com>
Message-ID: <0_UPa.225$IL.27819@nnrp1.ptd.net>
Source record: 70725

"Dick Carroll" <dickc58@att.net> wrote in message
news:3F0FFC9E.C75BB3AF@att.net...
>
>
> "Carl R. Stevenson" wrote:
>
> > OOK Morse is clearly still a viable mode of
> > communications ... (to use the much-used analogy, so is horseback
> > riding as a form of transcontinental transportation).
>
>
>
> So you equate transcontinental horseback riding to the use of
radiotelegraphy.

Yes ... in the sense that they have both been supplanted by more modern and
efficient means.

> And you regard yourself as an engineer (even nondegreed)?

Yup ... so do my peers (you don't fall into that category), including the
dozen
or so PhD's that I was responsible for bringing into my company.

> Just for your basic information, radiotelgraphy uses the same radio
propagation
> that any other mode uses,

Really? No fooling? :-)

> and - when the operater is actually skilled in its use-
> often does it better and faster, at lower power than most other common
modes,

ROTFLMAO!!! Better and faster, ha! At lower power, perhaps ... though
as has been pointed out before (though you continue to ignore the reality),
plain
old BFSK, at the same data rates as OOK Morse, has something on the order
of a 9 dB weak signal advantage over OOK Morse.

> particularly than weak-signal voice modes which demand slowly pronounced
and
> enunciated words and the use of phonetics.

See my previous paragraph above ...

> And, as it happens, both travel at the same speed! Eureka!Carl has found it!

You're delusional again ... take your meds or something.

> But you already knew all that, you just like to slam CW.

It's not that I'm "slamming CW" ... as I've said, use it to your heart's content.
But in the future when folks are not forced to learn it, you'll have to do your
own "recruiting," rather than relying on a government life support system for
it ...

>You still remember failing that 13wpm test long ago, don't you?

Actually, Dick, I never failed a 13 wpm test because I never TOOK one.
I took my 5 wpm test, then improved my speed working 40 cw, then
during a period when I was moving and the HF station (a Heathkit CW
only rig) was in storage, I got involved in VHF/UHF repeaters, packet
radio (in the early days), etc. and by the time the stuff was out of storage
I'd discovered that there were a lot more interesting things to do in ham
radio than making beeps ...

Carl - wk3c

952. Re: So what do we call them?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-12 14:32:44 UTC
From: kf6vyh@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030712103244.25500.00000218@mb-m21.aol.com>
Source record: 70726

>How about just saying the god damn frequency?
>

What are you saying, think about what this would mean? Just saying the frequency is to easy. HF needs to be complicated so that when the question pool is redone there can be more question to draw from.

953. Re: Come See My Great Web Site

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-12 14:54:08 UTC
From: The Magnum <magnum@mag2781.freeserve.co.uk>
Message-ID: <bep779$9v1$1@news6.svr.pol.co.uk>
Source record: 70731
Cross-posted to: uk.rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.policy

"Brainbuster" <brainbuster@spamtrap.lineone.net> wrote in message
news:3f0d0340.0@entanet...
> Georgina, calling herself, twistedhed@webtv.net wrote....
> >
> >
> >http://www.geocities.com/antitwisty/
>
>
> Still forging names?
>
> Probably nowt to do with CB... and certainly nowt to do with the UK,
> Georgina.
> I see that you a quite a big girl now...
> http://www.geocities.com/aarronvoobner/price.html
>
>
>
> Brainbuster.
>

TitterT

954. Jamming Still Happening on the N9EE Repeater

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-12 15:01:07 UTC
From: ke4jcd@yahoo.com
Message-ID: <460a6f44.0307120701.1f12ed7@posting.google.com>
Source record: 70733

Jamming Still Happening on the N9EE Repeater

Will the 146.640 ever be free of jamming?

Story By Robert Hartung - KE4JCD
Publisher of Hartung Press

Mr. Ronald A Wright, N9EE is no stranger to jamming on his repeater, for over 3 years the N9EE repeater has been plagued with jamming problems with no end in site... The FCC is also no where in site, and many keep asking the question, why? Refer to my story about N9EE on my new Amateur Radio News Page..

To hear what happen, run the recording..... This happen July 08, 2003 around 2 am....

http://www.hartungpress.com/hamradio/news/jammingonthe640.htm

955. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-12 15:20:38 UTC
From: Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93B6735AF9500elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>
Source record: 70734

Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net> wrote in news:3F0FF79A.C95EA5D0@att.net:

>
>
> Arnie Macy wrote:
>
>> "JJ" wrote ...
>>
>> You mean you and Larry boy don't know semaphore Dick? Why that is
>> just
>> plain LAZINESS. You know, when conditions are so bad that you and
>> Larry have to rely on CW and your faithful CW rigs gives up the ghost
>> or conditions get SO bad that CW can't even get through you and Larry
>> could save the world by using semaphore, if you had that skill, that
>> is.
>> ---
>>
>> I have to presume by your comment, JJ that you indeed know semaphore.
>> Otherwise, you look stupid when you chastise them for a skill you
>> don't possess. And, of course -- I'm sure it's just plain LAZINESS on
>> your part. What else could it be?
>
> Arnie, if learning semaphores had been a licensing requirement for the
> ARS, I would have learned it along with lots of others, like it or not.
> I sure wouldn't have sat on my backside for most of my lifetime carping
> about how 'unnecessary' it all was to make me jump through some
> "useless" hoop.
> But of course semaphores have no application to radiocommunications,
> as I
> inferred, and JJ knows that, it's just all he could grope around and
> come up with.
>
>

No true, what if the sound fails on your ATV setup and you are aboard a
sinking vessel? ROTFL

956. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-12 15:26:08 UTC
From: Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93B67449EEB61elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>
Source record: 70735

Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net> wrote in news:3F0FFC9E.C75BB3AF@att.net:

>
>
> "Carl R. Stevenson" wrote:
>
>> OOK Morse is clearly still a viable mode of
>> communications ... (to use the much-used analogy, so is horseback
>> riding as a form of transcontinental transportation).
>
>
>
> So you equate transcontinental horseback riding to the use of
> radiotelegraphy. And you regard yourself as an engineer (even
> nondegreed)? Just for your basic information, radiotelgraphy uses the
> same radio propagation that any other mode uses,

Just as a horse might use the same road as a car - you seem to be arguing
against yourself here

> and - when the
> operater is actually skilled in its use-
> often does it better and faster, at lower power than most other common
> modes, particularly than weak-signal voice modes which demand slowly
> pronounced and enunciated words and the use of phonetics.
> And, as it happens, both travel at the same speed! Eureka!Carl has
> found it!
>
> But you already knew all that, you just like to slam CW. You still
> remember failing that
> 13wpm test long ago, don't you? Too bad you didn't have what it took to
> go back and do it right instead of spending your lifetime carping about
> all that hazing that we who did
> have laid on you.
>
>

957. 1x2 Calls--automatic when upgrading to Extra?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-12 15:35:13 UTC
From: bro <grainum@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <3F102AB1.2217A1BB@yahoo.com>
Source record: 70822

Warning: Many Questions Follow!

Hey, I'm a 'general' and if I take the extra test do I get a 1x2
automaticly "if available"?
or
do I only get if applied as a vanity?
There are 3 available 1x2's now per N4MC's Vanity HQ's database.

If I only can get one of them (or an upcoming old 1x2 expiring call) by
the vanity program, do I have to pay for it 'every year' forever?

To further complicate:
Say i've had a 1x2 for a while and I see annother comming up for grabs
can I
switch?

What is the shortest time limit of having a 1x2 systematicly given
before you can get grabby on annother?
What is the shortest time limit of having a 1x2 vanitarily begged before
you can get grabby on annother?

I know, I know, a thousand questions.
Thanks In advance to the brotherhood of amateurs AND fellow usenetters
brian

958. Re: The Pool

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-12 15:36:36 UTC
From: "A.Melon" <juicy@melontraffickers.com>
Message-ID: <ab0623e814fc1ca11a10b53f3bd41de3@melontraffickers.com>
Source record: 70736

In article <3F033E62.58F9AEF5@earthlink.net>
Dave Heil <k8mn@earthlink.net> wrote:

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>
> Dave Heil wrote:
> >
> > N2EY wrote:
> > >
> > > So far:
> > >
> > > K2ASP: March 15, 2004
> > > AA2QA: April 1, 2004
> > > N2EY: April 15, 2004
> > > N3KIP: May 1, 2004
> >
> > I think you guys are being too optimistic. Odds are that Anderson won't
> > attempt obtaining an amateur license before sometime in 2011.
>
> Never mind. I thought

Dream the impossible dream, ASSHOLE.

959. Re: Code a Deterrent to a Ham Ticket ??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-12 15:37:26 UTC
From: Guessing <Guessing@connectnet.net>
Message-ID: <bXVPa.1425$Bd5.445@fed1read01>
Source record: 70737

I still maintain it is all a matter of achieve or cop out. Make excuses or meet a challenge.
And you are correct "Code aptitude and IQ are completely unrelated" So much for the "Engineer copout"

It has nothing to do whether you or I like or dislike the code.
It has nothing to do with "Antiquated technology"
It has nothing to do with "I'll never use code"
It has everything to do with "Want HF Ham Ticket -- Pass the Test "(at the moment) If dropped is all OK with me. Times and requirements change as they should.

Black and white -- yep sure is -- society, government, et al make it that way. Don't Drink and Drive, 3 strikes you are outta here -- Pass the Test -- pretty black and white to me.

As for > > Anyone who used the code as an excuse for not becoming a ham, just
> > wasn't serious about it.

> An unsupported assertion, and untrue

I have talked with hundreds and I mean hundreds of folks and VE's over the years and here are the copouts.

I don't have time. The most common one. VE's here have found that 15 min a day EVERY day practice and in a month --90%+ pass the code test BUT the other 10% spend all night on the boob tube.

I'll never use code. (You may never have to parallel park either) (if they still require that)

I can't take tests (Has Drivers License and a BSEE)

Its a lot easier to get on CB

Its too expensive (has $1000 computer, can't afford a Swan 350 at $250)

Its so illogical (so is a job interview at times)

Notice I didn't even mention whether I am a Ham or not -- Tech no-code or Extra ---pro or anti-code -- cause that ain't got nothing to do with -- PASS THE TEST

"Alun Palmer" <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote in message news:Xns93B5E7473C4B8elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4...
> "Guessing" <Guessing@connectnet.net> wrote in
> news:QWCPa.913$Bd5.644@fed1read01:

>
> >
> >> Someone squawked
> >> As an engineer myself, I can verfiy that lots of engineers have told
> >> me exactly that. Whether they would get a licence once code testing is
> >> abolished might be another matter.
> >
> > Nonsense and a big copout
>
> It happens to be the truth, whether you like it or not
>
> >
> > If you want a BS/MS/PHD Degree -- pass the tests
> > Want a driver license -- take a test
> > Want a job - take a drug test and physical exam and perhaps a
> > professional test
> > Want insurance -- take a physical exam
> > Want to be an apprentice (JourneyPerson) -- take the test
> > Want to advance in the Military -- take the test
> > Pass the Bar (Legal that is) Pass Da Test
> > Nurses CPR for sure and maybe ACLS Tests
> > Sobriety Test -- Try to dodge this one
> > et al tests
> > Want an HF Ham license -- take the code and Technical/Rules et al test
>
> Code won't be included in that for much longer. I assume that since you
> just say 'take the test' about everything, that you must have no problem
> with that. I certainly don't!
>
> > Otherwise we have CB and FRS. And one who listens on these bands ought
> > to be totally inspired to get a Ham Ticket !!!
> >
> > Simple as that.
> >
>
> You live in a 'black and white' world, don't you?
>
> > Anyone who used the code as an excuse for not becoming a ham, just
> > wasn't serious about it.
> >
>
> An unsupported assertion, and untrue
>
> > If 10 to 17 year olds can do it, why can't an engineer or any other
> > college grad ???
> >
>
> Code aptitude and IQ are completely unrelated
>
> > Did any of those "Engineers" get a No-Code Tech license ??

>
> Yes, I did (although I did code eventually)
>
> > Didn't think so !!
> >
> >
> >
>

960. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-12 15:37:50 UTC
From: Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net>
Message-ID: <3F102B3C.39D22428@att.net>
Source record: 70738

JJ wrote:

>
> > Your 40 years as a Ham apparently haven't taught you very much. It's always
> > better to leave Emergency Management Planning to the professionals. You
> > just proved it.
>
> It has taught me that I have never had to use CW as the only means
> of communication during any emergency, and that includes
> disastrous tornados, hurricanes, floods, and earthquakes. It has
> taught me that CW is an antiquated mode and I am not silly enough
> to think it will be some ham nut like Dick, Larry or you that will
> save the world from disaster with your little code key.

Looks like it's about time to write JJ off as a clueless dweeb who refuses to read or even
pay attention. Otherwise he'd know how ludicrous that diatribe actually is. No one here ever
indicated that CW was anything more than another effective tool for communications
when needed, and if he was halfway awake he'd know it.

961. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-12 15:39:29 UTC
From: Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net>
Message-ID: <3F102BA0.95EF4426@att.net>
Source record: 70739

JJ wrote:

> Larry Roll K3LT wrote:
>
> >
> > Again, follow the money and you'll learn the truth. The cost of hiring,
> > training, and providing pay and benefits to CW-proficient radio operators
> > is the key factor in play here.
>
> BS, the services realized that with modern technology CW is an
> outdated, antiquated mode, no longer useful to them. You are
> living in your ham radio dream world too stubborn to see the truth.

THAT is the BS and if you'd been paying attention you'd know it. Read Phil
Kane's
post on the subject from yesterday, for one.

962. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-12 15:44:39 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bepacv$1fqm$1@adenine.netfront.net>
Source record: 70740

"Larry Roll K3LT" <yodoc@aol.comnospam> wrote in message
news:20030711233932.23406.00000786@mb-m27.aol.com...
> In article <bel898$hl3$1@adenine.netfront.net>, "Kim W5TIT"
> <fahgedit@nomail.net> writes:
>
> >So, it's your blatant disregard for the possibility that "future hams"
will
> >be quite interested in CW and will learn the mode just because they
WANTED
> >to and not because it was required? You didn't learn CW because you
wanted
> >to but because you had to. So, what're you gonna say to those who will
> >obviously be a better ham than you because they learned CW out of wanting
> >to, not needing to?
> >
> >Kim W5TIT
>
> Well, Kim, if any show up, I'll be the first to congratulate them!
However,
> I hope you'll forgive me for not holding my breath in the meantime! You
> see, I've become somewhat accustomed to the occasional whiff of oxygen!
>
> 73 de Larry, K3LT
>

Something tells me you don't have to worry about people looking for congrats
from you, Larry.

Kim W5TIT

Posted via news://freenews.netfront.net
Complaints to news@netfront.net

963. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-12 15:49:50 UTC
From: Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93B6784E797AAelektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>
Source record: 70741

Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net> wrote in news:3F0FF8F3.960E4BC8@att.net:

>
>
> Arnie Macy wrote:
>
>> "Alun Palmer" wrote ...
>>
>> What about me? I passed 20wpm and choose not to use it at all? No
>> doubt I
>> will be told I'm missing out, but I'm doing exactly what I want to.
>> ____
>> _
>>
>> I would probably be one of those that would say that. But, I also
>> believe that it's your choice to make once you have passed the test.
>> However, once learned (especially at 20wpm) you will never lose the
>> ability to use it. Rusty maybe, but it will always be there.
>
> I seriously doubt that he actually learned it at 20wpm, tho I don't
> doubt he did pass a 20wpm 'test'. At one period the code tests were
> made quite easy and if you could copy at all often one could guess out
> 7 of 10 correct multiple choice answers on the test.
>
>

The real point here is only learnt what I had to do to get the *phone*
privileges I wanted. I never actually wanted to use CW, and this is why I
don't think it should be tested for licensing purposes. I understand that
the ARRL gives out nice certificates for those who have the burning urge
to take a code test.

The way I learnt it, I can only really copy code if I write it down, i.e.
I can't copy by ear unless it is extremely slow, and I was only copying
about 70% to get 7/10 answers right. OTOH, I had to listen to code upto
25wpm to pass 20, but 30wpm just blurs together to my ear, to where I
can't really discern any characters atall.

I don't think for a minute that I would much enjoy a QSO if I could only
copy 70%, so I would probably have to slow to 10-15wpm for a real QSO. Of
course, this means that those who only passed 13wpm multiple guess would
have to slow down to something much slower than that, maybe 5-8 wpm. As
for the 5wpm test.... you get the picture.

Don't hold your breath, though. You aren't likely to hear me on CW anytime
soon.

964. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-12 15:50:07 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bepan7$1g3v$1@adenine.netfront.net>
Source record: 70742

"Larry Roll K3LT" <yodoc@aol.comnospam> wrote in message
news:20030711233936.23406.00000789@mb-m27.aol.com...
>
> John:
>
> I agree that Morse code proficiency has nothing to do with speaking or
> typing -- but the ability to effectively employ the Morse/CW mode -- at
> speeds greater than 5 WPM -- will keep you communicating when conditions
> prevent you from communicating by voice or digital modes. You have done
> nothing but provide personal, anecdotal proof that reducing code testing
> requirements down to a mere 5 WPM maximum was NOT a good thing!
>

You know...the claim that CW "will keep you communicating when conditions
prevent you from communicating by voice or digital modes" has been made time
and time again. Time and time again there have been requests for proof of
this claim. None has been provided.

To state something does not make it so.

Kim W5TIT

Posted via news://freenews.netfront.net
Complaints to news@netfront.net

965. Re: FCC's broadband strategy

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-12 15:50:42 UTC
From: Eric Cartman <"bbbb slack"@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <3f102e59@snipnews.snip.net>
Source record: 70743

"Dick Carroll" <dickc58@att.net> wrote in message
news:3F100B48.33AF154A@att.net...
> If there's anyone who doubts the seriousness
> of the "Broadband over Power Lines" issue
> take a look at this, directly from the FCC's
> website, front page under "Broadband".
> It sure looks like they welcome any type of
> system that will cheaply bring broadband access
> to a large area, and that certainly describes
> the BPL proposal. Heading this
> off may be a tough challenge.

Likely not in some selected areas !

I heard one group on 75M talking
about BPL last night, after which a
discussion of the "pole hardware"
required to facilitate such service was
described. Two of the participants then suggested
"RF alignment tips" of saidsame future pole-mounted
BPL hardware infrastructure via application
of 12 Gauge 00-buck or 30-06.

(sounds like a good, if not brutish approach suggestion to me :)

966. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-12 15:53:05 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bepasp$1g7c$1@adenine.netfront.net>
Source record: 70744

"Dick Carroll" <dickc58@att.net> wrote in message
news:3F0F885B.18B0BF24@att.net...
>
> Dwight Stewart wrote:
>
> > "Mike Coslo" wrote:
> >
> > > Dwight Stewart wrote:
> > >>
> > >> Isn't Code more of a skill than a knowledge? Any
> > >> person can look at a piece of paper with a code
> > >> chart on it and translate code, but that doesn't
> > >> mean they have the skill to send or receive code
> > >> over a radio. Wasn't the latter the ultimate
> > >> purpose of the code test?
> > >
> > > One must know the Morse code to send and recieve it.
> >
> > You're right. Perhaps memorizing the individual sequence of sounds
> > associated with a letter of the alphabet is knowledge on some very basic
> > level, similar to a young child memorizing the sounds associated with
the
> > letters of the alphabet. Amazing that this would become a key focus of
> > testing in ham radio for so many years.
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>
>
> Mygawd, Dwight, are you really licensed as a ham? And *that's* all you
know of
> radiotelegraphy?
> You been hiding out in the wilderness somewhere, in a cave? What do you
think
> it was that started
> radio in the first place, semaphores?
>

No doubt what started ham radio was an experiment using the best of what was
around then. Perhaps you'd like to move into the most recent century, Dick.
If ham radio were "invented" today, it would never even get near CW.

Kim W5TIT

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967. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-12 15:56:37 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bepb3d$1gfh$1@adenine.netfront.net>
Source record: 70745

"Arnie Macy" <kt4st@csam.net> wrote in message
news:beo9c2$7f9gp$1@ID-166180.news.uni-berlin.de...
> "JJ" wrote in part ...
>
> John, you have to realize that Larry and his huge ego are just waiting
for
> the above scenario to happen so he can "save the world" with his CW
skills.
> He is in complete denial that when this big disaster happens, he and his
CW
> skills will mean nothing. I can just see him waving his code key shouting
"I
> can save the day with my CW" at the officials who will laugh their ass off
> at him.
> ____
>
> This EMA Director won't. I have already incorporated CW in my Emergency
> Management Plans. It's a great tool to have (in conjunction with the
other
> available communications modes). I actually feel sorry for those in EMA,
> and Amateur Radio, that discount it. We put it to great use during
> Hurricane Floyd in 1999, and I'm sure we'll use it again in the future.
> Your 40 years as a Ham apparently haven't taught you very much. It's
always
> better to leave Emergency Management Planning to the professionals. You
> just proved it.
>
> Arnie -
> KT4ST
>

Arnie, do you actually know people in EmCom who discredit CW??!! Anyone who discredits any mode of operation: CB, ham radio in all its modes,,FRS, shouting, mirror flashing, *ANYTHING*, in a moment of disaster is not credible, in my opinion.

Kim W5TIT

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968. Re: Code a Deterrent to a Ham Ticket ??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-12 16:06:05 UTC
From: Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93B67B0FCD2E0elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>
Source record: 70746

"Guessing" <Guessing@connectnet.net> wrote in
news:bXVPa.1425$Bd5.445@fed1read01:

> I still maintain it is all a matter of achieve or cop out. Make
> excuses or meet a challenge.
> And you are correct "Code aptitude and IQ are completely unrelated" So
> much for the "Engineer copout"
>
> It has nothing to do whether you or I like or dislike the code.

I disagree. If someone doesn't like CW, why on earth should they be forced to train as a CW operator to get accesss to phone frequencies? This is a hobby.

> It has nothing to do with "Antiquated technology"

I don't think CW can match PSK or TOR, so it is somewhat antiquated, IMHO

> It has nothing to do with "I'll never use code"

On the contrary. I don't use code, so why did I have to learn to use it?

> It has everything to do with "Want HF Ham Ticket -- Pass the Test "(at
> the moment) If dropped is all OK with me. Times and requirements change
> as they should.
>

So you have no trouble with the oncoming changes, then?

> Black and white -- yep sure is -- society, government, et al make it
> that way. Don't Drink and Drive, 3 strikes you are outta here -- Pass
> the Test -- pretty black and white to me.
>

So you don't beleive anyone should try to change any of the rules?

> As for > > Anyone who used the code as an excuse for not becoming a
> ham, just
>> > wasn't serious about it.
>
>> An unsupported assertion, and untrue
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> I have talked with hundreds and I mean hundreds of folks and VE's over
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> I don't have time. The most common one. VE's here have found that 15
> min a day EVERY day practice and in a month --90%+ pass the code test
> BUT the other 10% spend all night on the boob tube.

>

Usually that is just an excuse, I agree. My XYL uses it all the time!

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> they still require that)
>

No, that one is valid.

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>> > Want a driver license -- take a test
>> > Want a job - take a drug test and physical exam and perhaps a
>> > professional test
>> > Want insurance -- take a physical exam
>> > Want to be an apprentice (JourneyPerson) -- take the test
>> > Want to advance in the Military -- take the test
>> > Pass the Bar (Legal that is) Pass Da Test
>> > Nurses CPR for sure and maybe ACLS Tests
>> > Sobriety Test -- Try to dodge this one

>> > et al tests
>> > Want an HF Ham license -- take the code and Technical/Rules et al
>> > test
>>
>> Code won't be included in that for much longer. I assume that since
>> you just say 'take the test' about everything, that you must have no
>> problem with that. I certainly don't!
>>
>> > Otherwise we have CB and FRS. And one who listens on these bands
>> > ought to be totally inspired to get a Ham Ticket !!!
>> >
>> > Simple as that.
>> >
>>
>> You live in a 'black and white' world, don't you?
>>
>> > Anyone who used the code as an excuse for not becoming a ham, just
>> > wasn't serious about it.
>> >
>>
>> An unsupported assertion, and untrue
>>
>> > If 10 to 17 year olds can do it, why can't an engineer or any other
>> > college grad ???
>> >
>>
>> Code aptitude and IQ are completely unrelated
>>
>> > Did any of those "Engineers" get a No-Code Tech license ??
>>
>> Yes, I did (although I did code eventually)
>>
>> > Didn't think so !!
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969. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-12 16:09:31 UTC
From: Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93B67BA4D3EFCelektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>
Source record: 70747

"Kim W5TIT" <fahgedit@nomail.net> wrote in
news:bepasp$1g7c$1@adenine.netfront.net:

> "Dick Carroll" <dickc58@att.net> wrote in message
> news:3F0F885B.18B0BF24@att.net...
>>
>> Dwight Stewart wrote:
>>
>> > "Mike Coslo" wrote:
>> >
>> > > Dwight Stewart wrote:
>> > >>
>> > >> Isn't Code more of a skill than a knowledge? Any
>> > >> person can look at a piece of paper with a code
>> > >> chart on it and translate code, but that doesn't
>> > >> mean they have the skill to send or receive code
>> > >> over a radio. Wasn't the latter the ultimate purpose of the code
>> > >> test?
>> > >
>> > > One must know the Morse code to send and recieve it.
>> >
>> > You're right. Perhaps memorizing the individual sequence of sounds
>> > associated with a letter of the alphabet is knowledge on some very
>> > basic level, similar to a young child memorizing the sounds
>> > associated with the letters of the alphabet. Amazing that this would
>> > become a key focus of testing in ham radio for so many years.
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>>
>> Mygawd, Dwight, are you really licensed as a ham? And *that's* all you
>> know of radiotelegraphy? You been hiding out in the wilderness
>> somewhere, in a cave? What do you think it was that started
>> radio in the first place, semaphores?
>>
>
> No doubt what started ham radio was an experiment using the best of
> what was around then. Perhaps you'd like to move into the most recent
> century, Dick. If ham radio were "invented" today, it would never even
> get near CW.
>
> Kim W5TIT
>
>

> ---
> Posted via news://freenews.netfront.net
> Complaints to news@netfront.net
>

Do you know why, though Kim. Morse intended his system to be 100%
automated. Sending by hand and receiving by ear only came about because
the electro-mechanical systems of the day were unreliable. This happened
even before radio was invented. So you're right, now we use computers for
data modes a chain of events like that would be impossible.

970. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-12 16:11:27 UTC
From: Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93B67BF8D9AFCelektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>
Source record: 70748

"Kim W5TIT" <fahgedit@nomail.net> wrote in
news:bepan7$1g3v$1@adenine.netfront.net:

> "Larry Roll K3LT" <yodoc@aol.comnospam> wrote in message
> news:20030711233936.23406.00000789@mb-m27.aol.com...
>>
>> John:
>>
>> I agree that Morse code proficiency has nothing to do with speaking or
>> typing -- but the ability to effectively employ the Morse/CW mode --
>> at speeds greater than 5 WPM -- will keep you communicating when
>> conditions prevent you from communicating by voice or digital modes.
>> You have done nothing but provide personal, anecdotal proof that
>> reducing code testing requirements down to a mere 5 WPM maximum was
>> NOT a good thing!
>>
>
> You know...the claim that CW "will keep you communicating when
> conditions prevent you from communicating by voice or digital modes"
> has been made time and time again. Time and time again there have been
> requests for proof of this claim. None has been provided.
>
> To state something does not make it so.
>
> Kim W5TIT
>
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> ---
> Posted via news://freenews.netfront.net
> Complaints to news@netfront.net
>

It isn't so, at least not for digital modes.

971. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-12 16:13:43 UTC
From: Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net>
Message-ID: <3F1033A3.4615A54C@att.net>
Source record: 70749

"Carl R. Stevenson" wrote:

>
> > and - when the operater is actually skilled in its use-
> > often does it better and faster, at lower power than most other common
> modes,
>
> ROTFLMAO!!! Better and faster, ha!

THAT'S RIGHT, genius. Better and faster and MORE ACCURATE than voice in
marginal conditions,
like it or not. It's clear you have zero experience in this area but that sure
doesn't stop you from claiming
to be the original expert!

> At lower power, perhaps ... though
> as has been pointed out before (though you continue to ignore the reality),
> plain
> old BFSK, at the same data rates as OOK Morse, has something on the order
> of a 9 dB weak signal advantage over OOK Morse.

Yes you've been hawking that for years now. So where's the beef, as you like to
say?
Where's all that original designed hardware that will do it all without dragging
a computer
along for the overhead, and hopefully keeping it functioning within the system
as intended?
You and Cecil Moore were gonna come up with all sorts of goodies for ham radio
that would
take care of all these shortcomings, remember? So far all we've seen is BS
verbiage about how
you slew the old CW dragon at Geneva.

AND, don't forget that there is MUCH more to the story. Propagation conditions
have a LOT to
play in these new technologies, an important point which you are evidently
intent on ignoring.
For one example you can google up my posts of a few years ago about trying to
copy some very
weak Europeans working PSK31 on a near-dead 20 meter band when it wasn't
possible to
lock and print the PSK, but the CW ID came through loud and clear, on all of
them! The cause
was almost certainly polar phase shift, which corrupted the PSK but affected the
CW signal not a bit!

>
>
> > particularly than weak-signal voice modes which demand slowly pronounced
> and
> > enunciated words and the use of phonetics.
>
> See my previous paragraph above ...
>
> > And, as it happens, both travel at the same speed! Eureka!Carl has found
> it!
>
> You're delusional again ... take your meds or something.
>
> > But you already knew all that, you just like to slam CW.
>
> It's not that I'm "slamming CW" ... as I've said, use it to your heart's
> content.
> But in the future when folks are not forced to learn it, you'll have to do
> your
> own "recruiting," rather than relying on a government life support system
> for
> it ...
>
> >You still remember failing that 13wpm test long ago, don't you?
>
> Actually, Dick, I never failed a 13 wpm test because I never TOOK one.
> I took my 5 wpm test, then improved my speed working 40 cw, then
> during a period when I was moving and the HF station (a Heathkit CW
> only rig) was in storage, I got involved in VHF/UHF repeaters, packet
> radio (in the early days), etc. and by the time the stuff was out of storage
> I'd discovered that there were a lot more interesting things to do in ham
> radio than making beeps ...

I simply don't believe you, based on your past postings. You got a Tech license
at
an FCC district office, - San Diego, I believe you said , IIRC ,
when the ONLY way you could do that was to fail the 13wpm
code test when trying for General but copying enough to qualify for 5wpm,
because Tech in that time frame was a by-mail-order only license. You
wouldn't be allowed to walk into a FCC office then and ask to take a 5wpm code
test
and the Tech written, which was the same written as General. But if you were
taking the
General and failed the 13wpm test, copying enough to qualify you for 5wpm,
they'd allow
you to go ahead and finish out the exam by taking the General written, thus
qualifying
as a Tech. You could then return later and pass the 13wpm code test and upgrade
to
General.
You shoulda did it, Carl, would have saved you lot of grief over the years.

And no, that didn't happen to me, I read about in in QST back then. When I went to the
FCC office to test, I took every ham test except the Novice which was all
the credit allowed for a Conditional General, and brought home my Extra.

Of course I could be wrong, but you could be obfuscating just to save face, too.

972. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-12 16:17:58 UTC
From: Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net>
Message-ID: <3F1034A4.62BCEE2@att.net>
Source record: 70750

Alun Palmer wrote:

>
> > So you equate transcontinental horseback riding to the use of
> > radiotelegraphy. And you regard yourself as an engineer (even
> > nondegreed)? Just for your basic information, radiotelgraphy uses the
> > same radio propagation that any other mode uses,
>
> Just as a horse might use the same road as a car - you seem to be arguing
> against yourself here

And at the same speed of travel, right?

Sometimes you codefree engineers seem to be half brain dead. At least half.

973. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-12 16:27:54 UTC
From: JJ <radiobuff0@mailcity.moc>
Message-ID: <3F10370A.9050408@mailcity.moc>
Source record: 70837

Dick Carroll wrote:

> JJ you really don't need to display yourself as a code illiterate, just because
> you're
> irritated that someone would actually advocate using it on the air. You don't have
> to.
> But you can't seem to help yourself. If you've never observed radio operators - REAL
>
> radio operators, using code in a very efficient way, that's just your loss. No need
> for you to
> act so stupid over it.
>
> Some people can, others "just don't want to". You can be one of those if you wish.

First, I am not code illiterate, I can operate code if I choose
to. Second, your statement of REAL radio operators is where I have
a problem with the likes of you and Larry. You have this huge ego
that unless every ham feels about code the way you do they are not
real hams. That if they choose not to use code then they are the
unwashed, the unclean. That is the problem I have with those like
you and your attitude toward other hams of your "I am superior
because I use CW" attitude.
Any ham who passes the test and obtains a license is just as much
of a REAL ham as you and Larry and like kind will ever be. Even
more so of a REAL ham if they reject the holier than thou attitude
you have.
I have nothing against the use of CW, just don't use it as some
kind of attempt to make yourself somehow appear superior because
you may prefer that mode and others may not. CW is a fine mode, no
need for you to act so stupid over it.

974. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-12 16:28:41 UTC
From: JJ <radiobuff0@mailcity.moc>
Message-ID: <3F103739.1030700@mailcity.moc>
Source record: 70838

Carl R. Stevenson wrote:
> "JJ" <radiobuff0@mailcity.moc> wrote in message
> news:3F0FF542.6040407@mailcity.moc...
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>>Carl R. Stevenson wrote:
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>>>>when the ONLY way you could do that was to fail the 13wpm
>>>>code test when trying for General but copying enough to qualify for
>>>
> 5wpm,
>
>>>>because Tech in that time frame was a by-mail-order only license.
>>>
>>>
>>>Not true ... at the time, the only test that was given by volunteer
>>>examiners was the Novice ...
>>
>>Are you forgetting about the Conditional (same as the General)?
>
>
> I may be wrong, but I *think* the FCC stopped issuing Conditionals
> before 1975.

Could be, I can't remember.

975. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-12 16:31:55 UTC
From: Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net>
Message-ID: <3F1037E8.EDDFBE37@att.net>
Source record: 70851

Alun Palmer wrote:

> "
> > No doubt what started ham radio was an experiment using the best of
> > what was around then. Perhaps you'd like to move into the most recent
> > century, Dick. If ham radio were "invented" today, it would never even
> > get near CW.
> >
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>
> Do you know why, though Kim. Morse intended his system to be 100%
> automated. Sending by hand and receiving by ear only came about because
> the electro-mechanical systems of the day were unreliable. This happened
> even before radio was invented. So you're right, now we use computers for
> data modes a chain of events like that would be impossible.

Well, we can all sit around thinking up technologies which wouldn't be invented
today,
and you can begin with your favorite media the boob toob (right up Kim's alley)

They have totally re-invented it.

None of which has anything to do with radiotelegraphy, a system widely used in
HF ham radio.

976. Re: Code a Deterrent to a Ham Ticket ??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-12 16:41:52 UTC
From: Guessing <Guessing@connectnet.net>
Message-ID: <kTWPa.1427$Bd5.928@fed1read01>
Source record: 70853

"Alun Palmer" <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote in message
news:Xns93B67B0FCD2E0elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4...
> "Guessing" <Guessing@connectnet.net> wrote in
> news:bXVPa.1425$Bd5.445@fed1read01:

Alun I respect you opinions. Just like I don't like some laws (blue or otherwise) and CC&R's in the HOA in which I live -- I can express a personal emotion or opinion as you have. But my point is that thousands who hate the code have passed the code test because they had to in order to achieve their goals. If one's desire to get on HF is high enough, the code should not be a deterrent as many have proved. And they didn't like proving it.

> > I still maintain it is all a matter of achieve or cop out. Make
> > excuses or meet a challenge.
> > And you are correct "Code aptitude and IQ are completely unrelated" So
> > much for the "Engineer copout"
> >
> > It has nothing to do whether you or I like or dislike the code.
>
> I disagree. If someone doesn't like CW, why on earth should they be forced
> to train as a CW operator to get accesss to phone frequencies? This is a
> hobby.

Because the FCC sez so -- don't mix emotions with the law.
It is not a hobby -- FCC Part 97 sez it is a Service. (That ought to stir up a hornets nest!!)
>
> > It has nothing to do with "Antiquated technology"
>
> I don't think CW can match PSK or TOR, so it is somewhat antiquated, IMHO

Besides the point
>
> > It has nothing to do with "I'll never use code"
>
> On the contrary. I don't use code, so why did I have to learn to use it?

FCC sez so -- you are making an excuse to avoid the requirement. Logic has nothing to do with it -- its the law. Ask a lawyer about that one. Hey I want to be a BSEE, why do I have to take History classes ????
>
> > It has everything to do with "Want HF Ham Ticket -- Pass the Test "(at
> > the moment) If dropped is all OK with me. Times and requirements change
> > as they should.
> >
>

> So you have no trouble with the oncoming changes, then?

None at all.
>
> > Black and white -- yep sure is -- society, government, et al make it
> > that way. Don't Drink and Drive, 3 strikes you are outta here -- Pass
> > the Test -- pretty black and white to me.
> >
>
> So you don't beleive anyone should try to change any of the rules?

Of course change is inevitable. But for now -- buckle up
>
> > As for > > Anyone who used the code as an excuse for not becoming a
> > ham, just
> >> > wasn't serious about it.
> >
> >> An unsupported assertion, and untrue
> >
> > I have talked with hundreds and I mean hundreds of folks and VE's over
> > the years and here are the copouts.
> >
> > I don't have time. The most common one. VE's here have found that 15
> > min a day EVERY day practice and in a month --90%+ pass the code test
> > BUT the other 10% spend all night on the boob tube.
> >
>
> Usually that is just an excuse, I agree. My XYL uses it all the time!
Mine Too !!
>
> > I'll never use code. (You may never have to parallel park either) (if
> > they still require that) > >
>
> No, that one is valid.

Try telling that to the FCC -- meantime Pass The Test
>
> > I can't take tests (Has Drivers License and a BSEE)
> >
> > Its a lot easier to get on CB
> >
> > Its too expensive (has $1000 computer, can't afford a Swan 350 at $250)
> >
>
> That one makes me smile too
>
> > Its so illogical (so is a job interview at times)
> >
> > Notice I didn't even mention whether I am a Ham or not -- Tech no-code
> > or Extra ---pro or anti-code -- cause that ain't got nothing to do
> > with -- PASS THE TEST

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> >
> > "Alun Palmer" <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote in message
> > news:Xns93B5E7473C4B8elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4...
> >> "Guessing" <Guessing@connectnet.net> wrote in
> >> news:QWCPa.913$Bd5.644@fed1read01:
> >>
> >> >
> >> >> Someone squawked
> >> >> As an engineer myself, I can verfiy that lots of engineers have
> >> >> told me exactly that. Whether they would get a licence once code
> >> >> testing is abolished might be another matter.
> >> >
> >> > Nonsense and a big copout
> >>
> >> It happens to be the truth, whether you like it or not
> >>
> >> >
> >> > If you want a BS/MS/PHD Degree -- pass the tests
> >> > Want a driver license -- take a test
> >> > Want a job - take a drug test and physical exam and perhaps a
> >> > professional test
> >> > Want insurance -- take a physical exam
> >> > Want to be an apprentice (JourneyPerson) -- take the test
> >> > Want to advance in the Military -- take the test
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> >> problem with that. I certainly don't!
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> >> > ought to be totally inspired to get a Ham Ticket !!!
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> >> > Simple as that.
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> >> You live in a 'black and white' world, don't you?
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> >> > wasn't serious about it.
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> >> > If 10 to 17 year olds can do it, why can't an engineer or any other
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> >> Code aptitude and IQ are completely unrelated
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> >> > Did any of those "Engineers" get a No-Code Tech license ??
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> >> Yes, I did (although I did code eventually)
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> >> > Didn't think so !!
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977. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-12 16:44:43 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bepdtj$1ih0$1@adenine.netfront.net>
Source record: 70855

"Dick Carroll" <dickc58@att.net> wrote in message
news:3F1033A3.4615A54C@att.net...
>
> Where's all that original designed hardware that will do it all without
dragging
> a computer along for the overhead, and hopefully keeping it functioning
within the system
> as intended?
>

Uh, Dick? How 'bout you describe what you would be carrying with you when
you need CW? What if an emergency happens and you are displaced from your
normal CW operating position? I'd like to see a description of the
equipment you would require to establish CW communications.

Kim W5TIT
Imagine I'll be waiting a long time for this reply

Posted via news://freenews.netfront.net
Complaints to news@netfront.net

978. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-12 16:45:31 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com>
Message-ID: <LWWPa.245$IL.29294@nnrp1.ptd.net>
Source record: 70852

"Dick Carroll" <dickc58@att.net> wrote in message
news:3F1033A3.4615A54C@att.net...
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> "Carl R. Stevenson" wrote:
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> >
> > > and - when the operater is actually skilled in its use-
> > > often does it better and faster, at lower power than most other common
> > modes,
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> > ROTFLMAO!!! Better and faster, ha!
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> THAT'S RIGHT, genius. Better and faster and MORE ACCURATE than voice in
> marginal conditions,
> like it or not. It's clear you have zero experience in this area but that
sure
> doesn't stop you from claiming to be the original expert!

I never said I was "the original expert" ... but I have logged many hundreds
of
hours of emergency comms service in my over 25 years as a ham ... and never
had to use CW (not that anyone else in the ARES or RACES teams would have
suggested it either ...)

> > At lower power, perhaps ... though
> > as has been pointed out before (though you continue to ignore the
reality),
> > plain
> > old BFSK, at the same data rates as OOK Morse, has something on the
order
> > of a 9 dB weak signal advantage over OOK Morse.
>
> Yes you've been hawking that for years now. So where's the beef, as you
like to
> say?

The numbers were presented years ago ... google them up if you want to
refresh your memory.

> Where's all that original designed hardware that will do it all without
dragging
> a computer
> along for the overhead, and hopefully keeping it functioning within the
system

> as intended?

Ah, so you have a problem with computers ... better start walking ... the average
modern vehicle has sosmething on the order of a couple of dozen or more computer
chips in it ...

> AND, don't forget that there is MUCH more to the story. Propagation conditions
> have a LOT to
> play in these new technologies, an important point which you are evidently
> intent on ignoring.

NO, some of them are more robust than CW by a bunch ...

> For one example you can google up my posts of a few years ago about trying to
> copy some very
> weak Europeans working PSK31 on a near-dead 20 meter band when it wasn't
> possible to lock and print the PSK, but the CW ID came through loud and clear,
> on all of them! The cause was almost certainly polar phase shift, which corrupted
> the PSK but affected the CW signal not a bit!

Or more likely you don't know how to properly adjust soundcard levels and
tune the PSK-31 signal ...
> > >You still remember failing that 13wpm test long ago, don't you?
> >
> > Actually, Dick, I never failed a 13 wpm test because I never TOOK one.
> > I took my 5 wpm test, then improved my speed working 40 cw, then
> > during a period when I was moving and the HF station (a Heathkit CW
> > only rig) was in storage, I got involved in VHF/UHF repeaters, packet
> > radio (in the early days), etc. and by the time the stuff was out of storage
> > I'd discovered that there were a lot more interesting things to do in ham
> > radio than making beeps ...
>
> I simply don't believe you, based on your past postings. You got a Tech license
> at
> an FCC district office, - San Diego, I believe you said , IIRC ,

Actually, it was Long Beach ...

> when the ONLY way you could do that was to fail the 13wpm
> code test when trying for General but copying enough to qualify for 5wpm,
> because Tech in that time frame was a by-mail-order only license.

Not true ... at the time, the only test that was given by volunteer
examiners was the Novice ...

Carl - wk3c

979. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-12 16:46:47 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com>
Message-ID: <XXWPa.246$IL.28493@nnrp1.ptd.net>
Source record: 70854

"Dick Carroll" <dickc58@att.net> wrote in message
news:3F1034A4.62BCEE2@att.net...
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> Alun Palmer wrote:
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> > > So you equate transcontinental horseback riding to the use of
> > > radiotelegraphy. And you regard yourself as an engineer (even
> > > nondegreed)? Just for your basic information, radiotelgraphy uses the
> > > same radio propagation that any other mode uses,
> >
> > Just as a horse might use the same road as a car - you seem to be
arguing
> > against yourself here
>
>
>
> And at the same speed of travel, right?
>
> Sometimes you codefree engineers seem to be half brain dead. At least
half.

No, Dick not at the same speed of travel ... other modes are faster than
Morse.

You're the one who seems brain dead ...

Carl - wk3c

980. Fred Again??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-12 18:20:42 UTC
From: "Sammy Davis Sr." <Anonr@nodominz.com>
Message-ID: <bepjhs$lp8$0@pita.alt.net>
Source record: 70857
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.scanner,rec.radio.shortwave

Ya don't suppose that old Fred Hambrecht, N4JLE is flooding the groups again, do ya??? It ain't like he's never done it before.....!!!!
Heck...I don't think he's ever stopped!

981. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-12 18:22:15 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030712142215.02197.00001197@mb-m12.aol.com>
Source record: 70858

In article <dlRPa.203$lL.24863@nnrp1.ptd.net>, "Carl R. Stevenson"
<wk3cqth@wk3c.com> writes:

>OOK Morse is clearly still a viable mode of
>communications ... (to use the much-used analogy, so is horseback
>riding as a form of transcontinental transportation).

Not a good analogy. Horses are not much used on the roads and highways of America. Horses are not motor vehicles. CW/Morse is very much used on the amateur bands, and it is a radio mode just like AM, FM, SSB, etc..

Try this analogy:

Manual transmissions in motor vehicles are still viable and in use by those who prefer them - but there's no mandatory test for manual-transmission skill in order to drive a car. At least not in any state that K2UNK, K2ASP or I know of.

Manual transmissions outperform automatics in some ways, and automatics outperform manuals in some ways.
>
>It's just that it's been bypassed by more modern, more efficient means
>that that vast majority of people prefer.

The vast majority of people don't care to become hams at all - regardless of mode, or test.

"More modern, more efficient" are in the eye of the arguer. SSB is almost as old as CW/Morse - described theoretically in 1915, used on landwire carrier some years later, in revenue service on LF radio in 1927 and by hams on HF before 1934. Yet it's still in wide use by hams - just like CW. Many other services, however, have abandoned SSB, or never used it in the first place. And look what happened to "ACSSB"....

Suppose you want a mode that:

- doesn't require talking, typing, or reading
- can use very simple or very complex equipment, or almost anything in between
- can be human or machine generated and interpreted
- uses only a tiny bit of the radio spectrum

What mode that meets those criteria is "more modern and efficient" than CW/Morse?

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Cars with automatic transmissions outsell cars with manual transmissions by about 10 to 1, last I heard. Yet manual transmissions are still available.

Should everyone have to learn how to drive a manual transmission car to get a driver's license? Even if the test is reduced to putting it in first and crawling across an empty parking lot at 5 mph?

73 de Jim, N2EY

982. Re: Code a Deterrent to a Ham Ticket ??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-12 20:01:54 UTC
From: kelly@dvol.com
Message-ID: <d22b54c3.0307121201.7d136069@posting.google.com>
Source record: 70867

n2ey@aol.com (N2EY) wrote in message
news:<20030712063003.00871.00000623@mb-m17.aol.com>...

>
> What will be very interesting to see is what effect complete elimination of
> code testing has on the number of new hams and the overall growth of the ARS.
> More than three years ago, the 13 and 20 wpm code tests, and the medical
> waivers, were dumped by FCC. Result was growth of about 11,000 hams - and a
> lot of already-licensed hams got upgrades. Sure doesn't seem like there were > a lot of
people being kept out by the 13 and 20 wpm code tests.

And of that 11,000 how many do you 'spose are engineers who wouldn't
have become hams unless the code test was dropped to 5 wpm? And of
those, how many of these newly minted ham engineers will ever make any
"contribution to the service"?

> btw - I'm an engineer, and none of the tests were a deterrent for me.
>
> 73 de Jim, N2EY

w3rv

983. Re: Fred Again??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-12 20:09:38 UTC
From: Rain Maker <AgentSmith@IsALoser.net>
Message-ID: <vemcnUJTrpac9o2iU-KYvA@comcast.com>
Source record: 70868
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.scanner,rec.radio.shortwave

"The Fake Agent Smith" <Anonr@nodominz.com> wrote in message
news:bepjhs$lp8$0@pita.alt.net...
> Ya don't suppose that old Fred Hambrecht,

No. It's only you. About a month ago I actually believed your stupid little cover up but now that I see how you work and know that it isn't me or Fred or any of the people you choose as your victim that is doing the flooding. It's all you Fake Smith. From Frog, Altopia, Dizum... It's all one person. YOU!

Anyone that has been critical of you has shortly afterwords been made the target of your floods including:

Myself

The real Agent Smith that posts from Cox.net not a remailer

Lord Floyd
Don Souter
GM
Patrick Carter or Patrick C
L Ron Hubbard
Stagger Lee
Wilf Kelly
RedOctober90
RFCOMMSYS
JJ
Frank White
Pabst
Spaced Invader

It's becoming all too clear to everyone in these groups, who you are and what you're all about.

984. Re: Fight the BPL

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-12 20:27:20 UTC
From: Paul Vanasse <pvanasse@cox.net>
Message-ID: <Ia_Pa.17239$o86.773@news1.central.cox.net>
Source record: 70869
Cross-posted to:
rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.swap,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.policy

"Dick Carroll" <dickc58@att.net> wrote in message
news:3F10066C.47EA52DF@att.net...

> IMO they're just following the standard organizational philosophy, that
being
>
> "Get the money while you can, while you have a good reason to request it".
>
> Seems all organizations now operate under this plan and thus they always
have
> funding
> available (provided they can keep from squandering it on unnecessaries)
during
> times when they don't have a hot-button "issue" to scare contributers
with..
>

Ditto on this one Richard.

Years ago I actually used to believe it when my priest told us that if we
gave big $$$ to any of the churches causes, it would guarantee me a seat in
heaven.....

985. Re: Fight the BPL

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-12 20:31:24 UTC
From: W5DXP <Cecil.A.Moore@ieee.org>
Message-ID: <3f107109$1_8@corp.newsgroups.com>
Source record: 70870
Cross-posted to:
rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.swap,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.policy

Paul Vanasse wrote:
> Years ago I actually used to believe it when my priest told us that if we
> gave big $$$ to any of the churches causes, it would guarantee me a seat in
> heaven.....

If heaven is so perfect, why don't people want to go sooner? :-)
--
73, Cecil http://www.qsl.net/w5dxp

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http://www.newsfeeds.com - The #1 Newsgroup Service in the World!
-----== Over 80,000 Newsgroups - 16 Different Servers! =-----

986. Re: The Day has come....

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-12 20:34:24 UTC
From: LA Davies <lloyd_vfp@dalek.com>
Message-ID: <3f10550c@shknews01>
Source record: 70860

"Vshah101" <vshah101@aol.com> wrote in message
news:20030712015009.26622.00000176@mb-m18.aol.com...
> Larry Roll K3LT said:
> >Those that can't -- whine about
> >the requirements and wait for them to be dumbed-down to their level!
>
> Well some coders refuse to learn the technical material. Although
> time-consuming, Its easy to learn one skill (CW) and claim superiority for
> that.
> Seems like the requirement was dumbed down to the non-technical Ham's
level.
>
> There are other reasons not to learn code other than "dumbed-down" as you
say.
> One is that I don't like code. Another reason is image. It shows that you
put
> time into a worthless pursuit (Morse code). Image is NOT the consideration
for
> me. I would learn it if I wanted to.

I agree 100% Code should be dropped ASAP. If we want to save Ham Radio.

>
> I don't have to learn <Morse> code just so I can prove I have the ability
to
> learn <Morse> code. I have learned other skills that are just as
difficult.
> Another reason is the "benefit" is not worth the effort. I would put
effort
> into those because I can use those skills in <real> life. I cannot use
<Morse>
> code.

I agree too. What kind of high-paying jobs would you get by learning CW?

>
> >I highly suggest that to add to your sense of self-satisfaction, that
once
> >you get your "No-Code Extra" you make a point of telling every Pre-
> >Restructuring, 20-WPM code-tested Extra you know that you are their
> >"equal" as a ham radio operator.
>
> Funny, thats what pro-coders say. They say that a General class that
learned
> <Morse> code is superior because they have a higher license class. I would

say
> that the General or Extra that just learned code may not be superior to
the
> Technician that wants to have good technical skills, but refuses to learn
code.
>

It's the "I'm better than you" attitude that is ruining the hobby. People
like Larry and Steve, are old and want the CW to stay, as a "hazing" thing.

I'm afraid thoese days are going the way of the dinosour.....

Lloyd Davies, N0VFP

987. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-12 21:04:38 UTC
From: Arnie Macy <kt4st@csam.net>
Message-ID: <bept5q$7qpa0$1@ID-166180.news.uni-berlin.de>
Source record: 70871

"JJ" wrote ...

And your response comes because you are a ham and support CW and you just can't stand the thought that CW may not save the world someday. Go talk to your local emergency officials about how you can save the world because you can use CW and see how much importance they put on you views. So you put it to use in 1999 during Hurricane Floyd. Why? Was it the only means of communications that could get through? I seriously doubt it. I am not arguing the fact you used CW, just don't tout it as the end all to communications during the Hurricane. [40 years as a Ham] It has taught me that I have never had to use CW as the only means of communication during any emergency, and that includes disastrous tornados, hurricanes, floods, and earthquakes. It has taught me that CW is an antiquated mode and I am not silly enough to think it will be some ham nut like Dick, Larry or you that will save the world from disaster with your little code key. I am not anti CW, just anti those who claim that it will be the savior of the world and anyone who doesn't use code isn't as good a ham as Larry, Dick, and others (you too I guess). I have kown many hams that never operated CW after upgrading from Novice, and they would put Larry and Dick to shame as far as being "real" hams. Look into the future and you see Larry's skeleton sitting at his rig, hand on the code key still waiting to say the world with is CW skills. It isn't going to happen.

If you had bothered to actually read my reply, you would have known that I said it was used in conjunction with other modes, not exclusively. And yes, we used it because we were having a very hard time getting through on SSB (our primary mode), and phone lines were jammed or down. As to your assertion that "local" EMAs think CW is not important -- As a Federal EMA, I can tell you that you are dead wrong about that. When I talk to them, they are thrilled to have the additional communication tool and are impressed that we (ARS) have operators capable of it. Again, if you would have taken the time to read my reply, and after 40 years as a Ham, you would have already known this.

Arnie -

BTW, Are you and Leland related? You both use the anomalous term "code key"

988. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-12 21:08:10 UTC
From: Arnie Macy <kt4st@csam.net>
Message-ID: <beptce$7t931$1@ID-166180.news.uni-berlin.de>
Source record: 70872

"Kim W5TIT" wrote ...

Arnie, do you actually know people in EmCom who discredit CW??!! Anyone
who discredits any mode of operation: CB, ham radio in all its modes,,FRS,
shouting, mirror flashing, *ANYTHING*, in a moment of disaster is not
credible, in my opinion.

Nope, JJ seems to be the only one around here that thinks CW is worthless in
EmCom. As an EMA Director, I will use *all* means at my disposal to
communicate. That includes all of the above, *and* signal fires if it comes
to that. :-))

Arnie -
KT4ST

989. Re: Jamming Still Happening on the N9EE Repeater

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-12 21:26:21 UTC
From: Dan/W4NTI <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com>
Message-ID: <bepuaf$no0$1@slb0.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 70873

So......get off ur butts and track him down. You do know how that is done, right?

Dan/W4NTI

"Robert Hartung" <ke4jcd@yahoo.com> wrote in message news:460a6f44.0307120701.1f12ed7@posting.google.com...
> Jamming Still Happening on the N9EE Repeater
>
> Will the 146.640 ever be free of jamming?
>
> Story By Robert Hartung - KE4JCD
> Publisher of Hartung Press
>
> Mr. Ronald A Wright, N9EE is no stranger to jamming on his repeater,
> for over 3 years the N9EE repeater has been plagued with jamming
> problems with no end in site... The FCC is also no where in site, and
> many keep asking the question, why? Refer to my story about N9EE on my
> new Amateur Radio News Page..
>
> To hear what happen, run the recording..... This happen July 08, 2003
> around 2 am....
>
> http://www.hartungpress.com/hamradio/news/jammingonthe640.htm

990. Re: Mr. Burton Wants More Prison Time?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-12 21:29:33 UTC
From: Dan/W4NTI <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com>
Message-ID: <bepugf$990$1@slb4.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 70874

Ya just cain't fix stupid!!

Dan/W4NTI

<I_Like@prison.net.SPAM> wrote in message news:beprgc029f@drn.newsguy.com...
> You would think this man would get tired of courts and jails. Maybe a 5
year
> sentence at a maximum federal prison will cure this nut? Or maybe he will
soon
> die of a massive heart attack grasping that microphone calling for help
and
> everyone will say "Oh, It is that Burton fellow jamming the channel
again."
>
> Get a life!
>
>
> July 3, 2003
>
> Mr. Richard A. Burton
> 1614 W. 257th Street, Unit 10
> Harbor City, CA 90710
>
> RE: Warning Notice: Unlicensed Radio Operation
>
> Dear Mr. Burton:
>
> Monitoring information before the Commission indicates that on numerous
> occasions since January 2003, you have operated radio transmitting
equipment on
> the Two Meter Amateur band in the Los Angeles area. We note that you were
> convicted in 1984, 1990, 1993 and 2000 of unlicensed radio operation under
> Section 301 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, and have served
> several prison terms.
>
> You are advised that additional instances of unlicensed operation, on any
> frequency for which a license is required, will lead to the same result.
>
> Our records indicate that you have an application under review for a
license in
> the General Mobile Radio Service. Issues surrounding the 2003 unlicensed
radio
> operation will be made a part of that proceeding.
>
> CC: Western Regional Director, FCC

>

991. Re: Code a Deterrent to a Ham Ticket ??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-12 21:31:26 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030712173126.18497.00001281@mb-m05.aol.com>
Source record: 70875

In article <d22b54c3.0307121201.7d136069@posting.google.com>, kelly@dvol.com (Brian Kelly) writes:

>n2ey@aol.com (N2EY) wrote in message
>news:<20030712063003.00871.00000623@mb-m17.aol.com>...
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>> code testing has on the number of new hams and the overall growth of the
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>> werea lot of people being kept out by the 13 and 20 wpm code tests.
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>And of that 11,000 how many do you 'spose are engineers who wouldn't
>have become hams unless the code test was dropped to 5 wpm?

Damfino.

>And of
>those, how many of these newly minted ham engineers will ever make any
>"contribution to the service"?
>
Some will, some won't.

I know a couple of engineer-ham who have made great contributions. One of them is W1RFI. Just for starters, he and other ARRL HQ. folks put together that 121 page commentary on BPL.

Visit the FCC ECFS system and see who actually filed comments on 03-104 (BPL). Particularly among the regulars here on rrap. I did, KB3EIA did...anybody else?

Of course Reply Comments are still open.

>> btw - I'm an engineer, and none of the tests were a deterrent for me.
>>
73 de Jim, N2EY

992. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-12 21:31:27 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030712173127.18497.00001282@mb-m05.aol.com>
Source record: 70876

In article <s40ugv0e5c3ogqeqrt2c827ullhngbf3q9@4ax.com>, Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net> writes:

>Heckuva lot of growth in the number of no-code Techs, though.

Not really. See below.

>So if
>the total number of hams hasn't increased, the number of hams with the
>other classes of license must have decreased accordingly in order to
>keep up. Or are guys reverse-upgrading to Technician nowadays?

Three things:

- the number of US hams has increased by about 11,000 since May of 2000

- since April 15, 2000, the FCC has been renewing Tech Pluses as Techs, and not issuing any new Tech Pluses. The number of Tech Pluses has dropped by over 61,000 since that happened.

- since April 15, 2000, the FCC has been granting Tech licenses (as opposed to Tech Pluses) to Novices who pass Element 2 or produce the relevant CSCEs, and not issuing any new Novices. The number of Novices has dropped by over 15,000 since that happened.

How many of those hams listed as Technicians in the database are not code tested, vs. those who are? Almost impossible to say.

But look at these numbers:

Total Tech and Tech Plus as of May 14, 2000: 334,254

Total Tech and Tech Plus as of June 30, 2003: 324,004

Total Novice, Tech and Tech Plus as of May 14, 2000: 383,528

Total Novice, Tech and Tech Plus as of June 30, 2003: 363,800

For a bimonthly listing of the various totals, see the thread "ARS License Numbers" and look for posts by me around the first and fifteenth of each month. That thread goes back about two years, and compares present totals to those on May 14, 2000 - one month after the restructuring changes. That date was chosen as a benchmark for a number of reasons, such as the fact that the VECs,and FCC were running a tremendous backlog in April 2000, so the numbers were far from current back then.

73 de Jim, N2EY

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993. Re: The Day has come....

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-12 21:34:44 UTC
From: Dan/W4NTI <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com>
Message-ID: <bepuq6$2tf$1@slb9.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 70877

"LA Davies" <lloyd_vfp@dalek.com> wrote in message
news:3f10550c@shknews01...
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> "Vshah101" <vshah101@aol.com> wrote in message
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>
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>
> Lloyd Davies, N0VFP
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>

Look at it this way LLLLLLoooooooYYYYYYddddddd...if CW stays it will keep you
off of HF. That in itself is a reason to keep it.

Dan/W4NTI

994. Re: Fred Again??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-12 21:35:18 UTC
From: dsouter@lycos.com
Message-ID: <40818b75.436032191@souter.pouter>
Source record: 70878
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.scanner,rec.radio.shortwave

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On Sat, 12 Jul 2003 16:09:38 -0400, "Rain Maker"
<AgentSmith@IsALoser.net> wrote:

>"The Fake Agent Smith" <Anonr@nodominz.com> wrote in message
>news:bepjhs$lp8$0@pita.alt.net...
>> Ya don't suppose that old Fred Hambrecht,
>
>No. It's only you. About a month ago I actually believed your stupid
>little cover up but now that I see how you work and know that it
>isn't me or Fred or any of the people you choose as your victim that
>is doing the flooding. It's all you Fake Smith. From Frog, Altopia,
>Dizum... It's all one person. YOU!
>
>Anyone that has been critical of you has shortly afterwords been
>made the target of your floods including:
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>Myself
>
>The real Agent Smith that posts from Cox.net not a remailer
>
>Lord Floyd
>Don Souter
>GM
>Patrick Carter or Patrick C
>L Ron Hubbard
>Stagger Lee
>Wilf Kelly
>RedOctober90
>RFCOMMSYS
>JJ
>Frank White
>Pabst
>Spaced Invader
>
>
>It's becoming all too clear to everyone in these groups, who you are
>and what you're all about.

All I need to know about you I learned from reading:

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995. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-12 22:57:53 UTC
From: Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net>
Message-ID: <3F10925C.915FFE1A@att.net>
Source record: 70879

"Carl R. Stevenson" wrote:

>I have logged many hundreds

> of
> hours of emergency comms service in my over 25 years as a ham ... and never
> had to use CW

Fortuitous it was, too, since you'd have been totally out of luck.......

> (not that anyone else in the ARES or RACES teams would have
> suggested it either ...)

Of course not, when you run with the likeminded......

>
> > > At lower power, perhaps ... though
> > > as has been pointed out before (though you continue to ignore the
> reality),
> > > plain
> > > old BFSK, at the same data rates as OOK Morse, has something on the
> order
> > > of a 9 dB weak signal advantage over OOK Morse.
> >
> > Yes you've been hawking that for years now. So where's the beef, as you
> like to
> > say?
>
> The numbers were presented years ago ... google them up if you want to
> refresh your memory.
>

Yeah, right, numbers will get you a bet....ham radio takes some hardware, which
you
clearly aren't capable of hatching up in support of your "numbers", in spite of
your
longtime rants. All show and no go, that's out boy Carl.

> > Where's all that original designed hardware that will do it all without
> dragging
> > a computer
> > along for the overhead, and hopefully keeping it functioning within the
> system
> > as intended?
>
> Ah, so you have a problem with computers .

Sure seems it's YOU that has a problem with computes, why else all the smoke and mirrors
you play and still nothing more? Numbers indeed! A few of em on some green will get you a cup
at Starbucks but here on rrap they'll get you shown up. Consider yourself exposed for what
you are.....and more accurately what you are NOT. Nothing but a numbers runner.

> .. better start walking ... the
> average
> modern vehicle has sosmething on the order of a couple of dozen or more
> computer
> chips in it ...

Yeah, there's where computer people actually do what they say they can. What happened to you? Got a problem actually doing all that stuff you claim to be so good at?

>
> > AND, don't forget that there is MUCH more to the story. Propagation
> conditions
> > have a LOT to
> > play in these new technologies, an important point which you are evidently
> > intent on ignoring.
>
> NO, some of them are more robust than CW by a bunch ...

Read it again for accuracy this time, Carl, and unstick yourself off the old saw about what's robust. Just because you can't copy CW through noise
(nor any other way) doesn't mean no one else can.

>
>
> > For one example you can google up my posts of a few years ago about trying
> to
> > copy some very
> > weak Europeans working PSK31 on a near-dead 20 meter band when it wasn't
> > possible to lock and print the PSK, but the CW ID came through loud and
> clear,
> > on all of them! The cause was almost certainly polar phase shift, which
> corrupted
> > the PSK but affected the CW signal not a bit!
>
> Or more likely you don't know how to properly adjust soundcard levels and
> tune the PSK-31 signal ...

Yep, right in character, you are. When you can't find any way to counter the facts
just slam the messenger. I was working PSK31 long before you ever were authorized
on the PSK frequencies, as though that matters. What I was doing this particular day was

monitoring, and with Digipan tuning them in isn't much of a problem in any case,
but maybe
you've been too busy rachetjawing on 20 sideband to notice.
Even you should understand that on a phase shifted signal any atmospheric phase

shifting can easily corrupt the signal while enroute. Oh well.

But it was really remarkable- all that high tech digital communicating going on
and nothing was
coming across except ancient old CW. Really neat!

>
> > > >You still remember failing that 13wpm test long ago, don't you?
> > >
> > > Actually, Dick, I never failed a 13 wpm test because I never TOOK one.
> > > I took my 5 wpm test, then improved my speed working 40 cw, then
> > > during a period when I was moving and the HF station (a Heathkit CW
> > > only rig) was in storage, I got involved in VHF/UHF repeaters, packet
> > > radio (in the early days), etc. and by the time the stuff was out of
> storage
> > > I'd discovered that there were a lot more interesting things to do in
> ham
> > > radio than making beeps ...
> >
> > I simply don't believe you, based on your past postings. You got a Tech
> license
> > at
> > an FCC district office, - San Diego, I believe you said , IIRC ,
>
> Actually, it was Long Beach ...
>
> > when the ONLY way you could do that was to fail the 13wpm
> > code test when trying for General but copying enough to qualify for 5wpm,
> > because Tech in that time frame was a by-mail-order only license.
>
> Not true ... at the time, the only test that was given by volunteer
> examiners was the Novice ...
>

Don't think so, but that's what you'd say in any case, so nothing has changed.

996. Re: Code a Deterrent to a Ham Ticket ??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-12 23:07:09 UTC
From: Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net>
Message-ID: <3F109489.650122DA@att.net>
Source record: 70880

N2EY wrote:

>
> Visit the FCC ECFS system and see who actually filed comments on 03-104 (BPL).
> Particularly among the regulars here on rrap. I did, KB3EIA did...anybody else?

I did, at least their website said I did! I didn't go back and go through all the
gyrations
later to see if it actually did show up there, but I did post my comments to the
EFCS page

997. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-12 23:48:17 UTC
From: Arnie Macy <kt4st@csam.net>
Message-ID: <beq6ol$7t22l$1@ID-166180.news.uni-berlin.de>
Source record: 70881

"Carl R. Stevenson" wrote ...

The technical fact of the matter is that SSB is just about as efficient as it gets for voice communications. The baseband (audio frequencies) are translated to RF and back, with the result that the RF signal is no wider than required to convey the baseband bandwidth. (unless, of course you're running things into clipping and causing all sorts of intermod products) While digital voice has some advantages in some applications (particularly if one wants to use mixed media, such as VOIP links), even the best low-rate codecs require a bandwidth at least as wide as SSB and at those coding rates don't provide the same fidelity (speaker recognition, tonal quality, etc.) due to the coding involved. Yes, SSB is at least 60 years old ... but Morse is what? About 3X as old? Its not simply a matter of age ...

So tell me, Carl -- if SSB is not obsolete (as you have so adequately explained) then why do you think JJ thinks CW is? I mean it has all the same attributes as your SSB explanation -- and with less bandwidth use and lower power requirements. Seems pretty efficient to me.

Arnie -
KT4ST

998. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-12 23:56:46 UTC
From: lk <lklose@net-link.net>
Message-ID: <vh184lm0o01i20@corp.supernews.com>
Source record: 70883

"Dick Carroll" <dickc58@att.net> wrote in message
news:3F0EF10A.E67376DA@att.net...
>

> > Here is a golden chance for NCI to clarify and say *exactly*
what they
> > mean. What is reasonable testing for the ARS?

Here my definition of "reasonable testing".

reasonable testing
= necessary testing
= not unnecessary testing
= not arbitrary testing
= in conformity with 5 USC 706(2)(A).

But my definition of reasonable testing is simply an
opinion, it the FCC decision that counts.

Now I hope you will accept the FCC decision
on this matter. The house light dimming,
stage right, ...

Larry

999. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 00:29:30 UTC
From: Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net>
Message-ID: <3F10A7D7.B9D6CE07@att.net>
Source record: 70884

lk wrote:

> "Dick Carroll" <dickc58@att.net> wrote in message
> news:3F0EF10A.E67376DA@att.net

Oh no he didn't! You screwed up the attribution!

>
> >
>
> > > Here is a golden chance for NCI to clarify and say *exactly*
> what they
> > > mean. What is reasonable testing for the ARS?
>
> Here my definition of "reasonable testing".
>
> reasonable testing
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> = in conformity with 5 USC 706(2)(A).
>
> But my definition of reasonable testing is simply an
> opinion, it the FCC decision that counts.
>
> Now I hope you will accept the FCC decision
> on this matter. The house light dimming,
> stage right, ...
>
> Larry

1000. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 00:32:44 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030712203244.04554.00001030@mb-m20.aol.com>
Source record: 70885

In article <3F0FA8BE.4090009@mailcity.moc>, JJ <radiobuff0@mailcity.moc>
writes:

>Since the beginning of the use of phone in ham radio, I would be
>interested to know of any disaster where ham radio was used for
>communications and CW was the only means of communications that
>could get through. I don't mean CW was used just because someone
>wanted to or because they only had CW capabilities, but because
>it was the ONLY mode that could get through.

Well, that kinda slants the playing field, but here goes.

Back in '98 there were some pretty bad and widespread ice storms in the
Northeast, particularly upper central New York State. CW was used by hams for
communications because 'phone just wouldn't get through reliably.

The ice storms had hit a wide area, bringing down electric power and
communications wires and blocking roads with falen trees and tree limbs. And
antennas. The affected area was so large, and sustained so much damage, that
power was off in some areas for many days, stretching into weeks. Folks with
generators found themselves running short of fuel, and electric power was off
over such a wide area that finding an open gas station where you could buy more
was a real problem. If you had any money, that is, because the ATMs didn't
work, and most businesses were closed anyway.

End result was that a lot of stations were on the air with battery power and
QRP, using makeshift antennas. Even those with 100+ watts of SSB had a hard
time because the auroral distortion was often very bad. SSB was the preferred
mode that did a lot of the work, but there were times when stations had to
shift to CW in order to get through.

Data modes? Some stations had 'em, many didn't. Those who did often didn't have
power to run the computer. And in a net operation, everybody needs a common
mode.

VHF/UHF? The terrain and repeater density did not permit reliable coverage of
the entire affected area. And some of the repeaters were off the air due to
storm damage or power failure.

Solar power? Check out how many hours a day the sun shines in Syracuse during
January. Wind power? Great - if the mill survives the ice storm.

FEMA and other agencies? Sure, they moved in and did a lot, but they were
stretched thin due to the wide area of the emergency, the many blocked roads,
and the terrible weather conditions.

Now it can be argued that those involved should have been more prepared, by having more supplies on hand, more people involved, more generating capacity, data modes, etc. While true, there's always a limit to what can be stored, and how much of each problem to expect.

Emergencies take all forms, and conditions that constitute a major emergency in one area (say, a foot of snow and 10 degree F temperatures in Atlanta, GA) are barely noticed by people somewhere else (same conditions in Rochester, NY). If everyone is adequately prepared, it really isn't an emergency, is it?

All this brought up some interesting questions, llike: which data mode should be the standard? Baudot RTTY? ASCII? PSK-31? Some might have worked through the auroral conditions, while others would be useless due to the distortion.

And that's just one incident. Plenty of others since hams began using 'phone.

Does all of this somehow prove that EVERY ham MUST pass a code test because someday they MIGHT be in an emergency situation where code skill is needed? Of course not! Were that the case, we'd not only need code testing, but also retesting, to be sure that all hams could still do it.

But to say that CW isn't used by hams in emergencies just isn't factual.

73 de Jim, N2EY

1001. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 00:33:07 UTC
From: Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net>
Message-ID: <3F10A8AE.818CF9CF@att.net>
Source record: 70886

JJ wrote:

> N2EY wrote:
>
> >
> > A question for JJ: Are you against the MODE, or just the TEST? Words like
> > "antiquated" and "obsolete", when applied to a mode, don't indicate support to
> > most people.
>
> I am not against the mode, and not sure it is necessary to testing
> anymore. CW will continue for some time to come to be a ham radio
> tradition and will be in use on the bands probably long after most
> of us are gone, even if it is dropped from the requirements to
> obtain a license. The use of "antiquated" or "obsolete" does not
> automatically imply against. A Ford Model T is antiquated and
> obsolete as compared to modern day automobiles, but I certainly am
> not against those who restore and run Model T's, I really like
> seeing one go down the street. I restore old "antiquated" and
> "obsolete" radios, and play them every day.
> I am against those who think that they are far superior to others
> just because they use and support CW as opposed to those who chose
> not to use that mode. There are those on this group who constantly
> remind everyone how much superior they are and they are the "real"
> hams just because they like to use CW. They are no more superior
> or a "real" ham than the ham who chooses not to use that mode. It
> is all their inflated egos and nothing else. Their opinion of the
> importance of CW is just that, their opinion and nothing more. CW
> isn't going to save the world.

JJ you really don't need to display yourself as a code illiterate, just because
you're
irritated that someone would actually advocate using it on the air. You don't have
to.
But you can't seem to help yourself. If you've never observed radio operators - REAL

radio operators, using code in a very efficient way, that's just your loss. No need
for you to
act so stupid over it.

Some people can, others "just don't want to". You can be one of those if you wish.

1002. Re: CW Requirement Abolished

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 00:57:00 UTC
From: "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net>
Message-ID: <w72Qa.9618$Vx2.4015585@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com>
Source record: 70887

"Brian" <brianburke@juno.com> wrote in message
news:f45722ac.0307090623.3fca4279@posting.google.com...
> N2EY@AOL.COM (N2EY) wrote in message
news:<c2356669.0307081338.7209a5cb@posting.google.com>...
> > Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net> wrote in message
news:<nipigv4r1n1c1879t1l4feut0kngr676br@4ax.com>...
> > > On 7 Jul 2003 14:21:15 GMT, Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote:
> > >
> > > >We'll just have to think of something else to talk about. Besides,
it's
> > > >not over yet. The FCC will likely have multiple petitions to look at.
For
> > > >example, what happens to Techs? Should they all get Tech+ privileges?
> > >
> > Seems completely obvious to me that they should.
>
> Ditto Novices

If the US dispenses with the code test, Techs should get the same as the
Tech+ as that would be the simplest and most appropriate change.

Novices should stay exactly as they are now. They haven't passed the Tech
written and should NOT get a free upgrade to Tech. It simply isn't
appropriate. Novices have some HF privileges already anyway.

> [snip]
> > Seems to me that in a nocodetest future it would make much more sense
> > to let all hams have access to at least partial privileges on most ham
> > bands, rather than continuing the artificial HF vs. VHF-UHF
> > separation.

If they merge the Techs into the priveleges of Tech+, all license classes
will have some HF privileges.

The simplest overall approach is to simply leave the rest of the classes
alone except for dropping the code requirement. This requires the least
amount of rule changes and paperwork changes.

Dee D. Flint, N8UZE

1003. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 00:58:55 UTC
From: Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net>
Message-ID: <1kq0hvgcqbevkaufu9b8765kdi66f0hbgo@4ax.com>
Source record: 70967

On 13 Jul 2003 05:53:12 GMT, yodoc@aol.comnospam (Larry Roll K3LT)
wrote:

>The only no-coders I bother to "ridicule" are those who offer the typically
>inane arguments that code testing is somehow detrimental to the future
>of the ARS -- usually by discouraging the involvement of computer-
>literate, technically-involved young people. The truth about these
>people is that they just want to get on HF phone and yak away -- and for
>the most part, haven't a clue as to what's happening inside their off-the-
>shelf ham radio appliance.

I'm sure that's true for some. I'm also sure it's not true for all.
The average computer-literate, technically involved people tend to be
able to, for example, assemble a computer from its basic elements
(case, power supply, motherboard and perhaps some daughterboards),
connect the peripherals, install an OS and other software without a
dozen calls to a tech support hotline, and end up with a viable
working machine.

Folks who can do this are technically involved in comparison to the
folks who don't even know which port the monitor plugs into. They
aren't technically involved in comparison to the guy who designed the
motherboard in the first place. However, even in the industry, very
few people do component level repairs on motherboards and
daughterboards any more. What of it? Who do you know that's designed
and built a multi-band HF rig lately? Some have, of course...most of
them work for Kenwood, Icom, Yaesu, Alinco, etc.

Of those that are able to do component level repairs on computer
equipment, they probably have much of the knowledge needed to pass our
written exams, except they lack the specialized knowledge of RF.
Certainly, though, it would seem they have the capacity to learn it -
but when the first thing we do is hit them with something over a
hundred years old and tell them this is our lowest common denominator,
I have no doubt that it causes a lot of people to think, "@#$&%^*
that!" and find another hobby...perhaps they already have one.

73 DE John, KC2HMZ
Had a life, got a modem...

1004. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 00:58:56 UTC
From: Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net>
Message-ID: <5er0hvcl7s9rvdbp5keps67i4nj0m3ij2n@4ax.com>
Source record: 70966

On Sun, 13 Jul 2003 03:38:46 GMT, Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
wrote:

>Kim W5TIT wrote:
>> To state something does not make it so.
>
>You never watched Star Trek TNG, eh?

I believe what Captain Picard said was, "Wishing for a thing does not
make it so."

73 DE John, KC2HMZ
Very funny, Scotty...now beam down my pants!

1005. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 00:58:57 UTC
From: Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net>
Message-ID: <ktr0hv8av8a7o7grroabf2g7qus5kr28jm@4ax.com>
Source record: 70968

On Sun, 13 Jul 2003 14:14:23 GMT, Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net>
wrote:

> Let's face facts Carl- You can'nt function as a proficient CW communicator. I can.
>That
>simply makes me better qualified as a ham radio operator than you, test or no test.

It makes you better qualified to operate CW, period. Now, if the
activity at hand is operating in the SSB portion of November
Sweepstakes (or any other phone contest), or in the RTTY roundup, or
on an SSTV net, then your CW proficiency, taken by itself, makes you
no better qualified than my 10-year old daughter.

73 DE John, KC2HMZ
Daddy, what's this red button fo#$%^&*(<NO CARRIER>

1006. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 00:58:58 UTC
From: Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net>
Message-ID: <u5t0hv4c6t5ohgrmitbcrmcmbp9p4gb6um@4ax.com>
Source record: 70969

On Sun, 13 Jul 2003 13:26:00 GMT, Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net>
wrote:

>> > Just as I would have skipped learning the code if it hadn't been a
>> licensing
>> > requirement, too.

Is that a chink in Dick's armor? Quick, Jose, my soldering iron!

>> So much for your advocacy of morse to new hams.
>> You made my point.
>
>Bill you have been quite consistant about missing the entire point. When there is no
>code test most hams won't learn Morse code.

I can't substantiate this statistically off the top of my head, but it
wouldn't surprise me to learn that a majority of hams already aren't
all that proficient with Morse to begin with. I was forced to learn it
to upgrade from Tech to General, but I learned it only well enough to
pass the test (by correctly copying the phrase "My QTH is Malibu,
California." rather than by answering the multiple choice questions -
since the comma and period count as two characters each, that gave me
one minute of solid copy), and basically haven't used it since.

I did try once...used the club station, went down in the lower portion
of 15 where I frequently hear some slower CW ops...send "CQ CQ CQ DE"
and my callsign twice, at about 5 WPM because I didn't want to send
faster than I could copy...then realized that in the amount of time it
took me to do that I could have already had a contact in the log on
phone...and that I did not and do not have the patience for CW.

I'd have a hard time believing there aren't a heck of a lot of 5 WPM
Generals and Extras out there who've gone through the same thing. Add
those to the no-code Techs and you might well be pretty close to half
the entire ham population in the U.S. for all I know.

>I know that taxes you not a bit, so that means that you don't care whether
>or not hams will be losing it as a viable mode.

Now it is you who might be missing the point. The code test will be
gone - as someone else in this NG likes to say, the government life
support system will be turned off. That, in and of itself, does not
guarantee that ham radio will lose CW as a viable mode, it only
guarantees that if the ARS is to keep CW as a viable mode, it behooves
those who want it to continue as such to find another way to get hams
to learn the code.

Now, to repeat the point I have been trying to make in this thread. On the one hand we have guys like Arnie who will respect a fellow ham as a fellow ham, regardless of whether that ham can do 50 WPM or zero...will encourage people to learn the code and use the mode, bend over backwards to help them do it, slow down his own sending so they can copy it at their own speed, and just generally being reasonable and friendly and giving people every encouragement.

On the other hand, we have guys snarling like angry dogs at people for doing what you yourself would have done if you'd had the choice at the time...people calling guys lazy, good for nothing, saying they aren't "real" hams, and just generally being unreasonable, unfriendly, and in some cases hypocritical as well.

Caught in the middle will be a whole generation of new hams who will decide for themselves if they want to learn the code or not, sitting there on the fence between the folks continuing the CW tradition in ham radio and the folks who want nothing to do with Morse. The folks on the no-code side will welcome them into the hobby regardless. The folks on the other side...well...it looks good over where Arnie is, but with all those snarling dogs over there, I dunno...

What I guess I'm trying to say is, we need less snarling dogs and more people looking for a reasonable approach to the problem.

>Which shows how shortsighted you are, right along with the rest of NCI.
>And yes, FCC too. Of course they have far bigger fish to fry than to worry
>about a trivial detail involving the ARS.

First of all, if it's so trivial, why is everybody getting their panties in a bunch about it?

Secondly, I think the ARS itself has bigger fish to fry. To name just one, BPL used to mean Brass Pounders' League. Now it means the noise floor on your HF rig is about to go through the ceiling and put your S-meter into orbit.

>The least time they must spend on ARS issues the better for them,
>whatever the end result.

Can't say as I really blame them. Everybody wants to be the fire department in a town with no fires. Aside from the political appointees, FCC is men and women who get up in the morning, go to work, then go home at the end of the day, same as I do. I do what I can to make my job easier, what makes them any different? So, FCC is not going to solve the problem for us. Care to hazard a WAG as to who's left to come up with a solution?

73 DE John, KC2HMZ

1007. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 00:58:59 UTC
From: Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net>
Message-ID: <tfv0hvcb3hnih05rnt0dmgg2covroa8isj@4ax.com>
Source record: 70971

On Sun, 13 Jul 2003 11:49:34 -0500, "Kim W5TIT" <fahgedit@nomail.net>
wrote:

>"Dick Carroll" <dickc58@att.net> wrote in message
>news:3F10DD72.2D94F213@att.net...

>> Just as I would have skipped learning the code if it hadn't been a
>licensing
>> requirement, too.

>
>So, the only effort you are willing to expend is one which is forced upon
>you?

Then, having been duly forced - completely against his will - he
actually began to like it...so the story goes. Next we'll be hearing
that women secretly enjoy being raped.

Seriously, though, he had an option. Unless somebody forced him to get
a ham license.....

73 DE John, KC2HMZ

1008. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 00:59:00 UTC
From: Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net>
Message-ID: <l301hv8drargtadnfled392dsp63rnoedv@4ax.com>
Source record: 70970

On 13 Jul 2003 05:53:16 GMT, yodoc@aol.comnospam (Larry Roll K3LT)
wrote:

>My belief that "Morse makes the ham" is based on the fact that radio amateurs,
>as members of a voluntary, hobbyist-based radio communications service, can
>justify our existence, and hold on vast amounts of commercially viable
>spectrum,
>only if we have communications skills that give us an "edge" under difficult
>communications conditions.

Morse is only one such advantage that hams have. A few others:

1. When disaster renders the normal communications systems of local
governmental agencies inoperable, it needs to be repaired or replaced.
There are procedures to be followed to spend money to buy new gear or
have the old gear repaired. Ever try to solicit bids for a new radio
system when your town hall is flooded halfway to the ceiling? I don't
recommend it.

Enter ham radio operators, who collectively have literally tons of
radio gear, along with methods of powering it, stockpiled at no
expense to the taxpayers. We're the built-in backups in a community,
and that's true whether we use SSB, CW, or carrier pigeons. As long as
we get the job done.

2. Most public safety professionals (by which I mean law enforcement,
fire supression, EMS, and SAR personnel) know precisely this about the
radios they use on the job: Either it works or it doesn't. Either the
city cops can talk directly to the county sheriffs or they can't.
Change to a different radio? Sure...just get a new radio...see item
number (1) above for the problem with that.

Enter ham radio operators, who, if one frequency doesn't work, will
keep trying another, and then another, and then another, until we find
one that does work. It's intrinsic to the way we operate, our
equipment is designed with that in mind (unlike most commercial gear
used by public safety professionals, which is designed with entirely
different considerations in mind). We think nothing of it, but to the
average cop or fireman with a radio that has one repeater frequency
and one talkaround (both on the same band) it's wizardry.

Want me to continue?

>Morse/CW does this in ways which you most
>certainly are aware of, but must reject out of deference to your anti-code test
>agenda. With all due respect, the "quasi-religious-faith belief" seems to
>exist

>on the side of those who insist that Morse code proficiency is somehow
>irrelevant
>to the ARS now and in the future.

I think it's on both sides. I also think it's rather silly to keep arguing good-thing/bad-thing at this point. Regardless of what you may think or what I may think, or Arnie or Kim or anyone else, I think we can all predict what's eventually going to happen. Therefore, the subject for debate ought to be what we're going to do when it does.

73 DE John, KC2HMZ

1009. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 00:59:01 UTC
From: Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net>
Message-ID: <vv01hvc2ftgfivtdctto9gr4107lckos29@4ax.com>
Source record: 70972

On 13 Jul 2003 05:53:17 GMT, yodoc@aol.comnospam (Larry Roll K3LT)
wrote:

>So be it. In any case, the coming generation of New Age, Dumbed-Down,
>No-Coder hams

That statement just convinced a few thousand people to try CW on its
own merits...NOT!

>aren't likely to seeking any kudos from me on their CW
>skills.

They are, however, likely to seek refuge from your insulting rhetoric.

> I would hope that any who learned the code and became proficient
>with it's use on-the-air, would do so for their own personal gratification and
>to add that skill to their overall capability as a radio amateur.

I hope so too, Larry, because with your apparent attitude towards
fellow hams, they sure as heck aren't going to be leqarning it so they
can put your call in the logbook.

> Of course,
>that is a concept that you will naturally reject, out of the necessity of your
>agenda to justify your own lack of useful communications skills.

My, my, Larry, she does get under your skin, doesn't she? Are you sure
there isn't more to this than meets the eye? :-)

>Don't
>worry -- our expectations of you are small.

Why don't you quit beating around the bush and just ask her whether or
not size really matters?

73 DE John, KC2HMZ

1010. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 00:59:02 UTC
From: Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net>
Message-ID: <0c11hv8i4egutjh5l443d6d2eipoljg9j4@4ax.com>
Source record: 70973

On Sun, 13 Jul 2003 11:58:29 -0500, "Kim W5TIT" <fahgedit@nomail.net>
wrote:

>"Larry Roll K3LT" <yodoc@aol.comnospam> wrote in message
>news:20030713015318.23406.00000814@mb-m27.aol.com...

>> Kim, Dear, what kind of "proof" of this would you accept?

Dear? I knew it! You ARE in love with her, Larry!

>> You are not a
>> CW operator, so you are not even qualified to judge any "proof" offered.

You are not a cow, Larry, therefore you are not even qualified to
judge whether McDonald's or Wendy's makes better cheeseburgers.

>> Those of us who are proficient CW operators with adequate on-the-air
>> experience have certainly had this fact proven to them to their
>>satisfaction,

Hitler had the collective guilt of Jews, Jehovah's Witnesses, and
homosexuals proven to his satisfaction, too.

>> but a no-coder will always claim that it isn't proven simply because they
>> have no way of discerning and analyzing the evidence, and they have an
>> agenda which would cause them to deny the outcome.

Actually, all that's really required is a receiver. If there are a few
dozen CW QSOs going on at the bottom of the band, but nobody in the
phone portion of the band...well, why would you think that would
happen, unless there's a CW contest going on?

>So please don't
>> go demanding "proof" unless you're willing to place yourself in a position

Yeah, you'd like that, wouldn't you, ya dirty old man ya... :-)

>> to be an objective, competent arbiter of any evidence offered.
>>
>> 73 de Larry, K3LT
>>

And as for you, Kim...

>Lip service, Larry.

Ahem....I'm trying to keep my mind out of the gutter here. You're not
helping much.

>You couldn't even offer the contribution that N2EY
>made. An excellent example, I might add. And, apparently you have no
>proof--only your rhetorical blathering idiocy, as usual.

Larry gets rather emotional over the topic, whereas Jim looks at
things a bit more objectively. But then, I think you noticed that.

>When you get as good as N2EY at knowing CW and examples of its tremendous
>cabability, get back to us, won't you?

Knowing them and being able to articulate them in this forum are two
different things.

73 DE John, KC2HMZ

1011. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 00:59:03 UTC
From: Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net>
Message-ID: <rt11hvcjlk98e503jte5l9bjogjdj7vfsm@4ax.com>
Source record: 70974

On Sun, 13 Jul 2003 02:42:30 -0400, "Arnie Macy" <kt4st@csam.net>
wrote:

> At this year's Field Day, our two little CW ops out
>performed (in contacts per hour) our SSB friends by ten to one on the same
>band during the exact same period of time. Now I realize that you were not
>talking about CW vs SSB, but the analogy is still interesting, huh? Why do
>you think that happened, Carl? (hint: I'm sure it had nothing to do with
>poor band conditions)

There are other possible explanations for this other than mode
selection. That could also happen because the CW guys were "running"
QSOs while the phone guys were hunting and pouncing. It could also be
because the CW ops were simply more experienced contesters and, for
all we know, could have also outdone the SSB guys by ten to one on SSB
as well.

OTOH, you could be right.... :-)

73 DE John, KC2HMZ

1012. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 00:59:05 UTC
From: Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net>
Message-ID: <a621hvshp1h2dsid136bm75aeqpng8lgup@4ax.com>
Source record: 70975

On Sun, 13 Jul 2003 02:51:42 -0400, "Arnie Macy" <kt4st@csam.net>
wrote:

>"JJ" wrote ...
>
> Since the beginning of the use of phone in ham radio, I would be interested
>to know of any disaster where ham radio was used for communications and CW
>was the only means of communications that could get through. I don't mean CW
>was used just because someone wanted to or because they only had CW
>capabilities, but because it was the ONLY mode that could get through.
>_____
>
>We used it when Floyd hit in 1999. We were having a hard time getting
>through on SSB, so switched over to CW and continued ops until the band
>conditions improved. CW didn't "save the day", but it sure came in handy
>when needed. It is still an integral part of our EMA plan. Remember, in
>disaster planning, we try to use *all* of the tools available to us. Maybe
>one day, the light will come on for you and you'll understand that concept.

Don't look now, but as I type this, Charlotte is approaching. We may
get an object lesson here shortly after it makes landfall (not that I
or anyone else is hoping for that, except perhaps Larry who is shining
his straight key in anticipation).

73 DE John, KC2HMZ

1013. Re: The Day has come....

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 00:59:06 UTC
From: Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net>
Message-ID: <3p21hvcr42l5i268l2jflj64cia19dvpng@4ax.com>
Source record: 70976

On 13 Jul 2003 05:53:13 GMT, yodoc@aol.comnospam (Larry Roll K3LT)
wrote:

>In article <20030712015009.26622.00000176@mb-m18.aol.com>, vshah101@aol.com
>(Vshah101) writes:
>
>>Well some coders refuse to learn the technical material.
>
>Vipul:
>
>If that is so, then they can't be hams, because they never would have
>passed the theory part of the written tests, would they?

One word: Bash.

>Naturally, this overlooks the fact that virtually every technical advance
>created within the ARS has traditionally been achieved by hams who
>also met the existing licensing requirements -- including Morse code
>proficiency at up to 20 WPM.

And when's the last major technical advance that came from the ARS
rather than the military or industry? Hmmm...about the same time that
incentive licensing got started! What a coincidence...or is it?

>
>>Seems like the requirement was dumbed down to the non-technical Ham's level.
>
>Yes, indeed, the technical knowledge requirements are lower now than they
>were under the previous, more challenging and comprehensive standards of
>the Pre-Restructuring Era.

Why? Because there are no more 13- and 20-WPM code tests?

Must be, because the material in the question pools now is pretty much
the same material that was in there before restructuring. It's
organized somewhat differently, but it's still the same basic
stuff...same cards shuffled in a different order. Same game being
played with those cards, too. Only thing different is that you don't
seem to like the hand you've been dealt this time around.

Can't win 'em all, Larry.

>>There are other reasons not to learn code other than "dumbed-down" as you
>>say.
>>One is that I don't like code.
>
>The fact that you, personally, don't like "code" doesn't serve as a very

>compelling argument to eliminate the requirement.

Agreed.

>However, in this
>New Age of a generally dumbed-down society, that's all it took!

What?

Oh, yes, of course! Vipul got WRC to reqrite S.25 singlehandedly, all by himself, nobody else had anything to do with it. All the nations that are signatories to the treaty got together and changed the international requirement on his say-so alone. Stunning feat of world leadership on his part...now if we could only get him to go to the UN and argue on behalf of world peace.....

>>Another reason is image. It shows that you put
>>time into a worthless pursuit (Morse code). Image is NOT the consideration
>>for me. I would learn it if I wanted to.
>
>Unfortunately for you, your circumscription of Morse code proficiency as a
>"worthless pursuit" is no more than a highly subjective and flagrantly
>self-serving evaluation made by a person with no qualification to render
>such a judgment. I challenge you to provide some documentary evidence
>that knowledge of the Morse code is somehow detrimental to the "image"
>of amateur radio operators.

Picture the local ham radio club at their Field Day setup in a local public park. Along comes some members of the general public curious about what's going on. The club's PIO does his job, hands out the literature from ARRL that talks about working through satellites using handheld equipment, about digital modes using computers, about packet, about disaster preparedness.

Then he takes them over to the radios and there sits a small group of guys with headsets on (or worse, without headsets on and bitching at everybody to be quiet so they can hear) doing basically the same thing they did over hardwired telegraph systems 130 years ago.

We tell people we're on the cutting edge of technology, then put our best foot forward with something that's almost as old as dinosaur dung...but doesn't smell quite as bad.

Said members of the general public, knowing a hypocrite when they see one, whip out their can of BS repellant as they beat a hasty retreat from the area before their conversation can arouse the ire of the CW ops again. As they're getting into their car, one remarks, "We could have seen the same thing down at the railroad museum!"

Moral of the story: as is the case with fishing, your success rate is largely determined by what you use for bait. We're using the wrong bait. Our success rate at attracting new hams is the documentary evidence, and we've ignored it long enough.

This is not an argument against learning Morse and encouraging people
to develop CW operating skills. However, we can do that by promoting
the merits of CW *after* we get them to bite first on the more modern
technology that we routinely use in the ARS.

>>I don't have to learn <Morse> code just so I can prove I have the ability to
>>learn <Morse> code. I have learned other skills that are just as difficult.
>
>Name one. Just one. Please relate how this skill to which you refer
>compares with a proven, effective communications skill such as Morse
>code proficiency as applied within the ARS. Kindly leave out the usual
>apples-to-oranges comparisons to military or commercial radio services.

He didn't say communications skills, just skills.

1. What's more difficult to learn - copying Morse at 5 WPM or flying
the space shuttle?

2. How many current astronauts are no-code Technicians and how many
are Extras that took a 20 WPM code test?

Go ahead, tell us the no-code astronauts are lazy because they can't
meaure up to your standards WRT using CW. Maybe if enough of them hear
you, you can be singlehandedly responsible for putting an end to ham
radio operation from space.

>>Another reason is the "benefit" is not worth the effort. I would put effort
>>into those because I can use those skills in <real> life. I cannot use
>><Morse> code.
>
>Again, this is a judgment that you are not qualified to make. The proof
>is your own admission that you cannot use the Morse code. If you could,
>you may have an entirely different perspective.

How's he or anyone else going to use Morse code in real life? Outside
of the ARS, who else is still using it?

>I think we really need to examine this concept of "technical skill" within
>the Amateur Radio Service, and find out just precisely what is meant when
>that term is bandied about. It has always been one of the favorite arguments
>of the NCTA, but actual experience has shown that new hams who come
>into the ARS under relaxed licensing standards tend to be less technically
>involved than ever -- to the point where they barely show enough curiosity
>to even thoroughly read and understand the operator's manuals for their
>off-the-shelf equipment. The concept of "Elmering" has transmuted from
>a process of taking a newcomer through the basics of electrical theory up
>to the building and operation of simple station equipment, eventually
>advancing to more complex projects, and even inspiring formal education
>in electronics, to simply showing the New Age No-Code Tech which button
>to push to make his HT work.

And to help right this wrong, you're going to volunteer to show up at
the next club meeting and show everybody how to construct a modern,
state-of-the-art, all-mode, all-band transciever? Very good!

>If any honest and objective evaluation of
>the technical skill levels of ham radio operators were made from an
>historical perspective, it would show that code proficiency testing certainly
>could be linked to the advancement of technical knowledge, whereas the
>elimination thereof has led to a decline in overall technical involvement.

Then why is it that guys who have been hams for fifty years sometimes
need help programming a new 2m handheld?

>Whatever new people enter the ARS in the no-code testing future certainly
>face a daunting task of proving the claims of those who have, throughout
>the code testing debate, attempted to link Morse code knowledge with
>technical ignorance. We shall see what the future holds.

You yourself are linking Morse code knowledge with technical
ignorance! You just said yourself one paragraph earlier (and I cut and
paste again here):

>If any honest and objective evaluation of
>the technical skill levels of ham radio operators were made from an
>historical perspective, it would show that code proficiency testing certainly
>could be linked to the advancement of technical knowledge, whereas the
>elimination thereof has led to a decline in overall technical involvement.

As soon as a no-code Technician learns something (anything at all)
about radio, he or she has immediately disproven your claim. He/she
has advanced his/her own technical knowledge without benefit of any
knowledge of Morse code. Which means that either:

1. Every no-code Tech who has upgraded to General, Advanced, or Extra
in the last 25 years already knew everything they needed to know to
pass the writtens and only needed to learn the code in order to
upgrade, OR

2. Every no-code Tech who has upgraded to General, Advanced, or Extra
in the last 25 years and still holds a license is documented evidence
in the FCC license database that the neither the possession nor the
lack of code proficiency has any bearing on technical
proficiency...which is pretty much what FCC concluded in 1999. It's
now 2003, so you're about four years behind the rest of us.

73 DE John, KC2HMZ

1014. Re: Code a Deterrent to a Ham Ticket ??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 00:59:08 UTC
From: Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net>
Message-ID: <ei51hvki2j58uejh8sibtpuakui10kmipj@4ax.com>
Source record: 70977

On Sun, 13 Jul 2003 00:19:01 -0400, "Bill Sohl"
<billsohl@mindspring.com> wrote:

>> Ask a lawyer about that one. Hey I
>> want to be a BSEE, why do I have to take History classes ????
>
>You don't have to take history classes in some schools
>to get a BSEE.

Correct...but, in my opinion, still misses one major point, namely
that an amateur radio license and a BSEE are entirely different.

A BSEE is a degree awarded at the *end* of an academic pursuit for the
purpose of recognizing successful completion thereof and to certify
that the recipient has acquired significant knowledge in the field. By
the time you get a BSEE, you're supposed to have forgotten more about
electrical engineering than most people have ever learned. It'll get
you a decent job even if you bluffed your way through and really don't
know shinola. It's supposedly proof of an accomplishment, that being a
well-rounded education, with particular emphasis in a specialized
field. That's why most (not all) institutes of higher learning require
classes in things like history, literature, and other stuff that would
seem unrelated.

If I were Larry Roll, I'd lament that I've seen so many people with
college degrees that still couldn't fill out a job application
properly, that the requirements for a college degree must have been
seriously dumbed down over the past thirty years, but I'm not, so I
won't. Nevertheless, I have worked with people who held engineering
degrees yet could not compose a coherent memo for circulation in their
own department.

An amateur radio license is a document awarded at the *beginning* of
one's participation in the hobby for the purpose of granting operating
privileges and to certify that the recipient has demonstrated entry
level knowledge at the class of license thus received. It won't get
you a job bagging groceries. As for the accomplishments, those come
afterward when you actually start to make use of the privileges the
license conveys by putting Qs in your logbook. It is not, and is not
intended to be, comparable to a college degree...no matter how much
some people would like it to be so.

73 DE John, KC2HMZ

1015. Re: Code a Deterrent to a Ham Ticket ??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 00:59:09 UTC
From: Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net>
Message-ID: <ci61hv0nt6hmhfv6cg8oj119432vn3suf8@4ax.com>
Source record: 70978

On 13 Jul 2003 06:35:28 -0700, kelly@dvol.com (Brian Kelly) wrote:

>I don't mean contributions in the sense of Ed's work on the BPL
>comments package. One of the rationales proffered over and over again
>by the NCI types for deleting the code tests has been that
>eliminatinating the code tests will bring flocks of engineers into the
>hobby who would then come up with technical contributions, "advance
>the state of the art" etc. Maybe I missed it but I don't know of any
>such "event" since 1991 when engineers could become hams without a
>code test.

I wonder if any of the engineers who worked on developing surface mount components were hams...or the engineers who took computer CPU chip clock speeds from mHz into gHz. Oh, and didn't the hams who happen to be NASA Mission Specialists, some of whom undoubtedly have engineering degrees and who took ham equipment into space, contribute anything to the hobby by doing so?

73 DE John, KC2HMZ

1016. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 00:59:10 UTC
From: Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net>
Message-ID: <f671hv05cclu3vhj1bsao1c9bu289en9h8@4ax.com>
Source record: 70979

On 13 Jul 2003 05:53:18 GMT, yodoc@aol.comnospam (Larry Roll K3LT)
wrote:

>Funny thing is, most of the No-Code Techs in my club haven't upgraded
>yet, in spite of the meager 5 WPM code test requirement. What a bunch
>of maroons!

Not sure what a "maroon" is, although from the tone I imagine its
something derogatory. BTW, which club is that, so I can send a copy of
your post to the newsletter editor and enlighten the membership as to
what your opinion is of them?

Other than that, I guess we'll just have to wait and see how many of
them upgrade once there is a 0 WPM code test requirement.

73 DE John, KC2HMZ

1017. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 00:59:11 UTC
From: Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net>
Message-ID: <ec71hv8ahlq568rc23q6l2acrl8nfe85uq@4ax.com>
Source record: 70980

Kim - excellent post, I'm impressed.

On Sun, 13 Jul 2003 11:16:22 -0500, "Kim W5TIT" <fahgedit@nomail.net>
wrote:

>1. A good radio amateur emergency communication operator recognizes the
>limitations of skillet of volunteers in a local/regional/national net and
>*deals* with it. In a communication emergency/disaster, the first need is
>qualified individuals for service. The fact that one is an amateur radio
>operator is not enough. Being active in local/regional/national training
>and net participation is crucial to the proper training of individuals and
>allows for exposure of those individuals to local operating practices.

Better yet is an emergency communications organization that recognizes
the varied skills of its members and institutes systems that utilize
those skills where they can do the most good. If a group of, say,
forty operators has ten accomplished CW operators and thirty ops whose
CW skills aren't up to snuff for emergency use, so be it. The thirty
ops who lack CW skills can still train to participate in voice comms,
conduct tactical comms on VHF, etc. If a person has a useful skill and
is willing to volunteer, you find a way for them to contribute. You
don't turn away volunteers, because when the time comes that you need
your team members, some will be themselves be victims of the disaster,
some will be unavailable because they're at work, some will need to
take care of family members, and so forth.

>If
>those operating practices don't include the CW mode, it is up to
>participants in the operation/net to recognize that the best communication
>mode is one in which everyone, a) is willing to learn and perform, and b) is
>immediately familiar to all participants. Folks such as Dick and
>Larry--IMHO--fail to display the attributes that help others recognize their
>ability to size up current limitations and *deal* with it.

In golf, this is known as playing the ball where it lies. In cards,
it's called playing the hand you're dealt. In emergency management,
the buzzword is interoperability - and it's one of the things we hams
bring to the table that makes us valuable assets when the chips (or
the local communications systems) are down.

>DIGRESSION MODE
>ON: if the failure of participants to know and use CW is an issue, it is
>certainly acceptable for those who desire CW to be used to make their wishes
>known and to try and effect change through POSITIVE action. In the meantime
>it behooves a good participant to fail to make enemies because things aren't
>as they wish. DIGRESSION MODE OFF.

I don't think that's a digression at all. It's simply having good leadership skills, and keeping a positive attitude...and your point is well taken, in that there are some individuals whose attitude towards their fellow hams is anything but positive - unfortunately.

>2. A good radio amateur operator, who is familiar with EmCom, is also
>familiar with the current trends in the service of emergency communication
>provision. Again, one may not "like" the current trend but, to criticize
>and be disgruntled about it hinders the efficacy of providing excellent
>communication service.

There is nothing wrong with constructive criticism, so long as it is done in a positive manner. For example, what if the current trend in your area is for emergency management personnel to rely on cell phones as a backup to their radio systems? I don't "like" that trend and will certainly criticize it, immediately and as often as necessary to get the point across. I will not, however, refer to said emergency managers as "maroons" - especially not in a public forum!

>DIGRESSION MODE ON: A good example would be the
>very attitudes that we often see exhibited here in this newsgroup by folks
>such as Dick and Larry. Now, they'll tell you that [paraphrasing here]
>their actions in this newsgroup do not indicate anything about how they are
>in real life.

Of course not. If they said to someone at a club meeting some of the things they've said to people in this NG, they'd probably earn themselves a punch in the nose. Now, I dunno about Dick, but Larry likes his nose. He sends CW with his nose on the key while his left hand is tuning and his right hand is writing in the logbook. :-)

>I say to anyone here, that the actions in this newsgroup are
>well known locally to your fellow amateurs. I cannot tell you how many
>fellow hams I have met who know me only by what they have seen here in this
>newsgroup--and first impression is everything. Most are "OK" with what they
>see here by my opinions and some are not. The point is that most of us here
>in this newsgroup are "offensive," in some way or another, to someone who
>simply reads posts.

That's common sense, of course, because whatever side you take on an issue, you're going to be in disagreement with the folks on the other side. However, since common sense isn't really all that common, some will exacerbate the situation, going beyond simply stating their opinions and allow discussions to degenerate into name-calling, personal attacks on the messenger instead of debating the message, and other common fallacies that are as old as discussion boards on landline BBS systems.

> DIGRESSION MODE OFF. So, if someone exhibits offensive
>behavior because of current trends in the service,

...or for any other reason, for that matter...

>they will not be
>*received* by local/regional/national participants as effective radio
>amateur communicators. They may very well be, but if they are not received
>>and accepted as such, their effectiveness is compromised by their degree of
>offensiveness to others. That would make people such as Dick and Larry
>pretty darned ineffective as radio amateur emergency communicators.

Yep...nice package perhaps, but lousy presentation.

>3. Going back to the "current trends" philosophy: if one cannot recognize
>shifts and changes in current trends, their ability to participate in
>effective radio amateur emergency communication is hindered--*IF* they
>refuse (for whatever reason) to "get on board" with current practices.

Hindered? How about nonexistent?

>If
>the use of CW on emergency/disaster communication nets has diminished, it is
>paramount to a qualified radio amateur emergency communicator to learn and
>become familiar with whatever mode of operation is currently the "popular"
>trend. It's that simple.

I was monitoring a MARS net a few years back, that was being conducted
in some rather lousy band conditions. One station tried to check into
this net using CW because the ops couldn't get through to the NCS
using SSB. The NCS told them that CW was not a valid operating mode
for checking into a MARS net. Draw your own conclusions.

>4. I daresay anyone--not just radio amateur emergency communicators--who is
>familiar with emergency/disaster communication, knows that the best mode of
>operation is going to be one that most--preferably all--participants in the
>communication process are familiar with--*regardless* of how well the mode
>utilizes bandwidth or how well the mode can be implemented, etc.

This goes back to what I said earlier about interoperability. This
consideration became a major concern in the aftermath of the terrorist
attacks on September 11, 2001 and remains an important one in the mind
of any savvy emergency communicator or emergency manager. FEMA has a
publication for emergency managers dealing with amateur radio - I have
a copy in my personal library - and interoperability is one of the
things mentioned as a desirable asset that hams are able to provide.
It goes without saying that anything which compromises
interoperability is detrimental to the overall operation.

>To try to
>"force" the issue of CW onto radio amateurs may be admirable in some cases,
>it is fatal to a good emergency/disaster communication effort *UNLESS* all
>communication providers are "on board" with knowing and using CW
>effectively.

Not necessarily. A CW net can be established for the purpose of moving
health and welfare traffic in and out of the affected area on HF,
while tactical communications for establishing shelters and doing
damage assessment are done on VHF FM. Obviously, the folks working VHF

FM don't need to know shinola about CW. They do, however, need to know how to behave in a directed net, among other things.

>In today's emergency/disaster communication "market" the CW
>skill is little recognized and certainly not used in many circumstances.

Nevertheless, as both you and Arnie have already pointed out in this NG, one should not discount any available means of communication. I'm sure that if Arnie has a dozen CW ops around he's going to use them. If, at the same time, he has a dozen no-code Techs or 5 WPM Generals (like me for example) around he's going to use them too, but not as CW ops. I'm not too good with CW, but I am pretty good at tactical comms.

>DIGRESSION MODE ON: once the communication emergency/disaster operation is
>under way, of course, CW nets for passing HW traffic are critical to the
>implementation of effective transmission and delivery of messages to those
>who would otherwise be "clogging" the resources of responders. It is at
>*this* level that folks such as Dick and Larry should be recruiting
>individuals. DIGRESSION MODE OFF.

OBSERVATION MODE ON: Unfortunately, Dick and Larry aren't recruiting anyone; quite the opposite, in fact. When I first became an ARES member, I was a Technician sans code. If I'd arrived at that ARES meeting and found Dick and Larry in charge, I'd have been back out the door so fast that the suction would have pulled half a dozen other guys right out the door along with me. License class bigotry and operating mode bigotry do no good for any facet of amateur radio, least of all our emergency and public service communications groups. OBSERVATION MODE OFF.

>5. Current trends in the provision of emergency/disaster communication are
>utilizing many modes. The political arguments are beginning to erode and
>the stigma associated with utilizing all available radio services is
>beginning to fade.

Having two skyscrapers collapsing around you while the police can't talk to the fire department, which can't talk to the EMS personnel, which can't talk to the Port Authority police, which can't talk to the Feds, which can't even talk to each other, tends to do that for ya...

>The recognition of this is limited to those above the
>level of folks such as Dick and Larry, who are "stuck" in the world of CW so
>obsessively that they cannot and will not accept what changes are taking
>place and will continue to take place.

It's too bad that it took an incident resulting in the deaths of a few thousand people for this recognition to happen, but sometimes I do wonder if some people realize what they're saying. "CW is like learning another language" for example...okay, fine, but what happens if I get on the radio and tell the fire department that a pumper is needed and such-and-such location because the ice storm just caused a tree to collapse onto the roof of a school building, bringing down power lines along with it, and now the school's on fire and kids are

trapped, and because I happen to like German and think everybody
should learn it, I make this report in German. Great if the fire
dispatcher speaks German. Not a good idea if she doesn't...oh, excuse
me, I mean, if she's a no-good-for-nothing who's too lazy to learn
German and is thus less qualified as a communicator than I am.

> As has often been implied by
>comments in this newsgroup: while "they" are stuck in their world, the rest
>of the world is moving on and providing a great service--as one of the
>tenets of amateur radio is realized.

I dunno if I'd go so far as to suggest that accomplished CW ops are
going to be left behind as the rest of the world moves on without
them, because there's nothing stopping someone who's already developed
good CW skills from learning additional skills useful in other
operating modes. The question is whether or not an individual is
prepared to put those skills to use when they're needed.

Our EOC has HF, VHF, and UHF gear, packet, a couple of repeaters,
emergency power from a diesel generator, and both a straight key and a
bug for CW ops to use. There's more than one radio for each. There's a
scanner. We also have SSTV capability, so that a ham in the field with
a digital camera and a laptop computer in his car can take pictures of
a disaster scene and transmit them back to the EOC over the air so
that officials there can see for themselves what's going on, rather
than having to haul everybody down to the scene for a first-hand look.
Of course, that means the ham in the field needs the digital camera
and needs to be able to power the laptop in the car (or once the
battery in the laptop runs down, goodbye to that capability). That
means adding an inverter to your jump kit if your laptop doesn't run
on 13.8 VDC. Some guys make me wonder if there is anything in their
jump kits other than a key, a QRP CW rig and a battery. I hope there
is, but the way some folks tell it there's only one operating mode and
CW is it. There's more to ham radio than that - if there wasn't, I for
one wouldn't be here - and there's a lot more to emergency and public
service communications than that. CW is a useful skill, but it isn't
the only useful skill.

>There's loads of other not-so-ham-radio-related items that could be brought
>up about how folks such as Dick and Larry have missed out; those that deal
>with the leadership, recruitment, education, organizational, motivation, and
>process of emergency communication.
>
>But you good emergency/disaster communication folks already know them. ;)

Yes we do, and I just mentioned a few of them. Thanks for recognizing
this fact, though.

73 DE John, KC2HMZ

1018. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 01:16:33 UTC
From: Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net>
Message-ID: <prb1hvcapjtv8uimppkei4915fgr0ukaep@4ax.com>
Source record: 70985

On Sun, 13 Jul 2003 21:23:54 GMT, Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net>
wrote:

>What you have then is a problem understanding what is written. I've made it clear many
>times, whether it suits you or not, facts are facts- and the fact is that any ham who
>chooses to avoid learning to use radiotelgraphy is not a fully qualified ham.

And the FCC - which makes the determination as to what the
qualifications are - has made it clear many times, wherther it suits
you or not, facts are facts - and the fact is that you're full of
prune juice...and WRC just determined that it's Motts brand. :-)

73 DE John, KC2HMZ

"Prunes, prunes, a wonderful fruit, the more you eat, the more you
toot!" -- Bart Simpson

1019. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 01:19:05 UTC
From: Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net>
Message-ID: <pnc1hvovm4qelp318s227d8q0hbsnhv5kk@4ax.com>
Source record: 70986

On 13 Jul 2003 05:53:12 GMT, yodoc@aol.comnospam (Larry Roll K3LT)
wrote:

>The only no-coders I bother to "ridicule" are those who offer the typically
>inane arguments that code testing is somehow detrimental to the future
>of the ARS -- usually by discouraging the involvement of computer-
>literate, technically-involved young people. The truth about these
>people is that they just want to get on HF phone and yak away -- and for
>the most part, haven't a clue as to what's happening inside their off-the-
>shelf ham radio appliance.

I'm sure that's true for some. I'm also sure it's not true for all.
The average computer-literate, technically involved people tend to be
able to, for example, assemble a computer from its basic elements
(case, power supply, motherboard and perhaps some daughterboards),
connect the peripherals, install an OS and other software without a
dozen calls to a tech support hotline, and end up with a viable
working machine.

Folks who can do this are technically involved in comparison to the
folks who don't even know which port the monitor plugs into. They
aren't technically involved in comparison to the guy who designed the
motherboard in the first place. However, even in the industry, very
few people do component level repairs on motherboards and
daughterboards any more. What of it? Who do you know that's designed
and built a multi-band HF rig lately? Some have, of course...most of
them work for Kenwood, Icom, Yaesu, Alinco, etc.

Of those that are able to do component level repairs on computer
equipment, they probably have much of the knowledge needed to pass our
written exams, except they lack the specialized knowledge of RF.
Certainly, though, it would seem they have the capacity to learn it -
but when the first thing we do is hit them with something over a
hundred years old and tell them this is our lowest common denominator,
I have no doubt that it causes a lot of people to think, "@#$&%^*
that!" and find another hobby...perhaps they already have one.

73 DE John, KC2HMZ
Had a life, got a modem...

1020. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 01:19:06 UTC
From: Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net>
Message-ID: <7oc1hv890iqvg3f7fauhektohvs7kks0v4@4ax.com>
Source record: 70987

On Sun, 13 Jul 2003 03:38:46 GMT, Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
wrote:

>Kim W5TIT wrote:
>> To state something does not make it so.
>
>You never watched Star Trek TNG, eh?

I believe what Captain Picard said was, "Wishing for a thing does not
make it so."

73 DE John, KC2HMZ
Very funny, Scotty...now beam down my pants!

1021. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 01:19:07 UTC
From: Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net>
Message-ID: <goc1hvskodav6nv3i4ujtbnspvngvbl0t8@4ax.com>
Source record: 70988

On Sun, 13 Jul 2003 14:14:23 GMT, Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net>
wrote:

> Let's face facts Carl- You can'nt function as a proficient CW communicator. I can.
>That
>simply makes me better qualified as a ham radio operator than you, test or no test.

It makes you better qualified to operate CW, period. Now, if the
activity at hand is operating in the SSB portion of November
Sweepstakes (or any other phone contest), or in the RTTY roundup, or
on an SSTV net, then your CW proficiency, taken by itself, makes you
no better qualified than my 10-year old daughter.

73 DE John, KC2HMZ
Daddy, what's this red button fo#$%^&*(<NO CARRIER>

1022. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 01:19:08 UTC
From: Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net>
Message-ID: <0pc1hvgl1vbda6ji56lsd8ot8ampvfgll2@4ax.com>
Source record: 70989

On Sun, 13 Jul 2003 13:26:00 GMT, Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net>
wrote:

>> > Just as I would have skipped learning the code if it hadn't been a
>> licensing
>> > requirement, too.

Is that a chink in Dick's armor? Quick, Jose, my soldering iron!

>> So much for your advocacy of morse to new hams.
>> You made my point.
>
>Bill you have been quite consistant about missing the entire point. When there is no
>code test most hams won't learn Morse code.

I can't substantiate this statistically off the top of my head, but it
wouldn't surprise me to learn that a majority of hams already aren't
all that proficient with Morse to begin with. I was forced to learn it
to upgrade from Tech to General, but I learned it only well enough to
pass the test (by correctly copying the phrase "My QTH is Malibu,
California." rather than by answering the multiple choice questions -
since the comma and period count as two characters each, that gave me
one minute of solid copy), and basically haven't used it since.

I did try once...used the club station, went down in the lower portion
of 15 where I frequently hear some slower CW ops...send "CQ CQ CQ DE"
and my callsign twice, at about 5 WPM because I didn't want to send
faster than I could copy...then realized that in the amount of time it
took me to do that I could have already had a contact in the log on
phone...and that I did not and do not have the patience for CW.

I'd have a hard time believing there aren't a heck of a lot of 5 WPM
Generals and Extras out there who've gone through the same thing. Add
those to the no-code Techs and you might well be pretty close to half
the entire ham population in the U.S. for all I know.

>I know that taxes you not a bit, so that means that you don't care whether
>or not hams will be losing it as a viable mode.

Now it is you who might be missing the point. The code test will be
gone - as someone else in this NG likes to say, the government life
support system will be turned off. That, in and of itself, does not
guarantee that ham radio will lose CW as a viable mode, it only
guarantees that if the ARS is to keep CW as a viable mode, it behooves
those who want it to continue as such to find another way to get hams
to learn the code.

Now, to repeat the point I have been trying to make in this thread. On the one hand we have guys like Arnie who will respect a fellow ham as a fellow ham, regardless of whether that ham can do 50 WPM or zero...will encourage people to learn the code and use the mode, bend over backwards to help them do it, slow down his own sending so they can copy it at their own speed, and just generally being reasonable and friendly and giving people every encouragement.

On the other hand, we have guys snarling like angry dogs at people for doing what you yourself would have done if you'd had the choice at the time...people calling guys lazy, good for nothing, saying they aren't "real" hams, and just generally being unreasonable, unfriendly, and in some cases hypocritical as well.

Caught in the middle will be a whole generation of new hams who will decide for themselves if they want to learn the code or not, sitting there on the fence between the folks continuing the CW tradition in ham radio and the folks who want nothing to do with Morse. The folks on the no-code side will welcome them into the hobby regardless. The folks on the other side...well...it looks good over where Arnie is, but with all those snarling dogs over there, I dunno...

What I guess I'm trying to say is, we need less snarling dogs and more people looking for a reasonable approach to the problem.

>Which shows how shortsighted you are, right along with the rest of NCI.
>And yes, FCC too. Of course they have far bigger fish to fry than to worry
>about a trivial detail involving the ARS.

First of all, if it's so trivial, why is everybody getting their panties in a bunch about it?

Secondly, I think the ARS itself has bigger fish to fry. To name just one, BPL used to mean Brass Pounders' League. Now it means the noise floor on your HF rig is about to go through the ceiling and put your S-meter into orbit.

>The least time they must spend on ARS issues the better for them,
>whatever the end result.

Can't say as I really blame them. Everybody wants to be the fire department in a town with no fires. Aside from the political appointees, FCC is men and women who get up in the morning, go to work, then go home at the end of the day, same as I do. I do what I can to make my job easier, what makes them any different? So, FCC is not going to solve the problem for us. Care to hazard a WAG as to who's left to come up with a solution?

73 DE John, KC2HMZ

1023. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 01:19:09 UTC
From: Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net>
Message-ID: <8pc1hv4u52i23viufaqbrgmolh65j47qm6@4ax.com>
Source record: 70991

On Sun, 13 Jul 2003 11:49:34 -0500, "Kim W5TIT" <fahgedit@nomail.net>
wrote:

>"Dick Carroll" <dickc58@att.net> wrote in message
>news:3F10DD72.2D94F213@att.net...

>> Just as I would have skipped learning the code if it hadn't been a
>licensing
>> requirement, too.

>
>So, the only effort you are willing to expend is one which is forced upon
>you?

Then, having been duly forced - completely against his will - he
actually began to like it...so the story goes. Next we'll be hearing
that women secretly enjoy being raped.

Seriously, though, he had an option. Unless somebody forced him to get
a ham license.....

73 DE John, KC2HMZ

1024. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 01:19:10 UTC
From: Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net>
Message-ID: <kpc1hv0c5ek4ch878vcjsa4mo38m2kmp63@4ax.com>
Source record: 70990

On 13 Jul 2003 05:53:16 GMT, yodoc@aol.comnospam (Larry Roll K3LT)
wrote:

>My belief that "Morse makes the ham" is based on the fact that radio amateurs,
>as members of a voluntary, hobbyist-based radio communications service, can
>justify our existence, and hold on vast amounts of commercially viable
>spectrum,
>only if we have communications skills that give us an "edge" under difficult
>communications conditions.

Morse is only one such advantage that hams have. A few others:

1. When disaster renders the normal communications systems of local
governmental agencies inoperable, it needs to be repaired or replaced.
There are procedures to be followed to spend money to buy new gear or
have the old gear repaired. Ever try to solicit bids for a new radio
system when your town hall is flooded halfway to the ceiling? I don't
recommend it.

Enter ham radio operators, who collectively have literally tons of
radio gear, along with methods of powering it, stockpiled at no
expense to the taxpayers. We're the built-in backups in a community,
and that's true whether we use SSB, CW, or carrier pigeons. As long as
we get the job done.

2. Most public safety professionals (by which I mean law enforcement,
fire supression, EMS, and SAR personnel) know precisely this about the
radios they use on the job: Either it works or it doesn't. Either the
city cops can talk directly to the county sheriffs or they can't.
Change to a different radio? Sure...just get a new radio...see item
number (1) above for the problem with that.

Enter ham radio operators, who, if one frequency doesn't work, will
keep trying another, and then another, and then another, until we find
one that does work. It's intrinsic to the way we operate, our
equipment is designed with that in mind (unlike most commercial gear
used by public safety professionals, which is designed with entirely
different considerations in mind). We think nothing of it, but to the
average cop or fireman with a radio that has one repeater frequency
and one talkaround (both on the same band) it's wizardry.

Want me to continue?

>Morse/CW does this in ways which you most
>certainly are aware of, but must reject out of deference to your anti-code test
>agenda. With all due respect, the "quasi-religious-faith belief" seems to
>exist

>on the side of those who insist that Morse code proficiency is somehow
>irrelevant
>to the ARS now and in the future.

I think it's on both sides. I also think it's rather silly to keep arguing good-thing/bad-thing at this point. Regardless of what you may think or what I may think, or Arnie or Kim or anyone else, I think we can all predict what's eventually going to happen. Therefore, the subject for debate ought to be what we're going to do when it does.

73 DE John, KC2HMZ

1025. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 01:19:11 UTC
From: Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net>
Message-ID: <3qc1hvs7jo7mf19rut0on6hmsgln4d2ico@4ax.com>
Source record: 70992

On 13 Jul 2003 05:53:17 GMT, yodoc@aol.comnospam (Larry Roll K3LT)
wrote:

>So be it. In any case, the coming generation of New Age, Dumbed-Down,
>No-Coder hams

That statement just convinced a few thousand people to try CW on its
own merits...NOT!

>aren't likely to seeking any kudos from me on their CW
>skills.

They are, however, likely to seek refuge from your insulting rhetoric.

> I would hope that any who learned the code and became proficient
>with it's use on-the-air, would do so for their own personal gratification and
>to add that skill to their overall capability as a radio amateur.

I hope so too, Larry, because with your apparent attitude towards
fellow hams, they sure as heck aren't going to be leqarning it so they
can put your call in the logbook.

> Of course,
>that is a concept that you will naturally reject, out of the necessity of your
>agenda to justify your own lack of useful communications skills.

My, my, Larry, she does get under your skin, doesn't she? Are you sure
there isn't more to this than meets the eye? :-)

>Don't
>worry -- our expectations of you are small.

Why don't you quit beating around the bush and just ask her whether or
not size really matters?

73 DE John, KC2HMZ

1026. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 01:19:12 UTC
From: Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net>
Message-ID: <bqc1hvcttcd96ae8nrgfoll2t6f9bvmjmp@4ax.com>
Source record: 70993

On Sun, 13 Jul 2003 11:58:29 -0500, "Kim W5TIT" <fahgedit@nomail.net>
wrote:

>"Larry Roll K3LT" <yodoc@aol.comnospam> wrote in message
>news:20030713015318.23406.00000814@mb-m27.aol.com...

>> Kim, Dear, what kind of "proof" of this would you accept?

Dear? I knew it! You ARE in love with her, Larry!

>> You are not a
>> CW operator, so you are not even qualified to judge any "proof" offered.

You are not a cow, Larry, therefore you are not even qualified to
judge whether McDonald's or Wendy's makes better cheeseburgers.

>> Those of us who are proficient CW operators with adequate on-the-air
>> experience have certainly had this fact proven to them to their
>>satisfaction,

Hitler had the collective guilt of Jews, Jehovah's Witnesses, and
homosexuals proven to his satisfaction, too.

>> but a no-coder will always claim that it isn't proven simply because they
>> have no way of discerning and analyzing the evidence, and they have an
>> agenda which would cause them to deny the outcome.

Actually, all that's really required is a receiver. If there are a few
dozen CW QSOs going on at the bottom of the band, but nobody in the
phone portion of the band...well, why would you think that would
happen, unless there's a CW contest going on?

>So please don't
>> go demanding "proof" unless you're willing to place yourself in a position

Yeah, you'd like that, wouldn't you, ya dirty old man ya... :-)

>> to be an objective, competent arbiter of any evidence offered.
>>
>> 73 de Larry, K3LT
>>

And as for you, Kim...

>Lip service, Larry.

Ahem....I'm trying to keep my mind out of the gutter here. You're not
helping much.

>You couldn't even offer the contribution that N2EY
>made. An excellent example, I might add. And, apparently you have no
>proof--only your rhetorical blathering idiocy, as usual.

Larry gets rather emotional over the topic, whereas Jim looks at
things a bit more objectively. But then, I think you noticed that.

>When you get as good as N2EY at knowing CW and examples of its tremendous
>cabability, get back to us, won't you?

Knowing them and being able to articulate them in this forum are two
different things.

73 DE John, KC2HMZ

1027. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 01:19:13 UTC
From: Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net>
Message-ID: <iqc1hv051pogpob8k0j276ukbpmtrnnflf@4ax.com>
Source record: 70994

On Sun, 13 Jul 2003 02:42:30 -0400, "Arnie Macy" <kt4st@csam.net>
wrote:

> At this year's Field Day, our two little CW ops out
>performed (in contacts per hour) our SSB friends by ten to one on the same
>band during the exact same period of time. Now I realize that you were not
>talking about CW vs SSB, but the analogy is still interesting, huh? Why do
>you think that happened, Carl? (hint: I'm sure it had nothing to do with
>poor band conditions)

There are other possible explanations for this other than mode
selection. That could also happen because the CW guys were "running"
QSOs while the phone guys were hunting and pouncing. It could also be
because the CW ops were simply more experienced contesters and, for
all we know, could have also outdone the SSB guys by ten to one on SSB
as well.

OTOH, you could be right.... :-)

73 DE John, KC2HMZ

1028. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 01:19:14 UTC
From: Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net>
Message-ID: <rqc1hv81cra0pfo42s5s58cs7b4s067n4k@4ax.com>
Source record: 70995

On Sun, 13 Jul 2003 02:51:42 -0400, "Arnie Macy" <kt4st@csam.net>
wrote:

>"JJ" wrote ...
>
> Since the beginning of the use of phone in ham radio, I would be interested
>to know of any disaster where ham radio was used for communications and CW
>was the only means of communications that could get through. I don't mean CW
>was used just because someone wanted to or because they only had CW
>capabilities, but because it was the ONLY mode that could get through.
>_____
>
>We used it when Floyd hit in 1999. We were having a hard time getting
>through on SSB, so switched over to CW and continued ops until the band
>conditions improved. CW didn't "save the day", but it sure came in handy
>when needed. It is still an integral part of our EMA plan. Remember, in
>disaster planning, we try to use *all* of the tools available to us. Maybe
>one day, the light will come on for you and you'll understand that concept.

Don't look now, but as I type this, Charlotte is approaching. We may
get an object lesson here shortly after it makes landfall (not that I
or anyone else is hoping for that, except perhaps Larry who is shining
his straight key in anticipation).

73 DE John, KC2HMZ

1029. Re: The Day has come....

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 01:19:15 UTC
From: Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net>
Message-ID: <3rc1hv87fncrrk6j3cgshmo85bst3e136j@4ax.com>
Source record: 70996

On 13 Jul 2003 05:53:13 GMT, yodoc@aol.comnospam (Larry Roll K3LT)
wrote:

>In article <20030712015009.26622.00000176@mb-m18.aol.com>, vshah101@aol.com
>(Vshah101) writes:
>
>>Well some coders refuse to learn the technical material.
>
>Vipul:
>
>If that is so, then they can't be hams, because they never would have
>passed the theory part of the written tests, would they?

One word: Bash.

>Naturally, this overlooks the fact that virtually every technical advance
>created within the ARS has traditionally been achieved by hams who
>also met the existing licensing requirements -- including Morse code
>proficiency at up to 20 WPM.

And when's the last major technical advance that came from the ARS
rather than the military or industry? Hmmm...about the same time that
incentive licensing got started! What a coincidence...or is it?

>
>>Seems like the requirement was dumbed down to the non-technical Ham's level.
>
>Yes, indeed, the technical knowledge requirements are lower now than they
>were under the previous, more challenging and comprehensive standards of
>the Pre-Restructuring Era.

Why? Because there are no more 13- and 20-WPM code tests?

Must be, because the material in the question pools now is pretty much
the same material that was in there before restructuring. It's
organized somewhat differently, but it's still the same basic
stuff...same cards shuffled in a different order. Same game being
played with those cards, too. Only thing different is that you don't
seem to like the hand you've been dealt this time around.

Can't win 'em all, Larry.

>>There are other reasons not to learn code other than "dumbed-down" as you
>>say.
>>One is that I don't like code.
>
>The fact that you, personally, don't like "code" doesn't serve as a very

>compelling argument to eliminate the requirement.

Agreed.

>However, in this
>New Age of a generally dumbed-down society, that's all it took!

What?

Oh, yes, of course! Vipul got WRC to reqrite S.25 singlehandedly, all by himself, nobody else had anything to do with it. All the nations that are signatories to the treaty got together and changed the international requirement on his say-so alone. Stunning feat of world leadership on his part...now if we could only get him to go to the UN and argue on behalf of world peace.....

>>Another reason is image. It shows that you put
>>time into a worthless pursuit (Morse code). Image is NOT the consideration
>>for me. I would learn it if I wanted to.
>
>Unfortunately for you, your circumscription of Morse code proficiency as a
>"worthless pursuit" is no more than a highly subjective and flagrantly
>self-serving evaluation made by a person with no qualification to render
>such a judgment. I challenge you to provide some documentary evidence
>that knowledge of the Morse code is somehow detrimental to the "image"
>of amateur radio operators.

Picture the local ham radio club at their Field Day setup in a local public park. Along comes some members of the general public curious about what's going on. The club's PIO does his job, hands out the literature from ARRL that talks about working through satellites using handheld equipment, about digital modes using computers, about packet, about disaster preparedness.

Then he takes them over to the radios and there sits a small group of guys with headsets on (or worse, without headsets on and bitching at everybody to be quiet so they can hear) doing basically the same thing they did over hardwired telegraph systems 130 years ago.

We tell people we're on the cutting edge of technology, then put our best foot forward with something that's almost as old as dinosaur dung...but doesn't smell quite as bad.

Said members of the general public, knowing a hypocrite when they see one, whip out their can of BS repellant as they beat a hasty retreat from the area before their conversation can arouse the ire of the CW ops again. As they're getting into their car, one remarks, "We could have seen the same thing down at the railroad museum!"

Moral of the story: as is the case with fishing, your success rate is largely determined by what you use for bait. We're using the wrong bait. Our success rate at attracting new hams is the documentary evidence, and we've ignored it long enough.

This is not an argument against learning Morse and encouraging people
to develop CW operating skills. However, we can do that by promoting
the merits of CW *after* we get them to bite first on the more modern
technology that we routinely use in the ARS.

>>I don't have to learn <Morse> code just so I can prove I have the ability to
>>learn <Morse> code. I have learned other skills that are just as difficult.
>
>Name one. Just one. Please relate how this skill to which you refer
>compares with a proven, effective communications skill such as Morse
>code proficiency as applied within the ARS. Kindly leave out the usual
>apples-to-oranges comparisons to military or commercial radio services.

He didn't say communications skills, just skills.

1. What's more difficult to learn - copying Morse at 5 WPM or flying
the space shuttle?

2. How many current astronauts are no-code Technicians and how many
are Extras that took a 20 WPM code test?

Go ahead, tell us the no-code astronauts are lazy because they can't
meaure up to your standards WRT using CW. Maybe if enough of them hear
you, you can be singlehandedly responsible for putting an end to ham
radio operation from space.

>>Another reason is the "benefit" is not worth the effort. I would put effort
>>into those because I can use those skills in <real> life. I cannot use
>><Morse> code.
>
>Again, this is a judgment that you are not qualified to make. The proof
>is your own admission that you cannot use the Morse code. If you could,
>you may have an entirely different perspective.

How's he or anyone else going to use Morse code in real life? Outside
of the ARS, who else is still using it?

>I think we really need to examine this concept of "technical skill" within
>the Amateur Radio Service, and find out just precisely what is meant when
>that term is bandied about. It has always been one of the favorite arguments
>of the NCTA, but actual experience has shown that new hams who come
>into the ARS under relaxed licensing standards tend to be less technically
>involved than ever -- to the point where they barely show enough curiosity
>to even thoroughly read and understand the operator's manuals for their
>off-the-shelf equipment. The concept of "Elmering" has transmuted from
>a process of taking a newcomer through the basics of electrical theory up
>to the building and operation of simple station equipment, eventually
>advancing to more complex projects, and even inspiring formal education
>in electronics, to simply showing the New Age No-Code Tech which button
>to push to make his HT work.

And to help right this wrong, you're going to volunteer to show up at
the next club meeting and show everybody how to construct a modern,
state-of-the-art, all-mode, all-band transciever? Very good!

>If any honest and objective evaluation of
>the technical skill levels of ham radio operators were made from an
>historical perspective, it would show that code proficiency testing certainly
>could be linked to the advancement of technical knowledge, whereas the
>elimination thereof has led to a decline in overall technical involvement.

Then why is it that guys who have been hams for fifty years sometimes
need help programming a new 2m handheld?

>Whatever new people enter the ARS in the no-code testing future certainly
>face a daunting task of proving the claims of those who have, throughout
>the code testing debate, attempted to link Morse code knowledge with
>technical ignorance. We shall see what the future holds.

You yourself are linking Morse code knowledge with technical
ignorance! You just said yourself one paragraph earlier (and I cut and
paste again here):

>If any honest and objective evaluation of
>the technical skill levels of ham radio operators were made from an
>historical perspective, it would show that code proficiency testing certainly
>could be linked to the advancement of technical knowledge, whereas the
>elimination thereof has led to a decline in overall technical involvement.

As soon as a no-code Technician learns something (anything at all)
about radio, he or she has immediately disproven your claim. He/she
has advanced his/her own technical knowledge without benefit of any
knowledge of Morse code. Which means that either:

1. Every no-code Tech who has upgraded to General, Advanced, or Extra
in the last 25 years already knew everything they needed to know to
pass the writtens and only needed to learn the code in order to
upgrade, OR

2. Every no-code Tech who has upgraded to General, Advanced, or Extra
in the last 25 years and still holds a license is documented evidence
in the FCC license database that the neither the possession nor the
lack of code proficiency has any bearing on technical
proficiency...which is pretty much what FCC concluded in 1999. It's
now 2003, so you're about four years behind the rest of us.

73 DE John, KC2HMZ

1030. Re: Code a Deterrent to a Ham Ticket ??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 01:19:18 UTC
From: Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net>
Message-ID: <crc1hv4oi5m8ped4ugqk9edvgf6qfs9jrk@4ax.com>
Source record: 70997

On Sun, 13 Jul 2003 00:19:01 -0400, "Bill Sohl"
<billsohl@mindspring.com> wrote:

>> Ask a lawyer about that one. Hey I
>> want to be a BSEE, why do I have to take History classes ????
>
>You don't have to take history classes in some schools
>to get a BSEE.

Correct...but, in my opinion, still misses one major point, namely
that an amateur radio license and a BSEE are entirely different.

A BSEE is a degree awarded at the *end* of an academic pursuit for the
purpose of recognizing successful completion thereof and to certify
that the recipient has acquired significant knowledge in the field. By
the time you get a BSEE, you're supposed to have forgotten more about
electrical engineering than most people have ever learned. It'll get
you a decent job even if you bluffed your way through and really don't
know shinola. It's supposedly proof of an accomplishment, that being a
well-rounded education, with particular emphasis in a specialized
field. That's why most (not all) institutes of higher learning require
classes in things like history, literature, and other stuff that would
seem unrelated.

If I were Larry Roll, I'd lament that I've seen so many people with
college degrees that still couldn't fill out a job application
properly, that the requirements for a college degree must have been
seriously dumbed down over the past thirty years, but I'm not, so I
won't. Nevertheless, I have worked with people who held engineering
degrees yet could not compose a coherent memo for circulation in their
own department.

An amateur radio license is a document awarded at the *beginning* of
one's participation in the hobby for the purpose of granting operating
privileges and to certify that the recipient has demonstrated entry
level knowledge at the class of license thus received. It won't get
you a job bagging groceries. As for the accomplishments, those come
afterward when you actually start to make use of the privileges the
license conveys by putting Qs in your logbook. It is not, and is not
intended to be, comparable to a college degree...no matter how much
some people would like it to be so.

73 DE John, KC2HMZ

1031. Re: Code a Deterrent to a Ham Ticket ??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 01:19:19 UTC
From: Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net>
Message-ID: <krc1hvsc5a49v6oubjp238hk2mocn14m9n@4ax.com>
Source record: 70998

On 13 Jul 2003 06:35:28 -0700, kelly@dvol.com (Brian Kelly) wrote:

>I don't mean contributions in the sense of Ed's work on the BPL
>comments package. One of the rationales proffered over and over again
>by the NCI types for deleting the code tests has been that
>eliminatinating the code tests will bring flocks of engineers into the
>hobby who would then come up with technical contributions, "advance
>the state of the art" etc. Maybe I missed it but I don't know of any
>such "event" since 1991 when engineers could become hams without a
>code test.

I wonder if any of the engineers who worked on developing surface mount components were hams...or the engineers who took computer CPU chip clock speeds from mHz into gHz. Oh, and didn't the hams who happen to be NASA Mission Specialists, some of whom undoubtedly have engineering degrees and who took ham equipment into space, contribute anything to the hobby by doing so?

73 DE John, KC2HMZ

1032. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 01:19:20 UTC
From: Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net>
Message-ID: <qrc1hv0o8oq8n4fi2rfj8l3r235j4ic0m3@4ax.com>
Source record: 70999

On 13 Jul 2003 05:53:18 GMT, yodoc@aol.comnospam (Larry Roll K3LT)
wrote:

>Funny thing is, most of the No-Code Techs in my club haven't upgraded
>yet, in spite of the meager 5 WPM code test requirement. What a bunch
>of maroons!

Not sure what a "maroon" is, although from the tone I imagine its
something derogatory. BTW, which club is that, so I can send a copy of
your post to the newsletter editor and enlighten the membership as to
what your opinion is of them?

Other than that, I guess we'll just have to wait and see how many of
them upgrade once there is a 0 WPM code test requirement.

73 DE John, KC2HMZ

1033. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 01:19:20 UTC
From: Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net>
Message-ID: <0sc1hv455e858b04f561ed26vdeb3nqsgk@4ax.com>
Source record: 71001

Kim - excellent post, I'm impressed.

On Sun, 13 Jul 2003 11:16:22 -0500, "Kim W5TIT" <fahgedit@nomail.net>
wrote:

>1. A good radio amateur emergency communication operator recognizes the
>limitations of skillet of volunteers in a local/regional/national net and
>*deals* with it. In a communication emergency/disaster, the first need is
>qualified individuals for service. The fact that one is an amateur radio
>operator is not enough. Being active in local/regional/national training
>and net participation is crucial to the proper training of individuals and
>allows for exposure of those individuals to local operating practices.

Better yet is an emergency communications organization that recognizes
the varied skills of its members and institutes systems that utilize
those skills where they can do the most good. If a group of, say,
forty operators has ten accomplished CW operators and thirty ops whose
CW skills aren't up to snuff for emergency use, so be it. The thirty
ops who lack CW skills can still train to participate in voice comms,
conduct tactical comms on VHF, etc. If a person has a useful skill and
is willing to volunteer, you find a way for them to contribute. You
don't turn away volunteers, because when the time comes that you need
your team members, some will be themselves be victims of the disaster,
some will be unavailable because they're at work, some will need to
take care of family members, and so forth.

>If
>those operating practices don't include the CW mode, it is up to
>participants in the operation/net to recognize that the best communication
>mode is one in which everyone, a) is willing to learn and perform, and b) is
>immediately familiar to all participants. Folks such as Dick and
>Larry--IMHO--fail to display the attributes that help others recognize their
>ability to size up current limitations and *deal* with it.

In golf, this is known as playing the ball where it lies. In cards,
it's called playing the hand you're dealt. In emergency management,
the buzzword is interoperability - and it's one of the things we hams
bring to the table that makes us valuable assets when the chips (or
the local communications systems) are down.

>DIGRESSION MODE
>ON: if the failure of participants to know and use CW is an issue, it is
>certainly acceptable for those who desire CW to be used to make their wishes
>known and to try and effect change through POSITIVE action. In the meantime
>it behooves a good participant to fail to make enemies because things aren't
>as they wish. DIGRESSION MODE OFF.

I don't think that's a digression at all. It's simply having good leadership skills, and keeping a positive attitude...and your point is well taken, in that there are some individuals whose attitude towards their fellow hams is anything but positive - unfortunately.

>2. A good radio amateur operator, who is familiar with EmCom, is also
>familiar with the current trends in the service of emergency communication
>provision. Again, one may not "like" the current trend but, to criticize
>and be disgruntled about it hinders the efficacy of providing excellent
>communication service.

There is nothing wrong with constructive criticism, so long as it is done in a positive manner. For example, what if the current trend in your area is for emergency management personnel to rely on cell phones as a backup to their radio systems? I don't "like" that trend and will certainly criticize it, immediately and as often as necessary to get the point across. I will not, however, refer to said emergency managers as "maroons" - especially not in a public forum!

>DIGRESSION MODE ON: A good example would be the
>very attitudes that we often see exhibited here in this newsgroup by folks
>such as Dick and Larry. Now, they'll tell you that [paraphrasing here]
>their actions in this newsgroup do not indicate anything about how they are
>in real life.

Of course not. If they said to someone at a club meeting some of the things they've said to people in this NG, they'd probably earn themselves a punch in the nose. Now, I dunno about Dick, but Larry likes his nose. He sends CW with his nose on the key while his left hand is tuning and his right hand is writing in the logbook. :-)

>I say to anyone here, that the actions in this newsgroup are
>well known locally to your fellow amateurs. I cannot tell you how many
>fellow hams I have met who know me only by what they have seen here in this
>newsgroup--and first impression is everything. Most are "OK" with what they
>see here by my opinions and some are not. The point is that most of us here
>in this newsgroup are "offensive," in some way or another, to someone who
>simply reads posts.

That's common sense, of course, because whatever side you take on an issue, you're going to be in disagreement with the folks on the other side. However, since common sense isn't really all that common, some will exacerbate the situation, going beyond simply stating their opinions and allow discussions to degenerate into name-calling, personal attacks on the messenger instead of debating the message, and other common fallacies that are as old as discussion boards on landline BBS systems.

> DIGRESSION MODE OFF. So, if someone exhibits offensive
>behavior because of current trends in the service,

...or for any other reason, for that matter...

>they will not be
>*received* by local/regional/national participants as effective radio
>amateur communicators. They may very well be, but if they are not received
>>and accepted as such, their effectiveness is compromised by their degree of
>offensiveness to others. That would make people such as Dick and Larry
>pretty darned ineffective as radio amateur emergency communicators.

Yep...nice package perhaps, but lousy presentation.

>3. Going back to the "current trends" philosophy: if one cannot recognize
>shifts and changes in current trends, their ability to participate in
>effective radio amateur emergency communication is hindered--*IF* they
>refuse (for whatever reason) to "get on board" with current practices.

Hindered? How about nonexistent?

>If
>the use of CW on emergency/disaster communication nets has diminished, it is
>paramount to a qualified radio amateur emergency communicator to learn and
>become familiar with whatever mode of operation is currently the "popular"
>trend. It's that simple.

I was monitoring a MARS net a few years back, that was being conducted
in some rather lousy band conditions. One station tried to check into
this net using CW because the ops couldn't get through to the NCS
using SSB. The NCS told them that CW was not a valid operating mode
for checking into a MARS net. Draw your own conclusions.

>4. I daresay anyone--not just radio amateur emergency communicators--who is
>familiar with emergency/disaster communication, knows that the best mode of
>operation is going to be one that most--preferably all--participants in the
>communication process are familiar with--*regardless* of how well the mode
>utilizes bandwidth or how well the mode can be implemented, etc.

This goes back to what I said earlier about interoperability. This
consideration became a major concern in the aftermath of the terrorist
attacks on September 11, 2001 and remains an important one in the mind
of any savvy emergency communicator or emergency manager. FEMA has a
publication for emergency managers dealing with amateur radio - I have
a copy in my personal library - and interoperability is one of the
things mentioned as a desirable asset that hams are able to provide.
It goes without saying that anything which compromises
interoperability is detrimental to the overall operation.

>To try to
>"force" the issue of CW onto radio amateurs may be admirable in some cases,
>it is fatal to a good emergency/disaster communication effort *UNLESS* all
>communication providers are "on board" with knowing and using CW
>effectively.

Not necessarily. A CW net can be established for the purpose of moving
health and welfare traffic in and out of the affected area on HF,
while tactical communications for establishing shelters and doing
damage assessment are done on VHF FM. Obviously, the folks working VHF

FM don't need to know shinola about CW. They do, however, need to know how to behave in a directed net, among other things.

>In today's emergency/disaster communication "market" the CW
>skill is little recognized and certainly not used in many circumstances.

Nevertheless, as both you and Arnie have already pointed out in this NG, one should not discount any available means of communication. I'm sure that if Arnie has a dozen CW ops around he's going to use them. If, at the same time, he has a dozen no-code Techs or 5 WPM Generals (like me for example) around he's going to use them too, but not as CW ops. I'm not too good with CW, but I am pretty good at tactical comms.

>DIGRESSION MODE ON: once the communication emergency/disaster operation is
>under way, of course, CW nets for passing HW traffic are critical to the
>implementation of effective transmission and delivery of messages to those
>who would otherwise be "clogging" the resources of responders. It is at
>*this* level that folks such as Dick and Larry should be recruiting
>individuals. DIGRESSION MODE OFF.

OBSERVATION MODE ON: Unfortunately, Dick and Larry aren't recruiting anyone; quite the opposite, in fact. When I first became an ARES member, I was a Technician sans code. If I'd arrived at that ARES meeting and found Dick and Larry in charge, I'd have been back out the door so fast that the suction would have pulled half a dozen other guys right out the door along with me. License class bigotry and operating mode bigotry do no good for any facet of amateur radio, least of all our emergency and public service communications groups. OBSERVATION MODE OFF.

>5. Current trends in the provision of emergency/disaster communication are
>utilizing many modes. The political arguments are beginning to erode and
>the stigma associated with utilizing all available radio services is
>beginning to fade.

Having two skyscrapers collapsing around you while the police can't talk to the fire department, which can't talk to the EMS personnel, which can't talk to the Port Authority police, which can't talk to the Feds, which can't even talk to each other, tends to do that for ya...

>The recognition of this is limited to those above the
>level of folks such as Dick and Larry, who are "stuck" in the world of CW so
>obsessively that they cannot and will not accept what changes are taking
>place and will continue to take place.

It's too bad that it took an incident resulting in the deaths of a few thousand people for this recognition to happen, but sometimes I do wonder if some people realize what they're saying. "CW is like learning another language" for example...okay, fine, but what happens if I get on the radio and tell the fire department that a pumper is needed and such-and-such location because the ice storm just caused a tree to collapse onto the roof of a school building, bringing down power lines along with it, and now the school's on fire and kids are

trapped, and because I happen to like German and think everybody
should learn it, I make this report in German. Great if the fire
dispatcher speaks German. Not a good idea if she doesn't...oh, excuse
me, I mean, if she's a no-good-for-nothing who's too lazy to learn
German and is thus less qualified as a communicator than I am.

> As has often been implied by
>comments in this newsgroup: while "they" are stuck in their world, the rest
>of the world is moving on and providing a great service--as one of the
>tenets of amateur radio is realized.

I dunno if I'd go so far as to suggest that accomplished CW ops are
going to be left behind as the rest of the world moves on without
them, because there's nothing stopping someone who's already developed
good CW skills from learning additional skills useful in other
operating modes. The question is whether or not an individual is
prepared to put those skills to use when they're needed.

Our EOC has HF, VHF, and UHF gear, packet, a couple of repeaters,
emergency power from a diesel generator, and both a straight key and a
bug for CW ops to use. There's more than one radio for each. There's a
scanner. We also have SSTV capability, so that a ham in the field with
a digital camera and a laptop computer in his car can take pictures of
a disaster scene and transmit them back to the EOC over the air so
that officials there can see for themselves what's going on, rather
than having to haul everybody down to the scene for a first-hand look.
Of course, that means the ham in the field needs the digital camera
and needs to be able to power the laptop in the car (or once the
battery in the laptop runs down, goodbye to that capability). That
means adding an inverter to your jump kit if your laptop doesn't run
on 13.8 VDC. Some guys make me wonder if there is anything in their
jump kits other than a key, a QRP CW rig and a battery. I hope there
is, but the way some folks tell it there's only one operating mode and
CW is it. There's more to ham radio than that - if there wasn't, I for
one wouldn't be here - and there's a lot more to emergency and public
service communications than that. CW is a useful skill, but it isn't
the only useful skill.

>There's loads of other not-so-ham-radio-related items that could be brought
>up about how folks such as Dick and Larry have missed out; those that deal
>with the leadership, recruitment, education, organizational, motivation, and
>process of emergency communication.
>
>But you good emergency/disaster communication folks already know them. ;)

Yes we do, and I just mentioned a few of them. Thanks for recognizing
this fact, though.

73 DE John, KC2HMZ

1034. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 01:22:27 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
Message-ID: <3F10B480.7000509@adelphia.net>
Source record: 70888

Arnie Macy wrote:
> "JJ" wrote ...
>
> You mean you and Larry boy don't know semaphore Dick? Why that is just
> plain LAZINESS. You know, when conditions are so bad that you and Larry have
> to rely on CW and your faithful CW rigs gives up the ghost or conditions get
> SO bad that CW can't even get through you and Larry could save the world by
> using semaphore, if you had that skill, that is.
> ----------
>
> I have to presume by your comment, JJ that you indeed know semaphore.
> Otherwise, you look stupid when you chastise them for a skill you don't
> possess. And, of course -- I'm sure it's just plain LAZINESS on your part.
> What else could it be?

And yaknow what? If knowing semaphore was a requirement for a Ham
ticket, I'd learn it.

- Mike KB3EIA -

1035. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 01:28:30 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com>
Message-ID: <2B2Qa.275$IL.34081@nnrp1.ptd.net>
Source record: 70889

"JJ" <radiobuff0@mailcity.moc> wrote in message
news:3F0FF542.6040407@mailcity.moc...
>
>
> Carl R. Stevenson wrote:
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> >
> >>when the ONLY way you could do that was to fail the 13wpm
> >>code test when trying for General but copying enough to qualify for
5wpm,
> >>because Tech in that time frame was a by-mail-order only license.
> >
> >
> > Not true ... at the time, the only test that was given by volunteer
> > examiners was the Novice ...
>
> Are you forgetting about the Conditional (same as the General)?

I may be wrong, but I *think* the FCC stopped issuing Conditionals
before 1975.

Carl - wk3c

1036. Re: Mr. Burton Wants More Prison Time?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 01:32:35 UTC
From: "D. Stussy" <kd6lvw@bde-arc.ampr.org>
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.56.0307130131310.1463@kd6lvw.ampr.org>
Source record: 70890

Perhaps you're unaware that he is now in the terminal phase of a cancer (so I've heard), so by the time the FCC and USAtty could prosecute him, he'd be dead anyway.... There exists no disincentive to keep him off the air.

On Sat, 12 Jul 2003 I_Like@prison.net.SPAM wrote:
> You would think this man would get tired of courts and jails. Maybe a 5 year
> sentence at a maximum federal prison will cure this nut? Or maybe he will soon
> die of a massive heart attack grasping that microphone calling for help and
> everyone will say "Oh, It is that Burton fellow jamming the channel again."
>
> Get a life!
>
>
> July 3, 2003
>
> Mr. Richard A. Burton
> 1614 W. 257th Street, Unit 10
> Harbor City, CA 90710
>
> RE: Warning Notice: Unlicensed Radio Operation
>
> Dear Mr. Burton:
>
> Monitoring information before the Commission indicates that on numerous
> occasions since January 2003, you have operated radio transmitting equipment on
> the Two Meter Amateur band in the Los Angeles area. We note that you were
> convicted in 1984, 1990, 1993 and 2000 of unlicensed radio operation under
> Section 301 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, and have served
> several prison terms.
>
> You are advised that additional instances of unlicensed operation, on any
> frequency for which a license is required, will lead to the same result.
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> Our records indicate that you have an application under review for a license in
> the General Mobile Radio Service. Issues surrounding the 2003 unlicensed radio
> operation will be made a part of that proceeding.
>
> CC: Western Regional Director, FCC

1037. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 01:41:51 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com>
Message-ID: <zN2Qa.276$IL.33979@nnrp1.ptd.net>
Source record: 70891

"Arnie Macy" <kt4st@csam.net> wrote in message
news:beq6ol$7t22l$1@ID-166180.news.uni-berlin.de...
> "Carl R. Stevenson" wrote ...
>
> The technical fact of the matter is that SSB is just about as efficient
as
> it gets for voice communications. The baseband (audio frequencies) are
> translated to RF and back, with the result that the RF signal is no wider
> than required to convey the baseband bandwidth. (unless, of course you're
> running things into clipping and causing all sorts of intermod products)
> While digital voice has some advantages in some applications (particularly
> if one wants to use mixed media, such as VOIP links), even the best
low-rate
> codecs require a bandwidth at least as wide as SSB and at those coding
rates
> don't provide the same fidelity (speaker recognition, tonal quality, etc.)
> due to the coding involved. Yes, SSB is at least 60 years old ... but
Morse
> is what? About 3X as old? Its not simply a matter of age ...
> --
>
> So tell me, Carl -- if SSB is not obsolete (as you have so adequately
> explained) then why do you think JJ thinks CW is? I mean it has all the
> same attributes as your SSB explanation -- and with less bandwidth use and
> lower power requirements. Seems pretty efficient to me.
>
> Arnie -
> KT4ST

I'm not saying that CW is totally obsolete ... and I won't presume to speak
for JJ ... I just know that there are much better digital modes available
and
that CW's main purpose these days is as a recreational activity for those
who like it.

I like kyaking, but I don't believe that everyone should be a proficent
kyaker to go into the water.

Carl - wk3c

1038. Re: The Day has come....

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 01:43:03 UTC
From: Jim Hampton <aa2qa@frontiernet.net>
Message-ID: <HO2Qa.448$Tl3.36@news02.roc.ny>
Source record: 70892

You missed a small point; there were, believe it or not, elements other than 1-C that some of us had to take. Please don't worry; now there are Q&A manuals to help (that didn't exist back when). Um, what is the proper way to give your location on a repeater? Um, the 20 is ... er, ahhh ... Very difficult questions. Don't worry; here in New York State, they threw out the regents math exam. It was determined to be 'flawed' (read, too difficult). One valid flaw was that the math exam asked questions concerning geometry. Well, we can water those tests down next year too. Maybe we can publish Q&A manuals for the regents math exam - and also make sure there aren't any questions harder than addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division. Oh, best keep the numbers less than four digits. Forget imaginary numbers.

73 from Rochester, NY
Jim AA2QA

"Vshah101" <vshah101@aol.com> wrote in message
news:20030712015009.26622.00000176@mb-m18.aol.com...
>
> Well some coders refuse to learn the technical material. Although
> time-consuming, Its easy to learn one skill (CW) and claim superiority for
> that.
> Seems like the requirement was dumbed down to the non-technical Ham's
level.
>
> There are other reasons not to learn code other than "dumbed-down" as you
say.
> One is that I don't like code. Another reason is image. It shows that you
put
> time into a worthless pursuit (Morse code). Image is NOT the consideration
for
> me. I would learn it if I wanted to.
>
> I don't have to learn <Morse> code just so I can prove I have the ability
to
> learn <Morse> code. I have learned other skills that are just as
difficult.
> Another reason is the "benefit" is not worth the effort. I would put
effort
> into those because I can use those skills in <real> life. I cannot use
<Morse>
> code.
>
> >I highly suggest that to add to your sense of self-satisfaction, that
once

> >you get your "No-Code Extra" you make a point of telling every Pre-
> >Restructuring, 20-WPM code-tested Extra you know that you are their
> >"equal" as a ham radio operator.
>
> Funny, thats what pro-coders say. They say that a General class that
learned
> <Morse> code is superior because they have a higher license class. I would
say
> that the General or Extra that just learned code may not be superior to
the
> Technician that wants to have good technical skills, but refuses to learn
code.
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1039. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 02:01:40 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030712220140.21428.00001052@mb-m23.aol.com>
Source record: 70898

In article <bel98f$6b9k6$1@ID-166180.news.uni-berlin.de>, "Arnie Macy" <kt4st@csam.net> writes:

(quoting NCI reply comments)

>"review the privileges afforded to each license class and make certain that
>all test requirements for each license class RATIONALLY and DIRECTLY
> RELATE to the privileges the licensee receives by virtue of passing the
test."
>
>"In the interest of continuity with the present licensing structure, study
>guides, and testing materials, NCI again recommends that the three license
>classes be called "Technician," "General," and "Extra." This will permit a
>practical combination of existing study guides and testing materials to be
>used until such time as such materials are REVISED and will result in
>REASONABLE tests for the three new classes of license contemplated in these
>comments."

Here's how I read the above:

NCI's stated goal is no more mandatory code testing. That's a pretty simple goal - just convince the folks in charge to eliminate the tests. (Don't get offended, folks - I wrote "simple", not "easy".)

The license structure and the written tests are a much more complex issue. How many license classes? What privileges? What actually gets on the test? Etc. A real hornet's nest, and all of it comes down to opinions.

Now a lot of folks I know have expressed opinions like "dump the code test AND beef up the writtens" or "trade the code test for better writtens" etc. But linking code test abolition to written test improvement would slow down the process.

So NCI effectively says: 'dump the code ASAP. Then, in the future, after the code test is gone, the license privileges and the writtens should be reviewed and revised.'

See how neat and clean that is?

>First, I was never a PCTA ... and you know that. But that aside, above are
>the quotes from the reply comments of NCI to the NPRM. Of course, they
>don't come out and directly say it, but it is clear where they are going
>with this.

I see it as a way to get their goal done without being hampered by other issues such as written test reform. Which NCI won't have to do because the organization won't exist after the code test is gone.

>Now, add to that, the comment from an NCI Director -- "Just
>having a test...any test, serves as a barrier to millions of people. That
>an actual learning effort is required (even if it is straight memorization)
>will continue to act as a barrier for 99% or more of the population." - Bill
>Sohl, NCI Director, 02/01/97 on this NG.
>
Sure. The idea behind that one is that you don't need the code test as an entry
"barrier" or "filter", because ANY test will do that. IOW, don't worry about
ham radio being overrun by "bad apples" because the mere presence of any test
will stop 99% of people...

At least, that's how I read it.

73 de Jim, N2EY

1040. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 02:01:41 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030712220141.21428.00001053@mb-m23.aol.com>
Source record: 70895

In article <BB34836E.1E833%stewart@say.net>, Dwight Stewart <stewart@say.net>
writes:

>Isn't Code more of a skill than a knowledge?

Dwight,

You may find the following definitions useful, I do, anyhow.

"Knowledge" in this context really means anything that can be learned and known
consciously by a person.

There are at least three different kinds of knowledge - facts, concepts and
skills.

Facts are concrete pieces of information, and are learned by pure memorization.
"1 plus 1 equals 2 in base 10" is an arithmetic fact. A person can know all
sorts of facts with no understanding of what they mean.

Concepts are understandings of how things work and what they mean. Such as the
concept of addition, which requires understanding. Of course without facts,
very little can be done with pure concepts.

Skills are the abilities to actually do useful things. Such as being able to
add numbers and get the right answer. Usually, but not always, skills require
facts and concepts. Skills are only learned through practice. You can know all
the facts about bicycles, and thoroughly understand the concepts behind bicycle
design, but you won't be able to ride one until you practice.

Most of what is on the written test is facts. The Morse test is almost pure
skill. Concepts get the short end.

73 de Jim, N2EY

Any person can look at a
>piece of paper with a code chart on it and translate code, but that doesn't
>mean they have the skill to send or receive code over a radio. Wasn't the
>latter the ultimate purpose of the code test?
>

1041. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 02:01:41 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030712220141.21428.00001054@mb-m23.aol.com>
Source record: 70897

In article <bepasp$1g7c$1@adenine.netfront.net>, "Kim" <fahgedit@nomail.net>
writes:

>No doubt what started ham radio was an experiment using the best of what was
>around then.

No, just a bunch of folks interested in the new technology of radio.

After 1912, amateurs actually got the worst of what was available -
frequency-wise, anyhow.

>Perhaps you'd like to move into the most recent century, Dick.
>If ham radio were "invented" today, it would never even get near CW.

And if pigs could fly they'd be pigeons.

73 de Jim, N2EY

1042. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 02:01:42 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030712220142.21428.00001055@mb-m23.aol.com>
Source record: 70893

In article <Xns93B6735AF9500elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>, Alun Palmer
<elektros@yahoo.com> writes:

>No true, what if the sound fails on your ATV setup and you are aboard a
>sinking vessel?

Use ASL (American Sign Language)

73 de Jim, N2EY

1043. Re: Fight the BPL

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 02:01:42 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030712220142.21428.00001056@mb-m23.aol.com>
Source record: 70894

In article <cuvyxnansvbet.hhtstnw.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>, "Phil Kane" <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop> writes:

>On Wed, 09 Jul 2003 22:05:55 -0400, Dave Holford wrote:
>
>>Maybe, but IIRC the FCC, along with the FAA, FEMA etc. etc. operate
>>extensive HF communications systems. It seems unlikely that a source of
>>such serious potential interference to their own communications would be
>>authorized?
>
> But the top execs of the companies that want to do BPL are telling
> the top execs of the agencies "we checked, there is no problem".
>
> "The Fix Is In."

So what's the answer, Phil?

I see one possiblity that may kill the whole idea. Will the service be competitive with DSL or cable modems? Around here, those two are at each other's throats price-wise, yet a lot of us still use dialup because it's cheaper. If BPL costs as much or more than DSL or cable, it's not gonna fly for long.

Remember Iridium?
>
> Sometimes I think that if it wasn't for the active hams who work at
> those agencies and the input that they make, the brass wouldn't
> have a clue about what happens in real life communications.

And even with that input....

> I know - I spent 28 years at the FCC....
>
mygawd...

73 de Jim, N2EY

1044. Re: Fight the BPL

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 02:01:43 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030712220143.21428.00001057@mb-m23.aol.com>
Source record: 70896

In article <erstgvkqdotna0os01adijrvk99po5mne8@4ax.com>, Richard Clark <kb7qhc@comcast.net> writes:

>In less than 100 years we went from spark gap to satellite technology
>from the Titanic to flight 800 - and neither of those two fared very
>well for it.

That's because in the case of Titanic the problem wasn't the technology, but how it was used - or misused. Example: The Marconi ops delivered at least six ice warnings to the captain, all describing serious hazards directly in the ship's path. Some of the reports were from ships stopped because of the ice.

But the captain simply tells the lookouts to keep a sharp eye out, (even though nobody has been able to find the binoculars the lookouts are supposed to have) and doesn't even slow down.

>In the millennium before, it was semaphore and smoke
>signals.

Actually, communications from the time of Julius Caesar to Andrew Jackson were pretty much unchanged except for a few special installations. Basic method: Write a letter or send a messenger. Communication could go no faster than available transportation.
>
>Clearly technology is taken up quite quickly by comparison. When I
>was in DC last year this time, my girlfriend was adjusting the rear
>view mirror and engaged the OnStar system by mistake (the buttons
>being located on the mount).

DOH!

>Two decades before the best you had was
>CB, a decade before it was disposable cellular phones.

CB was NEVER "the best you had". Hams were operating mobile in the '30s.

73 de Jim, N2EY

1045. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 02:10:04 UTC
From: Dave Heil <k8mn@earthlink.net>
Message-ID: <3F10BF6D.3D8FC980@earthlink.net>
Source record: 70899

"Carl R. Stevenson" wrote:

> I like kyaking, but I don't believe that everyone should be a proficent
> kyaker to go into the water.

You'd think that one who likes "kyaking" could spell "kayak", Squiggy.
Looks like you've chosen a poor analogy. Your view would more properly
expressed by stating that with modern power boat technology, no
individual should be forced to jump through the swimming hoop.

Dave K8MN

1046. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 02:23:46 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
Message-ID: <3F10C2DE.8050605@adelphia.net>
Source record: 70900

Carl R. Stevenson wrote:
> "Mike Coslo" <mcoslo@adelphia.net> wrote in message

>>I dunno. I doubt it though. I wonder if a person who doesn't want to
>>jump through hoops is going to do much of anything that he/she doesn't
>>want to do.
>
>
> Mike,
>
> Do you seriously believe that just because someone is not interested in
> Morse that they could not be interested in, and contribute in valuable
> ways to, other aspects of ham radio?

Do you seriously not believe that?

An engineer can always get a technician's license. Why aren't we seeing this happening? At least in my area, the Engineers with tech licenses are there as they transition through the ranks.

> "Elmering" new hams who are not technical on the technical aspects

> designing new modes

> writing useful ham software

> building networks

> public service communications

A technician engineer can do that

> emergency/disaster communications
> "SKYWARN"
> etc., etc.

A technician Engineer can do all of these things.

> Just because someone isn't interested in jumping through the Morse
> hoop, doesn't mean that they are so selfish that they can't/won't
> contribute.

If your premise is true, then why aren't there loads of Technician level Engineers? In fact, I would give a whole lot more credence to a group of technically savvy Engineers who have their Technician's license, and they tell the ARRL and FCC. "Hey here we are folks! We're not going one level past Technician because we simply don't believe in the Morse code requirement."

It would have been nice to have hordes of technically competent
Technician level Engineers at the vangaurd of the Anti-Morse movement.

Instead we apparently have those who say "we won't participate at all
unless everything is to our liking, if your premise is to be believed.

>
>>Umm, Carl.... you are here! You have have achieved your goal, at least
>>will be very soon. I'm going to have to assume the reason is to engage
>>in a little gloating? So you're getting what you want on all counts. You
>>really wouldn't have to hear all us PCTA's crying if you didn't want to.
>>
>>In other words, if you want to discuss it, we're here. Lessay we all do
>>what you want, and "just live with it". I guess that means we're
>>supposed to shut up. Then you wouldn't have the fun of discussing it
>>with us, or even telling us to "just live with it".
>>
>>I don't think you would like that very much..
>
>
> I'm not here to gloat ... I'm here to make sure that newcomers hear
> the news and aren't overly tainted by being totally awash in PCTAs
> to the point that they think all hams are that way and decide that ham
> radio isn't really for them after all, because of a false perception that
> it's totally populated with the sort of folks that they'd really not like to
> associate. :-)

I think you just said that a person who is a PCTA is someone not to be
associated with?!?!?!?!?

Thanks for the "locker room wall" post! 8^)

- Mike KB3EIA -

1047. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 02:30:49 UTC
From: Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net>
Message-ID: <3F10C445.721987@att.net>
Source record: 70801

Mike Coslo wrote:

> Carl R. Stevenson wrote:
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> > I'm not here to gloat ... I'm here to make sure that newcomers hear
> > the news and aren't overly tainted by being totally awash in PCTAs
> > to the point that they think all hams are that way and decide that ham
> > radio isn't really for them after all, because of a false perception that
> > it's totally populated with the sort of folks that they'd really not like to
> > associate. :-)
>
> I think you just said that a person who is a PCTA is someone not to be
> associated with?!?!?!?!?
>
> Thanks for the "locker room wall" post! 8^)

Mike, that's mild stuff for Carl. Go Googling for his posts and get an
education in bilgewater postings.

1048. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 02:32:28 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
Message-ID: <3F10C4E7.4020308@adelphia.net>
Source record: 70802

Dick Carroll wrote:
>
> Arnie Macy wrote:
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>>"JJ" wrote ...
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>> You mean you and Larry boy don't know semaphore Dick? Why that is just
>>plain LAZINESS. You know, when conditions are so bad that you and Larry have
>>to rely on CW and your faithful CW rigs gives up the ghost or conditions get
>>SO bad that CW can't even get through you and Larry could save the world by
>>using semaphore, if you had that skill, that is.
>>_____
>>
>>I have to presume by your comment, JJ that you indeed know semaphore.
>>Otherwise, you look stupid when you chastise them for a skill you don't
>>possess. And, of course -- I'm sure it's just plain LAZINESS on your part.
>>What else could it be?
>
>
> Arnie, if learning semaphores had been a licensing requirement for the ARS, I
> would have learned it along with lots of others, like it or not.

Hear, Hear!

>I sure wouldn't
> have sat on my backside for most of my lifetime carping about how 'unnecessary'
> it all was to make me jump through some "useless" hoop.

Hear, Hear!

Alas, poor Richard, they are those we now seek to bolster our ranks.

Now if Carl can get to then before those nasty PCTA's with whom they
don't want to associate!

- Mike KB3EIA -

1049. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 02:35:27 UTC
From: Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net>
Message-ID: <3F10C55B.C3923689@att.net>
Source record: 70803

"Carl R. Stevenson" wrote:

> "Dick Carroll" <dickc58@att.net> wrote in message
> news:3F1034A4.62BCEE2@att.net...
> >
> >
> > Alun Palmer wrote:
> >
> > >
> > > > So you equate transcontinental horseback riding to the use of
> > > > radiotelegraphy. And you regard yourself as an engineer (even
> > > > nondegreed)? Just for your basic information, radiotelgraphy uses the
> > > > same radio propagation that any other mode uses,
> > >
> > > Just as a horse might use the same road as a car - you seem to be
> arguing
> > > against yourself here
> >
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> >
> > And at the same speed of travel, right?
> >
> > Sometimes you codefree engineers seem to be half brain dead. At least
> half.
>
> No, Dick not at the same speed of travel ... other modes are faster than
> Morse.
>

Ah, so Shannon also speeded up light and other electromagnetic radiation, then.
Right.

>
> You're the one who seems brain dead ...

I'm perfectly willing to let it go at that and allow the readership to draw
their own conclusions.

1050. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 02:39:02 UTC
From: Arnie Macy <kt4st@csam.net>
Message-ID: <beqgor$83fj9$1@ID-166180.news.uni-berlin.de>
Source record: 70804

"Carl R. Stevenson" wrote ...

Fred Maia, W5YI, was quoted as saying something along that line WRT the Tech test ... but Fred is just *one* of the Directors of NCI, and I can state that his view in that regard is NOT NCI policy and is not shared by me or the rest of the NCI board. (IIRC, Fred also said he'd like to make the Extra test more rigorous ...)

[Of course, NCI was never in favor of removing the digital/CW sub bands either, right?]

No, we were not ... and we never said we were. If you "google" or whatever, you will, I am sure, find numerous instances of me saying that I would *not* favor an expansion of the phone bands at the expense of the digital/CW sub-bands, because I wouldn't want to see the future development of digital modes impeded. (the rest snipped)

That could be what I was thinking of. Quoted by ya'll referring to Fred. But I distinctly remember there being a discussion about lowering the technical test requirements and that NCI was in favor of that.

Now, as to Digital/CW sub-bands. Below is the official comment by NCI -- it sure sounds like they would roll over and play dead if it should ever come to supporting the keeping of sub-bands for Digital/CW. Do you read it differently, Carl?

"d. Third, Mr. Kane recommends that there be no regulatory distinction made between modes of transmission. This point would likely gain mixed, but significant support amongst NCI's membership, and it should be pointed out that this is the norm in the rest of the world and no real harm seems to have come from the lack of restrictive sub-band-by-mode limitations such as those currently embodied in the Commission's Rules."

From NCIs Reply comments to the NPRM

Arnie -
KT4ST

1051. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 02:42:39 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
Message-ID: <3F10C74B.7070607@adelphia.net>
Source record: 70805

Brian Kelly wrote:
> "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> wrote in message
> news:<6WFPa.161$lL.17874@nnrp1.ptd.net>...
>
>> "Mike Coslo" <mjc5@psu.edu> wrote in message
>> news:3F0ED7E5.2090208@psu.edu...
>>
>>> Carl R. Stevenson wrote:
>>
>
>>> I await the influx of all these engineers and the advances they
>>> will bring Amateur Radio.
>>
>
> Don't hold your breath waiting for either.

Heh, heh. Thanks Brian, I was starting to turn blue there! 8^) You're right, it isn't going to happen.

>
>
>>> Did anyone seriously say they were really interested in Ham
>>> radio, but the Morse Code test kept them out? just har dto
>>> imagine that someone really interested would do that.
>>
>
> Right on the money.
>
>
>
>> I have reported that, in my over 32 years in the RF communications
>> business, I have worked with MANY very competent engineers who
>> would be interested in ham radio, but can't/won't be bothered with
>> wasting their time jumping through a silly Morse code "hoop."
>>
>> Some have become hams since they could get meaningful HF privs for
>> "only" 5 wpm ... I'm sure that more will once they can do the same
>> without having to waste their time on even 5 wpm ... these are
>> folks that could pass a technical test well beyond the Extra. Do
>> you doubt that, even without Morse proficiency, they could/would
>> make good hams and could contribute to the service?
>
>
>
> Brings up a question Carl: You're a seasoned EE and have been a ham

> for many years. What technology-based contributions have you made to
> the service?

I understand he is working on some sort of device that PCTA's will have to use so that we can be identified on the air, so that the new hams will know not to associate with us! ;^)

- Mike KB3EIA -

1052. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 02:45:28 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
Message-ID: <3F10C7F5.7050301@adelphia.net>
Source record: 70806

JJ wrote:
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> Carl R. Stevenson wrote:
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>> Fred Maia, W5YI, was quoted as saying something along that line WRT the
>> Tech test ... but Fred is just *one* of the Directors of NCI, and I can
>> state that
>> his view in that regard is NOT NCI policy and is not shared by me or the
>> rest of the NCI board. (IIRC, Fred also said he'd like to make the Extra
>> test
>> more rigorous ...)
>
>
> Having known Fred Maia personally in the past, I would not put much
> stock in anything he has to say.

So he is incorrect in this?

- Mike KB3EIA -

1053. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 02:45:53 UTC
From: Arnie Macy <kt4st@csam.net>
Message-ID: <beqh5m$7puv2$1@ID-166180.news.uni-berlin.de>
Source record: 70807

"Alun Palmer" wrote ...

How do you know they are not here? Do you really know what each of us majored in? I really don't think so.

The numbers speak louder than any person -- or the lack thereof. See how easy that was?

Arnie -

1054. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 02:52:00 UTC
From: Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net>
Message-ID: <3F10C93C.7658CF86@att.net>
Source record: 70808

Mike Coslo wrote:

> Dick Carroll wrote:
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> > Arnie Macy wrote:
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> >
> >>"JJ" wrote ...
> >>
> >> You mean you and Larry boy don't know semaphore Dick? Why that is just
> >>plain LAZINESS. You know, when conditions are so bad that you and Larry have
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> >>using semaphore, if you had that skill, that is.
> >>_____
> >>
> >>I have to presume by your comment, JJ that you indeed know semaphore.
> >>Otherwise, you look stupid when you chastise them for a skill you don't
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> > would have learned it along with lots of others, like it or not.
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> Hear, Hear!
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> >I sure wouldn't
> > have sat on my backside for most of my lifetime carping about how 'unnecessary'
> > it all was to make me jump through some "useless" hoop.
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> Hear, Hear!
>
> Alas, poor Richard, they are those we now seek to bolster our ranks.
>
> Now if Carl can get to then before those nasty PCTA's with whom they
> don't want to associate!

Isn't it special, Mike? Carl is, unfortunately evidently not one of a kind, he's just probably the worst example.

1055. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 02:53:07 UTC
From: Arnie Macy <kt4st@csam.net>
Message-ID: <beqhj8$7qjph$1@ID-166180.news.uni-berlin.de>
Source record: 70810

"Kim W5TIT" wrote ...

No doubt what started ham radio was an experiment using the best of what
was around then. Perhaps you'd like to move into the most recent century,
Dick. If ham radio were "invented" today, it would never even get near CW.

Or SSB, Kim.

Arnie -
KT4ST

"What Hath God Wrought?"

1056. Re: Code a Deterrent to a Ham Ticket ??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 02:53:15 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
Message-ID: <3F10C9C7.2070605@adelphia.net>
Source record: 70809

Alun Palmer wrote:
> "Guessing" <Guessing@connectnet.net> wrote in
> news:bXVPa.1425$Bd5.445@fed1read01:
>
>
>>I still maintain it is all a matter of achieve or cop out. Make
>>excuses or meet a challenge.
>>And you are correct "Code aptitude and IQ are completely unrelated" So
>>much for the "Engineer copout"
>>
>>It has nothing to do whether you or I like or dislike the code.
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>
> I disagree. If someone doesn't like CW, why on earth should they be forced
> to train as a CW operator to get accesss to phone frequencies? This is a
> hobby.
>
>
>>It has nothing to do with "Antiquated technology"
>
>
> I don't think CW can match PSK or TOR, so it is somewhat antiquated, IMHO

Well, Alun, what say we just get rid of all the "antiquated"
technologies? Our anonymous friend is right.

>
>>It has nothing to do with "I'll never use code"
>
>
> On the contrary. I don't use code, so why did I have to learn to use it?

You don't have to learn anything you don't want to learn.

>>It has everything to do with "Want HF Ham Ticket -- Pass the Test "(at
>>the moment) If dropped is all OK with me. Times and requirements change
>>as they should.
>>
>
> So you have no trouble with the oncoming changes, then?

I do. A Celebration of Entropy

>>Black and white -- yep sure is -- society, government, et al make it
>>that way. Don't Drink and Drive, 3 strikes you are outta here -- Pass
>>the Test -- pretty black and white to me.

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>
> So you don't beleive anyone should try to change any of the rules?
>
>
>>As for > > Anyone who used the code as an excuse for not becoming a
>>ham, just
>>
>>>>wasn't serious about it.
>>>
>>>An unsupported assertion, and untrue
>>
>>I have talked with hundreds and I mean hundreds of folks and VE's over
>>the years and here are the copouts.
>>
>>I don't have time. The most common one. VE's here have found that 15
>>min a day EVERY day practice and in a month --90%+ pass the code test
>>BUT the other 10% spend all night on the boob tube.
>>
>
>
> Usually that is just an excuse, I agree. My XYL uses it all the time!
>
>
>>I'll never use code. (You may never have to parallel park either) (if
>>they still require that)
>>
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>
> No, that one is valid.
>
>
>>I can't take tests (Has Drivers License and a BSEE)
>>
>>Its a lot easier to get on CB
>>
>>Its too expensive (has $1000 computer, can't afford a Swan 350 at $250)
>>
>
>
> That one makes me smile too

That Swan should be outa the picture. It's antiquated technology.

>>Its so illogical (so is a job interview at times)
>>
>>Notice I didn't even mention whether I am a Ham or not -- Tech no-code
>>or Extra ---pro or anti-code -- cause that ain't got nothing to do
>>with -- PASS THE TEST
>>

>>
>>"Alun Palmer" <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote in message
>>news:Xns93B5E7473C4B8elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4...
>>
>>>"Guessing" <Guessing@connectnet.net> wrote in
>>>news:QWCPa.913$Bd5.644@fed1read01:
>>>
>>>
>>>>>Someone squawked
>>>>>As an engineer myself, I can verfiy that lots of engineers have
>>>>>told me exactly that. Whether they would get a licence once code
>>>>>testing is abolished might be another matter.
>>>>
>>>>Nonsense and a big copout
>>>
>>>It happens to be the truth, whether you like it or not
>>>
>>>
>>>>If you want a BS/MS/PHD Degree -- pass the tests
>>>>Want a driver license -- take a test
>>>>Want a job - take a drug test and physical exam and perhaps a
>>>>professional test
>>>>Want insurance -- take a physical exam
>>>>Want to be an apprentice (JourneyPerson) -- take the test
>>>>Want to advance in the Military -- take the test
>>>>Pass the Bar (Legal that is) Pass Da Test
>>>>Nurses CPR for sure and maybe ACLS Tests
>>>>Sobriety Test -- Try to dodge this one
>>>>et al tests
>>>>Want an HF Ham license -- take the code and Technical/Rules et al
>>>>test
>>>
>>>Code won't be included in that for much longer. I assume that since
>>>you just say 'take the test' about everything, that you must have no
>>>problem with that. I certainly don't!
>>>
>>>
>>>>Otherwise we have CB and FRS. And one who listens on these bands
>>>>ought to be totally inspired to get a Ham Ticket !!!
>>>>
>>>>Simple as that.
>>>>
>>>
>>>You live in a 'black and white' world, don't you?
>>>
>>>
>>>>Anyone who used the code as an excuse for not becoming a ham, just
>>>>wasn't serious about it.
>>>>
>>>

>>>An unsupported assertion, and untrue
>>>
>>>
>>>>If 10 to 17 year olds can do it, why can't an engineer or any other
>>>>college grad ???
>>>>
>>>
>>>Code aptitude and IQ are completely unrelated
>>>
>>>
>>>>Did any of those "Engineers" get a No-Code Tech license ??
>>>
>>>Yes, I did (although I did code eventually)
>>>
>>>
>>>>Didn't think so !!
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>

1057. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 02:56:09 UTC
From: Arnie Macy <kt4st@csam.net>
Message-ID: <beqhou$7sv5e$1@ID-166180.news.uni-berlin.de>
Source record: 70811

"N2EY" wrote in part ...

There are at least three different kinds of knowledge - facts, concepts and skills.

In government service we refer to these as KSAs, Knowledge, Skill, Ability

Arnie -
KT4ST

1058. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 03:03:10 UTC
From: Arnie Macy <kt4st@csam.net>
Message-ID: <beqi63$7pp9q$1@ID-166180.news.uni-berlin.de>
Source record: 70812

"Carl R. Stevenson" wrote ...

I'm not saying that CW is totally obsolete ... and I won't presume to speak for JJ ... I just know that there are much better digital modes available and that CW's main purpose these days is as a recreational activity for those who like it. I like kyaking, but I don't believe that everyone should be a proficent kyaker to go into the water.

Sheesh, Carl -- does everything have to be about the test with you? I would maintain that there are much better forms of communication than 60 plus year old SSB (but for our use in the ARS it is a quite efficient mode). I am strictly talking about the mode -- *not* testing. Do you think it's as efficient as SSB? Yes or No

Arnie -
KT4ST

1059. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 03:05:08 UTC
From: Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net>
Message-ID: <3F10CC51.7C411331@att.net>
Source record: 70813

Arnie Macy wrote:

> "d. Third, Mr. Kane recommends that there be no regulatory distinction made
> between modes of transmission. This point would likely gain mixed, but
> significant support amongst NCI's membership, and it should be pointed out
> that this is the norm in the rest of the world and no real harm seems to
> have come from the lack of restrictive sub-band-by-mode limitations such as
> those currently embodied in the Commission's Rules."
>
> From NCIs Reply comments to the NPRM

Yup, they're brain dead. Or never actaually got on the air and took a good
look around at what was going on.

1060. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 03:07:44 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
Message-ID: <3F10CD2D.2080409@adelphia.net>
Source record: 70814

Alun Palmer wrote:

<some snippage>

> What about me? I passed 20wpm and choose not to use it atall? No doubt I
> will be told I'm missing out, but I'm doing exactly what I want to.

No one sez you have to use it. I'm not forced to do those silly
satellite ops either. But I gotta test for them.

- Mike KB3EIA -

1061. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 03:10:34 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
Message-ID: <3F10CDD7.9020101@adelphia.net>
Source record: 70815

Dick Carroll wrote:
>
> JJ wrote:
>
>
>>Larry Roll K3LT wrote:
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>>
>>>Were it not for the occasional usefulness of the 2-meter band to
>>>"real" ham radio operators like you and me,
>>
>>With you and Dick holding yourselves up as "real" hams, I can see
>>why some turn their back on ham radio and stay on cb.
>
>
> JJ, one does as one is. Even Forrest Gump knew that.
> Look for excuses and there are always some to be found.

I'm much too busy to look for excuses..... ;^)

- Mike KB3EIA -

1062. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 03:11:48 UTC
From: Arnie Macy <kt4st@csam.net>
Message-ID: <beqim9$7vao5$1@ID-166180.news.uni-berlin.de>
Source record: 70816

"Carl R. Stevenson" wrote ...

If find your comparison of yourself (and Larry) to Forest Gump to be most appropriate :-) "Stupid is as stupid does." was the saying from the movie ... and while I don't actually think either you or Larry actually ARE stupid, you both certainly ACT that way.

And when did you become the expert on who and who is not intelligent, Carl?

Arnie -
KT4ST

"What a fine thing it is to have an intellect, and room enough in the seat of your breeches to hold it."

-Mark Twain

1063. Re: The Day has come....

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 03:12:25 UTC
From: Jim Hampton <aa2qa@frontiernet.net>
Message-ID: <s64Qa.453$3E3.203@news02.roc.ny>
Source record: 70817

Well, I just saw a post. Interesting problem from a brand-new 1X2 call. Seems he had a fairly high SWR on his beam so to keep water out of the traps, he sealed the holes in the traps. The beam is mounted on conduit 20 feet off the ground and now his SWR is *extremely* high on 20 and 15 meters. So, someone kindly explain how elimination of any waiting period for the extra class license and virtual elimination of the code (no, I'm not a pro-coder; it just forced folks to wait and learn a bit before they were ready for the 20 words per minute test) has increased the technical competence of amateur radio.

73 from Rochester, NY
Jim AA2QA

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1064. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 03:18:40 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
Message-ID: <3F10CFBC.9010708@adelphia.net>
Source record: 70818

Carl R. Stevenson wrote:
> "Arnie Macy" <kt4st@csam.net> wrote in message
> news:beo9ou$6l06d$1@ID-166180.news.uni-berlin.de...
>
>>"JJ" wrote ...
>>
>> BS, the services realized that with modern technology CW is an outdated,
>>antiquated mode, no longer useful to them. You are living in your ham
>
> radio
>
>>dream world too stubborn to see the truth.
>>____
>>
>>Hey JJ -- did you forget that SSB is over 60 years old? By your logic,
>
> it's
>
>>time to shut that antiquated puppy down as well. I mean, there are MUCH
>>more modern modes out there, right? Or are you too stubborn to see the
>>truth?
>>
>>Arnie -
>>KT4ST
>
>
> Arnie,
>
> The technical fact of the matter is that SSB is just about as efficient as
> it
> gets for voice communications. The baseband (audio frequencies) are
> translated to RF and back, with the result that the RF signal is no wider
> than
> required to convey the baseband bandwidth. (unless, of course you're
> running things into clipping and causing all sorts of intermod products)
>
> While digital voice has some advantages in some applications (particularly
> if one wants to use mixed media, such as VOIP links), even the best
> low-rate codecs require a bandwidth at least as wide as SSB and at those
> coding rates don't provide the same fidelity (speaker recognition, tonal
> quality, etc.) due to the coding involved.
>
> Yes, SSB is at least 60 years old ... but Morse is what? About 3X as
> old?

SSB - established mathematically in 1914, First patent in 1923, first transatlantic transmission in 1923, transatlanti public use in 1927, first amateur use around 1933. Didn't catch on for around 15 years.

- Mike KB3EIA -

1065. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 03:23:48 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
Message-ID: <3F10D0EC.60604@adelphia.net>
Source record: 70819

N2EY wrote:
> In article <beo9ou$6l06d$1@ID-166180.news.uni-berlin.de>, "Arnie Macy"
> <kt4st@csam.net> writes:
>
>
>>Subject: Re: Now That It's "Over"...
>>From: "Arnie Macy" <kt4st@csam.net>
>>Date: Sat, 12 Jul 2003 02:27:12 -0400
>>
>>"JJ" wrote ...
>>
>>BS, the services realized that with modern technology CW is an outdated,
>>antiquated mode, no longer useful to them. You are living in your ham radio
>>dream world too stubborn to see the truth.
>>____
>>
>>Hey JJ -- did you forget that SSB is over 60 years old?
>
>
> Actually, the use of SSB on radio is over 75 years old (AT&T transatlantic
> telephone, 55 kHz LSB, in service 1927). SSB was first used by hams over 70
> years ago (Ray Moore, W6DEI, and several others, early 1930s).
>
> Widespread use by hams began in the late 1940s - almost 60 years ago - BEFORE
> manufactured SSB equipment for hams was readily available.
>
>
>>By your logic, it's
>>time to shut that antiquated puppy down as well.
>
>
> Old does not equal bad, or useless, or obsolete.
>
> A question for JJ: Are you against the MODE, or just the TEST? Words like
> "antiquated" and "obsolete", when applied to a mode, don't indicate support to
> most people.

Direct hit, Jim! Despite all claiims to the contrary, the NCTA's word's
usually expose them as NCUA's.

Just imagine all that yummy bandwidth there for the taking! 8^)

- Mike KB3EIA -

1066. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 03:29:59 UTC
From: Bill Sohl <billsohl@mindspring.com>
Message-ID: <beqjtr$84t$1@slb4.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 70820

"Dick Carroll" <dickc58@att.net> wrote in message
news:3F0F8295.58F741A8@att.net...
>
>
> Larry Roll K3LT wrote:
>
> > In article <3F0E10C8.6117F3C1@att.net>, Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net>
writes:
> >
> > >> No, I certainly do not. If someone wants to only operate cw, only
> > >> ssb, only 2 meter FM, then fine, and they are just as much a ham
> > >> as someone who operates multiple modes.
> > >
> > >So a ham who operates all modes except that he cannot operate
radiotlegraphy
> > >because he doewn't know Morse code, is just as well qualified as a ham
who
> > >operates all those and also can operate radiotelegraphy.
> > >
> > > Surely you can understand the fallacy of your own argument,
> > >all other considerations aside.
> >
> > Dick:
> >
> > An even greater fallacy is the notion that "hams" who operate only
> > 2-meters FM (which probably defines at least 80 percent of "hams"
> > licensed since 1991) is "qualified" as an amateur radio operator!
> > At the risk of sounding Kim-like, ROTFLMAO!!!
> >
> > Were it not for the occasional usefulness of the 2-meter band to
> > "real" ham radio operators like you and me, I'd suggest that it be
> > separated from the licensing structure and just be given away to
> > anyone who can afford a transceiver. Of course, we've already gone
> > most of the way to doing just that, and we still don't see any real
> > growth in the numbers of licensed amateurs.
>
> Larry, when you trim all the BS off the no-code position, all that's left
is
> that they refuse to even acknowledge that the first existing, most basic
mode
> of radiocommunications is even a viable mode of radiocommunications!
> Much less that it is the simplest, easiest to implement and one of the
very
> most efficient modes!

>
> If it weren't so downright silly it'd be funny. But that's what ham radio
had
> degenerated into.

In what way have we ever not acknowledged that CW was
the first mode, or that it is simple, or that it can
be used by hams today (i.e. viable). Bottom line
is so what...that does NOT justify any need for a code
test. That's what is so downright silly. YOU want every
new ham to have to learn CW on the hope that some
percentage will like CW enough to become a user. You
are (IMHO) clearly not up to the task of recruiting new hams
by proactively advocating CW use.

Cheers,
Bill K2UNK

1067. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 03:34:01 UTC
From: Bill Sohl <billsohl@mindspring.com>
Message-ID: <beqk5d$i3j$1@slb0.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 70823

"Dick Carroll" <dickc58@att.net> wrote in message
news:3F0FFC9E.C75BB3AF@att.net...
>
>
> "Carl R. Stevenson" wrote:
>
> > OOK Morse is clearly still a viable mode of
> > communications ... (to use the much-used analogy, so is horseback
> > riding as a form of transcontinental transportation).
>
> So you equate transcontinental horseback riding to the use of
radiotelegraphy.
> And you regard yourself as an engineer (even nondegreed)?

Why not..see more below.

> Just for your basic information, radiotelgraphy uses the same radio
propagation
> that any other mode uses, and - when the operater is actually skilled in
its
> use-
> often does it better and faster, at lower power than most other common
modes,
> particularly than weak-signal voice modes which demand slowly pronounced
and
> enunciated words and the use of phonetics.

Horseback riding uses or can use the same transport routes that
modern transcontinental transportation does...but it can
also go "ooff-road" through routes that modern transportation
can't.

> And, as it happens, both travel at the same speed! Eureka!Carl has found
it!
>
> But you already knew all that, you just like to slam CW. You still
remember
> failing that
> 13wpm test long ago, don't you? Too bad you didn't have what it took to go
back
> and do it right instead of spending your lifetime carping about all that
hazing
> that we who did
> have laid on you.

Seems to me all the carping these days is coming from you,
Larry and a handful of other PCTAs.

Cheers,
Bill K2UNK

>

1068. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 03:34:36 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
Message-ID: <3F10D378.1000702@adelphia.net>
Source record: 70821

JJ wrote:
>
>
> Dick Carroll wrote:
>
>>
>> you just like to slam CW.
>
>
> And you just like to slam anyone who dosen't feel about the use of CW as
> you do.
>

Wrong. I don't feel the same way about CW as Dick does, and we get along just fine!

- Mike KB3EIA -

1069. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 03:38:46 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
Message-ID: <3F10D472.9010402@adelphia.net>
Source record: 70824

Kim W5TIT wrote:
> "Larry Roll K3LT" <yodoc@aol.comnospam> wrote in message
> news:20030711233936.23406.00000789@mb-m27.aol.com...
>
>>John:
>>
>>I agree that Morse code proficiency has nothing to do with speaking or
>>typing -- but the ability to effectively employ the Morse/CW mode -- at
>>speeds greater than 5 WPM -- will keep you communicating when conditions
>>prevent you from communicating by voice or digital modes. You have done
>>nothing but provide personal, anecdotal proof that reducing code testing
>>requirements down to a mere 5 WPM maximum was NOT a good thing!
>>
>
>
> You know...the claim that CW "will keep you communicating when conditions
> prevent you from communicating by voice or digital modes" has been made time
> and time again. Time and time again there have been requests for proof of
> this claim. None has been provided.
>
> To state something does not make it so.

You never watched Star Trek TNG, eh?

- Mike KB3EIA -

1070. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 03:38:48 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030712233848.15462.00001531@mb-m06.aol.com>
Source record: 70825

In article <2B2Qa.275$lL.34081@nnrp1.ptd.net>, "Carl R. Stevenson"
<wk3cqth@wk3c.com> writes:

>"JJ" <radiobuff0@mailcity.moc> wrote in message
>news:3F0FF542.6040407@mailcity.moc...
>>
>>
>> Carl R. Stevenson wrote:
>>
>> >
>> >>when the ONLY way you could do that was to fail the 13wpm
>> >>code test when trying for General but copying enough to qualify for
>5wpm,
>> >>because Tech in that time frame was a by-mail-order only license.
>> >
>> >
>> > Not true ... at the time, the only test that was given by volunteer
>> > examiners was the Novice ...
>>
>> Are you forgetting about the Conditional (same as the General)?
>
>I may be wrong, but I *think* the FCC stopped issuing Conditionals
>before 1975.
>
The Conditional class of license was abolished by the FCC in 1978. Upon
renewal, existing Conditionals got General class licenses.

From 1951 to 1954, all nondisabled prospective hams within a specified distance
of an FCC exam point had to take their license exams at an FCC office.

In 1954, the rules were changed so that Novice and Technician were normally
given by mail, under the proctorship of a single volunteer examiner. These
rules were in effect until the VEC system was created in 1983-84.

Some hams got their Technicians at FCC offices. This happened when a Novice ham
would attempt the 13 wpm code and fail. FCC examiners would sometimes allow the
Novice to take the General/Conditional/Technician written test, and end up with
a Technician. This was probably most common in the days when the Novice was not
renewable or retakeable.

73 de Jim, N2EY

1071. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 03:43:30 UTC
From: Bill Sohl <billsohl@mindspring.com>
Message-ID: <beqkqglom1@slb5.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 70826

"Larry Roll K3LT" <yodoc@aol.comnospam> wrote in message
news:20030711233932.23406.00000786@mb-m27.aol.com...
> In article <bel898$hl3$1@adenine.netfront.net>, "Kim W5TIT"
> <fahgedit@nomail.net> writes:
>
> >So, it's your blatant disregard for the possibility that "future hams"
will
> >be quite interested in CW and will learn the mode just because they
WANTED
> >to and not because it was required? You didn't learn CW because you
wanted
> >to but because you had to. So, what're you gonna say to those who will
> >obviously be a better ham than you because they learned CW out of wanting
> >to, not needing to?
> >
> >Kim W5TIT
>
> Well, Kim, if any show up, I'll be the first to congratulate them!

Translation. I'm too lazy and noncommitted enough to CW
to be an active recruitor to the mode....(IMHO of course :-)

> However,
> I hope you'll forgive me for not holding my breath in the meantime! You
> see, I've become somewhat accustomed to the occasional whiff of oxygen!
>
> 73 de Larry, K3LT

Yawn...
Same old, same old.
Cheers,
Bill K2UNK

1072. Re: 1x2 Calls--automatic when upgrading to Extra?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 03:50:26 UTC
From: Jim Hampton <aa2qa@frontiernet.net>
Message-ID: <6G4Qa.456$ap3.250@news02.roc.ny>
Source record: 70827

Brian,

You only get assigned a sequential call from the FCC initially. You may keep your current call sign or allow them to assign you an extra class call sign sequentially. If you desire a 1X2, then you have to pay the money for a vanity call sign. You only pay every time you renew (once every 10 years). You can likely switch any time you wish; bear in mind that with the reduction of requirements there are a *ton* of extra class licenses nowadays. Years ago, an amateur extra could get a vanity call sign (for free!). I once did get N2JH, but let my ticket expire. Had I held on to that, I wouldn't have to pay every 10 years. Now, with a ton of existing extras and the code requirements about to be dropped, it is going to be difficult for anyone to get any 1X2 or 2X1 call simply due to the number of folks who also want to get one. You may well wait for years before you are lucky enough to apply and actually have the call you applied for available by the time your request gets to the FCC (others will likely also be applying).

73 from Rochester, NY
Jim AA2QA

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1073. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 03:50:54 UTC
From: Bill Sohl <billsohl@mindspring.com>
Message-ID: <beql51mep1@slb6.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 70828

"Larry Roll K3LT" <yodoc@aol.comnospam> wrote in message
news:20030711233933.23406.00000787@mb-m27.aol.com...
> In article <belbgfodb1@slb4.atl.mindspring.net>, "Bill Sohl"
> <billsohl@mindspring.com> writes:
>
> >> Bill:
> >>
> >> Nice try, but not quite the same thing. A prospective ham not wanting
to
> >> learn and/or use the Morse code is like a prospective golfer not
wanting
> >> to learn how to putt, because all he wants to do is drive golf balls
for
> >> distance. Well, even I can drive a bucket balls at the range to kill
an
> >> afternoon, but I'd never call myself a "golfer."
> >>
> >> Morse/CW is an essential communications skill for anyone who is going
> >> to consider him/herself to be an effective amateur radio operator.
> >
> >So you will claim tillhell freezes over I assume. Only
> >problem is, your claim failed at the only place that
> >counts...the FCC.
>
> Bill:
>
> Of course it did.

It did...then why do you next state...
> The FCC is a government bureaucracy that serves
> mainly commercial interests. Amateur Radio just isn't important enough
> to them to be bothered to expend the resources necessary to maintain
> high licensing standards as the had in the past. No mystery there.

Sure seems that it didn't hold sway at all with the FCC.

> >> This
> >> is the one skill which gives them the ability to keep on communicating
> >> under adverse conditions that put an end to communication using less
> >> robust or more equipment and electrical capacity-dependent modes. It
> >> gives us the ultimate in emergency backup communications capability,
> >> which is ever-so important and politically-correct for hams these days.
> >
> >So how come the other services abondoned morse as such a
> >valuable back-up?

>
> Again, follow the money and you'll learn the truth. The cost of hiring,
> training, and providing pay and benefits to CW-proficient radio operators
> is the key factor in play here. But you already knew that.

Of course, and the cost of having thousands of hams learn
morse isn't born out by any need whatsoever...as the FCC
has already determined in 98-143. Rather, the PCTA folks
failed to make sufficient justification to the FCC that
hams MUST know morse.

> Moreover,
> these "other services" you're talking about use high-powered satellite-
> based technology which is designed for their specific purposes. But
> you already knew that, as well. When you make apples-to-oranges
> comparisons between the all-volunteer Amateur Radio Service and
> publicly- or commercially-funded communications services, your argument
> falls flat on it's face. And if you didn't already know that, you're just
as
> deluded as any other NCTA.

Well it seems to me the only folks that are living
in fantasy land are the PCTAs. Not ONE of the
PCTA arguments was "accepted" by the FCC as
sufficient reason to retain code testing. Rather, the
ONLY reason the FCC even kept 5 wpm was the
former ITU treaty...now that's gone too.

Cheers,
Bill K2UNK

1074. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 03:55:09 UTC
From: Bill Sohl <billsohl@mindspring.com>
Message-ID: <beqld2$pg6$1@slb6.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 70830

"Arnie Macy" <kt4st@csam.net> wrote in message
news:beo9ou$6l06d$1@ID-166180.news.uni-berlin.de...
> "JJ" wrote ...
>
> BS, the services realized that with modern technology CW is an outdated,
> antiquated mode, no longer useful to them. You are living in your ham
radio
> dream world too stubborn to see the truth.
> ----------
>
> Hey JJ -- did you forget that SSB is over 60 years old? By your logic,
it's
> time to shut that antiquated puppy down as well. I mean, there are MUCH
> more modern modes out there, right? Or are you too stubborn to see the
> truth?
> Arnie - KT4ST

Arnie, in global communications, SSB has pretty much seen its day too.
Comms are now digital and via satellite for many ships. Telecommunications,
both terrestial, microwave and satellite are almost exclusively digital.
Even so, no one is asking to shut down SSB in ham radio any more
than CW is being asked to shut down. Use it all you want...the test isn't
needed to use the mode.

Cheers,
Bill K2UNK

1075. Re: The Day has come....

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 03:55:40 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
Message-ID: <3F10D868.8010003@adelphia.net>
Source record: 70829

Jim Hampton wrote:
> Well, I just saw a post. Interesting problem from a brand-new 1X2 call.
> Seems he had a fairly high SWR on his beam so to keep water out of the
> traps, he sealed the holes in the traps. The beam is mounted on conduit 20
> feet off the ground and now his SWR is *extremely* high on 20 and 15 meters.
> So, someone kindly explain how elimination of any waiting period for the
> extra class license and virtual elimination of the code (no, I'm not a
> pro-coder; it just forced folks to wait and learn a bit before they were
> ready for the 20 words per minute test) has increased the technical
> competence of amateur radio.

Those are some of the reasons I advocate a return to the waiting period
before advanced ticket upgrades.

And I say that from personal experience. An Extra *should* be
essentially an expert in the ARS.

Oops, is that a "filter" or "hazing" like Morse code is?

- Mike KB3EIA -

1076. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 04:03:30 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
Message-ID: <3F10DA3E.3010109@adelphia.net>
Source record: 70831

That was me, Larry

- Mike KB3EIA -

Dick Carroll wrote:
>
> lk wrote:
>
>
>>"Dick Carroll" <dickc58@att.net> wrote in message
>>news:3F0EF10A.E67376DA@att.net
>
>
> Oh no he didn't! You screwed up the attribution!
>
>
>
>
>
>>>> Here is a golden chance for NCI to clarify and say *exactly*
>>>
>>what they
>>
>>>>mean. What is reasonable testing for the ARS?
>>>
>>Here my definition of "reasonable testing".
>>
>>reasonable testing
>> = necessary testing
>> = not unnecessary testing
>> = not arbitrary testing
>> = in conformity with 5 USC 706(2)(A).
>>
>>But my definition of reasonable testing is simply an
>>opinion, it the FCC decision that counts.
>>
>>Now I hope you will accept the FCC decision
>>on this matter. The house light dimming,
>>stage right, ...
>>
>>Larry
>
>

1077. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 04:08:58 UTC
From: Bill Sohl <billsohl@mindspring.com>
Message-ID: <beqm6ujan1@slb9.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 70832

"N2EY" <n2ey@aol.com> wrote in message
news:20030712220140.21428.00001052@mb-m23.aol.com...
> In article <bel98f$6b9k6$1@ID-166180.news.uni-berlin.de>, "Arnie Macy"
> <kt4st@csam.net> writes:
>
> (quoting NCI reply comments)
>
> >"review the privileges afforded to each license class and make certain
that
> >all test requirements for each license class RATIONALLY and DIRECTLY
> > RELATE to the privileges the licensee receives by virtue of passing the
> test."
> >
> >"In the interest of continuity with the present licensing structure,
study
> >guides, and testing materials, NCI again recommends that the three
license
> >classes be called "Technician," "General," and "Extra." This will permit
a
> >practical combination of existing study guides and testing materials to
be
> >used until such time as such materials are REVISED and will result in
> >REASONABLE tests for the three new classes of license contemplated in
these
> >comments."
>
> Here's how I read the above:
>
> NCI's stated goal is no more mandatory code testing. That's a pretty
simple
> goal - just convince the folks in charge to eliminate the tests. (Don't
get
> offended, folks - I wrote "simple", not "easy".)
>
> The license structure and the written tests are a much more complex issue.
How
> many license classes? What privileges? What actually gets on the test?
Etc. A
> real hornet's nest, and all of it comes down to opinions.
>
> Now a lot of folks I know have expressed opinions like "dump the code test
AND
> beef up the writtens" or "trade the code test for better writtens" etc.
But

> linking code test abolition to written test improvement would slow down
the
> process.
>
> So NCI effectively says: 'dump the code ASAP. Then, in the future, after
the
> code test is gone, the license privileges and the writtens should be
reviewed
> and revised.'
>
> See how neat and clean that is?
>
>
> >First, I was never a PCTA ... and you know that. But that aside, above
are
> >the quotes from the reply comments of NCI to the NPRM. Of course, they
> >don't come out and directly say it, but it is clear where they are going
> >with this.
>
> I see it as a way to get their goal done without being hampered by other
issues
> such as written test reform. Which NCI won't have to do because the
> organization won't exist after the code test is gone.
>
> >Now, add to that, the comment from an NCI Director -- "Just
> >having a test...any test, serves as a barrier to millions of people.
That
> >an actual learning effort is required (even if it is straight
memorization)
> >will continue to act as a barrier for 99% or more of the population." -
Bill
> >Sohl, NCI Director, 02/01/97 on this NG.
> >
> Sure. The idea behind that one is that you don't need the code test as an
entry
> "barrier" or "filter", because ANY test will do that. IOW, don't worry
about
> ham radio being overrun by "bad apples" because the mere presence of any
test
> will stop 99% of people...
>
> At least, that's how I read it.
>
> 73 de Jim, N2EY

Thanks Jim, nice to know some folks
can read and comprehend rather than
taking things out of context.

Cheers,
Bill K2UNK

1078. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 04:18:14 UTC
From: Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net>
Message-ID: <3F10DD72.2D94F213@att.net>
Source record: 70833

Bill Sohl wrote:

> You
> are (IMHO) clearly not up to the task of recruiting new hams
> by proactively advocating CW use.

Just as I would have skipped learning the code if it hadn't been a licensing requirement, too.

1079. Re: Code a Deterrent to a Ham Ticket ??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 04:19:01 UTC
From: Bill Sohl <billsohl@mindspring.com>
Message-ID: <beqmpo$bo4$1@slb6.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 70835

"Guessing" <Guessing@connectnet.net> wrote in message
news:kTWPa.1427$Bd5.928@fed1read01...
>
> "Alun Palmer" <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote in message
> news:Xns93B67B0FCD2E0elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4...
> > "Guessing" <Guessing@connectnet.net> wrote in
> > news:bXVPa.1425$Bd5.445@fed1read01:
>
> Alun I respect you opinions. Just like I don't like some laws (blue or
> otherwise) and CC&R's in the HOA in which I live -- I can express a
personal
> emotion or opinion as you have. But my point is that thousands who hate
the
> code have passed the code test because they had to in order to achieve
their
> goals. If one's desire to get on HF is high enough, the code should not be
a
> deterrent as many have proved. And they didn't like proving it.

Just because thousands did it before, doesn't justify
keeping it (the 5 wpm test).

> > > I still maintain it is all a matter of achieve or cop out. Make
> > > excuses or meet a challenge.
> > > And you are correct "Code aptitude and IQ are completely unrelated" So
> > > much for the "Engineer copout"
> > >
> > > It has nothing to do whether you or I like or dislike the code.
> >
> > I disagree. If someone doesn't like CW, why on earth should they be
forced
> > to train as a CW operator to get accesss to phone frequencies? This is a
> > hobby.
>
> Because the FCC sez so -- don't mix emotions with the law.
> It is not a hobby -- FCC Part 97 sez it is a Service. (That ought to stir
up
> a hornets nest!!)

BUT, you seem to say...accept it and never try to change
it. The ITU just dropped mandatory testing...for one of the
reasons being they didn't see any need to keep it. Not
one country spoke in favor of keeping mandatory code
as an ITU requirement.

> > > It has nothing to do with "Antiquated technology"
> >
> > I don't think CW can match PSK or TOR, so it is somewhat antiquated,
IMHO
>
> Besides the point

The point being, in any case, that no one is saying
don't use morse anymore. The ONLY issue is the
test.

> > > It has nothing to do with "I'll never use code"
> >
> > On the contrary. I don't use code, so why did I have to learn to use it?
>
> FCC sez so -- you are making an excuse to avoid the requirement. Logic has
> nothing to do with it -- its the law.

It's the law today. That'l change relatively soon.

> Ask a lawyer about that one. Hey I
> want to be a BSEE, why do I have to take History classes ????

You don't have to take history classes in some schools
to get a BSEE.

> > > It has everything to do with "Want HF Ham Ticket -- Pass the Test "(at
> > > the moment) If dropped is all OK with me. Times and requirements
change
> > > as they should.
> >
> > So you have no trouble with the oncoming changes, then?
>
> None at all.

Good!.

> > > Black and white -- yep sure is -- society, government, et al make it
> > > that way. Don't Drink and Drive, 3 strikes you are outta here -- Pass
> > > the Test -- pretty black and white to me.
> > >
> >
> > So you don't beleive anyone should try to change any of the rules?
>
> Of course change is inevitable. But for now -- buckle up

Or just wait it out a few months.

> > > As for > > Anyone who used the code as an excuse for not becoming a
> > > ham, just
> > >> > wasn't serious about it.
> > >
> > >> An unsupported assertion, and untrue
> > >

> > > I have talked with hundreds and I mean hundreds of folks and VE's over
> > > the years and here are the copouts.
> > >
> > > I don't have time. The most common one. VE's here have found that 15
> > > min a day EVERY day practice and in a month --90%+ pass the code test
> > > BUT the other 10% spend all night on the boob tube.
> > >
> >
> > Usually that is just an excuse, I agree. My XYL uses it all the time!
> Mine Too !!
> >
> > > I'll never use code. (You may never have to parallel park either) (if
> > > they still require that) > >
> >
> > No, that one is valid.
>
> Try telling that to the FCC -- meantime Pass The Test

Or wait till it changes.

(SNIP)

Cheers,
Bill K2UNK

1080. Re: Mr. Burton Wants More Prison Time?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 04:20:50 UTC
From: Grease Monkey <squ4tinu@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <3f10de36@snipnews.snip.net>
Source record: 70834

"D. Stussy" <kd6lvw@bde-arc.ampr.org> wrote in message
news:Pine.LNX.4.56.0307130131310.1463@kd6lvw.ampr.org...
> Perhaps you're unaware that he is now in the terminal phase of a cancer
(so
> I've heard), so by the time the FCC and USAtty could prosecute him, he'd
be
> dead anyway.... There exists no disincentive to keep him off the air.

True.

I hear's he is just about ready to join the
late K6KPS in QRP operation from 6 feet
under also....?

http://books.dreambook.com/435bbbs/435main.html

1081. Re: Is There ANY Recourse re. FCC & Dropping CW?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 04:24:58 UTC
From: Bill Sohl <billsohl@mindspring.com>
Message-ID: <beqn7ccuu1@slb9.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 70836

"N2EY" <n2ey@aol.com> wrote in message
news:20030712082143.27503.00001013@mb-m24.aol.com...
> In article <ckGPa.166$lL.17335@nnrp1.ptd.net>, "Carl R. Stevenson"
> <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> writes:
>
> >"N2EY" <N2EY@AOL.COM> wrote in message
> >news:c2356669.0307110959.7882bfbd@posting.google.com...
> >> "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> wrote in message
> >news:<PCoPa.74$lL.7697@nnrp1.ptd.net>...
> >> > "N2EY" <n2ey@aol.com> wrote in message
> >> > news:20030710194147.18497.00001244@mb-m05.aol.com...
> >> > > In article <5WfPa.14$lL.1567@nnrp1.ptd.net>, "Carl R. Stevenson"
> >> > > <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> writes:
> >> > >
> >> > > ><clutch@lycos.com> wrote in message
> >> > > >news:vgqqb3drvfar09@corp.supernews.com...
> >> > > >>
> >> > > >> FWIW, I support keeping the code in and I am a technician that
is
> >> > > >> trying hard to learn this. Code still has a use and it makes
one
> >> > > >> commit effort to upgrade to higher classes.
> >> > > >
> >> > > >"Making one commit effort" is not a legitimate regulatory purpose
> >> > > >for the FCC.
> >> > >
> >> > > Then why all the different classes of license?
> >> >
> >> > Different levels of knowledge, of course.
> >>
> >> Why do such different levels of knowledge need to be tested? FCC sez a
> >> Tech is qualified to use any authorized mode/power anywhere on the 2
> >> meter band - but nowhere on the 20 meter band. Code test or no code
> >> test. Why does 20 meters require more technical competency than 2
> >> meters? Why does 14.020 require more technical competency than 14.030?
> >>
> >> Yes, there's rules, regs and propagation. But the General and Extra
> >> tests cover a lot more than those three things. The written test
> >> system we have now, and which we have had for decades, FORCES more
> >> technical stuff on prospective hams whether they want it, need it, or
> >> plan to use it, or not.
> >
> >See 97.1 ... basis and purpose ... the ARS is supposed to promote
> >technical self-education and experimentation.

>
> And it does. But that does not mean a whole range of arcane bits of
knowledge
> has to be used as an entry hazing ritual.
>
> Do the tests actually cause anyone to experiment, or educate themselves
beyond
> the level required for the tests? I don't think so. Those who are
interested
> pursue their interests, that's all.
>
> 97.1 also talks about a pool of trained operators, but wtihout the code
test
> there will be no tests of operator skills at all. So if it's OK not to
force
> operator skills on people by means of tests, why must mean a whole range
of
> arcane bits of knowledge be forced on them?

The tests are an entry gate...not the final exam.
That has always been the case with ARS.

Cheers,
Bill K2UNK

1082. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 04:29:07 UTC
From: Bill Sohl <billsohl@mindspring.com>
Message-ID: <beqncp$55n$1@slb2.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 70839

"Dick Carroll" <dickc58@att.net> wrote in message
news:3F10DD72.2D94F213@att.net...
>
>
> Bill Sohl wrote:
>
> > You
> > are (IMHO) clearly not up to the task of recruiting new hams
> > by proactively advocating CW use.
>
> Just as I would have skipped learning the code if it hadn't been a
licensing
> requirement, too.

So much for your advocacy of morse to new hams.
You made my point.

Cheers,
Bill K2UNK

1083. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 04:38:25 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
Message-ID: <3F10E26D.6040302@adelphia.net>
Source record: 70840

Dick Carroll wrote:
>
> Mike Coslo wrote:
>
>
>>Dick Carroll wrote:
>>
>>>Arnie Macy wrote:
>>>
>>>
>>>
>>>>"JJ" wrote ...
>>>>
>>>>You mean you and Larry boy don't know semaphore Dick? Why that is just
>>>>plain LAZINESS. You know, when conditions are so bad that you and Larry have
>>>>to rely on CW and your faithful CW rigs gives up the ghost or conditions get
>>>>SO bad that CW can't even get through you and Larry could save the world by
>>>>using semaphore, if you had that skill, that is.
>>>>_____
>>>>
>>>>I have to presume by your comment, JJ that you indeed know semaphore.
>>>>Otherwise, you look stupid when you chastise them for a skill you don't
>>>>possess. And, of course -- I'm sure it's just plain LAZINESS on your part.
>>>>What else could it be?
>>>
>>>
>>>Arnie, if learning semaphores had been a licensing requirement for the ARS, I
>>>would have learned it along with lots of others, like it or not.
>>
>>Hear, Hear!
>>
>>
>>>I sure wouldn't
>>>have sat on my backside for most of my lifetime carping about how 'unnecessary'
>>>it all was to make me jump through some "useless" hoop.
>>
>>Hear, Hear!
>>
>> Alas, poor Richard, they are those we now seek to bolster our ranks.
>>
>> Now if Carl can get to then before those nasty PCTA's with whom they
>>don't want to associate!
>
>

> Isn't it special, Mike? Carl is, unfortunately evidently not one of a kind, he's just
> probably the worst example.
>

Well, I'm dissapointed.

Speaking of the No-coders, I wonder where the king of them all is? He
should be riding in with a heavenly host of trumpets blowing.......

- Mike KB3EIA -

1084. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 04:43:27 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
Message-ID: <3F10E39B.40005@adelphia.net>
Source record: 70841

Arnie Macy wrote:
> "Carl R. Stevenson" wrote ...
>
> If find your comparison of yourself (and Larry) to Forest Gump to be most
> appropriate :-) "Stupid is as stupid does." was the saying from the movie
> ... and while I don't actually think either you or Larry actually ARE
> stupid, you both certainly ACT that way.
> --
>
> And when did you become the expert on who and who is not intelligent, Carl?

And remember, he was mentally challenged, not stupid. Time and again,
we see the difference.

- Mike KB3EIA -

1085. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 05:53:12 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030713015312.23406.00000807@mb-m27.aol.com>
Source record: 70850

In article <qu3ugvsab282f93n805pl9muksloje2ub3@4ax.com>, Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net> writes:

>Despite that, I've no doubt that it's possible for such conditions to
>exist. The point that I think Larry and numerous others in the hobby
>seem to be missing is that this is a diversified hobby with a lot of
>different and equally interesting facets, of which CW is just one. I'm
>not about to ridicule anyone because they enjoy communicating with CW.
>However, I also don't think it's right to ridicule people who do not.
>
>73 DE John, KC2HMZ

John:

The only no-coders I bother to "ridicule" are those who offer the typically inane arguments that code testing is somehow detrimental to the future of the ARS -- usually by discouraging the involvement of computer-literate, technically-involved young people. The truth about these people is that they just want to get on HF phone and yak away -- and for the most part, haven't a clue as to what's happening inside their off-the-shelf ham radio appliance.

73 de Larry, K3LT

1086. Re: The Day has come....

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 05:53:13 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030713015313.23406.00000808@mb-m27.aol.com>
Source record: 70849

In article <20030712015009.26622.00000176@mb-m18.aol.com>, vshah101@aol.com (Vshah101) writes:

>Well some coders refuse to learn the technical material.

Vipul:

If that is so, then they can't be hams, because they never would have passed the theory part of the written tests, would they?

>Although
>time-consuming, Its easy to learn one skill (CW) and claim superiority for
>that.

Naturally, this overlooks the fact that virtually every technical advance created within the ARS has traditionally been achieved by hams who also met the existing licensing requirements -- including Morse code proficiency at up to 20 WPM.

>Seems like the requirement was dumbed down to the non-technical Ham's level.

Yes, indeed, the technical knowledge requirements are lower now than they were under the previous, more challenging and comprehensive standards of the Pre-Restructuring Era.

>There are other reasons not to learn code other than "dumbed-down" as you
>say.
>One is that I don't like code.

The fact that you, personally, don't like "code" doesn't serve as a very compelling argument to eliminate the requirement. However, in this New Age of a generally dumbed-down society, that's all it took!

>Another reason is image. It shows that you put
>time into a worthless pursuit (Morse code). Image is NOT the consideration
>for me. I would learn it if I wanted to.

Unfortunately for you, your circumscription of Morse code proficiency as a "worthless pursuit" is no more than a highly subjective and flagrantly self-serving evaluation made by a person with no qualification to render such a judgment. I challenge you to provide some documentary evidence that knowledge of the Morse code is somehow detrimental to the "image" of amateur radio operators.

>I don't have to learn <Morse> code just so I can prove I have the ability to
>learn <Morse> code. I have learned other skills that are just as difficult.

Name one. Just one. Please relate how this skill to which you refer
compares with a proven, effective communications skill such as Morse
code proficiency as applied within the ARS. Kindly leave out the usual
apples-to-oranges comparisons to military or commercial radio services.

>Another reason is the "benefit" is not worth the effort. I would put effort
>into those because I can use those skills in <real> life. I cannot use
><Morse> code.

Again, this is a judgment that you are not qualified to make. The proof
is your own admission that you cannot use the Morse code. If you could,
you may have an entirely different perspective.

>>I highly suggest that to add to your sense of self-satisfaction, that once
>>you get your "No-Code Extra" you make a point of telling every Pre-
>>Restructuring, 20-WPM code-tested Extra you know that you are their
>>"equal" as a ham radio operator.
>
>Funny, thats what pro-coders say. They say that a General class that learned
><Morse> code is superior because they have a higher license class. I would
>say
>that the General or Extra that just learned code may not be superior to the
>Technician that wants to have good technical skills, but refuses to learn
>code.

I think we really need to examine this concept of "technical skill" within
the Amateur Radio Service, and find out just precisely what is meant when
that term is bandied about. It has always been one of the favorite arguments
of the NCTA, but actual experience has shown that new hams who come
into the ARS under relaxed licensing standards tend to be less technically
involved than ever -- to the point where they barely show enough curiosity
to even thoroughly read and understand the operator's manuals for their
off-the-shelf equipment. The concept of "Elmering" has transmuted from
a process of taking a newcomer through the basics of electrical theory up
to the building and operation of simple station equipment, eventually
advancing to more complex projects, and even inspiring formal education
in electronics, to simply showing the New Age No-Code Tech which button
to push to make his HT work. If any honest and objective evaluation of
the technical skill levels of ham radio operators were made from an
historical perspective, it would show that code proficiency testing certainly
could be linked to the advancement of technical knowledge, whereas the
elimination thereof has led to a decline in overall technical involvement.

Whatever new people enter the ARS in the no-code testing future certainly
face a daunting task of proving the claims of those who have, throughout
the code testing debate, attempted to link Morse code knowledge with
technical ignorance. We shall see what the future holds.

73 de Larry, K3LT

1087. Re: The Day has come....

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 05:53:14 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030713015314.23406.00000809@mb-m27.aol.com>
Source record: 70845

In article <3f10550c@shknews01>, "LA Davies" <lloyd_vfp@dalek.com> writes:

>It's the "I'm better than you" attitude that is ruining the hobby. People
>like Larry and Steve, are old and want the CW to stay, as a "hazing" thing.

Lloyd:

Actually, it's the "I couldn't be bothered to become as good as you" attitude
which is ruining our hobby.

>I'm afraid thoese days are going the way of the dinosour........

Well, then, once you get your No-Code Extra, we will all be looking forward
to all those amazing technical advances you will personnaly create for the
benefit of the ARS! You see, I am one prehistoric reptile who has never
claimed to have anything more than AMATEUR-level technical skills -- as
has been the traditional requirement for this service. However, since the
NCTA has always claimed that code testing was standing in the way of
technical progress in amateur radio, we shall soon see whether those
claims are, in fact, valid -- or just empty blasts of hot air used to justify
the elimination of a licensing requirement which produced a cadre of
hams with useful, effective communications skills.

73 de Larry, K3LT

1088. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 05:53:15 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030713015315.23406.00000811@mb-m27.aol.com>
Source record: 70842

In article <yhRPa.202$lL.24571@nnrp1.ptd.net>, "Carl R. Stevenson"
<wk3cqth@wk3c.com> writes:

>Dick,
>
>If find your comparison of yourself (and Larry) to Forest Gump
>to be most appropriate :-) "Stupid is as stupid does." was the
>saying from the movie ... and while I don't actually think either
>you or Larry actually ARE stupid, you both certainly ACT that
>way.
>
>Carl - wk3c

Carl:

If the fact that Dick and I support the concept of retaining code proficiency testing in order to be able to possess a unique and highly effective radio communications skill is being "stupid," then I must plead guilty. Keep in mind that Mr. Gump was a war hero, a successful businessman, and a keen investor who became a multi-millionaire. I should be so "stupid!"

73 de Larry, K3LT

1089. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 05:53:15 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030713015315.23406.00000810@mb-m27.aol.com>
Source record: 70846

In article <3F0EEAD0.3050204@mailcity.moc>, JJ <radiobuff0@mailcity.moc>
writes:

>> Well, on behalf of my colleague Dick (that's MISTER Carroll to you, BOY!)
>> it's nice to know that we're providing a much needed service to the ARS!
>>
>> 73 de Larry, K3LT
>
>Anyone ever tell you what a pompous ass you really are Larry?

JJ:

Oh, but of course! But this is Usenet, and, more specifically, rrap -- so
I won't take that personally, since I'm in such good company!

>That's MISTER JJ to you little BOY!!

Uh, no, not quite. You see, Mr. Carroll is YOUR moral and intellectual
superior, therefore it is appropriate for you to address him in a form which
shows proper respect. You, OTOH, deserve no such consideration, since
you have not earned it through your participation in this forum.

73 de Larry, K3LT

1090. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 05:53:16 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030713015316.23406.00000812@mb-m27.aol.com>
Source record: 70844

In article <uqRPa.207$lL.24456@nnrp1.ptd.net>, "Carl R. Stevenson"
<wk3cqth@wk3c.com> writes:

>> But
>> you already knew that, as well. When you make apples-to-oranges
>> comparisons between the all-volunteer Amateur Radio Service and
>> publicly- or commercially-funded communications services, your argument
>> falls flat on it's face. And if you didn't already know that, you're just
>as
>> deluded as any other NCTA.
>
>Larry, it's you that's deluded, with your quasi-religious-faith belief that
>"Morse makes the ham."
>
>Carl - wk3c

Carl:

My belief that "Morse makes the ham" is based on the fact that radio amateurs,
as members of a voluntary, hobbyist-based radio communications service, can
justify our existence, and hold on vast amounts of commercially viable
spectrum,
only if we have communications skills that give us an "edge" under difficult
communications conditions. Morse/CW does this in ways which you most
certainly are aware of, but must reject out of deference to your anti-code test
agenda. With all due respect, the "quasi-religious-faith belief" seems to
exist
on the side of those who insist that Morse code proficiency is somehow
irrelevant
to the ARS now and in the future.

73 de Larry, K3LT

1091. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 05:53:17 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030713015317.23406.00000813@mb-m27.aol.com>
Source record: 70848

In article <bepacv$1fqm$1@adenine.netfront.net>, "Kim W5TIT"
<fahgedit@nomail.net> writes:

>> >So, what're you gonna say to those who will
>> >obviously be a better ham than you because they learned CW out of wanting
>> >to, not needing to?
>> >
>> >Kim W5TIT
>>
>> Well, Kim, if any show up, I'll be the first to congratulate them!
>However,
>> I hope you'll forgive me for not holding my breath in the meantime! You
>> see, I've become somewhat accustomed to the occasional whiff of oxygen!
>>
>> 73 de Larry, K3LT
>>
>
>Something tells me you don't have to worry about people looking for congrats
>from you, Larry.
>
>Kim W5TIT

Kim:

So be it. In any case, the coming generation of New Age, Dumbed-Down,
No-Coder hams aren't likely to seeking any kudos from me on their CW
skills. I would hope that any who learned the code and became proficient
with it's use on-the-air, would do so for their own personal gratification and
to add that skill to their overall capability as a radio amateur. Of course,
that is a concept that you will naturally reject, out of the necessity of your
agenda to justify your own lack of useful communications skills. Don't
worry -- our expectations of you are small.

73 de Larry, K3LT

1092. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 05:53:18 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030713015318.23406.00000815@mb-m27.aol.com>
Source record: 70843

In article <s40ugv0e5c3ogqeqrt2c827ullhngbf3q9@4ax.com>, Radio Amateur KC2HMZ
<kc2hmz@aa-mail.net> writes:

>On 12 Jul 2003 02:05:48 GMT, yodoc@aol.comnospam (Larry Roll K3LT)
>wrote:
>
>>At the risk of sounding Kim-like, ROTFLMAO!!!
>
>Imitation is the sincerest form of flattery, Larry. I think you're in
>love with her!

Omigosh, I feel my dinner coming up...BIWBAPMGO!!!
Damn, good thing I had that waste basket handy!

>>Were it not for the occasional usefulness of the 2-meter band to
>>"real" ham radio operators like you and me, I'd suggest that it be
>>separated from the licensing structure and just be given away to
>>anyone who can afford a transceiver. Of course, we've already gone
>>most of the way to doing just that, and we still don't see any real
>>growth in the numbers of licensed amateurs.
>
>Heckuva lot of growth in the number of no-code Techs, though. So if
>the total number of hams hasn't increased, the number of hams with the
>other classes of license must have decreased accordingly in order to
>keep up. Or are guys reverse-upgrading to Technician nowadays?

Funny thing is, most of the No-Code Techs in my club haven't upgraded
yet, in spite of the meager 5 WPM code test requirement. What a bunch
of maroons!

73 de Larry, K3LT

1093. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 05:53:18 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030713015318.23406.00000814@mb-m27.aol.com>
Source record: 70847

In article <bepan7$1g3v$1@adenine.netfront.net>, "Kim W5TIT"
<fahgedit@nomail.net> writes:

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>You know...the claim that CW "will keep you communicating when conditions
>prevent you from communicating by voice or digital modes" has been made time
>and time again. Time and time again there have been requests for proof of
>this claim. None has been provided.
>
>To state something does not make it so.
>
>Kim W5TIT

Kim, Dear, what kind of "proof" of this would you accept? You are not a
CW operator, so you are not even qualified to judge any "proof" offered.
Those of us who are proficient CW operators with adequate on-the-air
experience have certainly had this fact proven to them to their satisfaction,
but a no-coder will always claim that it isn't proven simply because they
have no way of discerning and analyzing the evidence, and they have an
agenda which would cause them to deny the outcome. So please don't
go demanding "proof" unless you're willing to place yourself in a position
to be an objective, competent arbiter of any evidence offered.

73 de Larry, K3LT

1094. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 06:27:57 UTC
From: Arnie Macy <kt4st@csam.net>
Message-ID: <bequ66$85dbf$1@ID-166180.news.uni-berlin.de>
Source record: 70901

"Bill Sohl" responded to N2EY who said ...

"Sure. The idea behind that one is that you don't need the code test as an entry "barrier" or "filter", because ANY test will do that. IOW, don't worry about ham radio being overrun by "bad apples" because the mere presence of any test will stop 99% of people... At least, that's how I read it."

Thanks Jim, nice to know some folks can read and comprehend rather than taking things out of context.

And you really believe that, Bill? *ANY* test will keep out 99% of the bad apples. Hmmmmm -- I suspect a lot of wishful thinking on your part.

Arnie -

1095. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 06:42:30 UTC
From: Arnie Macy <kt4st@csam.net>
Message-ID: <beqv1f$7rgqf$1@ID-166180.news.uni-berlin.de>
Source record: 70902

"Carl R. Stevenson" wrote in part ...

ROTFLMAO!!! Better and faster, ha! At lower power, perhaps ... though as has been pointed out before (though you continue to ignore the reality), plain old BFSK, at the same data rates as OOK Morse, has something on the order of a 9 dB weak signal advantage over OOK Morse.

Blah, Blah, Blah. At this year's Field Day, our two little CW ops out performed (in contacts per hour) our SSB friends by ten to one on the same band during the exact same period of time. Now I realize that you were not talking about CW vs SSB, but the analogy is still interesting, huh? Why do you think that happened, Carl? (hint: I'm sure it had nothing to do with poor band conditions)

Arnie -
KT4ST

1096. Re: The Day has come....

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 06:48:09 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030713024809.23406.00000816@mb-m27.aol.com>
Source record: 70904

In article <s64Qa.453$3E3.203@news02.roc.ny>, "Jim Hampton"
<aa2qa@frontiernet.net> writes:

>Well, I just saw a post. Interesting problem from a brand-new 1X2 call.
>Seems he had a fairly high SWR on his beam so to keep water out of the
>traps, he sealed the holes in the traps. The beam is mounted on conduit 20
>feet off the ground and now his SWR is *extremely* high on 20 and 15 meters.
>So, someone kindly explain how elimination of any waiting period for the
>extra class license and virtual elimination of the code (no, I'm not a
>pro-coder; it just forced folks to wait and learn a bit before they were
>ready for the 20 words per minute test) has increased the technical
>competence of amateur radio.

Jim:

How politically-incorrect of you to point this out! However, the NCTA's
have, for years, made the claim that code testing was leading the ARS
down the path of technical ignorance. Now that all that is going to go
away soon, it will be very interesting, indeed, to learn of all the wonderful
new technical advances that will be wrought by the influx of computer-
literate, technically-competent young people eager to join our ranks!

Now, if you'll excuse me, I need to call a realtor and buy a nice piece
of real estate in the Florida Everglades to build my retirement home.

73 de Larry, K3LT

1097. Re: 1x2 Calls--automatic when upgrading to Extra?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 06:48:10 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030713024810.23406.00000817@mb-m27.aol.com>
Source record: 70905

In article <3F102AB1.2217A1BB@yahoo.com>, bro <grainum@yahoo.com> writes:

>Warning: Many Questions Follow!
>
>Hey, I'm a 'general' and if I take the extra test do I get a 1x2
>automaticly "if available"?
>or
>do I only get if applied as a vanity?
>There are 3 available 1x2's now per N4MC's Vanity HQ's database.

Nope. You get a 2x2, such as AB4CD. This is the current configuration
of FCC-assigned Extra class call signs in the "free" (non-Vanity) call
sign database. You would need to include a request for a Vanity Call
Sign, pay the current fee, and indicate up to 25 choices for a Vanity
call sign in order to obtain a 1x2, 2x1, or any other call sign configuration.
If there are only 3 1x2's available in your call area, you'd better act
quickly. Of course, you'd still have the option of "stealing" a 1x2 from
out of your call area, but I consider that dirty pool.

73 de Larry, K3LT

1098. Ham Radio In The Post-Code Testing Era

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 06:48:11 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030713024811.23406.00000818@mb-m27.aol.com>
Source record: 70906

Now that it seems as though code testing will finally be abolished in the ARS, let's amuse ourselves with a bit of speculation as to what this will mean in terms of future growth in the numbers of licensed amateur radio operators in the United States. What do you think will happen? How much growth do you think will occur, and how fast?

I predict that there will be no significant growth in new licensees. Now, all we need to do is define the term "significant growth." We currently have around 600-some kilohams in the US. I'd call a five percent growth factor, or 30,000 newly-licensed radio amateurs, to be significant. Let's give this a year to happen. I say it won't. How say you? Keep in mind that at this stage of the discussion, I'm just trying to establish reasonable parameters -- so let's all weigh in and try to arrive at a consensus as to what any future growth could be. Then we can commit to our numbers and see who gets it right -- or at least close.

73 de Larry, K3LT

1099. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 06:48:12 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030713024812.23406.00000819@mb-m27.aol.com>
Source record: 70903

In article <beql51mep1@slb6.atl.mindspring.net>, "Bill Sohl"
<billsohl@mindspring.com> writes:

>> Moreover,
>> these "other services" you're talking about use high-powered satellite-
>> based technology which is designed for their specific purposes. But
>> you already knew that, as well. When you make apples-to-oranges
>> comparisons between the all-volunteer Amateur Radio Service and
>> publicly- or commercially-funded communications services, your argument
>> falls flat on it's face. And if you didn't already know that, you're just
>as
>> deluded as any other NCTA.
>
>Well it seems to me the only folks that are living
>in fantasy land are the PCTAs. Not ONE of the
>PCTA arguments was "accepted" by the FCC as
>sufficient reason to retain code testing. Rather, the
>ONLY reason the FCC even kept 5 wpm was the
>former ITU treaty...now that's gone too.
>
>Cheers,
>Bill K2UNK

Bill:

When 98-143 was being considered, the FCC had an obvious agenda
in mind -- to rid themselves of as many of the administrative burdens
associated with the Amateur Radio Service as possible. They must
have known that they would get their way through the comments
process, since code testing is generally unpopular with prospective
amateurs and therefore politically incorrect.

I do not discount the possibility that when they finally get around to
reacting to WRC-03, we may end up with a two-class licensing system
with perhaps 50-question tests aimed primarily at safety issues. They
may even allow the tests to be taken "open book." Distilling the ARS
licensing system down to a single class wouldn't surprise me, either.
Amateur Radio exists entirely on the debit side of the FCC's agenda,
and they want to drop as much of this puppy as they can. That should
be obvious to even the most casual observer.

73 de Larry, K3LT

1100. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 06:51:42 UTC
From: Arnie Macy <kt4st@csam.net>
Message-ID: <beqvin$80na0$1@ID-166180.news.uni-berlin.de>
Source record: 70907

"JJ" wrote ...

Since the beginning of the use of phone in ham radio, I would be interested to know of any disaster where ham radio was used for communications and CW was the only means of communications that could get through. I don't mean CW was used just because someone wanted to or because they only had CW capabilities, but because it was the ONLY mode that could get through.

We used it when Floyd hit in 1999. We were having a hard time getting through on SSB, so switched over to CW and continued ops until the band conditions improved. CW didn't "save the day", but it sure came in handy when needed. It is still an integral part of our EMA plan. Remember, in disaster planning, we try to use *all* of the tools available to us. Maybe one day, the light will come on for you and you'll understand that concept.

Arnie -
KT4ST

1101. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 07:04:01 UTC
From: Arnie Macy <kt4st@csam.net>
Message-ID: <ber09q$82mju$1@ID-166180.news.uni-berlin.de>
Source record: 70908

"Bill Sohl" wrote ...

Arnie, in global communications, SSB has pretty much seen its day too. Comms are now digital and via satellite for many ships. Telecommunications, both terrestial, microwave and satellite are almost exclusively digital. Even so, no one is asking to shut down SSB in ham radio any more than CW is being asked to shut down. Use it all you want...the test isn't needed to use the mode.

That's not the take that JJ has. He continually refers to it as antiquated and obsolete -- not worth using in EMCom. I completely disagree with his assessment, and can prove it. The test was not at issue in this thread.

Arnie -
KT4ST

1102. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 07:46:38 UTC
From: JJ <radiobuff0@mailcity.moc>
Message-ID: <3F110E5E.4030600@mailcity.moc>
Source record: 70947

Larry Roll K3LT wrote:

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>
> Uh, no, not quite. You see, Mr. Carroll is YOUR moral

Are you suggesting I am an immoral person?

> and intellectual
> superior,

That that is a real laugh.

> therefore it is appropriate for you to address him in a form >
which shows proper respect.f

When he dose something to deserve respect, he will get my respect. Belittling other hams just because they do not feel the same fanatical zeal toward CW as you and Dick do, does not deserve any respect. When you and Dick stop seeing other hams as inferior to you, then you might get some respect. Because of your "I am superior because I operate CW, that makes me a real ham" attitude toward other hams means you have not earned any consideration for respect through your participation in this forum.

It is still MISTER JJ to you and Dick.

1103. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 07:51:46 UTC
From: JJ <radiobuff0@mailcity.moc>
Message-ID: <3F110F92.4030409@mailcity.moc>
Source record: 70948

Larry Roll K3LT wrote:

>
> Funny thing is, most of the No-Code Techs in my club haven't upgraded
> yet, in spite of the meager 5 WPM code test requirement. What a bunch
> of maroons!

There is why you deserve no respect, calling fellow hams morons.
Perhaps there are those who choose not to upgrade, what is wrong
with that? You are really pathetic Roll, the only way you can make
yourself feel some importance is to belittle someone else. Get use
to it Roll, those no code Techs are just as much a ham as you are.
If fact you don't come up to the level as a person the those
no-code Techs.

1104. Re: Ham Radio In The Post-Code Testing Era

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 07:56:32 UTC
From: JJ <radiobuff0@mailcity.moc>
Message-ID: <3F1110B0.3010800@mailcity.moc>
Source record: 70949

Larry Roll K3LT wrote:
> Now that it seems as though code testing will finally be abolished in the
> ARS, let's amuse ourselves with a bit of speculation as to what this will
> mean in terms of future growth in the numbers of licensed amateur radio
> operators in the United States. What do you think will happen? How
> much growth do you think will occur, and how fast?
>
> I predict that there will be no significant growth in new licensees.
> Now, all we need to do is define the term "significant growth." We currently
> have around 600-some kilohams in the US. I'd call a five percent growth
> factor, or 30,000 newly-licensed radio amateurs, to be significant. Let's
> give this a year to happen. I say it won't. How say you? Keep in mind
> that at this stage of the discussion, I'm just trying to establish reasonable
> parameters -- so let's all weigh in and try to arrive at a consensus as to
> what any future growth could be. Then we can commit to our numbers
> and see who gets it right -- or at least close.

Can't argue much with you here. The elimination of the code test
will not bring in a hoard of new applicants. Why? Amateur radio is
of little interest to people today, especially the youth.

1105. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 09:24:54 UTC
From: JJ <radiobuff0@mailcity.moc>
Message-ID: <3F112566.7050405@mailcity.moc>
Source record: 70954

Kim W5TIT wrote:

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> I think some PCTAs are darned great people and I have no problem associating
> with them. I think some NCTAs are darned great people and I have no problem
> associating with them. Now, you Dick, as a PCTA? Well, Carl's expression
> above says it all.
>
> Kim W5TIT

Larry and Dick are perfect examples of the elitist types of hams
to whom a new or prospective ham attends a ham club meeting sees
as an example of ham radio, and decides they don't want to have
anything to do with ham radio.

1106. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 10:02:57 UTC
From: JJ <radiobuff0@mailcity.moc>
Message-ID: <3F112E51.1050806@mailcity.moc>
Source record: 70956

Dick Carroll wrote:
>
> Bill Sohl wrote:
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>
>> You
>>are (IMHO) clearly not up to the task of recruiting new hams
>>by proactively advocating CW use.
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>
> Just as I would have skipped learning the code if it hadn't been a licensing
> requirement, too.

Then what is your problem with the fact that some have a no-code
license and possibly the code requirement will be dropped?
Goodness, if code testing were not a requirement and you skipped
learning the code, then you would not be a "real" ham.

1107. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 10:45:28 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030713064528.02222.00000796@mb-m16.aol.com>
Source record: 70909

In article <zN2Qa.276$lL.33979@nnrp1.ptd.net>, "Carl R. Stevenson"
<wk3cqth@wk3c.com> writes:

>I just know that there are much better digital modes available

"Better" is in the eye of the definer. There are characteristics in which Morse is much "better" than any digital mode, and characteristics in which some digital modes are much "better" than Morse.

Is an FT-1000 a "better" rig than a K2? All depends on what characteristics you consider important. FT-1000 has more features and somewhat better filters, for example. But K2 is much smaller, lighter, less power-hungry and less expensive. Etc.

>and
>that CW's main purpose these days is as a recreational activity for those
>who like it.

Just like every other mode in ham radio.

73 de Jim, N2EY

1108. Re: Ham Radio In The Post-Code Testing Era

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 11:41:38 UTC
From: "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net>
Message-ID: <SzbQa.9690$Vx2.4101608@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com>
Source record: 70910

"Larry Roll K3LT" <yodoc@aol.comnospam> wrote in message
news:20030713024811.23406.00000818@mb-m27.aol.com...
>
> Now that it seems as though code testing will finally be abolished in the
> ARS, let's amuse ourselves with a bit of speculation as to what this will
> mean in terms of future growth in the numbers of licensed amateur radio
> operators in the United States. What do you think will happen? How
> much growth do you think will occur, and how fast?
>
> I predict that there will be no significant growth in new licensees.
> Now, all we need to do is define the term "significant growth." We
currently
> have around 600-some kilohams in the US. I'd call a five percent growth
> factor, or 30,000 newly-licensed radio amateurs, to be significant. Let's
> give this a year to happen. I say it won't. How say you? Keep in mind
> that at this stage of the discussion, I'm just trying to establish
reasonable
> parameters -- so let's all weigh in and try to arrive at a consensus as to
> what any future growth could be. Then we can commit to our numbers
> and see who gets it right -- or at least close.
>
> 73 de Larry, K3LT
>

Let's say a 5% growth above the current growth rate (the latter figure has shown up previously on this news group but do not remember the figure). The rate of growth of hams already exceeds the rate of growth of the general population (again the data has shown up before on this newsgroup).

However, like you, I believe that there will be no noticeable increase in the number of new hams and only a temporary surge in the number of upgrades.

What's sad is that when conditions deteriorate during a QSO and you say to the other party "let's switch to CW" there will be too many who can't and you'll just have to terminate the QSO.

Elimination of the code requirement may actually cause a loss in the ham ranks, if not in numbers at least in activity. The elimination will probably coincide with the early part of the bottom of the current sunspot cycle. People will upgrade and quite a few will be so disappointed at the poor activity that they will become quite inactive on HF and this disappointment could spill over and affect their activity on VHF/UHF.

Dee D. Flint, N8UZE

1109. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 11:52:47 UTC
From: "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net>
Message-ID: <jKbQa.9693$Vx2.4102850@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com>
Source record: 70911

"N2EY" <n2ey@aol.com> wrote in message
news:20030713064528.02222.00000796@mb-m16.aol.com...
> In article <zN2Qa.276$lL.33979@nnrp1.ptd.net>, "Carl R. Stevenson"
> <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> writes:
>
> >I just know that there are much better digital modes available
>
> "Better" is in the eye of the definer. There are characteristics in which
Morse
> is much "better" than any digital mode, and characteristics in which some
> digital modes are much "better" than Morse.

Exactly. Morse can be deciphered by ear if you don't have a computer. What if you are unsure of the amount of time that you will be without power and don't want to put the additional load of a computer on your power source?

"Better" depends on the sum total of the conditions under which you are operating. One can envision scenarios that favor one specific mode over others. That is why a ham should have a basic competence in ALL modes including morse.

Dee D. Flint, N8UZE

1110. Re: Code a Deterrent to a Ham Ticket ??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 12:01:51 UTC
From: "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net>
Message-ID: <PSbQa.9695$Vx2.4103647@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com>
Source record: 70912

"Bill Sohl" <billsohl@mindspring.com> wrote in message
news:beqmpo$bo4$1@slb6.atl.mindspring.net...
>
> "Guessing" <Guessing@connectnet.net> wrote in message
> news:kTWPa.1427$Bd5.928@fed1read01...
> >
> > "Alun Palmer" <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote in message
> > news:Xns93B67B0FCD2E0elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4...
> > > "Guessing" <Guessing@connectnet.net> wrote in
> > > news:bXVPa.1425$Bd5.445@fed1read01:
> > >
> > > Ask a lawyer about that one. Hey I
> > > want to be a BSEE, why do I have to take History classes ????
> >
> > You don't have to take history classes in some schools
> > to get a BSEE.
> >

Broaden the category to Socio-Humanistic electives or whatever equivalent term that your college uses and you will find that you do have to take a certain amount of them. And everyone regardless of major has to take English even though they should already be proficient at that before they get there. You have to take quite a few "unnecessary" courses in college to get a degree in any field.

Dee D. Flint, N8UZE

1111. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 12:59:25 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com>
Message-ID: <NIcQa.322$IL.40532@nnrp1.ptd.net>
Source record: 70913

"JJ" <radiobuff0@mailcity.moc> wrote in message
news:3F10370A.9050408@mailcity.moc...
>
>
> Dick Carroll pontificated from his dung pile:
>
> > JJ you really don't need to display yourself as a code illiterate, just
because
> > you're
> > irritated that someone would actually advocate using it on the air. You
don't have
> > to.
> > But you can't seem to help yourself. If you've never observed radio
operators - REAL
> >
> > radio operators, using code in a very efficient way, that's just your
loss. No need
> > for you to
> > act so stupid over it.
> >
> > Some people can, others "just don't want to". You can be one of those if
you wish.
>
> First, I am not code illiterate, I can operate code if I choose
> to. Second, your statement of REAL radio operators is where I have
> a problem with the likes of you and Larry. You have this huge ego
> that unless every ham feels about code the way you do they are not
> real hams. That if they choose not to use code then they are the
> unwashed, the unclean. That is the problem I have with those like
> you and your attitude toward other hams of your "I am superior
> because I use CW" attitude.
> Any ham who passes the test and obtains a license is just as much
> of a REAL ham as you and Larry and like kind will ever be. Even
> more so of a REAL ham if they reject the holier than thou attitude
> you have.

SO true, JJ ... apparently Dick, Larry, and their ilk have never been
to, or don't remember the lessons of, the Wouff Hong initiation.

Carl - wk3c

1112. Re: The Day has come....

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 13:04:06 UTC
From: vshah101@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030713090406.24752.00000268@mb-m01.aol.com>
Source record: 70916

From: Mike Coslo mcoslo@adelphia.net

>Those are some of the reasons I advocate a return to the waiting period
>before advanced ticket upgrades.

I disagree. A waiting period would be unfair. If the person has prepared themseleves well, they may well have the ability for the upgrade. Why slow down someone that has the ability for the upgrade?

> And I say that from personal experience. An Extra *should* be
>essentially an expert in the ARS.

Thats what the license should imply. Each licence upgrade should have higher skill than the previous license

Most of the clubs don't want to focus on technical skills. Most clubs focus on contesting, antennas, and CW. Clubs could do homebrewing, tuning, radio direction finding, or other technical areas.

>Oops, is that a "filter" or "hazing" like Morse code is?
>
> - Mike KB3EIA -

<Morse> code is a bullying tactic to force this skill at the expense of other skills. <Morse> code is not a "filter". It blocks entry to the General class license. It is an irrelevant skill, used as an obstacle.

1113. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 13:05:03 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com>
Message-ID: <3OcQa.324$IL.40539@nnrp1.ptd.net>
Source record: 70914

"Dave Heil" <k8mn@earthlink.net> wrote in message
news:3F10BF6D.3D8FC980@earthlink.net...
> "Carl R. Stevenson" wrote:
>
> > I like kyaking, but I don't believe that everyone should be a proficent
> > kyaker to go into the water.
>
> You'd think that one who likes "kyaking" could spell "kayak", Squiggy.
> Looks like you've chosen a poor analogy. Your view would more properly
> expressed by stating that with modern power boat technology, no
> individual should be forced to jump through the swimming hoop.
>
> Dave K8MN

<disregarding the intended disparagement via the "nickname">

OK, so I mistyped ...

No, your analogy distorts what I was trying to say. Of course,
anyone who goes boating should know how to swim ... but
hams that are allowed to operate high power should know at
least the basics of RF and high voltage safety as well. These
are simple issues of personal safety and the safety of others.

However, not knowing Morse does not pose a risk to anyone,
and therefore my analogy of a particular "mode" of water sport
being required arbitrarily for ALL who wish to enter the water
is a more accurate analogy to the situation being discussed.

Carl - wk3c

1114. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 13:08:45 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com>
Message-ID: <xRcQa.326$IL.40596@nnrp1.ptd.net>
Source record: 70915

"Dick Carroll" <dickc58@att.net> wrote in message
news:3F10C55B.C3923689@att.net...
>
>
> "Carl R. Stevenson" wrote:
>
> > "Dick Carroll" <dickc58@att.net> wrote in message
> > news:3F1034A4.62BCEE2@att.net...
>
> Ah, so Shannon also speeded up light and other electromagnetic radiation,
then.
> Right.

Dick,

Are really so dense that you actually think that's what I said??? (If so,
that's really sad.)

What I was saying was not that the RF signals travel faster with more
modern digital modes than with Morse, but rather that those modes
can transmit the MESSAGE CONTENT faster (and in many cases
more reliably than a human operator doing Morse).
> >
> > You're the one who seems brain dead ...
>
> I'm perfectly willing to let it go at that and allow the readership to
draw
> their own conclusions.

Do so at your own peril :-)

Carl - wk3c

1115. Re: The Day has come....

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 13:18:39 UTC
From: "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net>
Message-ID: <P_cQa.9700$Vx2.4112107@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com>
Source record: 70919

"Vshah101" <vshah101@aol.com> wrote in message
news:20030713090406.24752.00000268@mb-m01.aol.com...
> From: Mike Coslo mcoslo@adelphia.net
>
> Most of the clubs don't want to focus on technical skills. Most clubs
focus on
> contesting, antennas, and CW. Clubs could do homebrewing, tuning, radio
> direction finding, or other technical areas.
>

How many clubs have you surveyed?? In this area (around Detroit), only one club of the many available focuses on contesting. In the others, contesting does occur but it is not emphasized and only a few members participate and typically it is casual participation. The club to which I belong is probably typical of this area. We have a monthly meeting with a presentation at each meeting. In the last two years, there have been no presentations on contesting or on CW. There have only been two presentations on antennas. Topics have included message handling, antique radio collecting, tower safety, and a wide range of other topics.

> >Oops, is that a "filter" or "hazing" like Morse code is?
> >
> > - Mike KB3EIA -
>
> <Morse> code is a bullying tactic to force this skill at the expense of
other
> skills. <Morse> code is not a "filter". It blocks entry to the General
class
> license. It is an irrelevant skill, used as an obstacle.
>

Not irrelevant and it is not an obstacle. Those who call it a filter are really doing a disservice to Amateur Radio. It is a usefule skill that takes some time and training. Due to its nature, one cannot judge its relevancy until they have learned it and used it. Lately, I've been working more Morse than before due to band conditions. I don't care for the computer modes and there just aren't that many people out there on the computer modes.

Dee D. Flint, N8UZE

1116. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 13:21:00 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com>
Message-ID: <01dQa.328$IL.40609@nnrp1.ptd.net>
Source record: 70917

"Arnie Macy" <kt4st@csam.net> wrote in message
news:beqi63$7pp9q$1@ID-166180.news.uni-berlin.de...
> "Carl R. Stevenson" wrote ...
>
> I'm not saying that CW is totally obsolete ... and I won't presume to
speak
> for JJ ... I just know that there are much better digital modes available
> and that CW's main purpose these days is as a recreational activity for
> those who like it. I like kyaking, but I don't believe that everyone
should
> be a proficent kyaker to go into the water.
>

>
> Sheesh, Carl -- does everything have to be about the test with you? I
would
> maintain that there are much better forms of communication than 60 plus
year
> old SSB (but for our use in the ARS it is a quite efficient mode). I am
> strictly talking about the mode -- *not* testing. Do you think it's as
> efficient as SSB? Yes or No
>
> Arnie -
> KT4ST

Arnie,

You asked me if I thought that Morse was "obsolete." For other than
recreational use, I think that's largely so.

Does that mean I want to ban/limit/restrict its use? No, of course not.

And yes, the conversation/debate here has ALWAYS been about
the TEST, and that's what all the fuss has been about. Some CW
enthusiasts believe that the sky will fall if Morse testing is dropped.
(More like they will have to share "their" bands with more folks
and they will have to do their own "recruiting" of new Morse fans
to ensure that they continue to have someone to communicate with
in that mode as the actuarial tables take their toll on existing, code-
using hams ... and I am NOT trying to "rush along" any OTs, just
talking "facts of life" when I mention actuarial tables.)

Another factor is that SOME folks (Dick, Larry, and others, actually
BELIEVE that their Morse proficiency makes them "REAL HAMS"
and that those who are not interested in, or proficient in, Morse are
in some way "lesser beings."

Morse is "obsolete" in the following way:

It has been supplanted, in virtually every service except ham radio (where it has been maintained as a "tradition," "hazing ritual," etc.), by more modern, efficient, reliable, and convenient means of communications. (horse vs. car or airplane, for example)

So, in that sense, it is obsolete (in practical terms on an overall basis), though it does live on (and I expect will for a very long time) as an avocation on a recreational basis.

Carl - wk3c

1117. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 13:24:07 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com>
Message-ID: <X3dQa.329$IL.40735@nnrp1.ptd.net>
Source record: 70918

"Arnie Macy" <kt4st@csam.net> wrote in message
news:beqim9$7vao5$1@ID-166180.news.uni-berlin.de...
> "Carl R. Stevenson" wrote ...
>
> If find your comparison of yourself (and Larry) to Forest Gump to be most
> appropriate :-) "Stupid is as stupid does." was the saying from the movie
> ... and while I don't actually think either you or Larry actually ARE
> stupid, you both certainly ACT that way.
>

>
> And when did you become the expert on who and who is not intelligent,
Carl?
>
> Arnie -
> KT4ST

Arnie,

I was voicing my opinion of the way that Dick, Larry, and a few others ACT.
You will note that I said I didn't actually think they ARE stupid ... but
that they
ACT that way (IMHO).

Of course, they are free to feel the same way about me, and I'm sure they do
because I don't buy their quasi-religious fervor vis a vis "Morse makes the
REAL HAM." etc.

Carl - wk3c

1118. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 13:25:28 UTC
From: Dave Heil <k8mn@earthlink.net>
Message-ID: <3F115E54.CBF88F4A@earthlink.net>
Source record: 70921

"Carl R. Stevenson" wrote:
>
> "Dave Heil" <k8mn@earthlink.net> wrote in message
> news:3F10BF6D.3D8FC980@earthlink.net...
> > "Carl R. Stevenson" wrote:
> >
> > > I like kyaking, but I don't believe that everyone should be a proficent
> > > kyaker to go into the water.
> >
> > You'd think that one who likes "kyaking" could spell "kayak", Squiggy.
> > Looks like you've chosen a poor analogy. Your view would more properly
> > expressed by stating that with modern power boat technology, no
> > individual should be forced to jump through the swimming hoop.

>
> <disregarding the intended disparagement via the "nickname">
>
> OK, so I mistyped ...

No, you didn't. Once would a "mistype". Two would be a misspelling.

> No, your analogy distorts what I was trying to say.

You did a pretty good job of distorting what you were trying to say
without assistance from me.

> Of course,
> anyone who goes boating should know how to swim ... but
> hams that are allowed to operate high power should know at
> least the basics of RF and high voltage safety as well. These
> are simple issues of personal safety and the safety of others.

Neat concept, but flawed. You've often told us that hams who want to
use morse can learn it after they've gotten a license. Can't those who
want to use high voltage supplies learn about them after they've
obtained a license? If someone only wants to run QRP rigs, why should
he be forced to learn about high voltage supplies?

> However, not knowing Morse does not pose a risk to anyone,
> and therefore my analogy of a particular "mode" of water sport
> being required arbitrarily for ALL who wish to enter the water
> is a more accurate analogy to the situation being discussed.

If I'm involved in an emergency and the only mode I have available to me
is morse, I'd be up the creek if the only guy I encountered on the band
in use was Vipul Shah or a neophyte Leonard Anderson. I could be at
risk because of their lack of knowledge. It seems that one would need

the basics before heading out, full throttle in a power boat.

Dave K8MN

1119. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 13:26:00 UTC
From: Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net>
Message-ID: <3F115DD2.A12D424B@att.net>
Source record: 70920

Bill Sohl wrote:

> "Dick Carroll" <dickc58@att.net> wrote in message
> news:3F10DD72.2D94F213@att.net...
> >
> >
> > Bill Sohl wrote:
> >
> > > You
> > > are (IMHO) clearly not up to the task of recruiting new hams
> > > by proactively advocating CW use.
> >
> > Just as I would have skipped learning the code if it hadn't been a
> licensing
> > requirement, too.
>
> So much for your advocacy of morse to new hams.
> You made my point.

Bill you have been quite consistant about missing the entire point. When there is no code test
most hams won't learn Morse code. I know that taxes you not a bit, so that means that you don't
care whether or not hams will be losing it as a viable mode. Which shows how shortsighted you
are, right along with the rest of NCI. And yes, FCC too. Of course they have far bigger fish to fry
than to worry about a trivial detail involving the ARS. The least time they must spend on ARS issues the better for them, whatever the end result.

1120. Re: Code a Deterrent to a Ham Ticket ??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 13:35:28 UTC
From: kelly@dvol.com
Message-ID: <d22b54c3.0307121920.53eb22fc@posting.google.com>
Source record: 70923

n2ey@aol.com (N2EY) wrote in message
news:<20030712173126.18497.00001281@mb-m05.aol.com>...
> In article <d22b54c3.0307121201.7d136069@posting.google.com>, kelly@dvol.com
> (Brian Kelly) writes:
>
> >n2ey@aol.com (N2EY) wrote in message
> >news:<20030712063003.00871.00000623@mb-m17.aol.com>...
> > >
> > >>
> > >> What will be very interesting to see is what effect complete elimination of
> > >> code testing has on the number of new hams and the overall growth of the
> > ARS.
> > >> More than three years ago, the 13 and 20 wpm code tests, and the medical
> > >> waivers, were dumped by FCC. Result was growth of about 11,000 hams - and a
> > >> lot of already-licensed hams got upgrades. Sure doesn't seem like there
> > >> werea lot of people being kept out by the 13 and 20 wpm code tests.
> > >
> > >And of that 11,000 how many do you 'spose are engineers who wouldn't
> > >have become hams unless the code test was dropped to 5 wpm?
> >
> > Damfino.
> >
> > >And of
> > >those, how many of these newly minted ham engineers will ever make any
> > >"contribution to the service"?
> > >
> > Some will, some won't.
> >
> > I know a couple of engineer-ham who have made great contributions. One of them
> > is W1RFI. Just for starters, he and other ARRL HQ. folks put together that 121
> > page commentary on BPL.

I don't mean contributions in the sense of Ed's work on the BPL
comments package. One of the rationales proffered over and over again
by the NCI types for deleting the code tests has been that
eliminatinating the code tests will bring flocks of engineers into the
hobby who would then come up with technical contributions, "advance
the state of the art" etc. Maybe I missed it but I don't know of any
such "event" since 1991 when engineers could become hams without a
code test.

> > Visit the FCC ECFS system and see who actually filed comments on 03-104 (BPL).
> > Particularly among the regulars here on rrap. I did, KB3EIA did...anybody else?
> >
> > Of course Reply Comments are still open.

>
> >> btw - I'm an engineer, and none of the tests were a deterrent for me.
> >>
> 73 de Jim, N2EY

w3rv

1121. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 13:38:08 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com>
Message-ID: <4hdQa.332$lL.40833@nnrp1.ptd.net>
Source record: 70922

"Larry Roll K3LT" <yodoc@aol.comnospam> wrote in message
news:20030713015315.23406.00000811@mb-m27.aol.com...
> In article <yhRPa.202$lL.24571@nnrp1.ptd.net>, "Carl R. Stevenson"
> <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> writes:
>
> >Dick,
> >
> >If find your comparison of yourself (and Larry) to Forest Gump
> >to be most appropriate :-) "Stupid is as stupid does." was the
> >saying from the movie ... and while I don't actually think either
> >you or Larry actually ARE stupid, you both certainly ACT that
> >way.
> >
> >Carl - wk3c
>
> Carl:
>
> If the fact that Dick and I support the concept of retaining code
proficiency
> testing in order to be able to possess a unique and highly effective radio
> communications skill is being "stupid," then I must plead guilty. Keep in
> mind that Mr. Gump was a war hero, a successful businessman, and a
> keen investor who became a multi-millionaire. I should be so "stupid!"
>
> 73 de Larry, K3LT

Larry,

You apparently didn't see the movie, didn't get it, or have forgotten.

1) Forest Gump was (mentally) "slow"
(in an effort to be politically correct :-)

2) His successes were essentially a(n improbable) series of
"dumb luck" episodes.

3) He did, however, have a good and kind heart and always
treated people with respect.

Too bad you ACT LIKE you only meet the first two criteria ...

I withdraw my comparison.

Carl - wk3c

1122. Re: 1x2 Calls--automatic when upgrading to Extra?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 13:46:01 UTC
From: tad danley <nospam@atsbcglobal.net>
Message-ID: <3F116189.6090305@atsbcglobal.net>
Source record: 70924

bro wrote:

> Warning: Many Questions Follow!
>
> Hey, I'm a 'general' and if I take the extra test do I get a 1x2
> automaticly "if available"?

You don't get any new call unless you specifically request one. The default is you keep your existing call. If you do request a new call when you upgrade you will get a 2x2 Extra class callsign assigned sequentially.

> or
> do I only get if applied as a vanity?
> There are 3 available 1x2's now per N4MC's Vanity HQ's database.

If you apply for a vanity call, it can be any call sign that is:
1) currently unassigned and available per FCC guidelines, and,
2) available for your license class and geographic location.

If you are upgrading to Extra, do NOT apply for a vanity call until after your Extra class license has been issued by the FCC!

> If I only can get one of them (or an upcoming old 1x2 expiring call) by
> the vanity program, do I have to pay for it 'every year' forever?

The vanity fee is for the entire 10 year license period.

> To further complicate:
> Say i've had a 1x2 for a while and I see annother comming up for grabs
> can I
> switch?
>
> What is the shortest time limit of having a 1x2 systematicly given
> before you can get grabby on annother?
> What is the shortest time limit of having a 1x2 vanitarily begged before
> you can get grabby on annother?
>
> I know, I know, a thousand questions.
> Thanks In advance to the brotherhood of amateurs AND fellow usenetters
> brian

You have already found the best source for vanity information - N4MC's VanityHQ. Check out the help reference, helpful advice and FCC callsign guidelines -- all links from the main page. A wealth of great information.

Good luck with your new call and 73,

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* Do NOT use Reply *
Reply only through ARRL forwarding service to K3TD

Tad, K3TD

1123. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 13:51:10 UTC
From: JJ <radiobuff0@mailcity.moc>
Message-ID: <3F1163CE.9090507@mailcity.moc>
Source record: 71011

Dick Carroll wrote:
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> JJ wrote:
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>
>>Dick Carroll wrote:
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>>>Bill Sohl wrote:
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>>>
>>>
>>>>You
>>>>are (IMHO) clearly not up to the task of recruiting new hams
>>>>by proactively advocating CW use.
>>>
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>>>
>>>Just as I would have skipped learning the code if it hadn't been a licensing
>>>requirement, too.
>>
>>Then what is your problem with the fact that some have a no-code
>>license and possibly the code requirement will be dropped?
>>Goodness, if code testing were not a requirement and you skipped
>>learning the code, then you would not be a "real" ham.
>
>
> Evidently you skipped code or you'd have some idea what ham radio would/will
> be without it. NO? no surprise, coming from you. That leaves you clueless, but we
> already knew that.

Hate to burst you bubble Dickie, but I sat in front of an FCC
examiner in the Dallas office and took my code test.

1124. Re: Ham Radio In The Post-Code Testing Era

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 13:58:34 UTC
From: Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net>
Message-ID: <3F116572.A581AB51@att.net>
Source record: 70925

Larry Roll K3LT wrote:

> Now that it seems as though code testing will finally be abolished in the
> ARS, let's amuse ourselves with a bit of speculation as to what this will
> mean in terms of future growth in the numbers of licensed amateur radio
> operators in the United States. What do you think will happen? How
> much growth do you think will occur, and how fast?
>
> I predict that there will be no significant growth in new licensees.

I dunno, Larry, Carl Stevenson and his Magpies of Morbidity have so traumatized themselves
and we-don't-know-how-many others among the uninformed into believing that Morse is nothing
short of torture, to the point that there may indeed be quite an influx of new codeless hams.

I believe, however, that Hans is right - most of the people who want to be on HF are already
there, given the ridiculously easy testing of the past couple decades of the VE system. But that
kind of conclusion is of the "eye of the beholder" sort where the attitude of the testee is paramount.
If he thinks it's "hard", then hard is what it is.

You see, what those folks can't know is that Morse is a language, for those who learn it to skill.
When you sit and listen to it coming in as words, rather than attempting to laborously convert "dots and dashes", in their vernacular, into letters, then letters into words, it is an entirely different phenomena. You and I know that. They don't

>
> Now, all we need to do is define the term "significant growth." We currently
> have around 600-some kilohams in the US. I'd call a five percent growth
> factor, or 30,000 newly-licensed radio amateurs, to be significant. Let's
> give this a year to happen. I say it won't. How say you? Keep in mind
> that at this stage of the discussion, I'm just trying to establish reasonable
> parameters -- so let's all weigh in and try to arrive at a consensus as to
> what any future growth could be. Then we can commit to our numbers
> and see who gets it right -- or at least close.
>
> 73 de Larry, K3LT

1125. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 13:59:10 UTC
From: JJ <radiobuff0@mailcity.moc>
Message-ID: <3F1165AE.909@mailcity.moc>
Source record: 71015

Radio Amateur KC2HMZ wrote:
> On 13 Jul 2003 05:53:17 GMT, yodoc@aol.comnospam (Larry Roll K3LT)
> wrote:
>
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>
>>So be it. In any case, the coming generation of New Age, Dumbed-Down,
>>No-Coder hams
>
>
> That statement just convinced a few thousand people to try CW on its
> own merits...NOT!

And convinced some that ham radio is not for them if they have to
associate with people like Larry with his superior attitude. It is
people like Larry and Dick with their attitudes toward others who
do not share their zeal for CW that do more harm for ham radio
than not having those CW skills ever could.

1126. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 14:04:26 UTC
From: Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net>
Message-ID: <3F1166D3.2B3A6F3@att.net>
Source record: 70926

Arnie Macy wrote:

> "JJ" wrote ...
>
> Since the beginning of the use of phone in ham radio, I would be interested
> to know of any disaster where ham radio was used for communications and CW
> was the only means of communications that could get through. I don't mean CW
> was used just because someone wanted to or because they only had CW
> capabilities, but because it was the ONLY mode that could get through.
> --
>
> We used it when Floyd hit in 1999. We were having a hard time getting
> through on SSB, so switched over to CW and continued ops until the band
> conditions improved. CW didn't "save the day", but it sure came in handy
> when needed. It is still an integral part of our EMA plan. Remember, in
> disaster planning, we try to use *all* of the tools available to us. Maybe
> one day, the light will come on for you and you'll understand that concept.

Not dear ol' closed-minded JJ. Wouldn't take much to make a Carl out of him.

1127. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 14:04:33 UTC
From: JJ <radiobuff0@mailcity.moc>
Message-ID: <3F1166F1.60105@mailcity.moc>
Source record: 71017

Radio Amateur KC2HMZ wrote:

>
> I was monitoring a MARS net a few years back, that was being conducted
> in some rather lousy band conditions. One station tried to check into
> this net using CW because the ops couldn't get through to the NCS
> using SSB. The NCS told them that CW was not a valid operating mode
> for checking into a MARS net. Draw your own conclusions.

I am curious as to why CW would not be a valid operating mode on a
MARS net.

1128. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 14:09:21 UTC
From: Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net>
Message-ID: <3F1167FB.CA1984B5@att.net>
Source record: 70927

"Carl R. Stevenson" wrote:

> apparently Dick, Larry, and their ilk have never been
> to, or don't remember the lessons of, the Wouff Hong initiation.

Ah so, that's the source of Carl's problem. Somebody Wouff Hong'ed him
for flunking the 13wpm code test!

1129. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 14:10:37 UTC
From: Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net>
Message-ID: <3F116847.A4A8D1F9@att.net>
Source record: 70928

"Carl R. Stevenson" wrote:

> "Dick Carroll" <dickc58@att.net> wrote in message
> news:3F10C55B.C3923689@att.net...
> >
> >
> > "Carl R. Stevenson" wrote:
> >
> > > "Dick Carroll" <dickc58@att.net> wrote in message
> > > news:3F1034A4.62BCEE2@att.net...
> >
> > > Ah, so Shannon also speeded up light and other electromagnetic radiation,
> then.
> > > Right.
>
> Dick,
>
> Are really so dense that you actually think that's what I said??? (If so,
> that's really sad.)
>

That's **excactly** what you said.

1130. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 14:14:23 UTC
From: Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net>
Message-ID: <3F116927.CE8B5EFA@att.net>
Source record: 70929

"Carl R. Stevenson" wrote:

> "Arnie Macy" <kt4st@csam.net> wrote in message
> news:beqi63$7pp9q$1@ID-166180.news.uni-berlin.de...
> > "Carl R. Stevenson" wrote ...
> >
> > I'm not saying that CW is totally obsolete ... and I won't presume to
> speak
> > for JJ ... I just know that there are much better digital modes available
> > and that CW's main purpose these days is as a recreational activity for
> > those who like it. I like kyaking, but I don't believe that everyone
> should
> > be a proficent kyaker to go into the water.
> >
> ____
> >
> > Sheesh, Carl -- does everything have to be about the test with you? I
> would
> > maintain that there are much better forms of communication than 60 plus
> year
> > old SSB (but for our use in the ARS it is a quite efficient mode). I am
> > strictly talking about the mode -- *not* testing. Do you think it's as
> > efficient as SSB? Yes or No
> >
> > Arnie -
> > KT4ST
>
> Arnie,
>
> You asked me if I thought that Morse was "obsolete." For other than
> recreational use, I think that's largely so.
>
> Does that mean I want to ban/limit/restrict its use? No, of course not.
>
> And yes, the conversation/debate here has ALWAYS been about
> the TEST, and that's what all the fuss has been about. Some CW
> enthusiasts believe that the sky will fall if Morse testing is dropped.
> (More like they will have to share "their" bands with more folks
> and they will have to do their own "recruiting" of new Morse fans
> to ensure that they continue to have someone to communicate with
> in that mode as the actuarial tables take their toll on existing, code-
> using hams ... and I am NOT trying to "rush along" any OTs, just
> talking "facts of life" when I mention actuarial tables.)
>

> Another factor is that SOME folks (Dick, Larry, and others, actually
> BELIEVE that their Morse proficiency makes them "REAL HAMS"
> and that those who are not interested in, or proficient in, Morse are
> in some way "lesser beings."
>

Let's face facts Carl- You can'nt function as a proficient CW communicator. I can. That
simply makes me better qualified as a ham radio operator than you, test or no test.

>
> Morse.....has been supplanted, in virtually every service except ham
> radio (where it has been maintained as a "tradition," "hazing ritual,"
> etc.), by more modern, efficient, reliable, and convenient means
> of communications. (horse vs. car or airplane, for example)

See? As I said, Carl know not the very first thing about radiotelegraphy.

1131. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 14:22:54 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com>
Message-ID: <2XdQa.337$IL.27733@nnrp1.ptd.net>
Source record: 70930

"Arnie Macy" <kt4st@csam.net> wrote in message
news:beqgor$83fj9$1@ID-166180.news.uni-berlin.de...
> "Carl R. Stevenson" wrote ...
>
> Fred Maia, W5YI, was quoted as saying something along that line WRT the
> Tech test ... but Fred is just *one* of the Directors of NCI, and I can
> state that his view in that regard is NOT NCI policy and is not shared by
me
> or the rest of the NCI board. (IIRC, Fred also said he'd like to make the
> Extra test more rigorous ...)
>
> [Of course, NCI was never in favor of removing the digital/CW sub bands
> either, right?]
>
> No, we were not ... and we never said we were. If you "google" or
whatever,
> you will, I am sure, find numerous instances of me saying that I would
not
> favor an expansion of the phone bands at the expense of the digital/CW
> sub-bands, because I wouldn't want to see the future development of
digital
> modes impeded. (the rest snipped)
> --
>
> That could be what I was thinking of. Quoted by ya'll referring to Fred.
> But I distinctly remember there being a discussion about lowering the
> technical test requirements and that NCI was in favor of that.

NCI was NOT in favor of that ... Fred, and Fred alone, in his capacity
on the QPC, stated something to the effect that HE thought that since
most Techs use store-bought rigs, the Tech test could be simplified.
I (and as I recall, all of the other NCI directors who spoke on the subject)
disagreed with that view.

However, Fred ALSO indicated that he thought that the Extra written
test could/should be made more rigorous.

> Now, as to Digital/CW sub-bands. Below is the official comment by NCI --
it
> sure sounds like they would roll over and play dead if it should ever come
> to supporting the keeping of sub-bands for Digital/CW. Do you read it
> differently, Carl?
> --
>
> "d. Third, Mr. Kane recommends that there be no regulatory distinction

made
> between modes of transmission. This point would likely gain mixed, but
> significant support amongst NCI's membership, and it should be pointed out
> that this is the norm in the rest of the world and no real harm seems to
> have come from the lack of restrictive sub-band-by-mode limitations such
as
> those currently embodied in the Commission's Rules."

Simply stating the facts as perceived in terms of the membership's views.
This
is NOT NCI's issue though ... though, as I have said over and over, I
personally
would hate to see the digital/CW sub-bands overrun by SSB.

Carl - wk3c

1132. Re: The Day has come....

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 15:10:20 UTC
From: JJ <radiobuff0@mailcity.moc>
Message-ID: <3F11765C.5010705@mailcity.moc>
Source record: 71029

Radio Amateur KC2HMZ wrote:

>
> You yourself are linking Morse code knowledge with technical
> ignorance! You just said yourself one paragraph earlier (and I cut and
> paste again here):

>> If any honest and objective evaluation of
>>the technical skill levels of ham radio operators were made from an
>>historical perspective, it would show that code proficiency testing certainly
>>could be linked to the advancement of technical knowledge, whereas the
>>elimination thereof has led to a decline in overall technical involvement.

Here is what Larry has said about his technical skills.

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From: Larry Roll K3LT (yodoc@aol.comnospam)
Subject: Re: Now That It's "Over"...
Newsgroups: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-08 20:57:55 PST

This has always been the case, John -- I was one of the "technical
nerds" when I was a newcomer ham as well -- much to the dismay of
the OT's in my first club. And I don't claim to be a technical genius
or anything like it -- I have strictly "amateur" technical skills.
****

So according to Larry that technical knowledge is directly related
to code skills, he should be a technical genius by now. Evidently,
by his own admission, that he has marginal technical skills, his
great skill at Morse code hasn't done much for him.

1133. Re: Code a Deterrent to a Ham Ticket ??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 15:15:01 UTC
From: JJ <radiobuff0@mailcity.moc>
Message-ID: <3F117775.2070208@mailcity.moc>
Source record: 71032

Radio Amateur KC2HMZ wrote:
> On 13 Jul 2003 06:35:28 -0700, kelly@dvol.com (Brian Kelly) wrote:
>
>
>>I don't mean contributions in the sense of Ed's work on the BPL
>>comments package. One of the rationales proffered over and over again
>>by the NCI types for deleting the code tests has been that
>>eliminatinating the code tests will bring flocks of engineers into the
>>hobby who would then come up with technical contributions, "advance
>>the state of the art" etc. Maybe I missed it but I don't know of any
>>such "event" since 1991 when engineers could become hams without a
>>code test.
>
>
> I wonder if any of the engineers who worked on developing surface
> mount components were hams...or the engineers who took computer CPU
> chip clock speeds from mHz into gHz. Oh, and didn't the hams who
> happen to be NASA Mission Specialists, some of whom undoubtedly have
> engineering degrees and who took ham equipment into space, contribute
> anything to the hobby by doing so?

But if they don't "do code" then they will never be "real hams"
like Larry and Dick. They just don' want to, as Larry says,
"bother to be as good as he is."

1134. Re: Code a Deterrent to a Ham Ticket ??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 15:26:32 UTC
From: kelly@dvol.com
Message-ID: <d22b54c3.0307130417.81ce224@posting.google.com>
Source record: 70931

Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net> wrote in message news:<3F109489.650122DA@att.net>...
> N2EY wrote:
>
> >
> > Visit the FCC ECFS system and see who actually filed comments on 03-104 (BPL).
> > Particularly among the regulars here on rrap. I did, KB3EIA did...anybody else?
>
> I did, at least their website said I did! I didn't go back and go through all the
> gyrations
> later to see if it actually did show up there, but I did post my comments to the
> EFCS page

I didn't post any comments. First because I was all ate up by other matters and missed the deadline. But even if I had submitted a comment it would simply parrot a zillion other similar comments. What good would that do? The FCC is not conducting a referendum on BPL. I seriously doubt that a large number of comments by us weenie private citizens has anywhere as much effect on the FCC as do the the few professionally crafted comments submitted by the heavy hitters in the biz such as the ARRL and the IEEE. Imlay and Hare have a whole bunch more clout with the FCC than any of us have combined so I bought a $100 money order yesterday and it'll be on it's way to Newington tomorrow.

w3rv

1135. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 15:52:42 UTC
From: JJ <radiobuff0@mailcity.moc>
Message-ID: <3F11804A.5080806@mailcity.moc>
Source record: 71042

Dick Carroll wrote:

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> JJ you're about as dippy as they're made these days. One of us says he beleives
> that it's important for hams to learn to do morse code because it's a good, really
> simple and viable communications mode for hams, and suddenly you've got us all
> packaged up as ogres. You haven't a single clue, and you'r so far off that
> you have no clue that you have no clue. Probably a good thing, dipschitz like you,
> if intelligent, might be something of an annoyance. As it is you come in somewhere
> below a gnat.

I haven't packaged anyone who supports CW mode as an ogre, just
those who choose to use derogatory terms to describe fellow hams
who choose not to learn or use CW or put the importance on it you
do, you know, like those dumbed-down lowly, not "real hams"
good-for-nothing, no-techical knowledge, no-coders.

I must really get under your skin Dickie.

1136. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 16:16:22 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bes0kdgce1@adenine.netfront.net>
Source record: 70932

"JJ" <radiobuff0@mailcity.moc> wrote in message
news:3F10370A.9050408@mailcity.moc...
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>
> Dick Carroll wrote:
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> > JJ you really don't need to display yourself as a code illiterate, just
because
> > you're irritated that someone would actually advocate using it on the
air. You don't have
> > to. But you can't seem to help yourself. If you've never observed radio
operators - REAL
> > radio operators, using code in a very efficient way, that's just your
loss. No need
> > for you to act so stupid over it.
> >
> > Some people can, others "just don't want to". You can be one of those if
you wish.
>
> First, I am not code illiterate, I can operate code if I choose
> to. Second, your statement of REAL radio operators is where I have
> a problem with the likes of you and Larry. You have this huge ego
> that unless every ham feels about code the way you do they are not
> real hams. That if they choose not to use code then they are the
> unwashed, the unclean. That is the problem I have with those like
> you and your attitude toward other hams of your "I am superior
> because I use CW" attitude.
> Any ham who passes the test and obtains a license is just as much
> of a REAL ham as you and Larry and like kind will ever be. Even
> more so of a REAL ham if they reject the holier than thou attitude
> you have.
> I have nothing against the use of CW, just don't use it as some
> kind of attempt to make yourself somehow appear superior because
> you may prefer that mode and others may not. CW is a fine mode, no
> need for you to act so stupid over it.
>

There's a basic fundamental that folks such as Dick and Larry seem to let go
right over their heads. If they're at all worth their salt in emergency
communication (and I suspect that neither have had anything to do with
organized amateur radio EmCom in a lo-o-o-ong time), they'd realize some
parameters that are critical to emergency communication. Here are just some
of the parameters that folks such as Dick and Larry are missing and need to
get "up to snuff" on:

1. A good radio amateur emergency communication operator recognizes the limitations of skillet of volunteers in a local/regional/national net and *deals* with it. In a communication emergency/disaster, the first need is qualified individuals for service. The fact that one is an amateur radio operator is not enough. Being active in local/regional/national training and net participation is crucial to the proper training of individuals and allows for exposure of those individuals to local operating practices. If those operating practices don't include the CW mode, it is up to participants in the operation/net to recognize that the best communication mode is one in which everyone, a) is willing to learn and perform, and b) is immediately familiar to all participants. Folks such as Dick and Larry--IMHO--fail to display the attributes that help others recognize their ability to size up current limitations and *deal* with it. DIGRESSION MODE ON: if the failure of participants to know and use CW is an issue, it is certainly acceptable for those who desire CW to be used to make their wishes known and to try and effect change through POSITIVE action. In the meantime it behooves a good participant to fail to make enemies because things aren't as they wish. DIGRESSION MODE OFF.

2. A good radio amateur operator, who is familiar with EmCom, is also familiar with the current trends in the service of emergency communication provision. Again, one may not "like" the current trend but, to criticize and be disgruntled about it hinders the efficacy of providing excellent communication service. DIGRESSION MODE ON: A good example would be the very attitudes that we often see exhibited here in this newsgroup by folks such as Dick and Larry. Now, they'll tell you that [paraphrasing here] their actions in this newsgroup do not indicate anything about how they are in real life. I say to anyone here, that the actions in this newsgroup are well known locally to your fellow amateurs. I cannot tell you how many fellow hams I have met who know me only by what they have seen here in this newsgroup--and first impression is everything. Most are "OK" with what they see here by my opinions and some are not. The point is that most of us here in this newsgroup are "offensive," in some way or another, to someone who simply reads posts. DIGRESSION MODE OFF. So, if someone exhibits offensive behavior because of current trends in the service, they will not be *received* by local/regional/national participants as effective radio amateur communicators. They may very well be, but if they are not received and accepted as such, their effectiveness is compromised by their degree of offensiveness to others. That would make people such as Dick and Larry pretty darned ineffective as radio amateur emergency communicators.

3. Going back to the "current trends" philosophy: if one cannot recognize shifts and changes in current trends, their ability to participate in effective radio amateur emergency communication is hindered--*IF* they refuse (for whatever reason) to "get on board" with current practices. If the use of CW on emergency/disaster communication nets has diminished, it is paramount to a qualified radio amateur emergency communicator to learn and become familiar with whatever mode of operation is currently the "popular" trend. It's that simple.

4. I daresay anyone--not just radio amateur emergency communicators--who is familiar with emergency/disaster communication, knows that the best mode of

operation is going to be one that most--preferably all--participants in the communication process are familiar with--*regardless* of how well the mode utilizes bandwidth or how well the mode can be implemented, etc. To try to "force" the issue of CW onto radio amateurs may be admirable in some cases, it is fatal to a good emergency/disaster communication effort *UNLESS* all communication providers are "on board" with knowing and using CW effectively. In today's emergency/disaster communication "market" the CW skill is little recognized and certainly not used in many circumstances. DIGRESSION MODE ON: once the communication emergency/disaster operation is under way, of course, CW nets for passing HW traffic are critical to the implementation of effective transmission and delivery of messages to those who would otherwise be "clogging" the resources of responders. It is at *this* level that folks such as Dick and Larry should be recruiting individuals. DIGRESSION MODE OFF.

5. Current trends in the provision of emergency/disaster communication are utilizing many modes. The political arguments are beginning to erode and the stigma associated with utilizing all available radio services is beginning to fade. The recognition of this is limited to those above the level of folks such as Dick and Larry, who are "stuck" in the world of CW so obsessively that they cannot and will not accept what changes are taking place and will continue to take place. As has often been implied by comments in this newsgroup: while "they" are stuck in their world, the rest of the world is moving on and providing a great service--as one of the tenets of amateur radio is realized.

There's loads of other not-so-ham-radio-related items that could be brought up about how folks such as Dick and Larry have missed out; those that deal with the leadership, recruitment, education, organizational, motivation, and process of emergency communication.

But you good emergency/disaster communication folks already know them. ;)

Kim W5TIT

Posted via news://freenews.netfront.net
Complaints to news@netfront.net

1137. Re: Code a Deterrent to a Ham Ticket ??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 16:19:51 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bes0qu$gj3$1@adenine.netfront.net>
Source record: 70934

"Brian Kelly" <kelly@dvol.com> wrote in message
news:d22b54c3.0307121201.7d136069@posting.google.com...
> n2ey@aol.com (N2EY) wrote in message
news:<20030712063003.00871.00000623@mb-m17.aol.com>...
>
> >
> > What will be very interesting to see is what effect complete elimination
of
> > code testing has on the number of new hams and the overall growth of the
ARS.
> > More than three years ago, the 13 and 20 wpm code tests, and the medical
> > waivers, were dumped by FCC. Result was growth of about 11,000 hams -
and a
> > lot of already-licensed hams got upgrades. Sure doesn't seem like there
were > a lot of people being kept out by the 13 and 20 wpm code tests.
>
> And of that 11,000 how many do you 'spose are engineers who wouldn't
> have become hams unless the code test was dropped to 5 wpm? And of
> those, how many of these newly minted ham engineers will ever make any
> "contribution to the service"?
>

I don't think that's a very fair question. How many long-licensed/current
hams have ever made a contribution to the service? I suspect not many by
your definition, so it's not even a good question, let alone a fair one.

> > btw - I'm an engineer, and none of the tests were a deterrent for me.
> >
> > 73 de Jim, N2EY
>
> w3rv

Kim W5TIT

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1138. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 16:22:40 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com>
Message-ID: <kHfQa.349$lL.43242@nnrp1.ptd.net>
Source record: 70933

"Dick Carroll" <dickc58@att.net> wrote in message
news:3F1167FB.CA1984B5@att.net...
>
>
> "Carl R. Stevenson" wrote:
>
> > apparently Dick, Larry, and their ilk have never been
> > to, or don't remember the lessons of, the Wouff Hong initiation.
>
> Ah so, that's the source of Carl's problem. Somebody Wouff Hong'ed him
> for flunking the 13wpm code test!
>

I rest my case ... it would appear the Dick, at least, fits my comment
above.
May the ghost of "TOM" haunt him until he wises up and acts like a nice
ham :-)

Carl - wk3c

1139. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 16:23:58 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bes12l$gn9$1@adenine.netfront.net>
Source record: 70935

"Arnie Macy" <kt4st@csam.net> wrote in message
news:beptce$7t931$1@ID-166180.news.uni-berlin.de...
> "Kim W5TIT" wrote ...
>
> Arnie, do you actually know people in EmCom who discredit CW??!! Anyone
> who discredits any mode of operation: CB, ham radio in all its modes,,FRS,
> shouting, mirror flashing, *ANYTHING*, in a moment of disaster is not
> credible, in my opinion.
>

>
> Nope, JJ seems to be the only one around here that thinks CW is worthless
in
> EmCom. As an EMA Director, I will use *all* means at my disposal to
> communicate. That includes all of the above, *and* signal fires if it
comes
> to that. :-))
>
> Arnie -
> KT4ST
>

Absolutely! Although signal fires may be pretty hazardous...heh heh

Kim W5TIT

Posted via news://freenews.netfront.net
Complaints to news@netfront.net

1140. Re: The Day has come....

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 16:26:35 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bes17h$gp4$1@adenine.netfront.net>
Source record: 70936

"Dan/W4NTI" <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com> wrote in message
news:bepuq6$2tf$1@slb9.atl.mindspring.net...
>
> "LA Davies" <lloyd_vfp@dalek.com> wrote in message
> news:3f10550c@shknews01...
> >
> > "Vshah101" <vshah101@aol.com> wrote in message
> > news:20030712015009.26622.00000176@mb-m18.aol.com...
> > > Larry Roll K3LT said:
> > > >Those that can't -- whine about
> > > >the requirements and wait for them to be dumbed-down to their level!
> > >
> > > Well some coders refuse to learn the technical material. Although
> > > time-consuming, Its easy to learn one skill (CW) and claim superiority
> for
> > > that.
> > > Seems like the requirement was dumbed down to the non-technical Ham's
> > level.
> > >
> > > There are other reasons not to learn code other than "dumbed-down" as
> you
> > say.
> > > One is that I don't like code. Another reason is image. It shows that
> you
> > put
> > > time into a worthless pursuit (Morse code). Image is NOT the
> consideration
> > for
> > > me. I would learn it if I wanted to.
> >
> > I agree 100% Code should be dropped ASAP. If we want to save Ham
Radio.
> >
> > >
> > > I don't have to learn <Morse> code just so I can prove I have the
> ability
> > to
> > > learn <Morse> code. I have learned other skills that are just as
> > difficult.
> > > Another reason is the "benefit" is not worth the effort. I would put
> > effort
> > > into those because I can use those skills in <real> life. I cannot use
> > <Morse>
> > > code.

> >
> > I agree too. What kind of high-paying jobs would you get by learning
CW?
> >
> > >
> > > >I highly suggest that to add to your sense of self-satisfaction, that
> > once
> > > >you get your "No-Code Extra" you make a point of telling every Pre-
> > > >Restructuring, 20-WPM code-tested Extra you know that you are their
> > > >"equal" as a ham radio operator.
> > >
> > > Funny, thats what pro-coders say. They say that a General class that
> > learned
> > > <Morse> code is superior because they have a higher license class. I
> would
> > say
> > > that the General or Extra that just learned code may not be superior
to
> > the
> > > Technician that wants to have good technical skills, but refuses to
> learn
> > code.
> > >
> >
> > It's the "I'm better than you" attitude that is ruining the hobby.
People
> > like Larry and Steve, are old and want the CW to stay, as a "hazing"
> thing.
> >
> > I'm afraid thoese days are going the way of the dinosour........
> >
> > Lloyd Davies, N0VFP
> >
> >
> >
>
> Look at it this way LLLLLLooooooooYYYYYYddddddd...if CW stays it will keep
you
> off of HF. That in itself is a reason to keep it.
>
> Dan/W4NTI
>
>

I, uh, don't think you'd want the FCC to see such a position in defense of
CW, Dan. To use a mode test as a filtering tool is wrong.

Kim W5TIT

Posted via news://freenews.netfront.net

Complaints to news@netfront.net

1141. Aero Mobile .52 Simplex Request

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 16:33:28 UTC
From: Jim Weir <jim@rst-engr.com>
Message-ID: <mo13hv059g6bb99flrq618o1v9vphocfe7@4ax.com>
Source record: 70937
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy

In about two weeks (and for ten days thereafter) the largest collection of aircraft in the world will be converging on Oshkosh WI from all corners of the USA and several countries. The show actually starts on the 29th of July and ends on the 5th of August, but the heaviest traffic is going to be the weekends of 26 July and 2 August.

There is a large crossbreeding of pilots and hams. Our (admittedly nonscientific) research shows that approximately 15% of all certificated pilots are also certificated amateur radio operators. Given that there will be about 10,000 aircraft flying in at some point during the week, that means 1500 pilot-hams will be in the air somewhere over this country.

Most of us flying our own aircraft have installed ham rigs in the airplane, predominantly 2-meters. Most of the rest will at least have an HT with them.

If you hear one of us on 52 simplex, please give us a shout. Flying between, oh, say, Salt Lake to Minneapolis is hours and hours of nothing but hours and hours. And, please excuse us if you turn it back to us and we don't immediately respond. Every now and again the ground controllers want us to talk with them, and with all due respects, they've got priority.

Jim & Gail
WX6RST &KB9MII

Cessna 182A N 73 CQ

Jim Weir, VP Eng. RST Eng. WX6RST
A&P, CFI, and other good alphabet soup

1142. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 16:34:07 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bes1lm$h3b$1@adenine.netfront.net>
Source record: 70938

"Dick Carroll" <dickc58@att.net> wrote in message
news:3F10C445.721987@att.net...
>
>
> Mike Coslo wrote:
>
> > Carl R. Stevenson wrote:
> >
> > > I'm not here to gloat ... I'm here to make sure that newcomers hear
> > > the news and aren't overly tainted by being totally awash in PCTAs
> > > to the point that they think all hams are that way and decide that ham
> > > radio isn't really for them after all, because of a false perception
that
> > > it's totally populated with the sort of folks that they'd really not
like to
> > > associate. :-)
> >
> > I think you just said that a person who is a PCTA is someone not
to be
> > associated with?!?!?!?!?
> >
> > Thanks for the "locker room wall" post! 8^)
>
> Mike, that's mild stuff for Carl. Go Googling for his posts and get an
> education in bilgewater postings.
>

I think some PCTAs are darned great people and I have no problem associating with them. I think some NCTAs are darned great people and I have no problem associating with them. Now, you Dick, as a PCTA? Well, Carl's expression above says it all.

Kim W5TIT

Posted via news://freenews.netfront.net
Complaints to news@netfront.net

1143. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 16:41:20 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bes237$hd5$1@adenine.netfront.net>
Source record: 70939

"Arnie Macy" <kt4st@csam.net> wrote in message
news:beqhj8$7qjph$1@ID-166180.news.uni-berlin.de...
> "Kim W5TIT" wrote ...
>
> No doubt what started ham radio was an experiment using the best of what
> was around then. Perhaps you'd like to move into the most recent century,
> Dick. If ham radio were "invented" today, it would never even get near
CW.
> --
>
> Or SSB, Kim.
>
> Arnie -
> KT4ST
>
> "What Hath God Wrought?"
>
>

Well, yeah. But my comments were specifically to Dick and were angled at
his argument for CW. Heck, yeah. I think if ham radio were "invented"
today, we'd pretty much need to be computer experts...

Kim W5TIT

Posted via news://freenews.netfront.net
Complaints to news@netfront.net

1144. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 16:45:05 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bes2ajhfi1@adenine.netfront.net>
Source record: 70940

"Mike Coslo" <mcoslo@adelphia.net> wrote in message
news:3F10D472.9010402@adelphia.net...
> Kim W5TIT wrote:
> > "Larry Roll K3LT" <yodoc@aol.comnospam> wrote in message
> > news:20030711233936.23406.00000789@mb-m27.aol.com...
> >
> >>John:
> >>
> >>I agree that Morse code proficiency has nothing to do with speaking or
> >>typing -- but the ability to effectively employ the Morse/CW mode -- at
> >>speeds greater than 5 WPM -- will keep you communicating when conditions
> >>prevent you from communicating by voice or digital modes. You have done
> >>nothing but provide personal, anecdotal proof that reducing code testing
> >>requirements down to a mere 5 WPM maximum was NOT a good thing!
> >>
> >
> >
> > You know...the claim that CW "will keep you communicating when
conditions
> > prevent you from communicating by voice or digital modes" has been made
time
> > and time again. Time and time again there have been requests for proof
of
> > this claim. None has been provided.
> >
> > To state something does not make it so.
>
> You never watched Star Trek TNG, eh?
>
> - Mike KB3EIA -
>

heh heh. We should all take lessons from that saga!

Kim W5TIT

Posted via news://freenews.netfront.net
Complaints to news@netfront.net

1145. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 16:46:35 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bes2gphgs1@adenine.netfront.net>
Source record: 70941

"Bill Sohl" <billsohl@mindspring.com> wrote in message
news:beqkqglom1@slb5.atl.mindspring.net...
>
> "Larry Roll K3LT" <yodoc@aol.comnospam> wrote in message
> news:20030711233932.23406.00000786@mb-m27.aol.com...
> > In article <bel898$hl3$1@adenine.netfront.net>, "Kim W5TIT"
> > <fahgedit@nomail.net> writes:
> >
> > >So, it's your blatant disregard for the possibility that "future hams"
> will
> > >be quite interested in CW and will learn the mode just because they
> *WANTED*
> > >to and not because it was required? You didn't learn CW because you
> wanted
> > >to but because you had to. So, what're you gonna say to those who will
> > >obviously be a better ham than you because they learned CW out of
wanting
> > >to, not needing to?
> > >
> > >Kim W5TIT
> >
> > Well, Kim, if any show up, I'll be the first to congratulate them!
>
> Translation. I'm too lazy and noncommitted enough to CW
> to be an active recruitor to the mode....(IMHO of course :-)
>
> > However,
> > I hope you'll forgive me for not holding my breath in the meantime! You
> > see, I've become somewhat accustomed to the occasional whiff of oxygen!
> >
> > 73 de Larry, K3LT
>
> Yawn...
> Same old, same old.
> Cheers,
> Bill K2UNK
>

Behind the times, puritanical, obsessive, impressionable, blah, blah,
blah...

Kim W5TIT

Posted via news://freenews.netfront.net

Complaints to news@netfront.net

1146. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 16:49:34 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bes35d$hn9$1@adenine.netfront.net>
Source record: 70943

"Dick Carroll" <dickc58@att.net> wrote in message
news:3F10DD72.2D94F213@att.net...
>
>
> Bill Sohl wrote:
>
> > You
> > are (IMHO) clearly not up to the task of recruiting new hams
> > by proactively advocating CW use.
>
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>
> Just as I would have skipped learning the code if it hadn't been a
licensing
> requirement, too.
>
>

So, the only effort you are willing to expend is one which is forced upon
you?

Kim W5TIT

Posted via news://freenews.netfront.net
Complaints to news@netfront.net

1147. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 16:55:27 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bes3pb$i2r$1@adenine.netfront.net>
Source record: 70944

"Larry Roll K3LT" <yodoc@aol.comnospam> wrote in message
news:20030713015317.23406.00000813@mb-m27.aol.com...
> In article <bepacv$1fqm$1@adenine.netfront.net>, "Kim W5TIT"
> <fahgedit@nomail.net> writes:
>
> >> >So, what're you gonna say to those who will
> >> >obviously be a better ham than you because they learned CW out of
wanting
> >> >to, not needing to?
> >> >
> >> >Kim W5TIT
> >>
> >> Well, Kim, if any show up, I'll be the first to congratulate them!
> >However,
> >> I hope you'll forgive me for not holding my breath in the meantime!
You
> >> see, I've become somewhat accustomed to the occasional whiff of oxygen!
> >>
> >> 73 de Larry, K3LT
> >>
> >
> >Something tells me you don't have to worry about people looking for
congrats
> >from you, Larry.
> >
> >Kim W5TIT
>
> Kim:
>
> So be it. In any case, the coming generation of New Age, Dumbed-Down,
> No-Coder hams aren't likely to seeking any kudos from me on their CW
> skills. I would hope that any who learned the code and became proficient
> with it's use on-the-air, would do so for their own personal gratification
and
> to add that skill to their overall capability as a radio amateur. Of
course,
> that is a concept that you will naturally reject, out of the necessity of
your
> agenda to justify your own lack of useful communications skills. Don't
> worry -- our expectations of you are small.
>
> 73 de Larry, K3LT
>

Larry, I am so far ahead of you in terms of overall capability and contribution that you're a speck of dust in my rear view mirror.

Kim W5TIT

Posted via news://freenews.netfront.net
Complaints to news@netfront.net

1148. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 16:56:31 UTC
From: "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net>
Message-ID: <3bgQa.9734$Vx2.4148975@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com>
Source record: 70942

"Kim W5TIT" <fahgedit@nomail.net> wrote in message
news:bes237$hd5$1@adenine.netfront.net...
> "Arnie Macy" <kt4st@csam.net> wrote in message
> news:beqhj8$7qjph$1@ID-166180.news.uni-berlin.de...
> > "Kim W5TIT" wrote ...
> >
> > No doubt what started ham radio was an experiment using the best of
what
> > was around then. Perhaps you'd like to move into the most recent
century,
> > Dick. If ham radio were "invented" today, it would never even get near
> CW.
> >

> >
> > Or SSB, Kim.
> >
> > Arnie -
> > KT4ST
> >
> > "What Hath God Wrought?"
> >
> >
>
> Well, yeah. But my comments were specifically to Dick and were angled at
> his argument for CW. Heck, yeah. I think if ham radio were "invented"
> today, we'd pretty much need to be computer experts...
>
> Kim W5TIT

If radio were invented today, no amateur radio service would even be allowed
to exist. The governments would hog it all. They've already tried to take
it away more than once.

Dee D. Flint, N8UZE

1149. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 16:56:37 UTC
From: JJ <radiobuff0@mailcity.moc>
Message-ID: <3F118F45.9070504@mailcity.moc>
Source record: 71050

Dick Carroll wrote:
>
> JJ wrote:
>
>
>>Radio Amateur KC2HMZ wrote:
>>
>>
>>>I was monitoring a MARS net a few years back, that was being conducted
>>>in some rather lousy band conditions. One station tried to check into
>>>this net using CW because the ops couldn't get through to the NCS
>>>using SSB. The NCS told them that CW was not a valid operating mode
>>>for checking into a MARS net. Draw your own conclusions.
>>
>>I am curious as to why CW would not be a valid operating mode on a
>>MARS net.
>
>
> Basically because the Chief Mars appointed some years ago was a No-code tech. That
> tell
> you anything?

And you can support that statement by providing the call of the
operator and his license history, or is this just another of your
slams at the no-code techs to make yourself feel better?

1150. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 16:58:29 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bes4c4$i2r$2@adenine.netfront.net>
Source record: 70945

"Larry Roll K3LT" <yodoc@aol.comnospam> wrote in message
news:20030713015318.23406.00000814@mb-m27.aol.com...
> In article <bepan7$1g3v$1@adenine.netfront.net>, "Kim W5TIT"
> <fahgedit@nomail.net> writes:
>
> >
> >You know...the claim that CW "will keep you communicating when conditions
> >prevent you from communicating by voice or digital modes" has been made
time
> >and time again. Time and time again there have been requests for proof
of
> >this claim. None has been provided.
> >
> >To state something does not make it so.
> >
> >Kim W5TIT
>
> Kim, Dear, what kind of "proof" of this would you accept? You are not a
> CW operator, so you are not even qualified to judge any "proof" offered.
> Those of us who are proficient CW operators with adequate on-the-air
> experience have certainly had this fact proven to them to their
satisfaction,
> but a no-coder will always claim that it isn't proven simply because they
> have no way of discerning and analyzing the evidence, and they have an
> agenda which would cause them to deny the outcome. So please don't
> go demanding "proof" unless you're willing to place yourself in a position
> to be an objective, competent arbiter of any evidence offered.
>
> 73 de Larry, K3LT
>

Lip service, Larry. You couldn't even offer the contribution that N2EY
made. An excellent example, I might add. And, apparently you have no
proof--only your rhetorical blathering idiocy, as usual.

When you get as good as N2EY at knowing CW and examples of its tremendous
cabability, get back to us, won't you?

Kim W5TIT

Posted via news://freenews.netfront.net
Complaints to news@netfront.net

1151. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 17:00:12 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <besovm$vt9$1@adenine.netfront.net>
Source record: 70959

"Larry Roll K3LT" <yodoc@aol.comnospam> wrote in message
news:20030713015318.23406.00000815@mb-m27.aol.com...
> In article <s40ugv0e5c3ogqeqrt2c827ullhngbf3q9@4ax.com>, Radio Amateur
KC2HMZ
> <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net> writes:
>
> >On 12 Jul 2003 02:05:48 GMT, yodoc@aol.comnospam (Larry Roll K3LT)
> >wrote:
> >
> >>At the risk of sounding Kim-like, ROTFLMAO!!!
> >
> >Imitation is the sincerest form of flattery, Larry. I think you're in
> >love with her!
>
> Omigosh, I feel my dinner coming up...BIWBAPMGO!!!
> Damn, good thing I had that waste basket handy!
>
> >>Were it not for the occasional usefulness of the 2-meter band to
> >>"real" ham radio operators like you and me, I'd suggest that it be
> >>separated from the licensing structure and just be given away to
> >>anyone who can afford a transceiver. Of course, we've already gone
> >>most of the way to doing just that, and we still don't see any real
> >>growth in the numbers of licensed amateurs.
> >
> >Heckuva lot of growth in the number of no-code Techs, though. So if
> >the total number of hams hasn't increased, the number of hams with the
> >other classes of license must have decreased accordingly in order to
> >keep up. Or are guys reverse-upgrading to Technician nowadays?
>
> Funny thing is, most of the No-Code Techs in my club haven't upgraded
> yet, in spite of the meager 5 WPM code test requirement. What a bunch
> of maroons!
>
> 73 de Larry, K3LT
>

It might be that the only example of a real ham they have is you, Larry.
I'm not so sure I'd be upgrading real quick if it meant I was gonna be among
people like you. Thank goodness I've had better exposure.

Kim W5TIT

Posted via news://freenews.netfront.net
Complaints to news@netfront.net

1152. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 17:21:31 UTC
From: JJ <radiobuff0@mailcity.moc>
Message-ID: <3F11951B.9060303@mailcity.moc>
Source record: 71105

Dick Carroll wrote:

>
>
> If that's true it would seem reasonable that you would be aware that a ham who can
> operate a
> radiotelegraph station is better qualified than one who cannot. So why aren't youi?
>

I can operate a radiotelegraph station, so naturally I would be more qualified to operate such a station than someone who can't. I am not as proficient in operating a radiotelegraph station as others so what is the big deal about that? There are hams who are more qualified in moonbounce than I am, much more so since I have never operated moonbounce and don't have the equipment to do so. There are hams more better qualified to operated digital modes than I because I don't operate digital modes and don't have the equipment to, because I don't care to. I guess in your opinion that would make me an inferior ham. I am sure, no I know, there are hams more qualified in other areas of ham radio than you (although you probably would never admit it). It isn't about qualification, it is about your and Larry's superior attitude you take over others who don't agree with you on the use of CW or obtain the lofty license status you have, your disdain for those unwashed lowly no-code techs, or anyone who prefers to operate other modes over CW. There is room for all license classes in ham radio, room for all who choose to operate whatever mode they prefer and reject other modes. People get into ham radio for many different reasons. A ham who obtains an no-code license and that fills his requirements for operating ham radio and chooses never to upgrade is just as much a "real" ham as you. A ham that only operates phone and chooses never to operate CW is just as much a "real" ham as you, Larry, or anyone else who takes your superior attitude, it is just that you and Larry can't seem to get beyond you egos to see that.
What is youi?

1153. Re: The Day has come....

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 17:34:34 UTC
From: Jim Hampton <aa2qa@frontiernet.net>
Message-ID: <KKgQa.539$Ru6.207@news02.roc.ny>
Source record: 70946

Larry,

If you like, I might be able to sell you some nice ocean-front property in North Dakota :))

73 from Rochester, NY
Jim AA2QA
BTW, you'd be surprised how many young folks I've helped at work with computer problems (and I'm *not* an expert); also, learning Morse (and Baudot in the Navy - yes, we had to memorize the RTTY code!) makes it very easy to understand ASCII and other modes. You get used to the fact that mark and spaces can transfer information. Like languages, the first foreign language is the most difficult.

"Larry Roll K3LT" <yodoc@aol.comnospam> wrote in message news:20030713024809.23406.00000816@mb-m27.aol.com...
> Jim:
>
> How politically-incorrect of you to point this out! However, the NCTA's
> have, for years, made the claim that code testing was leading the ARS
> down the path of technical ignorance. Now that all that is going to go
> away soon, it will be very interesting, indeed, to learn of all the
wonderful
> new technical advances that will be wrought by the influx of computer-
> literate, technically-competent young people eager to join our ranks!
>
> Now, if you'll excuse me, I need to call a realtor and buy a nice piece
> of real estate in the Florida Everglades to build my retirement home.
>
> 73 de Larry, K3LT
>

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Version: 6.0.500 / Virus Database: 298 - Release Date: 7/10/03

1154. Re: Code a Deterrent to a Ham Ticket ??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 20:52:35 UTC
From: Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net>
Message-ID: <3F11C67C.9E89E625@att.net>
Source record: 70950

Brian Kelly wrote:

> Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net> wrote in message news:<3F109489.650122DA@att.net>...
> > N2EY wrote:
> >
> > >
> > > Visit the FCC ECFS system and see who actually filed comments on 03-104 (BPL).
> > > Particularly among the regulars here on rrap. I did, KB3EIA did...anybody else?
> >
> > I did, at least their website said I did! I didn't go back and go through all the
> > gyrations
> > later to see if it actually did show up there, but I did post my comments to the
> > EFCS page
>
> I didn't post any comments. First because I was all ate up by other
> matters and missed the deadline. But even if I had submitted a comment
> it would simply parrot a zillion other similar comments. What good
> would that do? The FCC is not conducting a referendum on BPL. I
> seriously doubt that a large number of comments by us weenie private
> citizens has anywhere as much effect on the FCC as do the the few
> professionally crafted comments submitted by the heavy hitters in the
> biz such as the ARRL and the IEEE. Imlay and Hare have a whole bunch
> more clout with the FCC than any of us have combined so I bought a
> $100 money order yesterday and it'll be on it's way to Newington
> tomorrow.

Prolly the better move. Actually I plan to wait until the lawsuit is filed-yep, after a close reading
of the filing of the United Power Line Council, which HQ is located no more than 3 blocks from the White House on Pennsylvania Ave, I truly believe this is a done deal, and the only way out will be
the route I lambasted last time ARRL did it- I think they'll have to sue theFCC over this one, if even that does any good.

1155. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 20:54:07 UTC
From: Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net>
Message-ID: <3F11C6D8.968CD12A@att.net>
Source record: 70951

"Carl R. Stevenson" wrote:

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>
> I rest my case

Your case was rested 25 years ago.

1156. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 20:55:17 UTC
From: Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net>
Message-ID: <3F11C71E.B1CB9CA2@att.net>
Source record: 70952

"Dee D. Flint" wrote:

> "Kim W5TIT" <fahgedit@nomail.net> wrote in message
> news:bes237$hd5$1@adenine.netfront.net...
> > "Arnie Macy" <kt4st@csam.net> wrote in message
> > news:beqhj8$7qjph$1@ID-166180.news.uni-berlin.de...
> > > "Kim W5TIT" wrote ...
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> > > No doubt what started ham radio was an experiment using the best of
> what
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> > > Dick. If ham radio were "invented" today, it would never even get near
> > CW.
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> > > Or SSB, Kim.
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> > > Arnie -
> > > KT4ST
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> > > "What Hath God Wrought?"
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> > Well, yeah. But my comments were specifically to Dick and were angled at
> > his argument for CW. Heck, yeah. I think if ham radio were "invented"
> > today, we'd pretty much need to be computer experts...
> >
> > Kim W5TIT
>
> If radio were invented today, no amateur radio service would even be allowed
> to exist. The governments would hog it all. They've already tried to take
> it away more than once.

Naw, the politically connected money would soon own the whole show.

1157. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 21:23:54 UTC
From: Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net>
Message-ID: <3F11CDD2.4CACCE9D@att.net>
Source record: 70953

JJ wrote:

> your statement of REAL radio operators is where I have
> a problem with the likes of you and Larry. You have this huge ego
> that unless every ham feels about code the way you do they are not
> real hams. That if they choose not to use code then they are the
> unwashed, the unclean. That is the problem I have with those like
> you and your attitude toward other hams of your "I am superior
> because I use CW" attitude.

What you have then is a problem understanding what is written. I've made it clear many times, whether it suits you or not, facts are facts- and the fact is that any ham who chooses to avoid learning to use radiotelgraphy is not a fully qualified ham.
So you don't like it put in such un-policacally correct terms. Tough stuff, Pal.
Ego has absolutely not a thing to do with it, and if you had half a clue you'd recognize that fact. Qualification and ability do. End of story. Over and out, good buddy.

1158. Re: Is There ANY Recourse re. FCC & Dropping CW?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 21:30:09 UTC
From: Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net>
Message-ID: <3F11CF4A.F4D5F94A@att.net>
Source record: 70955

Bill Sohl wrote:

>
> The tests are an entry gate

That's a crock and you should know it. The entry level tests are indeed an entry gate, as the name indicates. Or that's how it was set up and was intended to be. But you whiners
who want everything handed to you on a platter wouldn't let qualifications remain meaningful, so an overburdened, underfunded FCC was happy to start the big dumbdown which will continue until there's nothing left to destroy but what little is then left of our allocations. THEN we won't be much of a problem to the FCC, and they know it.

> ...not the final exam.

The Final Exam comes much later.

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> That has always been the case with ARS.

You continue to show how little you actually know about the ARS.

1159. Re: CW Requirement Abolished

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 22:47:58 UTC
From: Dan/W4NTI <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com>
Message-ID: <besnfd$a6k$1@slb2.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 70957

"Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net> wrote in message
news:w72Qa.9618$Vx2.4015585@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com...
>
> "Brian" <brianburke@juno.com> wrote in message
> news:f45722ac.0307090623.3fca4279@posting.google.com...
> > N2EY@AOL.COM (N2EY) wrote in message
> news:<c2356669.0307081338.7209a5cb@posting.google.com>...
> > > Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net> wrote in message
> news:<nipigv4r1n1c1879t1l4feut0kngr676br@4ax.com>...
> > > > On 7 Jul 2003 14:21:15 GMT, Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote:
> > > >
> > > > >We'll just have to think of something else to talk about. Besides,
> it's
> > > > >not over yet. The FCC will likely have multiple petitions to look
at.
> For
> > > > >example, what happens to Techs? Should they all get Tech+
privileges?
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> > > Seems completely obvious to me that they should.
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> If the US dispenses with the code test, Techs should get the same as the
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> written and should NOT get a free upgrade to Tech. It simply isn't
> appropriate. Novices have some HF privileges already anyway.
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> > [snip]
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> > > to let all hams have access to at least partial privileges on most ham
> > > bands, rather than continuing the artificial HF vs. VHF-UHF
> > > separation.
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> If they merge the Techs into the priveleges of Tech+, all license classes
> will have some HF privileges.
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> The simplest overall approach is to simply leave the rest of the classes
> alone except for dropping the code requirement. This requires the least
> amount of rule changes and paperwork changes.
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> Dee D. Flint, N8UZE

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Tech do not deserve ANY HF privlidges. If CW testing goes away then Tech should remain VHF ONLY. Tech + should be elliminated by attrition with no renawal available. In otherwords pass general or stay on ten meter phone and VHF only. Thats fair.

The present Novice bands need to be refarmed to either digital/cw or phone segements.

We only need THREE Classes license. VHF/ Basic HF/ Advanced HF.

Dan/W4NTI

1160. Re: Fight the BPL

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 22:49:50 UTC
From: Dan/W4NTI <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com>
Message-ID: <besniv$a45$1@slb3.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 70958

"N2EY" <n2ey@aol.com> wrote in message
news:20030712220142.21428.00001056@mb-m23.aol.com...
> In article <cuvyxnansvbet.hhtstnw.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>, "Phil
Kane"
> <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop> writes:
>
> >On Wed, 09 Jul 2003 22:05:55 -0400, Dave Holford wrote:
> >
> >>Maybe, but IIRC the FCC, along with the FAA, FEMA etc. etc. operate
> >>extensive HF communications systems. It seems unlikely that a source of
> >>such serious potential interference to their own communications would be
> >>authorized?
> >
> > But the top execs of the companies that want to do BPL are telling
> > the top execs of the agencies "we checked, there is no problem".
> >
> > "The Fix Is In."
>
> So what's the answer, Phil?
>
> I see one possiblity that may kill the whole idea. Will the service be
> competitive with DSL or cable modems? Around here, those two are at each
> other's throats price-wise, yet a lot of us still use dialup because it's
> cheaper. If BPL costs as much or more than DSL or cable, it's not gonna
fly for
> long.
>
> Remember Iridium?
> >
> > Sometimes I think that if it wasn't for the active hams who work at
> > those agencies and the input that they make, the brass wouldn't
> > have a clue about what happens in real life communications.
>
> And even with that input....
>
> > I know - I spent 28 years at the FCC....
> >
> mygawd...
>
> 73 de Jim, N2EY
>

What do you expect? Its a political office. From top to bottom. Only
Technical requirement is in the monitoring section. And damn few of them

left.

Dan/W4NTI

1161. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 23:14:39 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <besp4l$1006$1@adenine.netfront.net>
Source record: 70960

"JJ" <radiobuff0@mailcity.moc> wrote in message
news:3F112566.7050405@mailcity.moc...
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> Kim W5TIT wrote:
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> > I think some PCTAs are darned great people and I have no problem
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> > with them. I think some NCTAs are darned great people and I have no
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> > associating with them. Now, you Dick, as a PCTA? Well, Carl's
expression
> > above says it all.
> >
> > Kim W5TIT
>
> Larry and Dick are perfect examples of the elitist types of hams
> to whom a new or prospective ham attends a ham club meeting sees
> as an example of ham radio, and decides they don't want to have
> anything to do with ham radio.
>

Zeal is never a good thing.

Kim W5TIT

Posted via news://freenews.netfront.net
Complaints to news@netfront.net

1162. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 23:18:25 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bespbn$105c$1@adenine.netfront.net>
Source record: 70961

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"Dick Carroll" <dickc58@att.net> wrote in message
news:3F11C71E.B1CB9CA2@att.net...
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> "Dee D. Flint" wrote:
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> > "Kim W5TIT" <fahgedit@nomail.net> wrote in message
> > news:bes237$hd5$1@adenine.netfront.net...
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> > > > "Kim W5TIT" wrote ...
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allowed
> > to exist. The governments would hog it all. They've already tried to
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> > it away more than once.
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> Naw, the politically connected money would soon own the whole show.
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Dick, the huge chip on shoulder is filled with gangue green.

Kim W5TIT

Posted via news://freenews.netfront.net
Complaints to news@netfront.net

1163. Re: The Day has come....

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-13 23:21:27 UTC
From: Jim Hampton <aa2qa@frontiernet.net>
Message-ID: <XPlQa.555$Ko7.16@news02.roc.ny>
Source record: 70962

No one should be 'slowed down'. The problem, as I see it, is that the tests have been watered down and Q&A manuals published. Here in New York State, the regents math exam was thrown out as it was too difficult. Can you believe that one 'problem' was that they asked questions on geometry? I would, myself, consider that part of 'math'. The question, to me at least, is what should be tested for? I would certainly say safety - both DC/low frequency AC and RF. Obviously, basic antenna theory appears beyond some 'extra' class tickets. I believe you have stated in the past (and I could be wrong; I'm not going back through archives) about the new 'computer literate' youngsters. Perhaps a simple question such as 'program two different methods of sorting lists in two different computer languages' could prove your point. A fairly elementary problem. We aren't talking FFTs here (although I personally think this might be overkill). The question still remains - what should be tested for and how deep for various classes of licenses. For the record, I went back in 1993 after letting my tickets drop around 1981 or so (not sure of the exact year). In going after (and obtaining) my GROL, one of the examiners asked me about testing for the what-cha-macall-it. Some distant early warning emergency beacon testing thingy on board ship. I knew nothing about it. Do you know I missed that (I took it since it cost nothing more - I was charged by the session, not the tests) by exactly *ONE* question. The poor guy felt so sorry for me. I'd feel sorrier for the folks aboard ship had I passed and gotten a job as a radio officer aboard ship! Now, admitting that I knew *nothing* and failed by only *one* question, would you tend to believe that the test just *might* have been too easy? Heck, I wasn't even sure of the emergency channel (was it 150 something MHz?). We'll be in trouble if they ever lower the requirements for brain surgeons the way they've lowered the licensing requirements for radio operators. Just my personal opinion, of course, but I'd love to hear your side of this one. BTW folks, this is an interesting discussion and I'd appreciate it if no one flamed me nor Vshah101. Thanks :)

73 from Rochester and awaiting your reply,
Jim AA2QA

"Vshah101" <vshah101@aol.com> wrote in message
news:20030713090406.24752.00000268@mb-m01.aol.com...
> From: Mike Coslo mcoslo@adelphia.net
>
> >Those are some of the reasons I advocate a return to the waiting period
> >before advanced ticket upgrades.
>
> I disagree. A waiting period would be unfair. If the person has prepared
> themseleves well, they may well have the ability for the upgrade. Why slow
down

> someone that has the ability for the upgrade?
>
> > And I say that from personal experience. An Extra *should* be
> >essentially an expert in the ARS.
>
> Thats what the license should imply. Each licence upgrade should have
higher
> skill than the previous license
>
> Most of the clubs don't want to focus on technical skills. Most clubs
focus on
> contesting, antennas, and CW. Clubs could do homebrewing, tuning, radio
> direction finding, or other technical areas.
>
> >Oops, is that a "filter" or "hazing" like Morse code is?
> >
> > - Mike KB3EIA -
>
> <Morse> code is a bullying tactic to force this skill at the expense of
other
> skills. <Morse> code is not a "filter". It blocks entry to the General
class
> license. It is an irrelevant skill, used as an obstacle.
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1164. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 00:37:18 UTC
From: Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net>
Message-ID: <3F11FB26.33EF09BF@att.net>
Source record: 70963

JJ wrote:

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> as an example of ham radio, and decides they don't want to have
> anything to do with ham radio.

JJ you're about as dippy as they're made these days. One of us says he beleives that it's important for hams to learn to do morse code because it's a good, really simple and viable communications mode for hams, and suddenly you've got us all packaged up as ogres. You haven't a single clue, and you'r so far off that you have no clue that you have no clue. Probably a good thing, dipschitz like you, if intelligent, might be something of an annoyance. As it is you come in somewhere below a gnat.

1165. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 00:39:50 UTC
From: Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net>
Message-ID: <3F11FBBE.692E9DCF@att.net>
Source record: 70964

JJ wrote:

> Dick Carroll wrote:
> >
> > Bill Sohl wrote:
> >
> >
> >> You
> >>are (IMHO) clearly not up to the task of recruiting new hams
> >>by proactively advocating CW use.
> >
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> >
> > Just as I would have skipped learning the code if it hadn't been a licensing
> > requirement, too.
>
> Then what is your problem with the fact that some have a no-code
> license and possibly the code requirement will be dropped?
> Goodness, if code testing were not a requirement and you skipped
> learning the code, then you would not be a "real" ham.

Evidently you skipped code or you'd have some idea what ham radio would/will be without it. NO? no surprise, coming from you. That leaves you clueless, but we already knew that.

1166. Re: CW Requirement Abolished

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 00:42:48 UTC
From: Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net>
Message-ID: <3F11FC71.CBC5F5BA@att.net>
Source record: 70965

Dan/W4NTI wrote:

> "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net> wrote in message
> news:w72Qa.9618$Vx2.4015585@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com...
> >
> > "Brian" <brianburke@juno.com> wrote in message
> > news:f45722ac.0307090623.3fca4279@posting.google.com...
> > > N2EY@AOL.COM (N2EY) wrote in message
> > news:<c2356669.0307081338.7209a5cb@posting.google.com>...
> > > > Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net> wrote in message
> > news:<nipigv4r1n1c1879t1l4feut0kngr676br@4ax.com>...
> > > > > On 7 Jul 2003 14:21:15 GMT, Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote:
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> > amount of rule changes and paperwork changes.

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> > Dee D. Flint, N8UZE
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> Tech do not deserve ANY HF privlidges.

Unless I missed something, the Tech written includes NO information
on HF or HF operations, and FCC earlier stated that no HF privileges'
would be accorded to licensees who had not passed a written containing
material pertinent to their privileges.

Obviously today's FCC may have changed all that.

> If CW testing goes away then Tech
> should remain VHF ONLY. Tech + should be elliminated by attrition with no
> renawal available. In otherwords pass general or stay on ten meter phone
> and VHF only. Thats fair.
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> We only need THREE Classes license. VHF/ Basic HF/ Advanced HF.
>
> Dan/W4NTI

1167. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 01:01:43 UTC
From: Arnie Macy <kt4st@csam.net>
Message-ID: <besveg$8p5qo$1@ID-166180.news.uni-berlin.de>
Source record: 70981

"Carl R. Stevenson" wrote in part ...

Simply stating the facts as perceived in terms of the membership's views.
This is NOT NCI's issue though ... though, as I have said over and over, I
personally would hate to see the digital/CW sub-bands overrun by SSB.

Your position as to Digital/CW subands is well documented, Carl. I was
simply quoting the "official" reply comments of NCI to the NPRM. It seems
pretty clear that, in general, they will be very soft on this issue. Maybe,
with your influence, you could convince them otherwise.

Arnie -
KT4ST

1168. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 01:05:54 UTC
From: Arnie Macy <kt4st@csam.net>
Message-ID: <besvmb$8l42r$1@ID-166180.news.uni-berlin.de>
Source record: 70982

"Kim W5TIT" wrote ...

Absolutely! Although signal fires may be pretty hazardous...heh heh

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Well, Kim. We'll just make sure that we are all wearing our proximity gear
:-))

Arnie -

1169. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 01:09:43 UTC
From: "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net>
Message-ID: <rpnQa.9803$Vx2.4221193@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com>
Source record: 70983

"Radio Amateur KC2HMZ" <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net> wrote in message
news:rt11hvcjlk98e503jte5l9bjogjdj7vfsm@4ax.com...
> On Sun, 13 Jul 2003 02:42:30 -0400, "Arnie Macy" <kt4st@csam.net>
> wrote:
>
>
> > At this year's Field Day, our two little CW ops out
> >performed (in contacts per hour) our SSB friends by ten to one on the
same
> >band during the exact same period of time. Now I realize that you were
not
> >talking about CW vs SSB, but the analogy is still interesting, huh? Why
do
> >you think that happened, Carl? (hint: I'm sure it had nothing to do with
> >poor band conditions)
>
> There are other possible explanations for this other than mode
> selection. That could also happen because the CW guys were "running"
> QSOs while the phone guys were hunting and pouncing. It could also be
> because the CW ops were simply more experienced contesters and, for
> all we know, could have also outdone the SSB guys by ten to one on SSB
> as well.
>
> OTOH, you could be right.... :-)
>
> 73 DE John, KC2HMZ

Studying the propagation before, during, and after the contest indicated
that the best results would occur on CW. The experience of our club bore
that out. Our SSB stations tried both tactics, i.e. camping on a frequency
to run stations and hunting and pouncing. Productivity was quite low on
SSB. It picked up the second afternoon but was not good. Our CW stations
also used both tactics and produced a high number of QSOs both ways
throughout the event.

I operated both SSB and CW modes for our club. Despite the fact that I am
NOT an experienced CW contester and that my CW ability is rather weak, even
I made far more contacts on CW even though I spent much more time on SSB.

Dee D. Flint, N8UZE

1170. Re: The Day has come....

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 01:15:58 UTC
From: "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net>
Message-ID: <ivnQa.9804$Vx2.4221542@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com>
Source record: 70984

"Radio Amateur KC2HMZ" <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net> wrote in message
news:3p21hvcr42l5i268l2jflj64cia19dvpng@4ax.com...
> On 13 Jul 2003 05:53:13 GMT, yodoc@aol.comnospam (Larry Roll K3LT)
> wrote:
>
> Moral of the story: as is the case with fishing, your success rate is
> largely determined by what you use for bait. We're using the wrong
> bait. Our success rate at attracting new hams is the documentary
> evidence, and we've ignored it long enough.
>
>

Since the number of hams is growing FASTER than the general population, our current system IS working and we are using the right "bait." All you have to do is check the statistics that have been published several times on this newsgroup. So the documentary evidence supports the conclusion that we are already doing the right things.

Dee D. Flint, N8UZE

1171. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 01:19:38 UTC
From: "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net>
Message-ID: <KynQa.9806$Vx2.4222322@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com>
Source record: 71000

"Radio Amateur KC2HMZ" <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net> wrote in message
news:f671hv05cclu3vhj1bsao1c9bu289en9h8@4ax.com...
> Not sure what a "maroon" is, although from the tone I imagine its
> something derogatory.

The Bugs Bunny character in the Warner Bros. cartoons used this in lieu of "moron." So in the context in which it was used, it is indeed a put-down.

Dee D. Flint, N8UZE

1172. Re: The Day has come....

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 01:21:35 UTC
From: vshah101@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030713212135.26805.00000271@mb-m18.aol.com>
Source record: 71002

From: yodoc@aol.comnospam (Larry Roll K3LT)

>However, the NCTA's
>have, for years, made the claim that code testing was leading the ARS
>down the path of technical ignorance.

The Technician class license does not require passing a code test. Removing the code test entirely, therefore, should have no effect on technical skills.

1173. Re: CW Requirement Abolished

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 01:26:15 UTC
From: "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net>
Message-ID: <XEnQa.9808$Vx2.4223283@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com>
Source record: 71003

"Dick Carroll" <dickc58@att.net> wrote in message
news:3F11FC71.CBC5F5BA@att.net...
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> Unless I missed something, the Tech written includes NO information
> on HF or HF operations, and FCC earlier stated that no HF privileges'
> would be accorded to licensees who had not passed a written containing
> material pertinent to their privileges.
>
> Obviously today's FCC may have changed all that.
>

Since Techs may currently earn HF privileges by passing a morse test, there are indeed HF questions on the Tech written. Get a copy of the current "Now You're Talking" and read it and the question pool. The old Tech+ operators and the current Tech with code certification get some voice on 10 meters and some CW on 10 meters, 15 meters, 40 meters, and 80 meters.

Dee D. Flint, N8UZE

1174. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 01:28:32 UTC
From: Arnie Macy <kt4st@csam.net>
Message-ID: <bet10p$8lhff$1@ID-166180.news.uni-berlin.de>
Source record: 71004

"Carl R. Stevenson" wrote ...

You asked me if I thought that Morse was "obsolete." For other than recreational use, I think that's largely so. Does that mean I want to ban/limit/restrict its use? No, of course not. And yes, the conversation/debate here has ALWAYS been about the TEST, and that's what all the fuss has been about. Some CW enthusiasts believe that the sky will fall if Morse testing is dropped. (More like they will have to share "their" bands with more folks and they will have to do their own "recruiting" of new Morse fans to ensure that they continue to have someone to communicate with in that mode as the actuarial tables take their toll on existing, code-using hams ... and I am NOT trying to "rush along" any OTs, just talking "facts of life" when I mention actuarial tables.) Another factor is that SOME folks (Dick, Larry, and others, actually BELIEVE that their Morse proficiency makes them "REAL HAMS" and that those who are not interested in, or proficient in, Morse are in some way "lesser beings." Morse is "obsolete" in the following way: It has been supplanted, in virtually every service except ham radio (where it has been maintained as a "tradition," "hazing ritual," etc.), by more modern, efficient, reliable, and convenient means of communications. (horse vs. car or airplane, for example) So, in that sense, it is obsolete (in practical terms on an overall basis), though it does live on (and I expect will for a very long time) as an avocation on a recreational basis.

First, please answer my question -- Is CW as efficient a mode as SSB? You went off on your diatribe about testing and got lost in the 50's (so to speak) As to the usefulness of Morse, it still is and will be for a long time to come, as a mode for recreational *and* emergency communications use. (your jaded unsupported specious opinion notwithstanding)

Speaking of obsolete, there's your buddy -- good old SSB -- a mode which has been (borrowing your words) "supplanted, in virtually every service except ham radio ... by more modern, efficient, reliable, and convenient means of communications." and *I* (wink) think it should be retired as soon as possible and we should stop using SSB for EMComm immediately -- I mean after all, it is just about as ancient as it gets in communication terms, right? Why use that ancient old SSB when I can hop on the Internet or bring up VTC or digital and get through faster and farther.

Arnie -
KT4ST

1175. Re: Code a Deterrent to a Ham Ticket ??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 01:33:27 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
Message-ID: <3F12088C.8060407@adelphia.net>
Source record: 71005

Dee D. Flint wrote:
> "Bill Sohl" <billsohl@mindspring.com> wrote in message
> news:beqmpo$bo4$1@slb6.atl.mindspring.net...
>
>>"Guessing" <Guessing@connectnet.net> wrote in message
>>news:kTWPa.1427$Bd5.928@fed1read01...
>>
>>>"Alun Palmer" <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote in message
>>>news:Xns93B67B0FCD2E0elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4...
>>>
>>>>"Guessing" <Guessing@connectnet.net> wrote in
>>>>news:bXVPa.1425$Bd5.445@fed1read01:
>>>
>>>Ask a lawyer about that one. Hey I
>>>want to be a BSEE, why do I have to take History classes ????
>>
>>You don't have to take history classes in some schools
>>to get a BSEE.
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>
> Broaden the category to Socio-Humanistic electives or whatever equivalent
> term that your college uses and you will find that you do have to take a
> certain amount of them. And everyone regardless of major has to take
> English even though they should already be proficient at that before they
> get there. You have to take quite a few "unnecessary" courses in college to
> get a degree in any field.

Unless you are a "non-traditional student" at old PSU, you have to take Physical Education classes. My son is taking Karate this semester, as a required course.

It has no bearing on his eventual carreer, yet he may elect to not take it, and not graduate. He has to take some history, to and there are plenty of other classes that have a questionable relevence to his eventual carreer.

Even the Electrical engineers have to take these classes.

The idea is actually sound, as it helps produce a more well rounded individual. It also takes into account that a person may not have the same "core competencies" their entire career. A narrowly focused education may prepare a person for a carreer that eventually dissapears.

- Mike KB3EIA -

1176. Re: The Day has come....

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 01:35:20 UTC
From: vshah101@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030713213520.26805.00000272@mb-m18.aol.com>
Source record: 71006

From: yodoc@aol.comnospam (Larry Roll K3LT)

>>It's the "I'm better than you" attitude that is ruining the hobby. People
>>like Larry and Steve, are old and want the CW to stay, as a "hazing" thing.
>
>Lloyd:
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>Actually, it's the "I couldn't be bothered to become as good as you" attitude
>which is ruining our hobby.

I would be willing to improve my skills in homebrewing, troubleshooting, APRS, VHF, direction finding, and other technical areas. However, the Hams in every club, of the several I've been to, are not interested in those areas.

Its not a lack of resources. Its that Hams don't want to. My local club even has a Network Analyzer and a dedicated shack with radio setps, parts, cables, soldering iron, etc. They have the resources to do the technical activities. They just chose not to do that and to do contesting, antenna setups, and CW.

And its not that I can't be bothered. I would actively contribute in those areas, if other Hams joined me.

>Well, then, once you get your No-Code Extra, we will all be looking forward
>to all those amazing technical advances you will personnaly create for the
>benefit of the ARS!

Perhaps a change in attitude would benefit the ARS. Hams should have more than just a limited view of contesting, antennas, and CW. If Hams wanted to become good in many different areas, the ARS would benefit.

>However, since the
>NCTA has always claimed that code testing was standing in the way of
>technical progress in amateur radio

Technical progress is not so much a goal as improving the skills of radio amateurs.

1177. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 01:42:49 UTC
From: "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net>
Message-ID: <tUnQa.9816$Vx2.4225954@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com>
Source record: 71007

"Radio Amateur KC2HMZ" <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net> wrote in message
news:8pc1hv4u52i23viufaqbrgmolh65j47qm6@4ax.com...
> On Sun, 13 Jul 2003 11:49:34 -0500, "Kim W5TIT" <fahgedit@nomail.net>
> wrote:
>
> > Then, having been duly forced - completely against his will - he
> actually began to like it...so the story goes. Next we'll be hearing
> that women secretly enjoy being raped.
>

Not a valid comparison. It is more like making a child geometry or English Literature or history. These things are considered part of a basic education even though the child might not like it at the time. Later in life, they may find that this introduction led them to an area that interests them as an adult that they end up pursuing as a career.

It is more like the cases where I've talked to friends about music. Several had piano lessons as children. Many of them did not like them as a kid. However, as adults, they always make one of the following comments: a) I'm glad my parents didn't let me quit piano OR b) I wish my parents hadn't let me quit piano. None of the ones who quit were glad that they had quit. All of the ones who had continued were glad that they had done so.

Any physical skill must be practiced to a basic level of ability before a person can properly evaluate their own interest in it let alone its worth to other people.

Dee D. Flint, N8UZE

1178. Re: Code a Deterrent to a Ham Ticket ??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 01:44:51 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
Message-ID: <3F120B39.5010906@adelphia.net>
Source record: 71008

Brian Kelly wrote:
> Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net> wrote in message news:<3F109489.650122DA@att.net>...
>
>>N2EY wrote:
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>>
>>>Visit the FCC ECFS system and see who actually filed comments on 03-104 (BPL).
>>>Particularly among the regulars here on rrap. I did, KB3EIA did...anybody else?
>>
>>I did, at least their website said I did! I didn't go back and go through all the
>>gyrations
>>later to see if it actually did show up there, but I did post my comments to the
>>EFCS page
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>
> I didn't post any comments. First because I was all ate up by other
> matters and missed the deadline. But even if I had submitted a comment
> it would simply parrot a zillion other similar comments. What good
> would that do? The FCC is not conducting a referendum on BPL. I
> seriously doubt that a large number of comments by us weenie private
> citizens has anywhere as much effect on the FCC as do the the few
> professionally crafted comments submitted by the heavy hitters in the
> biz such as the ARRL and the IEEE. Imlay and Hare have a whole bunch
> more clout with the FCC than any of us have combined so I bought a
> $100 money order yesterday and it'll be on it's way to Newington
> tomorrow.

I know what you mean Brian, but on this I had to make my opinion known.
This is such a stupid idea that just begs to be skewered.

- Mike KB3EIA -

1179. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 01:47:23 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
Message-ID: <3F120BD1.4070307@adelphia.net>
Source record: 71009

Dee D. Flint wrote:
> "Kim W5TIT" <fahgedit@nomail.net> wrote in message
> news:bes237$hd5$1@adenine.netfront.net...
>
>>"Arnie Macy" <kt4st@csam.net> wrote in message
>>news:beqhj8$7qjph$1@ID-166180.news.uni-berlin.de...
>>
>>>"Kim W5TIT" wrote ...
>>>
>>> No doubt what started ham radio was an experiment using the best of
>>
> what
>
>>>was around then. Perhaps you'd like to move into the most recent
>>
> century,
>
>>>Dick. If ham radio were "invented" today, it would never even get near
>>
>>CW.
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> --
>
>>>Or SSB, Kim.
>>>
>>>Arnie -
>>>KT4ST
>>>
>>>"What Hath God Wrought?"
>>>
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>>
>>Well, yeah. But my comments were specifically to Dick and were angled at
>>his argument for CW. Heck, yeah. I think if ham radio were "invented"
>>today, we'd pretty much need to be computer experts...
>>
>>Kim W5TIT
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>
> If radio were invented today, no amateur radio service would even be allowed
> to exist. The governments would hog it all. They've already tried to take
> it away more than once.

Mostly at Radio's early beginning. 200 Meters and Down is a must read.

- Mike KB3EIA -

1180. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 01:51:31 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
Message-ID: <3F120CC9.7070405@adelphia.net>
Source record: 71010

JJ wrote:
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> Kim W5TIT wrote:
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>> I think some PCTAs are darned great people and I have no problem
>> associating
>> with them. I think some NCTAs are darned great people and I have no
>> problem
>> associating with them. Now, you Dick, as a PCTA? Well, Carl's
>> expression
>> above says it all.
>>
>> Kim W5TIT
>
>
> Larry and Dick are perfect examples of the elitist types of hams to whom
> a new or prospective ham attends a ham club meeting sees as an example
> of ham radio, and decides they don't want to have anything to do with
> ham radio.

Gee, you guys are sensitive! Both Larry and Dick are very outspoken,
and I have disagreed with both of them at times. So What??? I like them
both.

Who the heck say everyone has to agree with everyone else?

- Mike KB3EIA -

1181. Re: The Day has come....

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 01:56:34 UTC
From: "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net>
Message-ID: <m5oQa.9817$Vx2.4227913@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com>
Source record: 71012

"Vshah101" <vshah101@aol.com> wrote in message
news:20030713213520.26805.00000272@mb-m18.aol.com...
> From: yodoc@aol.comnospam (Larry Roll K3LT)
>
> I would be willing to improve my skills in homebrewing, troubleshooting,
APRS,
> VHF, direction finding, and other technical areas. However, the Hams in
every
> club, of the several I've been to, are not interested in those areas.
>
> Its not a lack of resources. Its that Hams don't want to. My local club
even
> has a Network Analyzer and a dedicated shack with radio setps, parts,
cables,
> soldering iron, etc. They have the resources to do the technical
activities.
> They just chose not to do that and to do contesting, antenna setups, and
CW.
>
> And its not that I can't be bothered. I would actively contribute in those
> areas, if other Hams joined me.

What's stopping you from doing it on your own with the club resources?
That's why the material is there and books are available. If people saw you
working on it, some would join you. Remember the earliest hams HAD to work
it out on their own.

Our club members have a variety of interests. However we may have only one
or two individuals interested in a particular area. Out of a membership of
150 or so we only have about 5 contesters if you include the casual
participants. We only have two people interested in satellites. We have
about a dozen or so who regularly participate in community service
functions. And so on. No one faults another member if he/she doesn't share
an interest in the same aspects of radio.

Dee D. Flint, N8UZE

1182. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 01:59:15 UTC
From: "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net>
Message-ID: <T7oQa.9818$Vx2.4228296@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com>
Source record: 71014

"Mike Coslo" <mcoslo@adelphia.net> wrote in message
news:3F120BD1.4070307@adelphia.net...
> Dee D. Flint wrote:
> > If radio were invented today, no amateur radio service would even be
allowed
> > to exist. The governments would hog it all. They've already tried to
take
> > it away more than once.
>
> Mostly at Radio's early beginning. 200 Meters and Down is a must read.

Yup, it's a great book. I'm just glad that the ARRL has seen fit to finally reissue it. I borrowed a copy from the club library years ago and have been looking to purchase one ever since.

However, while the government is no longer trying to banish us, they still keep trying to get our frequencies. If carried to the ultimate end, this would accomplish the same thing.

Dee D. Flint, N8UZE

1183. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 01:59:36 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
Message-ID: <3F120EAE.8080601@adelphia.net>
Source record: 71013

JJ wrote:
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> Kim W5TIT wrote:
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>> I think some PCTAs are darned great people and I have no problem
>> associating
>> with them. I think some NCTAs are darned great people and I have no
>> problem
>> associating with them. Now, you Dick, as a PCTA? Well, Carl's
>> expression
>> above says it all.
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>> Kim W5TIT
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>
> Larry and Dick are perfect examples of the elitist types of hams to whom
> a new or prospective ham attends a ham club meeting sees as an example
> of ham radio, and decides they don't want to have anything to do with
> ham radio.

Hey JJ, you have a real name and maybe a callsign? Or are you just here
from the cb group doing a little trolling?

- Mike KB3EIA -

1184. Re: The Day has come....

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 02:01:53 UTC
From: vshah101@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030713220153.26805.00000275@mb-m18.aol.com>
Source record: 71016

From: yodoc@aol.comnospam (Larry Roll K3LT)

>>Well some coders refuse to learn the technical material.
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>Vipul:
>
>If that is so, then they can't be hams, because they never would have
>passed the theory part of the written tests, would they?

With the current written test, they would not have to actually learn the
material to pass the written test.

>Naturally, this overlooks the fact that virtually every technical advance
>created within the ARS has traditionally been achieved by hams who
>also met the existing licensing requirements

Thats probably not true today. I see the exact opposite in the clubs I've been
to. The Hams that focus on contesting and CW are the ones that dislike the
technical topics. Ask them about contesting, and they will show interest. Then
tell them about a Homebrew project, APRS, direction finding, or other technical
area and they are not interested in that.

>Unfortunately for you, your circumscription of Morse code proficiency as a
>"worthless pursuit" is no more than a highly subjective and flagrantly
>self-serving evaluation made by a person with no qualification to render
>such a judgment.

I know a Communications Theory Proffessor that worked in the Comm theory field
for many years, and has an Amateur Radio license. No mention of Morse code as a
useful Communications mode in the class.

>I challenge you to provide some documentary evidence
>that knowledge of the Morse code is somehow detrimental to the "image"
>of amateur radio operators.

Here is one example where its bad for image of the individual Amateur Radio
operator. Mention to spouse, relatives, or friends that you got an upgrade to
your license class from passing a Morse code test and its likely that they
would say something about you spending too much time in a worthless pursuit.

Here is one example where its bad for image of the ARS. I mentioned that I had
a Ham radio license to someone. He asked me if they still used Morse code. He
also said its obsolete and even the military does not use it.

>The proof
>is your own admission that you cannot use the Morse code. If you could,
>you may have an entirely different perspective.

Once you learn Morse code above a certain speed, you cannot forget it. I don't want to permanantly remember code. Then even if I don't like it, I'm stuck with it.

>actual experience has shown that new hams who come
>into the ARS under relaxed licensing standards tend to be less technically
>involved than ever

I am very willing to do my part on technical projects. I even put an ad for it. I got only two responses. After a lack of resources, I couldn't continue it. If more people were interested, then I would be willing to put in the time and effort to get some of these projects going.

> The concept of "Elmering" has transmuted from
...<snipped middle of this sentence>...
>to simply showing the New Age No-Code Tech which button
>to push to make his HT work.

My local club got some additional funds. They used it to get an HF radio to get more people operating with CW. They said this was part of them "advancing the radio art". The same club members posed for a Homebrewing photo, which they advertise as current. I asked many of the people in the photo if they liked homebrewing. None of them did. Seems like the photo is a little dis-honest.

1185. Re: The Day has come....

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 02:13:24 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
Message-ID: <3F1211EA.6060303@adelphia.net>
Source record: 71018

Vshah101 wrote:
> From: Mike Coslo mcoslo@adelphia.net
>
>
>>Those are some of the reasons I advocate a return to the waiting period
>>before advanced ticket upgrades.
>
>
> I disagree. A waiting period would be unfair. If the person has prepared
> themseleves well, they may well have the ability for the upgrade. Why slow down
> someone that has the ability for the upgrade?

Perhaps you are not aware of it, but there is a LOT more to the ARS
than just the test for each level. When I was unlicensed, I could have
studied for and passed the Extra exam. But I wouldn't have been much of
an extra.

It is simlar in some ways to driving a car You could read a lot of
information about driving a car, but nothing makes you a good driver
like experience behind the wheel.

>
>> And I say that from personal experience. An Extra *should* be
>>essentially an expert in the ARS.

Sure. Assuming that the prospective amateur gets some more experience.

> Thats what the license should imply. Each licence upgrade should have higher
> skill than the previous license
>
> Most of the clubs don't want to focus on technical skills. Most clubs focus on
> contesting, antennas, and CW. Clubs could do homebrewing, tuning, radio
> direction finding, or other technical areas.

You do have a one track mind, eh? We've been through that one enough.

>
>>Oops, is that a "filter" or "hazing" like Morse code is?
>>
>> - Mike KB3EIA -
>
> <Morse> code is a bullying tactic to force this skill at the expense of other
> skills. <Morse> code is not a "filter". It blocks entry to the General class
> license. It is an irrelevant skill, used as an obstacle.

My sympathy.

- Mike KB3EIA -

1186. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 02:17:08 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
Message-ID: <3F1212CA.50103@adelphia.net>
Source record: 71019

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JJ wrote:
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> Dick Carroll wrote:
>
>> JJ you really don't need to display yourself as a code illiterate,
>> just because
>> you're
>> irritated that someone would actually advocate using it on the air.
>> You don't have
>> to.
>> But you can't seem to help yourself. If you've never observed radio
>> operators - REAL
>>
>> radio operators, using code in a very efficient way, that's just your
>> loss. No need
>> for you to
>> act so stupid over it.
>>
>> Some people can, others "just don't want to". You can be one of those
>> if you wish.
>
>
> First, I am not code illiterate, I can operate code if I choose to.
> Second, your statement of REAL radio operators is where I have a problem
> with the likes of you and Larry.

What is your callsign, JJ?

- Mike KB3EIA -
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1187. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 02:20:44 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
Message-ID: <3F12139E.7080803@adelphia.net>
Source record: 71020

Larry Roll K3LT wrote:
> In article <yhRPa.202$lL.24571@nnrp1.ptd.net>, "Carl R. Stevenson"
> <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> writes:
>
>
>>Dick,
>>
>>If find your comparison of yourself (and Larry) to Forest Gump
>>to be most appropriate :-) "Stupid is as stupid does." was the
>>saying from the movie ... and while I don't actually think either
>>you or Larry actually ARE stupid, you both certainly ACT that
>>way.
>>
>>Carl - wk3c
>
>
> Carl:
>
> If the fact that Dick and I support the concept of retaining code proficiency
> testing in order to be able to possess a unique and highly effective radio
> communications skill is being "stupid," then I must plead guilty. Keep in
> mind that Mr. Gump was a war hero, a successful businessman, and a
> keen investor who became a multi-millionaire. I should be so "stupid!"

Not to mention, it is unfortunate that some people choose to denigrate
those who have a lower IQ. (you mat substitute disgusting for
unfortunate if you like)

- Mike KB3EIA -

1188. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 02:30:43 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
Message-ID: <3F1215F6.2010103@adelphia.net>
Source record: 71021

Carl R. Stevenson wrote:
> "Arnie Macy" <kt4st@csam.net> wrote in message
> news:beqim9$7vao5$1@ID-166180.news.uni-berlin.de...
>
>>"Carl R. Stevenson" wrote ...
>>
>> If find your comparison of yourself (and Larry) to Forest Gump to be most
>>appropriate :-) "Stupid is as stupid does." was the saying from the movie
>>... and while I don't actually think either you or Larry actually ARE
>>stupid, you both certainly ACT that way.
>>
>
> _____
>
>>And when did you become the expert on who and who is not intelligent,
>
> Carl?
>
>>Arnie -
>>KT4ST
>
>
> Arnie,
>
> I was voicing my opinion of the way that Dick, Larry, and a few others ACT.
> You will note that I said I didn't actually think they ARE stupid ... but
> that they
> ACT that way (IMHO).

Too bad you decided to do a diss on a person who had a mental handicap.
(and who wasn't stupid)

I was brought up not to make fun of the handicapped. YMMV.

- Mike KB3EIA -

1189. Re: The Day has come....

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 02:36:42 UTC
From: "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net>
Message-ID: <_GoQa.9824$Vx2.4233633@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com>
Source record: 71023

"Vshah101" <vshah101@aol.com> wrote in message
news:20030713220153.26805.00000275@mb-m18.aol.com...
> From: yodoc@aol.comnospam (Larry Roll K3LT)
>
> Here is one example where its bad for image of the ARS. I mentioned that I
had
> a Ham radio license to someone. He asked me if they still used Morse code.
He
> also said its obsolete and even the military does not use it.

Just shows how ignorant he is. Special Forces still learn it and use it as
they may need to operate low power and be stealthy.

> Once you learn Morse code above a certain speed, you cannot forget it. I
don't
> want to permanantly remember code. Then even if I don't like it, I'm stuck
with
> it.
>

Specious argument. At 5wpm, it's easy to forget after the test. Even
though higher speeds do lead to permanently remembering it, it's hardly in
the forefront of the brain. It recedes to the background to lie dormant
until wanted or needed. The effect is nearly the same as forgetting since
it will not resurface until triggered by use.

> I am very willing to do my part on technical projects. I even put an ad
for it.
> I got only two responses. After a lack of resources, I couldn't continue
it. If
> more people were interested, then I would be willing to put in the time
and
> effort to get some of these projects going.

Two is plenty for a first effort. You should have continued. Every journey
begins with the first step. In my areas of interest, I will work with
whoever is interested even if it is only one person.

Dee D. Flint, N8UZE

1190. Re: So what do we call them?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 02:37:21 UTC
From: "Clair J. Robinson" <cjr@visi.com>
Message-ID: <3F121761.A12329A2@visi.com>
Source record: 71022
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.dx

K0HB wrote:
>
> "Clair J. Robinson" <cjr@visi.com> wrote
>
> > Why not just Channels 1 through 5. What does the "E" mean?
> >
> > 73, CJ K0CJ
>
> Hi CJ,
>
> Fancy meeting you here. Since the frequencies were finagled in large
> part based on "E"mergency communications needs, I thought "E" would
> serve is a sort of subliminal reminder of one of our charter functions
> under 97.1.
>
> 73, de Hans, K0HB

Hi Hans -

I lurk a lot.

CJ

1191. Picard vs Kirk, was Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 02:43:15 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
Message-ID: <3F1218DC.2080309@adelphia.net>
Source record: 71024

Radio Amateur KC2HMZ wrote:
> On Sun, 13 Jul 2003 03:38:46 GMT, Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
> wrote:
>
>
>>Kim W5TIT wrote:
>>
>>>To state something does not make it so.
>>
>>You never watched Star Trek TNG, eh?
>
>
> I believe what Captain Picard said was, "Wishing for a thing does not
> make it so."

He might have. What I was thinking about was his habit of dispensing orders with a "make it so" command.

Yaknow, we could really P***s off some people by bringing in a Star Trek thread here. Anyone game?

I'll start.

Was Picard a No-coder, or would he have known Morse?

Was Kirk a no coder, or would he have know Morse?

I say Picard knew Morse code, because of a combined respect for history, and a desire to communicate in extremis if need be.

Kirk was a no coder, because of, well just because. 8^)

- Mike KB3EIA -

1192. Re: CW Requirement Abolished

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 02:43:47 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bet5cr$1bsg$1@adenine.netfront.net>
Source record: 71025

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"Dan/W4NTI" <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com> wrote in message
news:besnfd$a6k$1@slb2.atl.mindspring.net...
>
> "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net> wrote in message
> news:w72Qa.9618$Vx2.4015585@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com...
> >
> > "Brian" <brianburke@juno.com> wrote in message
> > news:f45722ac.0307090623.3fca4279@posting.google.com...
> > > N2EY@AOL.COM (N2EY) wrote in message
> > news:<c2356669.0307081338.7209a5cb@posting.google.com>...
> > > > Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net> wrote in message
> > news:<nipigv4r1n1c1879t1l4feut0kngr676br@4ax.com>...
> > > > > On 7 Jul 2003 14:21:15 GMT, Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com>
wrote:
> > > > >
> > > > > >We'll just have to think of something else to talk about.
Besides,
> > it's
> > > > > >not over yet. The FCC will likely have multiple petitions to look
> at.
> > For
> > > > > >example, what happens to Techs? Should they all get Tech+
> privileges?
> > > >
> > > > Seems completely obvious to me that they should.
> > >
> > Ditto Novices
> >
> > If the US dispenses with the code test, Techs should get the same as the
> > Tech+ as that would be the simplest and most appropriate change.
> >
> > Novices should stay exactly as they are now. They haven't passed the
Tech
> > written and should NOT get a free upgrade to Tech. It simply isn't
> > appropriate. Novices have some HF privileges already anyway.
> >
> > > [snip]
> > > > Seems to me that in a nocodetest future it would make much more
sense
> > > > to let all hams have access to at least partial privileges on most
ham
> > > > bands, rather than continuing the artificial HF vs. VHF-UHF
> > > > separation.
> >
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> > If they merge the Techs into the priveleges of Tech+, all license
classes
> > will have some HF privileges.
> >
> > The simplest overall approach is to simply leave the rest of the classes
> > alone except for dropping the code requirement. This requires the least
> > amount of rule changes and paperwork changes.
> >
> > Dee D. Flint, N8UZE
> >
>
> Tech do not deserve ANY HF privlidges. If CW testing goes away then Tech
> should remain VHF ONLY. Tech + should be elliminated by attrition with no
> renawal available. In otherwords pass general or stay on ten meter phone
> and VHF only. Thats fair.
>

Dan, your angst aside, OK? No class of license should be "eliminated by attrition with no renewal available" as that person met the requirements at the time of licensing. Unless amateur radio is done away with altogether, no one should lose their privilege of ham radio.

Kim W5TIT

Posted via news://freenews.netfront.net
Complaints to news@netfront.net

1193. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 02:46:35 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
Message-ID: <3F1219B1.2030903@adelphia.net>
Source record: 71027

Radio Amateur KC2HMZ wrote:
> On Sun, 13 Jul 2003 11:49:34 -0500, "Kim W5TIT" <fahgedit@nomail.net>
> wrote:
>
>
>>"Dick Carroll" <dickc58@att.net> wrote in message
>>news:3F10DD72.2D94F213@att.net...
>
>
>>>Just as I would have skipped learning the code if it hadn't been a
>>
>>licensing
>>
>>>requirement, too.
>>
>
>>So, the only effort you are willing to expend is one which is forced upon
>>you?
>
>
> Then, having been duly forced - completely against his will - he
> actually began to like it...so the story goes. Next we'll be hearing
> that women secretly enjoy being raped.

Aww, John, that's really, really, really bad form! 8^(

That is so much out of context and a terrible comparison.

- Mike KB3EIA -

> Seriously, though, he had an option. Unless somebody forced him to get
> a ham license.....
>
> 73 DE John, KC2HMZ
>

1194. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 02:49:08 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bet5mq$1c31$1@adenine.netfront.net>
Source record: 71026

"Radio Amateur KC2HMZ" <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net> wrote in message
news:tfv0hvcb3hnih05rnt0dmgg2covroa8isj@4ax.com...
> On Sun, 13 Jul 2003 11:49:34 -0500, "Kim W5TIT" <fahgedit@nomail.net>
> wrote:
>
> >"Dick Carroll" <dickc58@att.net> wrote in message
> >news:3F10DD72.2D94F213@att.net...
>
> >> Just as I would have skipped learning the code if it hadn't been a
> >licensing
> >> requirement, too.
>
> >
> >So, the only effort you are willing to expend is one which is forced upon
> >you?
>
> Then, having been duly forced - completely against his will - he
> actually began to like it...so the story goes. Next we'll be hearing
> that women secretly enjoy being raped.
>
> Seriously, though, he had an option. Unless somebody forced him to get
> a ham license.....
>
> 73 DE John, KC2HMZ
>

Well, you're right. We aren't "forced" to pass an exam for a ham license.
However, that's been hotly debated in this newsgroup many times also ;)

And, Dick knows what I meant by my comment. I cannot believe he says he
would not have learned CW if it had not been a testing requirement!

Kim W5TIT

Posted via news://freenews.netfront.net
Complaints to news@netfront.net

1195. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 02:55:38 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bet630$1cf9$1@adenine.netfront.net>
Source record: 71028

"Radio Amateur KC2HMZ" <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net> wrote in message
news:f671hv05cclu3vhj1bsao1c9bu289en9h8@4ax.com...
> On 13 Jul 2003 05:53:18 GMT, yodoc@aol.comnospam (Larry Roll K3LT)
> wrote:
>
>
> >Funny thing is, most of the No-Code Techs in my club haven't upgraded
> >yet, in spite of the meager 5 WPM code test requirement. What a bunch
> >of maroons!
>
> Not sure what a "maroon" is, although from the tone I imagine its
> something derogatory. BTW, which club is that, so I can send a copy of
> your post to the newsletter editor and enlighten the membership as to
> what your opinion is of them?
>

ROFLMAO!!!! ^5

Kim W5TIT

Posted via news://freenews.netfront.net
Complaints to news@netfront.net

1196. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 03:09:29 UTC
From: Bill Sohl <billsohl@mindspring.com>
Message-ID: <bet7ev$2st$1@slb6.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 71033

"Dick Carroll" <dickc58@att.net> wrote in message
news:3F115DD2.A12D424B@att.net...
>
>
> Bill Sohl wrote:
>
> > "Dick Carroll" <dickc58@att.net> wrote in message
> > news:3F10DD72.2D94F213@att.net...
> > >
> > >
> > > Bill Sohl wrote:
> > >
> > > > You
> > > > are (IMHO) clearly not up to the task of recruiting new hams
> > > > by proactively advocating CW use.
> > >
> > > Just as I would have skipped learning the code if it hadn't been a
> > > licensing requirement, too.
> >
> > So much for your advocacy of morse to new hams.
> > You made my point.
>
> Bill you have been quite consistant about missing the entire point. When
there is no
> code test
> most hams won't learn Morse code.

So what? The objective then, if morse is to continue as a
mode of somewhat prevalent use is for YOU, Larry
and others to RECRUIT new hams to the joys and benefits
of morse that you so consistently profess. It's that simple!

> I know that taxes you not a bit, so that means that you don't
> care whether or not hams will be losing it as a viable mode.

Do I care, no more than I do if the game of golf was gone
forever or hundreds of other things that others think is
great BUT do not ask for a governmental support system
to do the recruiting. If morse has the value you keep
preaching then there will be new users...maybe not as many
as YOU would want,but morse ain't gonna go way as
I see it. As long as there's one DX country running CW
only there will be new hams learning and using morse.

> Which shows how shortsighted you
> are, right along with the rest of NCI.

In your opinionany way...

> And yes, FCC too.

That's your problem then...take it up with Bill Cross, et al
then. I'm sure they'll appreciate your commentary on how
shortsighted they are.

> Of course they have far bigger fish to fry
> than to worry about a trivial detail involving the ARS.

Translation...I (Dick) won't waste my time with the FCC
but rather I'll just keep complaining here in RRAP.

> The least time they must
> spend on ARS issues the better for them, whatever the end result.

Ditto my last.

Cheers,
Bill K2UNK

1197. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 03:09:29 UTC
From: JJ <radiobuff0@mailcity.moc>
Message-ID: <3F121EE9.1010804@mailcity.moc>
Source record: 71052

Dick Carroll wrote:

>
>
> JJ it's just another minor rrap irritant that you're another dipshit who spouts off
> without
> having a hint of a clue. No problem,we've had plenty of them here on rrap to date.
> You and Kim fit really well together.

Now I know I am getting under your skin when you resort to the
childish vulgar name calling. Good!

>
> Oh, don't think just because you try to be anonymous that no one can find out who
> you are. That's been tried here before. If I was interested at all I'd already know.
> I'm not, but some others will probably be.

So who am I?

1198. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 03:11:28 UTC
From: JJ <radiobuff0@mailcity.moc>
Message-ID: <3F121F60.9080103@mailcity.moc>
Source record: 71053

Kim W5TIT wrote:

>
> And, so once you "find out" who JJ is, Dick, what would you be doing with
> that? You're making veiled threats now, are you?
>
> Kim W5TIT

He's gonna come punch me in the nose with his CW key.

1199. Re: So what do we call them?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 03:12:49 UTC
From: Hank Oredson <horedson@att.net>
Message-ID: <RcpQa.53624$0v4.3655857@bgtnsc04-news.ops.worldnet.att.net>
Source record: 71030
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.dx

"Clair J. Robinson" <cjr@visi.com> wrote in message
news:3F121761.A12329A2@visi.com...
> K0HB wrote:
> >
> > "Clair J. Robinson" <cjr@visi.com> wrote
> >
> > > Why not just Channels 1 through 5. What does the "E" mean?
> > >
> > > 73, CJ K0CJ
> >
> > Hi CJ,
> >
> > Fancy meeting you here. Since the frequencies were finagled in large
> > part based on "E"mergency communications needs, I thought "E" would
> > serve is a sort of subliminal reminder of one of our charter functions
> > under 97.1.
> >
> > 73, de Hans, K0HB
>
> Hi Hans -
>
> I lurk a lot.
>
> CJ

Sounds like something from Monty Python: "Sir Lurkalot" :-)

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... Hank

Hank: http://horedson.home.att.net
W0RLI: http://w0rli.home.att.net

1200. Re: The Day has come....

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 03:14:10 UTC
From: JJ <radiobuff0@mailcity.moc>
Message-ID: <3F122002.3080009@mailcity.moc>
Source record: 71054

Carl R. Stevenson wrote:
> "William H. O'Hara, III" <whoohara@yahoo.com> wrote in message
> news:Xns93B81D03906FAX2A3DA5M1512AODKAMO@65.100.3.61...
>
>>
>>I had thought pilots DID. Does Anyone know?
>
>
> The Morse IDs on radionav beacons send so slow
> that it's easy to write down "dots" and "dashes" and
> use a laminated "cheat sheet" to decode the ID and
> make sure it's the beacon you want.
>
> Carl - wk3c

And the sectional charts have the dots and dashes printed next to
the beacons so anyone without knowledge of Morse can decode the id.

1201. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 03:15:05 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bet77g$1ds9$1@adenine.netfront.net>
Source record: 71031

"Radio Amateur KC2HMZ" <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net> wrote in message
news:ec71hv8ahlq568rc23q6l2acrl8nfe85uq@4ax.com...
>
> Kim - excellent post, I'm impressed.
>

I'd rather you not be impressed, but thanks! EmCom was my passion once I realized it was a part of ham radio. I've recently put the torch down (about a year ago), but I worked at the emergency communication level in one way or another pretty much shortly after becoming a ham. I was a mentor in the ARRL's ARECC Course for about 4-5 classes at all levels. I worked a little on the development of the classes, but there was such a myriad of contributors on that, that I pretty much just kept an eye on what was happening there.

I've also been involved in emergency operations and procedures before ever being a ham, so it was a natural avocation.

[SNIP OF GREAT STUFF]

>
> I was monitoring a MARS net a few years back, that was being conducted
> in some rather lousy band conditions. One station tried to check into
> this net using CW because the ops couldn't get through to the NCS
> using SSB. The NCS told them that CW was not a valid operating mode
> for checking into a MARS net. Draw your own conclusions.
>

When I was in Navy MARS, that has happened on nets. I used to be net control for our Navy MARS here in the NE Texas area, NNN0YCD. I haven't listened to or been on a MARS net in so long....

>
> Not necessarily. A CW net can be established for the purpose of moving
> health and welfare traffic in and out of the affected area on HF,
> while tactical communications for establishing shelters and doing
> damage assessment are done on VHF FM. Obviously, the folks working VHF
> FM don't need to know shinola about CW. They do, however, need to know
> how to behave in a directed net, among other things.
>

It concerns me that my post may have seemed to isolate CW as a non-essential in emergency/disaster communication. I did not mean to make it seem so, if I did.

> >
> >In today's emergency/disaster communication "market" the CW

> >skill is little recognized and certainly not used in many circumstances.
>
> Nevertheless, as both you and Arnie have already pointed out in this
> NG, one should not discount any available means of communication.
>

Absolutely! As an ARES EC for a short time, and having designed and trained in an "independent" emergency communication group that we were trying to get going, we had all skills involved and CW is most certainly a needed skill!

I'll have to try and comment more later in the week when it's not time to get to sleep!

Kim W5TIT

Posted via news://freenews.netfront.net
Complaints to news@netfront.net

1202. Re: The Day has come....

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 03:15:16 UTC
From: JJ <radiobuff0@mailcity.moc>
Message-ID: <3F122044.3070307@mailcity.moc>
Source record: 71055

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Dick Carroll wrote:
>
> "Carl R. Stevenson" wrote:
>
>
>>"William H. O'Hara, III" <whoohara@yahoo.com> wrote in message
>>news:Xns93B81D03906FAX2A3DA5M1512AODKAMO@65.100.3.61...
>>
>>>
>>>I had thought pilots DID. Does Anyone know?
>>
>>The Morse IDs on radionav beacons send so slow
>>that it's easy to write down "dots" and "dashes" and
>>use a laminated "cheat sheet" to decode the ID and
>>make sure it's the beacon you want.
>
>
> ..while you fly the plane into a mountain

Come to reality Dickie, most pilots cannot copy code except to
look at the dots and dashes on the sectional chart.

>
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1203. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 03:24:54 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bet7pt$1e9b$1@adenine.netfront.net>
Source record: 71034

"Mike Coslo" <mcoslo@adelphia.net> wrote in message
news:3F1212CA.50103@adelphia.net...
> JJ wrote:
> >
> >
> > Dick Carroll wrote:
> >
> >> JJ you really don't need to display yourself as a code illiterate,
> >> just because
> >> you're
> >> irritated that someone would actually advocate using it on the air.
> >> You don't have
> >> to.
> >> But you can't seem to help yourself. If you've never observed radio
> >> operators - REAL
> >>
> >> radio operators, using code in a very efficient way, that's just your
> >> loss. No need
> >> for you to
> >> act so stupid over it.
> >>
> >> Some people can, others "just don't want to". You can be one of those
> >> if you wish.
> >
> >
> > First, I am not code illiterate, I can operate code if I choose to.
> > Second, your statement of REAL radio operators is where I have a problem
> > with the likes of you and Larry.
>
> What is your callsign, JJ?
>
> - Mike KB3EIA -
>

JJ, you must be hitting a nerve.

Kim W5TIT

Posted via news://freenews.netfront.net
Complaints to news@netfront.net

1204. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 03:25:59 UTC
From: Bill Sohl <billsohl@mindspring.com>
Message-ID: <bet82b$a69$1@slb6.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 71036

"Arnie Macy" <kt4st@csam.net> wrote in message
news:bequ66$85dbf$1@ID-166180.news.uni-berlin.de...
> "Bill Sohl" responded to N2EY who said ...
>
> "Sure. The idea behind that one is that you don't need the code test as an
> entry "barrier" or "filter", because ANY test will do that. IOW, don't
worry
> about ham radio being overrun by "bad apples" because the mere presence of
> any test will stop 99% of people... At least, that's how I read it."
>
> Thanks Jim, nice to know some folks can read and comprehend rather than
> taking things out of context.
> ____
>
> And you really believe that, Bill? *ANY* test will keep out 99% of the
bad
> apples. Hmmmmm -- I suspect a lot of wishful thinking on your part.

My comment is not specific to only "bad apples." We have had "bad
apples" even when we had 13 wpm Generals.

Cheers,
Bill K2UNK

1205. Re: Code a Deterrent to a Ham Ticket ??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 03:27:36 UTC
From: Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93B7EE9C2CCA1elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>
Source record: 71035

Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net> wrote in
news:3F10C9C7.2070605@adelphia.net:

> Alun Palmer wrote:
>> "Guessing" <Guessing@connectnet.net> wrote in
>> news:bXVPa.1425$Bd5.445@fed1read01:
>>
>>
>>>I still maintain it is all a matter of achieve or cop out. Make
>>>excuses or meet a challenge.
>>>And you are correct "Code aptitude and IQ are completely unrelated" So
>>>much for the "Engineer copout"
>>>
>>>It has nothing to do whether you or I like or dislike the code.
>>
>>
>> I disagree. If someone doesn't like CW, why on earth should they be
>> forced to train as a CW operator to get accesss to phone frequencies?
>> This is a hobby.
>>
>>
>>>It has nothing to do with "Antiquated technology"
>>
>>
>> I don't think CW can match PSK or TOR, so it is somewhat antiquated,
>> IMHO
>
> Well, Alun, what say we just get rid of all the "antiquated"
> technologies? Our anonymous friend is right.
>

No. although I'm glad spark isn't allowed!

>
>>
>>>It has nothing to do with "I'll never use code"
>>
>>
>> On the contrary. I don't use code, so why did I have to learn to use
>> it?
>
> You don't have to learn anything you don't want to learn.
>

On the contrary, I had to learn code to get HF phone. It certainly wasn't
done willingly

>>>It has everything to do with "Want HF Ham Ticket -- Pass the Test "(at
>>>the moment) If dropped is all OK with me. Times and requirements
>>>change as they should.
>>>
>>
>> So you have no trouble with the oncoming changes, then?
>
> I do. A Celebration of Entropy
>

All systems tend to maximise entropy. You must know that.

>
>>>Black and white -- yep sure is -- society, government, et al make it
>>>that way. Don't Drink and Drive, 3 strikes you are outta here -- Pass
>>>the Test -- pretty black and white to me.
>>>
>>
>>
>> So you don't beleive anyone should try to change any of the rules?
>>
>>
>>>As for > > Anyone who used the code as an excuse for not becoming a
>>>ham, just
>>>
>>>>>wasn't serious about it.
>>>>
>>>>An unsupported assertion, and untrue
>>>
>>>I have talked with hundreds and I mean hundreds of folks and VE's over
>>>the years and here are the copouts.
>>>
>>>I don't have time. The most common one. VE's here have found that 15
>>>min a day EVERY day practice and in a month --90%+ pass the code test
>>>BUT the other 10% spend all night on the boob tube.
>>>
>>
>>
>> Usually that is just an excuse, I agree. My XYL uses it all the time!
>>
>>
>>>I'll never use code. (You may never have to parallel park either) (if
>>>they still require that)
>>>
>>
>>
>> No, that one is valid.
>>
>>

>>>I can't take tests (Has Drivers License and a BSEE)
>>>
>>>Its a lot easier to get on CB
>>>
>>>Its too expensive (has $1000 computer, can't afford a Swan 350 at
>>>$250)
>>>
>>
>>
>> That one makes me smile too
>
> That Swan should be outa the picture. It's antiquated technology.
>

It has it's place, if it is available for a low enough price

>
>>>Its so illogical (so is a job interview at times)
>>>
>>>Notice I didn't even mention whether I am a Ham or not -- Tech
>>>no-code or Extra ---pro or anti-code -- cause that ain't got nothing
>>>to do with -- PASS THE TEST
>>>
>>>
>>>"Alun Palmer" <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote in message
>>>news:Xns93B5E7473C4B8elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4...
>>>
>>>>"Guessing" <Guessing@connectnet.net> wrote in
>>>>news:QWCPa.913$Bd5.644@fed1read01:
>>>>
>>>>
>>>>>Someone squawked
>>>>>As an engineer myself, I can verfiy that lots of engineers have
>>>>>told me exactly that. Whether they would get a licence once code
>>>>>testing is abolished might be another matter.
>>>>>
>>>>Nonsense and a big copout
>>>>
>>>>It happens to be the truth, whether you like it or not
>>>>
>>>>
>>>>If you want a BS/MS/PHD Degree -- pass the tests
>>>>Want a driver license -- take a test
>>>>Want a job - take a drug test and physical exam and perhaps a
>>>>professional test
>>>>Want insurance -- take a physical exam
>>>>Want to be an apprentice (JourneyPerson) -- take the test
>>>>Want to advance in the Military -- take the test
>>>>Pass the Bar (Legal that is) Pass Da Test
>>>>Nurses CPR for sure and maybe ACLS Tests
>>>>Sobriety Test -- Try to dodge this one

>>>>>et al tests
>>>>>Want an HF Ham license -- take the code and Technical/Rules et al
>>>>>test
>>>>
>>>>Code won't be included in that for much longer. I assume that since
>>>>you just say 'take the test' about everything, that you must have no
>>>>problem with that. I certainly don't!
>>>>
>>>>
>>>>>Otherwise we have CB and FRS. And one who listens on these bands
>>>>>ought to be totally inspired to get a Ham Ticket !!!
>>>>>
>>>>>Simple as that.
>>>>>
>>>>
>>>>You live in a 'black and white' world, don't you?
>>>>
>>>>
>>>>>Anyone who used the code as an excuse for not becoming a ham, just
>>>>>wasn't serious about it.
>>>>>
>>>>
>>>>An unsupported assertion, and untrue
>>>>
>>>>
>>>>>If 10 to 17 year olds can do it, why can't an engineer or any other
>>>>>college grad ???
>>>>>
>>>>
>>>>Code aptitude and IQ are completely unrelated
>>>>
>>>>
>>>>>Did any of those "Engineers" get a No-Code Tech license ??
>>>>
>>>>Yes, I did (although I did code eventually)
>>>>
>>>>
>>>>>Didn't think so !!
>>>>>
>>>>>
>>>>>
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>>>
>>
>
>

1206. Re: Code a Deterrent to a Ham Ticket ??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 03:29:51 UTC
From: Bill Sohl <billsohl@mindspring.com>
Message-ID: <bet89j$551$1@slb6.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 71038

"Radio Amateur KC2HMZ" <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net> wrote in message
news:ei51hvki2j58uejh8sibtpuakui10kmipj@4ax.com...
> On Sun, 13 Jul 2003 00:19:01 -0400, "Bill Sohl"
> <billsohl@mindspring.com> wrote:
>
> >> Ask a lawyer about that one. Hey I
> >> want to be a BSEE, why do I have to take History classes ????
> > >
> > >You don't have to take history classes in some schools
> > >to get a BSEE.
> >
> > Correct...but, in my opinion, still misses one major point, namely
> > that an amateur radio license and a BSEE are entirely different.

Agree.

> A BSEE is a degree awarded at the *end* of an academic pursuit for the
> purpose of recognizing successful completion thereof and to certify
> that the recipient has acquired significant knowledge in the field. By
> the time you get a BSEE, you're supposed to have forgotten more about
> electrical engineering than most people have ever learned. It'll get
> you a decent job even if you bluffed your way through and really don't
> know shinola. It's supposedly proof of an accomplishment, that being a
> well-rounded education, with particular emphasis in a specialized
> field. That's why most (not all) institutes of higher learning require
> classes in things like history, literature, and other stuff that would
> seem unrelated.

Well said...Agree 100%

> If I were Larry Roll, I'd lament that I've seen so many people with
> college degrees that still couldn't fill out a job application
> properly, that the requirements for a college degree must have been
> seriously dumbed down over the past thirty years, but I'm not, so I
> won't. Nevertheless, I have worked with people who held engineering
> degrees yet could not compose a coherent memo for circulation in their
> own department.

Sad but true. I have encountered the same thing with folks
that hold PHD's too... academically brilliant in their own
environment but don't let them near a customer.

> An amateur radio license is a document awarded at the *beginning* of
> one's participation in the hobby for the purpose of granting operating
> privileges and to certify that the recipient has demonstrated entry
> level knowledge at the class of license thus received. It won't get

> you a job bagging groceries. As for the accomplishments, those come
> afterward when you actually start to make use of the privileges the
> license conveys by putting Qs in your logbook. It is not, and is not
> intended to be, comparable to a college degree...no matter how much
> some people would like it to be so.

Agree again.

Cheers,
Bill K2UNK

1207. Re: Code a Deterrent to a Ham Ticket ??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 03:32:06 UTC
From: Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93B7EF604DBA7elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>
Source record: 71037

"Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net> wrote in
news:PSbQa.9695$Vx2.4103647@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com:

>
> "Bill Sohl" <billsohl@mindspring.com> wrote in message
> news:beqmpo$bo4$1@slb6.atl.mindspring.net...
>>
>> "Guessing" <Guessing@connectnet.net> wrote in message
>> news:kTWPa.1427$Bd5.928@fed1read01...
>> >
>> > "Alun Palmer" <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote in message
>> > news:Xns93B67B0FCD2E0elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4...
>> > > "Guessing" <Guessing@connectnet.net> wrote in
>> > > news:bXVPa.1425$Bd5.445@fed1read01:
>> >
>> > Ask a lawyer about that one. Hey I want to be a BSEE, why do I have
>> > to take History classes ????
>>
>> You don't have to take history classes in some schools
>> to get a BSEE.
>>
>
> Broaden the category to Socio-Humanistic electives or whatever
> equivalent term that your college uses and you will find that you do
> have to take a certain amount of them. And everyone regardless of
> major has to take English even though they should already be proficient
> at that before they get there. You have to take quite a few
> "unnecessary" courses in college to get a degree in any field.
>
> Dee D. Flint, N8UZE
>
>

I'm against that too. BTW, I got my EE degree in England, and you don't
have to go through any of that wholly irrelevant stuff. No English, no
social studies of any kind, no chemistry (which I understand is oftem
required over here).

1208. Re: Code a Deterrent to a Ham Ticket ??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 03:32:14 UTC
From: Bill Sohl <billsohl@mindspring.com>
Message-ID: <bet8e4$776$1@slb4.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 71040

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"Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net> wrote in message
news:PSbQa.9695$Vx2.4103647@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com...
>
> "Bill Sohl" <billsohl@mindspring.com> wrote in message
> news:beqmpo$bo4$1@slb6.atl.mindspring.net...
> >
> > "Guessing" <Guessing@connectnet.net> wrote in message
> > news:kTWPa.1427$Bd5.928@fed1read01...
> > >
> > > "Alun Palmer" <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote in message
> > > news:Xns93B67B0FCD2E0elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4...
> > > > "Guessing" <Guessing@connectnet.net> wrote in
> > > > news:bXVPa.1425$Bd5.445@fed1read01:
> > >
> > > Ask a lawyer about that one. Hey I
> > > want to be a BSEE, why do I have to take History classes ????
> >
> > You don't have to take history classes in some schools
> > to get a BSEE.
> >
>
> Broaden the category to Socio-Humanistic electives or whatever equivalent
> term that your college uses and you will find that you do have to take a
> certain amount of them. And everyone regardless of major has to take
> English even though they should already be proficient at that before they
> get there. You have to take quite a few "unnecessary" courses in college
to
> get a degree in any field.
>
> Dee D. Flint, N8UZE

Go read John KC2HMZ's post vis-a-vis the difference
between a graduation certificate and a ham license...or
many other licenses for that matter.

Cheers,
Bill K2UNK
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1209. Re: Code a Deterrent to a Ham Ticket ??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 03:33:28 UTC
From: Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93B7EF9B9A68Aelektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>
Source record: 71039

Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net> wrote in
news:3F12088C.8060407@adelphia.net:

> Dee D. Flint wrote:
>> "Bill Sohl" <billsohl@mindspring.com> wrote in message
>> news:beqmpo$bo4$1@slb6.atl.mindspring.net...
>>
>>>"Guessing" <Guessing@connectnet.net> wrote in message
>>>news:kTWPa.1427$Bd5.928@fed1read01...
>>>
>>>>"Alun Palmer" <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote in message
>>>>news:Xns93B67B0FCD2E0elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4...
>>>>
>>>>>"Guessing" <Guessing@connectnet.net> wrote in
>>>>>news:bXVPa.1425$Bd5.445@fed1read01:
>>>>
>>>>Ask a lawyer about that one. Hey I want to be a BSEE, why do I have
>>>>to take History classes ????
>>>
>>>You don't have to take history classes in some schools
>>>to get a BSEE.
>>>
>>
>>
>> Broaden the category to Socio-Humanistic electives or whatever
>> equivalent term that your college uses and you will find that you do
>> have to take a certain amount of them. And everyone regardless of
>> major has to take English even though they should already be
>> proficient at that before they get there. You have to take quite a
>> few "unnecessary" courses in college to get a degree in any field.
>
> Unless you are a "non-traditional student" at old PSU, you have to
> take
> Physical Education classes. My son is taking Karate this semester, as a
> required course.
>
> It has no bearing on his eventual carreer, yet he may elect to not
> take
> it, and not graduate. He has to take some history, to and there are
> plenty of other classes that have a questionable relevence to his
> eventual carreer.
>
> Even the Electrical engineers have to take these classes.
>

> The idea is actually sound, as it helps produce a more well
> rounded
> individual. It also takes into account that a person may not have the
> same "core competencies" their entire career. A narrowly focused
> education may prepare a person for a carreer that eventually
> dissapears.
>
> - Mike KB3EIA -
>
>

I might have known that you would think it was a good idea - I don't

1210. Re: Is There ANY Recourse re. FCC & Dropping CW?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 03:37:37 UTC
From: Bill Sohl <billsohl@mindspring.com>
Message-ID: <bet8o6ial1@slb6.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 71041

"Dick Carroll" <dickc58@att.net> wrote in message
news:3F11CF4A.F4D5F94A@att.net...
>
>
> Bill Sohl wrote:
>
> >
> > The tests are an entry gate
>
> That's a crock and you should know it. The entry level tests are indeed an
entry
> gate, as the name indicates. Or that's how it was set up and was intended
to be. But
> you whiners
> who want everything handed to you on a platter wouldn't let qualifications
remain
> meaningful, so an overburdened, underfunded FCC was happy to start the big
dumbdown
> which will continue until there's nothing left to destroy but what little
is then
> left of our allocations. THEN we won't be much of a problem to the FCC,
and they know
> it.
>
>
> > ...not the final exam.
>
> The Final Exam comes much later.

Guess my Part 97 document doesn't include the section on
ham radio final exams. Please copy us all on where to find it Dick.

> > That has always been the case with ARS.
>
> You continue to show how little you actually know about the ARS.

Strange, even my 1957 ARRL handbook doesn't mention
anything about how and where to take a ham radio final exam.

Cheers,
Bill K2UNK

1211. Re: The Day has come....

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 04:09:31 UTC
From: "William H. O'Hara, III" <whoohara@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93B81D03906FAX2A3DA5M1512AODKAMO@65.100.3.61>
Source record: 71043

>> a Ham radio license to someone. He asked me if they still
>> also said its obsolete and even the military does not use
> Just shows how ignorant he is. Special Forces still learn
> it and use it as they may need to operate low power and be
> stealthy.

Doesn't this seem like an immature comment? They
have manuals on operating pack trains. They have
manuals on all sorts of things. Do you think that
a SF op actually read the manual on constructing
railways?

I don't think that all SF op's get CW training.
They are generally cross-trained in many things,
but I don't think every Green Beret gets CW.
Your generalization about SF is bunk as now
the Marines are considered 1st cousins to the
Berets. :) Do they have to learn CW?

I had thought pilots DID. Does Anyone know?

When was the last time that you used PSK31?

How come everyone always says that all the other
radios will fail and the spark radio will still
be working? What happened to SF op's carrying
sat rigs in addition to HF rigs? Which one
do you think they use the most? I think that they
use their third rig for lo/hi VHF and UHF communications
on AM with the birds flying overhead. So you let
me know if pilots still know CW and receive their
grid coords flawlessly on first try from morse.

bill

I'm still working on the code, so make sure
to flame me. Yet, did you answer my questions?
Or are you just a troll?

1212. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 04:21:28 UTC
From: Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net>
Message-ID: <3F122FB1.569C5C86@att.net>
Source record: 71044

JJ wrote:

> Dick Carroll wrote:
> >
> > JJ wrote:
> >
> >
> >>Dick Carroll wrote:
> >>
> >>>Bill Sohl wrote:
> >>>
> >>>
> >>>
> >>>>You
> >>>>are (IMHO) clearly not up to the task of recruiting new hams
> >>>>by proactively advocating CW use.
> >>>
> >>>
> >>>
> >>>
> >>>Just as I would have skipped learning the code if it hadn't been a licensing
> >>>requirement, too.
> >>
> >>Then what is your problem with the fact that some have a no-code
> >>license and possibly the code requirement will be dropped?
> >>Goodness, if code testing were not a requirement and you skipped
> >>learning the code, then you would not be a "real" ham.
> >
> >
> > Evidently you skipped code or you'd have some idea what ham radio would/will
> > be without it. NO? no surprise, coming from you. That leaves you clueless, but we
> > already knew that.
>
> Hate to burst you bubble Dickie, but I sat in front of an FCC
> examiner in the Dallas office and took my code test.

If that's true it would seem reasonable that you would be aware that a ham who can
operate a
radiotelegraph station is better qualified than one who cannot. So why aren't youi?

1213. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 04:26:44 UTC
From: Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net>
Message-ID: <3F1230EB.2C9E9B7E@att.net>
Source record: 71045

"Dee D. Flint" wrote:

> "Mike Coslo" <mcoslo@adelphia.net> wrote in message
> news:3F120BD1.4070307@adelphia.net...
> > Dee D. Flint wrote:
> > > If radio were invented today, no amateur radio service would even be
> allowed
> > > to exist. The governments would hog it all. They've already tried to
> take
> > > it away more than once.
> >
> > Mostly at Radio's early beginning. 200 Meters and Down is a must read.
>
> Yup, it's a great book. I'm just glad that the ARRL has seen fit to finally
> reissue it. I borrowed a copy from the club library years ago and have been
> looking to purchase one ever since.
>
> However, while the government is no longer trying to banish us, they still
> keep trying to get our frequencies. If carried to the ultimate end, this
> would accomplish the same thing.

And the less the qualification required to become a ham, the closer they are to being
fully
justified to just dumping us on whatever sliver of spectrum the commercials don'te
want at
the moment. Until the time comes that no one with any sense would be bothered with it

and at that point it's just another version of CB. From that point it becomes an
academic
exercise to watch it completely fade away, replaced by the internet and a few FRS
style
HT's. Oh, ARRL will still be there waving the flag and yelling Gung Ho! over the few
dweebs
remaining.

1214. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 04:27:54 UTC
From: Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net>
Message-ID: <3F123133.60100DC6@att.net>
Source record: 71046

JJ wrote:

> Radio Amateur KC2HMZ wrote:
>
> >
> > I was monitoring a MARS net a few years back, that was being conducted
> > in some rather lousy band conditions. One station tried to check into
> > this net using CW because the ops couldn't get through to the NCS
> > using SSB. The NCS told them that CW was not a valid operating mode
> > for checking into a MARS net. Draw your own conclusions.
>
> I am curious as to why CW would not be a valid operating mode on a
> MARS net.

Basically because the Chief Mars appointed some years ago was a No-code tech. That tell
you anything?

1215. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 04:29:57 UTC
From: Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net>
Message-ID: <3F1231AE.619C1697@att.net>
Source record: 71047

Mike Coslo wrote:

> Larry Roll K3LT wrote:
> > In article <yhRPa.202$lL.24571@nnrp1.ptd.net>, "Carl R. Stevenson"
> > <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> writes:
> >
> >
> >>Dick,
> >>
> >>If find your comparison of yourself (and Larry) to Forest Gump
> >>to be most appropriate :-) "Stupid is as stupid does." was the
> >>saying from the movie ... and while I don't actually think either
> >>you or Larry actually ARE stupid, you both certainly ACT that
> >>way.
> >>
> >>Carl - wk3c
> >
> >
> > Carl:
> >
> > If the fact that Dick and I support the concept of retaining code proficiency
> > testing in order to be able to possess a unique and highly effective radio
> > communications skill is being "stupid," then I must plead guilty. Keep in
> > mind that Mr. Gump was a war hero, a successful businessman, and a
> > keen investor who became a multi-millionaire. I should be so "stupid!"
>
> Not to mention, it is unfortunate that some people choose to denigrate
> those who have a lower IQ. (you mat substitute disgusting for
> unfortunate if you like)

Hey, there's no one around any smarter than Carl. If you don't believe it just ask him!

1216. Re: Fred Again??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 04:44:37 UTC
From: hugh <hughe@frontiernet.net>
Message-ID: <3F1236C1.2050507@frontiernet.net>
Source record: 71048
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.scanner,rec.radio.shortwave

Paranoia can be treated you know!
So everyone who posts here is the same person?
But you seem to post only off topic. What does
that say about you? Hmm?

Rain Maker wrote:
> "The Fake Agent Smith" <Anonr@nodominz.com> wrote in message
> news:bepjhs$lp8$0@pita.alt.net...
>
>>Ya don't suppose that old Fred Hambrecht,
>
>
> No. It's only you. About a month ago I actually believed your stupid little
> cover up but now that I see how you work and know that it isn't me or Fred
> or any of the people you choose as your victim that is doing the flooding.
> It's all you Fake Smith. From Frog, Altopia, Dizum... It's all one person.
> YOU!
>
> Anyone that has been critical of you has shortly afterwords been made the
> target of your floods including:
>
> Myself
>
> The real Agent Smith that posts from Cox.net not a remailer
>
> Lord Floyd
> Don Souter
> GM
> Patrick Carter or Patrick C
> L Ron Hubbard
> Stagger Lee
> Wilf Kelly
> RedOctober90
> RFCOMMSYS
> JJ
> Frank White
> Pabst
> Spaced Invader
>
>
> It's becoming all too clear to everyone in these groups, who you are and
> what you're all about.
>

>
>

1217. Re: Code a Deterrent to a Ham Ticket ??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 04:50:03 UTC
From: Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net>
Message-ID: <3F123662.426ED999@att.net>
Source record: 71049

Bill Sohl wrote:

> "Radio Amateur KC2HMZ" wrote

>
> > An amateur radio license is a document awarded at the *beginning* of
> > one's participation in the hobby for the purpose of granting operating
> > privileges and to certify that the recipient has demonstrated entry
> > level knowledge at the class of license thus received.

And since the Extra class license is awarded to illiterates today, your point is at least partly
valid. In past times the Extra class license wasn't issued to people whom the FCC wasn't
pretty sure had the knowledge and ability to function at the top level of ham radio. The Extra class license, at its inception, was never intended to be a entry level license
at all. That you "modernists" conclude otherwise serves to confirm just how far the "dumbing down" of the ARS has gone.

> It won't get
> > you a job bagging groceries.

And definitely that was not always the case. I've landed a couple jobs in electronics on
the strength of my ham ticket, and later partially so, since by that time I also held a commercial
license. But knowledgble administraters used to consider a ham to be knowledgable in electronics.; Again, that it isn't so these days speaks to just how far toward CB the ARS has slid. Youi never saw
CBers beiong viewed as technically competent because of their participation in ratchetjawing.
Sure looks like the same applies to today's voice-only hams!

> As for the accomplishments, those come
> > afterward when you actually start to make use of the privileges the
> > license conveys by putting Qs in your logbook.

Ah, yes, technical stuff all! Sure that makes all the difference in the world, fill that log and
become an "experienced" ham, for whatever good it will do you!

> It is not, and is not
> > intended to be, comparable to a college degree...no matter how much
> > some people would like it to be so.
>
> Agree again.

That's no surprise

1218. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 04:58:17 UTC
From: JJ <radiobuff0@mailcity.moc>
Message-ID: <3F123869.4000800@mailcity.moc>
Source record: 71061

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Dick Carroll wrote:
>
> Larry Roll K3LT wrote:
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>
>>In article <pnc1hvovm4qelp318s227d8q0hbsnhv5kk@4ax.com>, Radio Amateur KC2HMZ
>><kc2hmz@aa-mail.net> writes:
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>>>>The only no-coders I bother to "ridicule" are those who offer the typically
>>>>inane arguments that code testing is somehow detrimental to the future
>>>>of the ARS -- usually by discouraging the involvement of computer-
>>>>literate, technically-involved young people. The truth about these
>>>>people is that they just want to get on HF phone and yak away -- and for
>>>>the most part, haven't a clue as to what's happening inside their off-the-
>>>>shelf ham radio appliance.
>>>
>>>I'm sure that's true for some. I'm also sure it's not true for all.
>>
>>The funny thing is, John, that the ones for which it isn't true are apparently
>>nowhere to be found among the typical newcomers to the ARS these days.
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>>>The average computer-literate, technically involved people tend to be
>>>able to, for example, assemble a computer from its basic elements
>>>(case, power supply, motherboard and perhaps some daughterboards),
>>>connect the peripherals, install an OS and other software without a
>>>dozen calls to a tech support hotline, and end up with a viable
>>>working machine.
>>
>>I could do all that, and I don't consider myself to be particularly "technical"
>>as far as computers are concerned. That's just simple assembly -- a mainly
>>mechanical skill.
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>>>Folks who can do this are technically involved in comparison to the
>>>folks who don't even know which port the monitor plugs into. They
>>>aren't technically involved in comparison to the guy who designed the
>>>motherboard in the first place. However, even in the industry, very
>>>few people do component level repairs on motherboards and
>>>daughterboards any more. What of it? Who do you know that's designed
>>>and built a multi-band HF rig lately? Some have, of course...most of
>>>them work for Kenwood, Icom, Yaesu, Alinco, etc.
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>>Component-level repairs aren't done these days mainly for economic
>>reasons. The labor cost involved in trouble-shooting a board at the
>>component level would exceed the value of the component probably
>>long before the fault was diagnosed.
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>>>Of those that are able to do component level repairs on computer
>>>equipment, they probably have much of the knowledge needed to pass our
>>>written exams, except they lack the specialized knowledge of RF.
>>>Certainly, though, it would seem they have the capacity to learn it -
>>>but when the first thing we do is hit them with something over a
>>>hundred years old and tell them this is our lowest common denominator,
>>>I have no doubt that it causes a lot of people to think, "@#$&%^*
>>>that!" and find another hobby...perhaps they already have one.
>>
>>Well, that reaction to having to learn Morse code would only indicate
>>that they're not at all serious about becoming fully capable as radio
>>amateurs. Nothing new there.
>>
>>Those with genuine technical skills, who come into ham radio with
>>or without Morse code, are perfectly OK by me. My problem begins
>>when they go out of their way to whine about the code testing
>>requirement, and make all the usual inane NCTA arguments about
>>the code itself causing technical ignorance. If they simply go about
>>the business of pursuing ham radio to the extent that they desire, and
>>leave out the childish whining, I am more than willing to stand in awe
>>of the advanced technical skill they demonstrate -- when and where
>>it is, in fact, demonstrated.
>>
>>You have to keep one thing in mind here, John -- I didn't start the
>>code testing debate. The anti-code test whiners did, with their
>>specious arguments and inane comparisons of Morse code proficiency
>>to everything antiquated and obsolete -- without having any first-
>>had knowledge or experience to give them a basis for their self-serving,
>>usually parroted commentary. If any of them had been willing to invest
>>a fraction of the time and effort in learning the code as they did in
>>railing against it, they may be singing a different tune, indeed.
>>
>>73 de Larry, K3LT
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>
> JJ take note- this post is redirected to YOU

So why is is redirected to me, I read it the first time Larry
posted it. So what?

I agree with Larry on one point, about those who whine about the
code testing requirement. When I taught Novice classes there would
for certain be at least one student who would complain about
having to learn the code and would always ask, "why do we have to
learn this code stuff, I don't ever plan to use it," My reply was,

"because it is one of the requirements to obtain a license, if you want the license then learn the code, if you don't want to put forth the effort ot learn the code then you don't want a ham license, you would probably be happier on cb."

But then again, some of the biggest complainers, eventually became the best CW operators.

1219. Re: Code a Deterrent to a Ham Ticket ??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 04:59:40 UTC
From: Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net>
Message-ID: <3F1238A3.DA2A1A31@att.net>
Source record: 71101

Alun Palmer wrote:

> Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net> wrote in
> news:3F12088C.8060407@adelphia.net:
>
> > Dee D. Flint wrote:
> >> "Bill Sohl" <billsohl@mindspring.com> wrote in message
> >> news:beqmpo$bo4$1@slb6.atl.mindspring.net...
> >>
> >>>"Guessing" <Guessing@connectnet.net> wrote in message
> >>>news:kTWPa.1427$Bd5.928@fed1read01...
> >>>
> >>>>"Alun Palmer" <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote in message
> >>>>news:Xns93B67B0FCD2E0elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4...
> >>>>
> >>>>>"Guessing" <Guessing@connectnet.net> wrote in
> >>>>>news:bXVPa.1425$Bd5.445@fed1read01:
> >>>>
> >>>>Ask a lawyer about that one. Hey I want to be a BSEE, why do I have
> >>>>to take History classes ????
> >>>
> >>>You don't have to take history classes in some schools
> >>>to get a BSEE.
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> >>
> >> Broaden the category to Socio-Humanistic electives or whatever
> >> equivalent term that your college uses and you will find that you do
> >> have to take a certain amount of them. And everyone regardless of
> >> major has to take English even though they should already be
> >> proficient at that before they get there. You have to take quite a
> >> few "unnecessary" courses in college to get a degree in any field.
> >
> > Unless you are a "non-traditional student" at old PSU, you have to
> > take
> > Physical Education classes. My son is taking Karate this semester, as a
> > required course.
> >
> > It has no bearing on his eventual carreer, yet he may elect to not
> > take
> > it, and not graduate. He has to take some history, to and there are
> > plenty of other classes that have a questionable relevence to his
> > eventual carreer.
> >

> > Even the Electrical engineers have to take these classes.
> >
> > The idea is actually sound, as it helps produce a more well
> > rounded
> > individual. It also takes into account that a person may not have the
> > same "core competencies" their entire career. A narrowly focused
> > education may prepare a person for a carreer that eventually
> > dissapears.
> >
> > - Mike KB3EIA -
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>
> I might have known that you would think it was a good idea - I don't

When my son-in-law(a ham) was deciding which engineering discipline to major in (he later graduated
cum laude in civil engineering) he discussed it with my daughter who suggested that transportation
was a industry that isn't going away, so he became a highway engineer, working on interstate and tollway projects. He has been steadily employed with a large stable national company, and
does very well.
On the other hand, I read a number of electrical and digital engineers lamenting the shipping of their work to offshore areas like India and the middle east (I read that Microsoft is doing that - I wonder who they plan to sell their wares to when all the good jobs here are gone?) where such engineering can be done at far less expense than in the US.

Meanwhile, it's difficult to engineer a road project from the other side of the planet!

1220. Re: The Day has come....

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 05:00:32 UTC
From: JJ <radiobuff0@mailcity.moc>
Message-ID: <3F1238F0.2000000@mailcity.moc>
Source record: 71062

Carl R. Stevenson wrote:
> "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net> wrote in message

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>
> That seems to be urban myth ... my youngest son is a Radioman in Navy
> EOD ... a special unit that's one notch below the SEALs ... NO Morse
> training.
>
> If they USE Morse at all, it would likely be sent and received by machine
> as very high-speed bursts to send relatively short messages that would
> be "low probability of detection" and very difficult to DF because the
> bursts would be so short. (I don't know that they use this any more ...
> it was available, but uncommon, back in 1990 when I left Rockwell-Collins
> Defense Communications for the commercial sector. It's probably been
> supplanted by FSK, since at equal symbol rates that has about a 9 dB
> weak signal advantage over OOK Morse and it's actually simpler to
> encode and decode in hardware/software.

I doubt that any of the radio comms the special forces use are
capable of Morse code.

1221. Re: Is There ANY Recourse re. FCC & Dropping CW?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 05:01:44 UTC
From: Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net>
Message-ID: <3F123920.C2DD3484@att.net>
Source record: 71102

Bill Sohl wrote:

>
> > The Final Exam comes much later.
>
> Guess my Part 97 document doesn't include the section on
> ham radio final exams. Please copy us all on where to find it Dick.

Some time around the time when you begin to push up the daisys, Bill.

1222. Re: Code a Deterrent to a Ham Ticket ??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 05:03:19 UTC
From: JJ <radiobuff0@mailcity.moc>
Message-ID: <3F123997.6040801@mailcity.moc>
Source record: 71063

Dick Carroll wrote:
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> Bill Sohl wrote:
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>>"Radio Amateur KC2HMZ" wrote
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>>> An amateur radio license is a document awarded at the *beginning* of
>>>one's participation in the hobby for the purpose of granting operating
>>>privileges and to certify that the recipient has demonstrated entry
>>>level knowledge at the class of license thus received.
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>
> And since the Extra class license is awarded to illiterates today, your point is at
> least partly
> valid. In past times the Extra class license wasn't issued to people whom the FCC
> wasn't
> pretty sure had the knowledge and ability to function at the top level of ham radio.
> The Extra class license, at its inception, was never intended to be a entry level
> license
> at all. That you "modernists" conclude otherwise serves to confirm just how far the
> "dumbing down" of the ARS has gone.
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>>It won't get
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>>>you a job bagging groceries.
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> And definitely that was not always the case. I've landed a couple jobs in
> electronics on
> the strength of my ham ticket, and later partially so, since by that time I also held
> a commercial
> license. But knowledgble administraters used to consider a ham to be knowledgable in
> electronics.; Again, that it isn't so these days speaks to just how far toward CB the
> ARS has slid. Youi never saw
> CBers beiong viewed as technically competent because of their participation in
> ratchetjawing.
> Sure looks like the same applies to today's voice-only hams!

So are you suggesting that the ham tests should be upgraded to include chip design and surface mount technology? Those are the technical skills required today.

1223. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 05:07:12 UTC
From: Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net>
Message-ID: <3F123A67.1DEFC5A2@att.net>
Source record: 71103

JJ wrote:

> Dick Carroll wrote:
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> >
> > JJ you're about as dippy as they're made these days. One of us says he beleives
> > that it's important for hams to learn to do morse code because it's a good, really
> > simple and viable communications mode for hams, and suddenly you've got us all
> > packaged up as ogres. You haven't a single clue, and you'r so far off that
> > you have no clue that you have no clue. Probably a good thing, dipschitz like you,
> > if intelligent, might be something of an annoyance. As it is you come in somewhere
> > below a gnat.
>
> I haven't packaged anyone who supports CW mode as an ogre, just
> those who choose to use derogatory terms to describe fellow hams
> who choose not to learn or use CW or put the importance on it you
> do, you know, like those dumbed-down lowly, not "real hams"
> good-for-nothing, no-techical knowledge, no-coders.
>
> I must really get under your skin Dickie.

JJ it's just another minor rrap irritant that you're another dipshit who spouts off
without
having a hint of a clue. No problem,we've had plenty of them here on rrap to date.
You and Kim fit really well together.

Oh, don't think just because you try to be anonymous that no one can find out who
you are. That's been tried here before. If I was interested at all I'd already know.
I'm not, but some others will probably be.

1224. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 05:08:23 UTC
From: JJ <radiobuff0@mailcity.moc>
Message-ID: <3F123AC7.9030204@mailcity.moc>
Source record: 71064

JJ wrote:
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> Dick Carroll wrote:
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>> JJ it's just another minor rrap irritant that you're another dipshit
>> who spouts off
>> without
>> having a hint of a clue. No problem,we've had plenty of them here on
>> rrap to date.
>> You and Kim fit really well together.
>
>
> Now I know I am getting under your skin when you resort to the childish
> vulgar name calling. Good!
>
>>
>> Oh, don't think just because you try to be anonymous that no one can
>> find out who
>> you are. That's been tried here before. If I was interested at all
>> I'd already know.
>> I'm not, but some others will probably be.
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>
> So who am I?

I will give you a clue, my Novice station was featured in one of
the early 1960's edition of Popular Electronics under the "Novice
Station Of the Month" column.

1225. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 05:16:49 UTC
From: Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net>
Message-ID: <3F123CA8.DB13CFDA@att.net>
Source record: 71104

JJ wrote:

> Dick Carroll wrote:
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> > JJ wrote:
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> >
> >>Radio Amateur KC2HMZ wrote:
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> >>
> >>>I was monitoring a MARS net a few years back, that was being conducted
> >>>in some rather lousy band conditions. One station tried to check into
> >>>this net using CW because the ops couldn't get through to the NCS
> >>>using SSB. The NCS told them that CW was not a valid operating mode
> >>>for checking into a MARS net. Draw your own conclusions.
> >>
> >>I am curious as to why CW would not be a valid operating mode on a
> >>MARS net.
> >
> >
> > Basically because the Chief Mars appointed some years ago was a No-code tech. That
> > tell
> > you anything?
>
> And you can support that statement by providing the call of the
> operator and his license history, or is this just another of your
> slams at the no-code techs to make yourself feel better?

Once again, you prove how clueless you can be. Try paying attention to what goes on in ham radio before you manage to make a complete fool of youself, Hmmm?

No, I didn't keep the codefree Mars cheif's data, why should I? I was disgusted by the entire episode as were most longtime hams who happened to be paying attention. . Clearly you were not.

The fella closed out all MARS CW operation permanently, according to reports from MARS members. So you missed all that? Surprising? Nope.

1226. Re: Fred Again??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 05:50:42 UTC
From: trump@anon.con
Message-ID: <40b94490.563967673@trump>
Source record: 71119
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.scanner,rec.radio.shortwave

On Mon, 14 Jul 2003 04:44:37 GMT, hugh <hughe@frontiernet.net> wrote:

>Paranoia can be treated you know!
>So everyone who posts here is the same person?
>But you seem to post only off topic. What does
>that say about you? Hmm?

All you need to know about this POS is right here:

http://groups.google.com/groups?hl=en&lr=&ie=UTF-8&threadm=2nSdnXlNKIKMoOCjXTWcqg%40comcast.com&rnum=6&prev=/groups%3Fq%3D%2522andy%2Band%2Bbarry%2522%26hl%3Den%26lr%3D%26ie%3DUTF-8%26sa%3DN%26tab%3Dwg

The following is a list of morons.
That's all. Just morons.If you search
Google for any of these morons you
will find that they are the same rude,
antagonistic, belittling, obnoxious person
who currently posts as Rain Maker to this
group.

The moron list: (Now in order of highest to lowest stupidity)

Rain Maker AgentSmith@IsATroll.com
Rain Maker noidont@thinkso.com
The Moron List (x@x.net)
RedXIII (x@x.com)
Arctic Cat (ArcticCat@comcast.net)
ArcticCat (arcticcat@NOSPAMcomcast.net)
Roselles is a Moron (blackdiamond2k3@yahoo.com)
Black Diamond (blackdiamond2k3@yahoo.com)
l33tN3w$P0$t3r (3y3H4X0r@J00rB0x0r.com)
Loony Skip Rooney (loony@unclefloyd.com)
100% Chest Pounding American (gimmepron1@yahoo.com)
HaHa (emulation@comcast.net)
Fuck The Middle East (w3_w1ll_k1ll_j00_0sama_b1n_lad3n_@yahoo.com)
DemocRAT Poison (DemocRAT_Posion@yahoo.com)
Speak No Evil (bbbred@hotmail.com)
Sidewinder (izombie5@yahoo.com)
I Zombie (IZombie5@yahoo.com)
Democ 'Rat Poison (izombie5@yahoo.com)
\(Democ\) 'Rat Poison (izombie5@yahoo.com)
Commanche (izombie5@yahoo.com)
Windows for Atari 2600 (Bill_Gates@Is_My_Bitch.com)

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>Rain Maker wrote:
>> "The Fake Agent Smith" <Anonr@nodominz.com> wrote in message
>> news:bepjhs$lp8$0@pita.alt.net...
>>
>>>Ya don't suppose that old Fred Hambrecht,
>>
>>
>> No. It's only you. About a month ago I actually believed your stupid little
>> cover up but now that I see how you work and know that it isn't me or Fred
>> or any of the people you choose as your victim that is doing the flooding.
>> It's all you Fake Smith. From Frog, Altopia, Dizum... It's all one person.
>> YOU!
>>
>> Anyone that has been critical of you has shortly afterwords been made the
>> target of your floods including:
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>> Myself
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>> The real Agent Smith that posts from Cox.net not a remailer
>>
>> Lord Floyd
>> Don Souter
>> GM
>> Patrick Carter or Patrick C
>> L Ron Hubbard
>> Stagger Lee
>> Wilf Kelly
>> RedOctober90
>> RFCOMMSYS
>> JJ
>> Frank White
>> Pabst
>> Spaced Invader
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>>
>> It's becoming all too clear to everyone in these groups, who you are and
>> what you're all about.
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1227. Re: Ham Radio In The Post-Code Testing Era

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 07:08:59 UTC
From: Dwight Stewart <stewart@say.net>
Message-ID: <BB37CF4A.1EB1E%stewart@say.net>
Source record: 71107

"Larry Roll K3LT" wrote:
>
> Now that it seems as though code testing will
> finally be abolished in the ARS, let's amuse
> ourselves with a bit of speculation as to what
> this will mean in terms of future growth in
> the numbers of licensed amateur radio operators
> in the United States. What do you think will
> happen? How much growth do you think will
> occur, and how fast?
>
> I predict that there will be no significant
> growth in new licensees. (snip)

Who said the goal of ending code testing is the growth of Amateur Radio? I've seen no mention of that from either the FCC or those at the ITU conference. Instead, both seem to be saying code is no longer a necessary radio skill since so few radio operators outside ham radio use it today. This position relates to the basis and purpose of Amateur Radio (97.1a, 97.1c, and 97.1d).

Dwight Stewart (W5NET)

http://www.qsl.net/w5net/

1228. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 07:33:22 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030714033322.12501.00000874@mb-m04.aol.com>
Source record: 71111

In article <8pc1hv4u52i23viufaqbrgmolh65j47qm6@4ax.com>, Radio Amateur KC2HMZ
<kc2hmz@aa-mail.net> writes:

>
>Then, having been duly forced - completely against his will - he
>actually began to like it...so the story goes. Next we'll be hearing
>that women secretly enjoy being raped.
>
>Seriously, though, he had an option. Unless somebody forced him to get
>a ham license.....
>
>73 DE John, KC2HMZ

Cecil, is that you? No, it's John again, sorry for the confusion!

No, John, nobody "forced" me to get a ham license -- except my own
self!

73 de Larry, K3LT

1229. Re: Code a Deterrent to a Ham Ticket ??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 07:33:22 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030714033322.12501.00000873@mb-m04.aol.com>
Source record: 71114

In article <crc1hv4oi5m8ped4ugqk9edvgf6qfs9jrk@4ax.com>, Radio Amateur KC2HMZ
<kc2hmz@aa-mail.net> writes:

>
>If I were Larry Roll, I'd lament that I've seen so many people with
>college degrees that still couldn't fill out a job application
>properly, that the requirements for a college degree must have been
>seriously dumbed down over the past thirty years, but I'm not, so I
>won't.

John:

Well, if you won't, then allow me. I received my B.S. degree late in
life, having graduated in 1999. During the three years I went to college
at night and worked a full-time, 7-day-a-week job, I obtained a 3.88 GPA,
stayed on the Dean's List the full time, and graduated Summa. Many
times my professors complimented me on my work, saying that the
papers I submitted to them were of higher quality than even those they
had seen from graduate students. In fact, they told horror stories of
grad students submitting papers that were barely written in recognizable
English -- to the point where in one particular class several Master's
degree candidates were dismissed from the program and an investigation
started as to how they were granted Bachelor's degrees and subsequently
accepted into the Master's degree program. Apparently, if an honest
and objective evaluation of our colleges and universities were made, we
would, indeed, find alarming evidence of the "dumbing down" of our
educational system.

>Nevertheless, I have worked with people who held engineering
>degrees yet could not compose a coherent memo for circulation in their
>own department.

I experienced the same situation all throughout my Air Force career.
I had only an Associate's degree at the time, but frequently found myself
having to do most of the reading, writing, reasearch, and ultimately
decision-making for my allegedly college-educated officers.

> An amateur radio license is a document awarded at the *beginning* of
>one's participation in the hobby for the purpose of granting operating
>privileges and to certify that the recipient has demonstrated entry
>level knowledge at the class of license thus received. It won't get
>you a job bagging groceries. As for the accomplishments, those come
>afterward when you actually start to make use of the privileges the
>license conveys by putting Qs in your logbook. It is not, and is not
>intended to be, comparable to a college degree...no matter how much
>some people would like it to be so.

I don't recall anyone here ever attempting to make such a comparison.
A ham radio license is merely a document conferring operating privileges.
It is a license to learn and grow. Unfortunately, it doesn't always produce
that outcome.

73 de Larry, K3LT

1230. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 07:33:23 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030714033323.12501.00000875@mb-m04.aol.com>
Source record: 71109

In article <bet10p$8lhff$1@ID-166180.news.uni-berlin.de>, "Arnie Macy"
<kt4st@csam.net> writes:

>Speaking of obsolete, there's your buddy -- good old SSB -- a mode which
>has been (borrowing your words) "supplanted, in virtually every service
>except ham radio ... by more modern, efficient, reliable, and convenient
>means of communications." and *I* (wink) think it should be retired as soon
>as possible and we should stop using SSB for EMComm immediately -- I mean
>after all, it is just about as ancient as it gets in communication terms,
>right? Why use that ancient old SSB when I can hop on the Internet or bring
>up VTC or digital and get through faster and farther.
>
>Arnie -
>KT4ST

Arnie:

Worry not, help is on the way! When the FCC finally acts on WRC-03 and
drops the code testing requirement, the ARS will suddenly be filled with
eager, computer-literate, technically-inclined young newcomers to ham
radio who will invent, develop, and deploy the amateur radio version of the
broadband infrastructure now available to anyone who owns a cell phone,
wireless PDA, or Wi-Fi equipped laptop. We will be communicating by
voice, data, and image, all with no need to purchase "minutes" of air time
or enter into expensive contracts with service providers. Once relieved of
the requirement to learn that obsolete old Morse code, we will see, as
promised for years, a technical revolution in amateur radio the likes of
which nobody could have imagined in the bad old days of being tested
for competence in "beeping."

I can hardly wait!

73 de Larry, K3LT

1231. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 07:33:24 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030714033324.12501.00000876@mb-m04.aol.com>
Source record: 71113

In article <3F1165AE.909@mailcity.moc>, JJ <radiobuff0@mailcity.moc> writes:

>> That statement just convinced a few thousand people to try CW on its
>> own merits...NOT!
>
>And convinced some that ham radio is not for them if they have to
>associate with people like Larry with his superior attitude. It is
>people like Larry and Dick with their attitudes toward others who
>do not share their zeal for CW that do more harm for ham radio
>than not having those CW skills ever could.

JJ:

I will not presume to speak for Dick, but I think your comment regarding my "zeal" for CW is a bit overstated. I *like* CW, and I use it a lot, but I don't have what I would describe as any particular "zeal" for the mode. The truth is, for at least the last three years, most of my operating has been in digital modes, mainly PSK-31 and RTTY. However, since I possess reasonable (20 - 25 WPM) proficiency in Morse code, I am always able to fall back on CW when conditions don't permit me to continue effective communication on PSK-31 or other digital modes -- and believe me, I have encountered that situation many times. You see, my ears and brain can continue to make sense out of CW signals that are severely degraded, long after my digital software gives up and only prints gibberish on the screen. Moreover, if I were a better CW operator than I am, I'm sure that I would experience an even more dramatic demonstration of this effect. Therefore, I am a firm believer in the Morse/CW mode, and believe that the best way to cause radio amateurs to become proficient in this mode is (or was) code testing as part of licensing requirements.

I did not become a proficient CW operator out of any particular love of Morse code. It was the requirement to learn it in order to obtain full HF privileges that caused me to learn it, gain operating experience in it, and eventually to become convinced of it's practicality and indispensability among the operating skills that a fully capable radio amateur can possess.

73 de Larry, K3LT

1232. Re: Ham Radio In The Post-Code Testing Era

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 07:33:25 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030714033325.12501.00000878@mb-m04.aol.com>
Source record: 71108

In article <SzbQa.9690$Vx2.4101608@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com>, "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net> writes:

>Elimination of the code requirement may actually cause a loss in the ham
>ranks, if not in numbers at least in activity. The elimination will
>probably coincide with the early part of the bottom of the current sunspot
>cycle. People will upgrade and quite a few will be so disappointed at the
>poor activity that they will become quite inactive on HF and this
>disappointment could spill over and affect their activity on VHF/UHF.
>
>Dee D. Flint, N8UZE

A very cogent observation, Dee. The irony is, at the low side of a solar cycle, when the geomagnetic activity subsides along with the solar flux, the use of CW permits communication even though there isn't good enough propagation to pursue reliable SSB operation. Therefore, the one thing that could keep them active on-the-air -- knowledge of the Morse code, won't be within their capability because they had no incentive to learn it.

73 de Larry, K3LT

1233. Re: Picard vs Kirk, was Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 07:33:25 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030714033325.12501.00000877@mb-m04.aol.com>
Source record: 71110

In article <3F1218DC.2080309@adelphia.net>, Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
writes:

>Yaknow, we could really P***s off some people by bringing in a Star
>Trek thread here. Anyone game?
>
> I'll start.
>
> Was Picard a No-coder, or would he have known Morse?
>
> Was Kirk a no coder, or would he have know Morse?
>
> I say Picard knew Morse code, because of a combined respect for
>history, and a desire to communicate in extremis if need be.
>
> Kirk was a no coder, because of, well just because. 8^)

Apparently Kirk did know the Morse code, since he was able to copy the
"SOS" being sent by antique space ship from Earth full of the genetically
enhanced people in suspended animation in "Space Seed."

73 de Larry, K3LT
A Treker, not a "Trekkie"

1234. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 07:33:27 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030714033327.12501.00000879@mb-m04.aol.com>
Source record: 71115

In article <pnc1hvovm4qelp318s227d8q0hbsnhv5kk@4ax.com>, Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net> writes:

>>The only no-coders I bother to "ridicule" are those who offer the typically
>>inane arguments that code testing is somehow detrimental to the future
>>of the ARS -- usually by discouraging the involvement of computer-
>>literate, technically-involved young people. The truth about these
>>people is that they just want to get on HF phone and yak away -- and for
>>the most part, haven't a clue as to what's happening inside their off-the-
>>shelf ham radio appliance.
>
>I'm sure that's true for some. I'm also sure it's not true for all.

The funny thing is, John, that the ones for which it isn't true are apparently nowhere to be found among the typical newcomers to the ARS these days.

>The average computer-literate, technically involved people tend to be
>able to, for example, assemble a computer from its basic elements
>(case, power supply, motherboard and perhaps some daughterboards),
>connect the peripherals, install an OS and other software without a
>dozen calls to a tech support hotline, and end up with a viable
>working machine.

I could do all that, and I don't consider myself to be particularly "technical" as far as computers are concerned. That's just simple assembly -- a mainly mechanical skill.

>Folks who can do this are technically involved in comparison to the
>folks who don't even know which port the monitor plugs into. They
>aren't technically involved in comparison to the guy who designed the
>motherboard in the first place. However, even in the industry, very
>few people do component level repairs on motherboards and
>daughterboards any more. What of it? Who do you know that's designed
>and built a multi-band HF rig lately? Some have, of course...most of
>them work for Kenwood, Icom, Yaesu, Alinco, etc.

Component-level repairs aren't done these days mainly for economic reasons. The labor cost involved in trouble-shooting a board at the component level would exceed the value of the component probably long before the fault was diagnosed.

>Of those that are able to do component level repairs on computer
>equipment, they probably have much of the knowledge needed to pass our
>written exams, except they lack the specialized knowledge of RF.
>Certainly, though, it would seem they have the capacity to learn it -
>but when the first thing we do is hit them with something over a

>hundred years old and tell them this is our lowest common denominator,
>I have no doubt that it causes a lot of people to think, "@#$&%^*
>that!" and find another hobby...perhaps they already have one.

Well, that reaction to having to learn Morse code would only indicate
that they're not at all serious about becoming fully capable as radio
amateurs. Nothing new there.

Those with genuine technical skills, who come into ham radio with
or without Morse code, are perfectly OK by me. My problem begins
when they go out of their way to whine about the code testing
requirement, and make all the usual inane NCTA arguments about
the code itself causing technical ignorance. If they simply go about
the business of pursuing ham radio to the extent that they desire, and
leave out the childish whining, I am more than willing to stand in awe
of the advanced technical skill they demonstrate -- when and where
it is, in fact, demonstrated.

You have to keep one thing in mind here, John -- I didn't start the
code testing debate. The anti-code test whiners did, with their
specious arguments and inane comparisons of Morse code proficiency
to everything antiquated and obsolete -- without having any first-
had knowledge or experience to give them a basis for their self-serving,
usually parroted commentary. If any of them had been willing to invest
a fraction of the time and effort in learning the code as they did in
railing against it, they may be singing a different tune, indeed.

73 de Larry, K3LT

1235. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 07:33:28 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030714033328.12501.00000880@mb-m04.aol.com>
Source record: 71117

In article <bqc1hvcttcd96ae8nrgfoll2t6f9bvmjmp@4ax.com>, Radio Amateur KC2HMZ
<kc2hmz@aa-mail.net> writes:

>>> Kim, Dear, what kind of "proof" of this would you accept?
>
>Dear? I knew it! You ARE in love with her, Larry!
>
>>> You are not a
>>> CW operator, so you are not even qualified to judge any "proof" offered.
>
>You are not a cow, Larry, therefore you are not even qualified to
>judge whether McDonald's or Wendy's makes better cheeseburgers.

There's an even better reason than that, John -- I don't eat cheeseburgers!

>>> Those of us who are proficient CW operators with adequate on-the-air
>>> experience have certainly had this fact proven to them to their
>>>satisfaction,
>
>Hitler had the collective guilt of Jews, Jehovah's Witnesses, and
>homosexuals proven to his satisfaction, too.

I see. I am now being compared to Hitler because I believe in code
testing. Typical NCTA argument -- and the kind of rhetoric that got me
started in this debate about 13 years ago.

>>> but a no-coder will always claim that it isn't proven simply because they
>>> have no way of discerning and analyzing the evidence, and they have an
>>> agenda which would cause them to deny the outcome.
>
>Actually, all that's really required is a receiver. If there are a few
>dozen CW QSOs going on at the bottom of the band, but nobody in the
>phone portion of the band...well, why would you think that would
>happen, unless there's a CW contest going on?

Well, you've almost got me there, but only because I don't listen to the
phone segment of any band to any great extent.

>>So please don't
>>> go demanding "proof" unless you're willing to place yourself in a position
>
>Yeah, you'd like that, wouldn't you, ya dirty old man ya... :-)
>
>>> to be an objective, competent arbiter of any evidence offered.
>>>
>>> 73 de Larry, K3LT

>>>
>
>And as for you, Kim...
>
>>Lip service, Larry.
>
>Ahem....I'm trying to keep my mind out of the gutter here. You're not
>helping much.

Kim is in no danger of getting "lip service" from me! In any case, she's a married woman, and your inuendoes aren't showing any respect for that, John. At least I'm willing to give her the benefit of the doubt in that regard, and keep my comments focused on her postings regarding amateur radio.

73 de Larry, K3LT

1236. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 07:33:29 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030714033329.12501.00000882@mb-m04.aol.com>
Source record: 71112

In article <rqc1hv81cra0pfo42s5s58cs7b4s067n4k@4ax.com>, Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net> writes:

>>We used it when Floyd hit in 1999. We were having a hard time getting
>>through on SSB, so switched over to CW and continued ops until the band
>>conditions improved. CW didn't "save the day", but it sure came in handy
>>when needed. It is still an integral part of our EMA plan. Remember, in
>>disaster planning, we try to use *all* of the tools available to us. Maybe
>>one day, the light will come on for you and you'll understand that concept.
>
>Don't look now, but as I type this, Charlotte is approaching. We may
>get an object lesson here shortly after it makes landfall (not that I
>or anyone else is hoping for that, except perhaps Larry who is shining
>his straight key in anticipation).

John:

You think I'm "hoping" that a devastating hurricane will strike and perhaps take lives and destroy property? Just so I can use some freshly-polished straight key to send emergency traffic? I don't think so.

73 de Larry, K3LT

1237. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 07:33:29 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030714033329.12501.00000881@mb-m04.aol.com>
Source record: 71116

In article <3qc1hvs7jo7mf19rut0on6hmsgln4d2ico@4ax.com>, Radio Amateur KC2HMZ
<kc2hmz@aa-mail.net> writes:

>>So be it. In any case, the coming generation of New Age, Dumbed-Down,
>>No-Coder hams
>
>That statement just convinced a few thousand people to try CW on its
>own merits...NOT!

John:

No, it just gave them another in an already lengthy list of excuses to
be lazy and not give it a try. They could care less about what I think of
them -- or, should I say, if they were motivated to learn a useful
communications skill, nothing I say could stop them from trying.

>>aren't likely to seeking any kudos from me on their CW
>>skills.
>
>They are, however, likely to seek refuge from your insulting rhetoric.

Oh, you mean the truth.

>> I would hope that any who learned the code and became proficient
>>with it's use on-the-air, would do so for their own personal gratification
>and
>>to add that skill to their overall capability as a radio amateur.
>
>I hope so too, Larry, because with your apparent attitude towards
>fellow hams, they sure as heck aren't going to be leqarning it so they
>can put your call in the logbook.

Or for any other reason.

>> Of course,
>>that is a concept that you will naturally reject, out of the necessity of
>your
>>agenda to justify your own lack of useful communications skills.
>
>My, my, Larry, she does get under your skin, doesn't she? Are you sure
>there isn't more to this than meets the eye? :-)

A whole lot less, actually.

>>Don't
>>worry -- our expectations of you are small.
>

>Why don't you quit beating around the bush and just ask her whether or
>not size really matters?

Because I couldn't care less about what Kim thinks about "size," or
anything else, for that matter. All she is interested in is defending her
lack of motivation to learn a useful communications skill like the
Morse code.

73 de Larry, K3LT

1238. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 07:47:16 UTC
From: Dwight Stewart <stewart@say.net>
Message-ID: <BB37D843.1EB20%stewart@say.net>
Source record: 71118

"N2EY" wrote:
>
> "Knowledge" in this context really means anything
> that can be learned and known consciously by a person.
>
> There are at least three different kinds of knowledge -
> facts, concepts and skills.

Is there significant knowledge in using a hammer skillfully?

> Facts are concrete pieces of information, and are
> learned by pure memorization. "1 plus 1 equals 2
> in base 10" is an arithmetic fact. A person can
> know all sorts of facts with no understanding of
> what they mean.
>
> Concepts are understandings of how things work and
> what they mean. Such as the concept of addition,
> which requires understanding. Of course without
> facts, very little can be done with pure concepts.

> (snip) Most of what is on the written test is facts.
> The Morse test is almost pure skill. Concepts get the
> short end.

I'm not sure I can fully agree with that since the written tests do
require at least rudimentary understanding of scientific concepts like radio
waves, RF exposure, atmospheric affects on radio waves, and so on (all found
in even college level science textbooks, including Ohm's Law).

Dwight Stewart (W5NET)

http://www.qsl.net/w5net/

1239. I'm gonna get you all

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 07:58:07 UTC
From: LA Davies <lloyd_vfp@dalek.com>
Message-ID: <3f1246ce@shknews01>
Source record: 71106

You quit making fun of me, for my anti-code. I will have my code-free extra. Then you will be sorry.....

1240. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 08:45:33 UTC
From: JJ <radiobuff0@mailcity.moc>
Message-ID: <3F126DAD.80704@mailcity.moc>
Source record: 71090

Alun Palmer wrote:
>
>
> If that isn't hazing, then nothing is

No, it isn't hazing, hazing is attempting to force someone to do
something unnecessary to acheive a goal. Learning and passing the
code test is necessary to obtain a ham license. I simply stated
that fact. The choice was entirely up to the student.

1241. Re: Smells like type acceptance

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 08:52:28 UTC
From: JJ <radiobuff0@mailcity.moc>
Message-ID: <3F126F4C.9060508@mailcity.moc>
Source record: 71093

K0HB wrote:
> I was under the impression (apparently mistaken?) that a licensed
> amateur could possess any sort of equipment (commercial, homebrew,
> converted surplus) or whatever. I know of no rule against MODIFICATION
> of equipment, even if that modification permits operation outside the
> amateur bands. The rules properly speak to signal purity, staying
> inside the assigned bands, etc., etc., but do NOT seem to prohibit
> modifications of factory-built equipment. (In fact, I could probably
> make an argument that the FCC rules ENCOURAGE tinkering and
> experimentation of this sort!)
>
> However I note the FCC has required at least one licensed ham, Michael
> V. Swift, KG6QOB, to restore a rig to "original manufacturer's
> specifications".
>
> ("You are directed to have the transceiver returned to the original
> manufacturer's specifications by reinstalling the jumper wire which
> the cutting or removal of permits operation outside the amateur bands.
> The jumper wire must be repaired or installed, and encapsulated with
> epoxy or similar material to preclude future modification. After the
> repair is completed you are directed to bring the transceiver to this
> office so that the repair can be confirmed and related technical
> measurements can be made.
>
> You have until July 7, 2003 to respond to this inquiry and to provide
> the repaired transceiver for inspection.")
>
> While I understand the reason for the action (malicious interference
> and false distress signals on marine frequencies), it strikes me that
> this particular remedy is not supported by the law, and might set a
> precedent for de facto "type acceptance" in the Amateur Radio service.
>
> What say, ye lawyerly types?
>
> 73, de Hans, K0HB

I would guess that if you snipped the wire in your transceiver to
open it up to receive and transmit on all HF frequencies, but you
never transmitted out of the ham bands, no one will ever know or
say anything to you about it.

1242. Re: Ham Radio In The Post-Code Testing Era

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 10:01:38 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030714060138.04207.00001581@mb-m01.aol.com>
Source record: 71121

In article <BB37CF4A.1EB1E%stewart@say.net>, Dwight Stewart <stewart@say.net>
writes:

> Who said the goal of ending code testing is the growth of Amateur Radio?

Some, but not all, nocodetest folks have claimed that the (perceived) lack of growth of the ARS is one reason to end code testing. IIRC, Cecil and Mr. Anderson have repeatedly claimed that the Technician license (without its code test) is the only thing that kept amateur radio in the US from experiencing a severe decline in numbers from 1990 to 2000. As if none of them would have gotten a license if they all had to learn code for the ticket.

>I've seen no mention of that from either the FCC or those at the ITU
>conference.

It is a constant theme. The RSGB has repeatedly cited lack of growth as a major concern of theirs, and blamed it on the code test.

>Instead, both seem to be saying code is no longer a necessary
>radio skill since so few radio operators outside ham radio use it today.

That's another argument entirely.

Of course hams DO use Morse code quite a lot. It's a mystery why what is done in other radio services should count more than what hams do, when it comes to figuring out the requirements for an amateur license.

>This position relates to the basis and purpose of Amateur Radio (97.1a,
>97.1c, and 97.1d).
>
Opinions vary.

73 de Jim, N2EY

1243. Re: Picard vs Kirk, was Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 10:01:39 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030714060139.04207.00001582@mb-m01.aol.com>
Source record: 71120

In article <3F1218DC.2080309@adelphia.net>, Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
writes:

> I say Picard knew Morse code, because of a combined respect for
>history, and a desire to communicate in extremis if need be.

Agreed.
>
> Kirk was a no coder, because of, well just because. 8^)

Wrong. Kirk knows Morse.

There was the original ST episode where they find the "sleeper ship" contianinf
Kahn (Ricardo Montelban) and all his crew in hibernation from the 21st century,
and proceed to wake them up.

They find the sleeper ship by means of its radio beacon, which is sending CQ
over and over. Uhura (didja know she only had the one name?) of course knows
what it says and starts reading it for Kirk, but he says "I'm reading it too,
Lieutenant".

Then, there was the film "Fantastic Voyage"

73 de Jim, N2EY

1244. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 11:20:36 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <beu3lp$2bc5$1@adenine.netfront.net>
Source record: 71122

"JJ" <radiobuff0@mailcity.moc> wrote in message
news:3F118F45.9070504@mailcity.moc...
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> Dick Carroll wrote:
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> > JJ wrote:
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> >>Radio Amateur KC2HMZ wrote:
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> >>
> >>>I was monitoring a MARS net a few years back, that was being conducted
> >>>in some rather lousy band conditions. One station tried to check into
> >>>this net using CW because the ops couldn't get through to the NCS
> >>>using SSB. The NCS told them that CW was not a valid operating mode
> >>>for checking into a MARS net. Draw your own conclusions.
> >>
> >>I am curious as to why CW would not be a valid operating mode on a
> >>MARS net.
> >
> >
> > Basically because the Chief Mars appointed some years ago was a
No-code tech. That
> > tell
> > you anything?
>
> And you can support that statement by providing the call of the
> operator and his license history, or is this just another of your
> slams at the no-code techs to make yourself feel better?
>

You'll never get an answer, JJ.

Kim W5TIT

Posted via news://freenews.netfront.net
Complaints to news@netfront.net

1245. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 11:28:23 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <beu44d$2bt1$1@adenine.netfront.net>
Source record: 71123

"Dick Carroll" <dickc58@att.net> wrote in message
news:3F123A67.1DEFC5A2@att.net...
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> JJ wrote:
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> > Dick Carroll wrote:
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> > >
> > > JJ you're about as dippy as they're made these days. One of us says he
beleives
> > > that it's important for hams to learn to do morse code because it's a
good, really
> > > simple and viable communications mode for hams, and suddenly you've
got us all
> > > packaged up as ogres. You haven't a single clue, and you'r so far off
that
> > > you have no clue that you have no clue. Probably a good thing,
dipschitz like you,
> > > if intelligent, might be something of an annoyance. As it is you come
in somewhere
> > > below a gnat.
> >
> > I haven't packaged anyone who supports CW mode as an ogre, just
> > those who choose to use derogatory terms to describe fellow hams
> > who choose not to learn or use CW or put the importance on it you
> > do, you know, like those dumbed-down lowly, not "real hams"
> > good-for-nothing, no-techical knowledge, no-coders.
> >
> > I must really get under your skin Dickie.
>
> JJ it's just another minor rrap irritant that you're another dipshit who
spouts off
> without
> having a hint of a clue. No problem,we've had plenty of them here on rrap
to date.
> You and Kim fit really well together.
>

Yeah, ROFLMAO...you notice Dick won't even try to respond to any of my
posts, at least directly. It's 'cause he knows I make good points--one he
cannot answer to.

>
> Oh, don't think just because you try to be anonymous that no one can find
out who
> you are. That's been tried here before. If I was interested at all I'd
already know.
> I'm not, but some others will probably be.
>

And, so once you "find out" who JJ is, Dick, what would you be doing with
that? You're making veiled threats now, are you?

Kim W5TIT

Posted via news://freenews.netfront.net
Complaints to news@netfront.net

1246. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 11:29:15 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <beu461$2bua$1@adenine.netfront.net>
Source record: 71124

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"Dick Carroll" <dickc58@att.net> wrote in message
news:3F123CA8.DB13CFDA@att.net...
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> JJ wrote:
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> > >>I am curious as to why CW would not be a valid operating mode on a
> > >>MARS net.
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> > >
> > > Basically because the Chief Mars appointed some years ago was a
No-code tech. That
> > > tell
> > > you anything?
> >
> > And you can support that statement by providing the call of the
> > operator and his license history, or is this just another of your
> > slams at the no-code techs to make yourself feel better?
>
> Once again, you prove how clueless you can be. Try paying attention to
what goes on in
> ham radio before you manage to make a complete fool of youself, Hmmm?
>
> No, I didn't keep the codefree Mars cheif's data, why should I? I was
disgusted by the
> entire episode as were most longtime hams who happened to be paying
attention. . Clearly
> you were not.
>
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> The fella closed out all MARS CW operation permanently, according to
reports from MARS
> members. So you missed all that? Surprising? Nope.
>

As I said, you'll never get an answer because this is just more
unsubstantiated hogwash.

Kim W5TIT

Posted via news://freenews.netfront.net
Complaints to news@netfront.net

1247. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 11:31:16 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <beu49q$2c1d$1@adenine.netfront.net>
Source record: 71125

"Larry Roll K3LT" <yodoc@aol.comnospam> wrote in message
news:20030714033322.12501.00000874@mb-m04.aol.com...
> In article <8pc1hv4u52i23viufaqbrgmolh65j47qm6@4ax.com>, Radio Amateur
KC2HMZ
> <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net> writes:
>
> >
> >Then, having been duly forced - completely against his will - he
> >actually began to like it...so the story goes. Next we'll be hearing
> >that women secretly enjoy being raped.
> >
> >Seriously, though, he had an option. Unless somebody forced him to get
> >a ham license.....
> >
> >73 DE John, KC2HMZ
>
> Cecil, is that you? No, it's John again, sorry for the confusion!
>
> No, John, nobody "forced" me to get a ham license -- except my own
> self!
>
> 73 de Larry, K3LT
>

So. You consider yourself a nobody?

Kim W5TIT

Posted via news://freenews.netfront.net
Complaints to news@netfront.net

1248. Re: Picard vs Kirk, was Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 11:33:14 UTC
From: Bert Craig <wa2si@arrl.netNOSPAM>
Message-ID: <_xwQa.13691$QD2.2190827@news4.srv.hcvlny.cv.net>
Source record: 71127

"Larry Roll K3LT" <yodoc@aol.comnospam> wrote in message
news:20030714033325.12501.00000877@mb-m04.aol.com...
> In article <3F1218DC.2080309@adelphia.net>, Mike Coslo
<mcoslo@adelphia.net>
> writes:
>
> >Yaknow, we could really P***s off some people by bringing in a Star
> >Trek thread here. Anyone game?
> >
> > I'll start.
> >
> > Was Picard a No-coder, or would he have known Morse?
> >
> > Was Kirk a no coder, or would he have know Morse?
> >
> > I say Picard knew Morse code, because of a combined respect for
> >history, and a desire to communicate in extremis if need be.
> >
> > Kirk was a no coder, because of, well just because. 8^)
>
> Apparently Kirk did know the Morse code, since he was able to copy the
> "SOS" being sent by antique space ship from Earth full of the genetically
> enhanced people in suspended animation in "Space Seed."
>
> 73 de Larry, K3LT
> A Treker, not a "Trekkie"

Kirk, McCoy, and Scott all copied Morse code when Sybock threw them in the
brig in 'The Final Frontier.' BTW, Spock sent the code by tapping out "stand
back" on the wall before he blew a hole in it.

--
73 de Bert
WA2SI

1249. Re: Picard vs Kirk, was Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 11:33:16 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <beu4di$2c8j$1@adenine.netfront.net>
Source record: 71126

"Larry Roll K3LT" <yodoc@aol.comnospam> wrote in message
news:20030714033325.12501.00000877@mb-m04.aol.com...
> In article <3F1218DC.2080309@adelphia.net>, Mike Coslo
<mcoslo@adelphia.net>
> writes:
>
> >Yaknow, we could really P***s off some people by bringing in a Star
> >Trek thread here. Anyone game?
> >
> > I'll start.
> >
> > Was Picard a No-coder, or would he have known Morse?
> >
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> >
> > I say Picard knew Morse code, because of a combined respect for
> >history, and a desire to communicate in extremis if need be.
> >
> > Kirk was a no coder, because of, well just because. 8^)
>
> Apparently Kirk did know the Morse code, since he was able to copy the
> "SOS" being sent by antique space ship from Earth full of the genetically
> enhanced people in suspended animation in "Space Seed."
>
> 73 de Larry, K3LT
> A Treker, not a "Trekkie"
>
>

OK. There you have it. End of debate. Larry has just stated that someone
who knows the sending of SOS knows "the Morse code."

Kim W5TIT

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Complaints to news@netfront.net

1250. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 11:36:06 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <beu4iu$2cde$1@adenine.netfront.net>
Source record: 71128

"Larry Roll K3LT" <yodoc@aol.comnospam> wrote in message
news:20030714033328.12501.00000880@mb-m04.aol.com...
>
> Kim is in no danger of getting "lip service" from me! In any case, she's
> a married woman, and your inuendoes aren't showing any respect for
> that, John. At least I'm willing to give her the benefit of the doubt in
> that regard, and keep my comments focused on her postings regarding
> amateur radio.
>
> 73 de Larry, K3LT
>

Since when, Larry. And, be careful because I'll post a whole stream of
posts wherein you stray far, far away from ham radio...

Kim W5TIT

Posted via news://freenews.netfront.net
Complaints to news@netfront.net

1251. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 11:54:45 UTC
From: Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93B85073FF71Aelektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>
Source record: 71129

"Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net> wrote in
news:jKbQa.9693$Vx2.4102850@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com:

>
> "N2EY" <n2ey@aol.com> wrote in message
> news:20030713064528.02222.00000796@mb-m16.aol.com...
>> In article <zN2Qa.276$lL.33979@nnrp1.ptd.net>, "Carl R. Stevenson"
>> <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> writes:
>>
>> >I just know that there are much better digital modes available
>>
>> "Better" is in the eye of the definer. There are characteristics in
>> which Morse is much "better" than any digital mode, and
>> characteristics in which some digital modes are much "better" than
>> Morse.
>
> Exactly. Morse can be deciphered by ear if you don't have a computer.
> What if you are unsure of the amount of time that you will be without
> power and don't want to put the additional load of a computer on your
> power source?
>
> "Better" depends on the sum total of the conditions under which you are
> operating. One can envision scenarios that favor one specific mode
> over others. That is why a ham should have a basic competence in ALL
> modes including morse.
>
> Dee D. Flint, N8UZE
>
>

Except that ham radio is not mission critical for most of us. If
conditions are poor on HF SSB, I can just QSY to a repeater, or read a
book or watch TV, for that matter.

1252. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 12:28:05 UTC
From: Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93B85619DD539elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>
Source record: 71130

Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net> wrote in
news:0pc1hvgl1vbda6ji56lsd8ot8ampvfgll2@4ax.com:

> On Sun, 13 Jul 2003 13:26:00 GMT, Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net>
> wrote:
>
>>> > Just as I would have skipped learning the code if it hadn't been a
>>> > licensing requirement, too.
>
> Is that a chink in Dick's armor? Quick, Jose, my soldering iron!
>
>>> So much for your advocacy of morse to new hams.
>>> You made my point.
>>
>>Bill you have been quite consistant about missing the entire point.
>>When there is no code test most hams won't learn Morse code.
>
> I can't substantiate this statistically off the top of my head, but it
> wouldn't surprise me to learn that a majority of hams already aren't
> all that proficient with Morse to begin with. I was forced to learn it
> to upgrade from Tech to General, but I learned it only well enough to
> pass the test (by correctly copying the phrase "My QTH is Malibu,
> California." rather than by answering the multiple choice questions -
> since the comma and period count as two characters each, that gave me
> one minute of solid copy), and basically haven't used it since.
>
> I did try once...used the club station, went down in the lower portion
> of 15 where I frequently hear some slower CW ops...send "CQ CQ CQ DE"
> and my callsign twice, at about 5 WPM because I didn't want to send
> faster than I could copy...then realized that in the amount of time it
> took me to do that I could have already had a contact in the log on
> phone...and that I did not and do not have the patience for CW.
>
> I'd have a hard time believing there aren't a heck of a lot of 5 WPM
> Generals and Extras out there who've gone through the same thing. Add
> those to the no-code Techs and you might well be pretty close to half
> the entire ham population in the U.S. for all I know.
>
>>I know that taxes you not a bit, so that means that you don't care
>>whether or not hams will be losing it as a viable mode.
>
> Now it is you who might be missing the point. The code test will be
> gone - as someone else in this NG likes to say, the government life
> support system will be turned off. That, in and of itself, does not

> guarantee that ham radio will lose CW as a viable mode, it only
> guarantees that if the ARS is to keep CW as a viable mode, it behooves
> those who want it to continue as such to find another way to get hams
> to learn the code.
>
> Now, to repeat the point I have been trying to make in this thread. On
> the one hand we have guys like Arnie who will respect a fellow ham as
> a fellow ham, regardless of whether that ham can do 50 WPM or
> zero...will encourage people to learn the code and use the mode, bend
> over backwards to help them do it, slow down his own sending so they
> can copy it at their own speed, and just generally being reasonable
> and friendly and giving people every encouragement.
>
> On the other hand, we have guys snarling like angry dogs at people for
> doing what you yourself would have done if you'd had the choice at the
> time...people calling guys lazy, good for nothing, saying they aren't
> "real" hams, and just generally being unreasonable, unfriendly, and in
> some cases hypocritical as well.
>
> Caught in the middle will be a whole generation of new hams who will
> decide for themselves if they want to learn the code or not, sitting
> there on the fence between the folks continuing the CW tradition in
> ham radio and the folks who want nothing to do with Morse. The folks
> on the no-code side will welcome them into the hobby regardless. The
> folks on the other side...well...it looks good over where Arnie is,
> but with all those snarling dogs over there, I dunno...
>
> What I guess I'm trying to say is, we need less snarling dogs and more
> people looking for a reasonable approach to the problem.
>
>>Which shows how shortsighted you are, right along with the rest of NCI.
>>And yes, FCC too. Of course they have far bigger fish to fry than to
>>worry about a trivial detail involving the ARS.
>
> First of all, if it's so trivial, why is everybody getting their
> panties in a bunch about it?
>
> Secondly, I think the ARS itself has bigger fish to fry. To name just
> one, BPL used to mean Brass Pounders' League. Now it means the noise
> floor on your HF rig is about to go through the ceiling and put your
> S-meter into orbit.
>
>>The least time they must spend on ARS issues the better for them,
>>whatever the end result.
>
> Can't say as I really blame them. Everybody wants to be the fire
> department in a town with no fires. Aside from the political
> appointees, FCC is men and women who get up in the morning, go to
> work, then go home at the end of the day, same as I do. I do what I
> can to make my job easier, what makes them any different? So, FCC is

> not going to solve the problem for us. Care to hazard a WAG as to
> who's left to come up with a solution?
>
> 73 DE John, KC2HMZ
>
>

You only have to attend a field day to see that there are only a small group of serious CW ops, and they don't include all of the 20 wpm Extras, even. As someone rightly pointed out, I passed 20 wpm and I am not atall competent at CW. And no, that doesn't bother me. Actually, it's been this way for many years. I've been licenced for 'only' 23 years, so I can't remember it not being a minority interest.

The fact is that those who were forced to learn it and found that they liked it won't be replaced. In fact, that's pretty much how it is already, since 5 wpm doesn't really count. I still come across people who want to learn CW irrespective of when the test will go away, and those are your future CW ops. They are fewer in number because _coercion_ is being removed, but they exist. The fundamental problem I have with Dick and Larry is that they favour using coercion to get people to learn CW. Did they never hear of the saying 'you'll catch more files with honey than with vinegar' ?

1253. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 12:41:36 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com>
Message-ID: <4yxQa.451$IL.55306@nnrp1.ptd.net>
Source record: 71131

"JJ" <radiobuff0@mailcity.moc> wrote in message
news:3F1166F1.60105@mailcity.moc...
>
>
> Radio Amateur KC2HMZ wrote:
>
> >
> > I was monitoring a MARS net a few years back, that was being conducted
> > in some rather lousy band conditions. One station tried to check into
> > this net using CW because the ops couldn't get through to the NCS
> > using SSB. The NCS told them that CW was not a valid operating mode
> > for checking into a MARS net. Draw your own conclusions.
>
> I am curious as to why CW would not be a valid operating mode on a
> MARS net.
>

Perhaps because the military doesn't train its radio ops in Morse any more?

(This is true ... my youngest son is a Radioman in Navy EOD ... never
learned
a single "dit" or "dah" ... the military only trains a very few "intercept
operators"
at a joint services school at Ft. Huachuca ... at least that's where it was
last I
knew ...)

Carl - wk3c

1254. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 12:50:04 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com>
Message-ID: <0GxQa.453$IL.55422@nnrp1.ptd.net>
Source record: 71132

"Mike Coslo" <mcoslo@adelphia.net> wrote in message
news:3F1215F6.2010103@adelphia.net...
>
>
> Carl R. Stevenson wrote:
> > "Arnie Macy" <kt4st@csam.net> wrote in message
> > news:beqim9$7vao5$1@ID-166180.news.uni-berlin.de...
> >
> >>"Carl R. Stevenson" wrote ...
> >>
> >> If find your comparison of yourself (and Larry) to Forest Gump to be
most
> >>appropriate :-) "Stupid is as stupid does." was the saying from the
movie
> >>... and while I don't actually think either you or Larry actually ARE
> >>stupid, you both certainly ACT that way.
> >>
> >
> >

> >
> >>And when did you become the expert on who and who is not intelligent,
> >
> > Carl?
> >
> >>Arnie -
> >>KT4ST
> >
> >
> > Arnie,
> >
> > I was voicing my opinion of the way that Dick, Larry, and a few others
ACT.
> > You will note that I said I didn't actually think they ARE stupid ...
but
> > that they
> > ACT that way (IMHO).
>
> Too bad you decided to do a diss on a person who had a mental handicap.
> (and who wasn't stupid)
>
> I was brought up not to make fun of the handicapped. YMMV.

Mike ... it wasn't me who brought the "Forest Gump" comparison into the debate ... IIRC, if you look back, you'll find that it was Dick or Larry.

Carl - wk3c

1255. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 12:58:11 UTC
From: Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93B85B3568F21elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>
Source record: 71133

n2ey@aol.com (N2EY) wrote in news:20030712220142.21428.00001055@mb-m23.aol.com:

> In article <Xns93B6735AF9500elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>, Alun Palmer
> <elektros@yahoo.com> writes:
>
>>No true, what if the sound fails on your ATV setup and you are aboard a
>>sinking vessel?
>
> Use ASL (American Sign Language)
>
> 73 de Jim, N2EY
>

I wasn't really serious. However, if you use ASL you better hope that a deaf American is watching. There is also an international sign language, which is completely different.

1256. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 13:04:23 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com>
Message-ID: <rTxQa.454$lL.55425@nnrp1.ptd.net>
Source record: 71134

"Alun Palmer" <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote in message
news:Xns93B85073FF71Aelektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4...
> "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net> wrote in
> news:jKbQa.9693$Vx2.4102850@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com:
>
> >
> > "N2EY" <n2ey@aol.com> wrote in message
> > news:20030713064528.02222.00000796@mb-m16.aol.com...
> >> In article <zN2Qa.276$lL.33979@nnrp1.ptd.net>, "Carl R. Stevenson"
> >> <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> writes:
> >>
> >> >I just know that there are much better digital modes available
> >>
> >> "Better" is in the eye of the definer. There are characteristics in
> >> which Morse is much "better" than any digital mode, and
> >> characteristics in which some digital modes are much "better" than
> >> Morse.
> >
> > Exactly. Morse can be deciphered by ear if you don't have a computer.

So could FSK RTTY, *IF* it were run at comparable symbol rates to,
say 20 wpm, OOK Morse ... there is nothing "magical" about Morse
and the insistence on using "wetware" instead of software to do the
decoding is an anomaly of ham radio.

This "do it the hard way, rather than the smart way" approach to things
that is held by so many hams leads to stagation, backwardness, etc.

For example, EME can be done, with proper modulation and coding
with much less power/antenna gain than with OOK Morse ... allowing
much more modest stations in terms of power and antenna systems to
"make the path." However, "tradition" seems to dictate that EME
must be done "the hard way" ... with brute force power, antenna
systems that most hams can't construct (for reasons of lack of space,
zoning, or just plain cost), and manual decoding of the signals ... to the
"traditionallists," anything else is somehow equated to "cheating."
How ridiculous!!!!!!!

> > What if you are unsure of the amount of time that you will be without
> > power and don't want to put the additional load of a computer on your
> > power source?

The credo of emergency preparedness is the same as the Boy Scout's
Motto "Be prepared." HAVE backup power source(s), backup equipment,
and backup operators available ... have a well-thought out PLAN for a
wide range of scenarios. DON'T rely on cobbling together a Morse rig

from scraps and running it from a generator powered by a hamster running on a wheel.

73,
Carl - wk3c

1257. Re: The Day has come....

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 13:14:15 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com>
Message-ID: <H0yQa.456$IL.55646@nnrp1.ptd.net>
Source record: 71135

"Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net> wrote in message
news:_GoQa.9824$Vx2.4233633@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com...
>
> "Vshah101" <vshah101@aol.com> wrote in message
> news:20030713220153.26805.00000275@mb-m18.aol.com...
> > From: yodoc@aol.comnospam (Larry Roll K3LT)
> >
> > Here is one example where its bad for image of the ARS. I mentioned that
I
> had
> > a Ham radio license to someone. He asked me if they still used Morse
code.
> He
> > also said its obsolete and even the military does not use it.
>
> Just shows how ignorant he is. Special Forces still learn it and use it
as
> they may need to operate low power and be stealthy.

That seems to be urban myth ... my youngest son is a Radioman in Navy EOD ... a special unit that's one notch below the SEALs ... NO Morse training.

If they USE Morse at all, it would likely be sent and received by machine as very high-speed bursts to send relatively short messages that would be "low probability of detection" and very difficult to DF because the bursts would be so short. (I don't know that they use this any more ... it was available, but uncommon, back in 1990 when I left Rockwell-Collins Defense Communications for the commercial sector. It's probably been supplanted by FSK, since at equal symbol rates that has about a 9 dB weak signal advantage over OOK Morse and it's actually simpler to encode and decode in hardware/software.

Carl - wk3c

1258. Re: The Day has come....

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 13:16:45 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com>
Message-ID: <13yQa.457$IL.55474@nnrp1.ptd.net>
Source record: 71136

"William H. O'Hara, III" <whoohara@yahoo.com> wrote in message
news:Xns93B81D03906FAX2A3DA5M1512AODKAMO@65.100.3.61...
>
>
> I had thought pilots DID. Does Anyone know?

The Morse IDs on radionav beacons send so slow
that it's easy to write down "dots" and "dashes" and
use a laminated "cheat sheet" to decode the ID and
make sure it's the beacon you want.

Carl - wk3c

1259. Re: I'm gonna get you all

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 13:44:58 UTC
From: An Metet <anmetet@liberty.gmsociety.org>
Message-ID: <c32821a3f485756dff62ac97450e2daa@aonymous.poster>
Source record: 71137

In article <3f1246ce@shknews01>
"LA Davies" <lloyd_vfp@dalek.com> wrote:
>
>
> You quit making fun of me, for my anti-code. I will have my code-free
> extra. Then you will be sorry.......

We're already sorry you have your technician, lllllllllllllllllloooooser.

1260. Re: Ham Radio In The Post-Code Testing Era

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 13:57:07 UTC
From: Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net>
Message-ID: <3F12B69A.24B5BDED@att.net>
Source record: 71138

Larry Roll K3LT wrote:

> In article <SzbQa.9690$Vx2.4101608@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com>, "Dee D. Flint"
> <deehays@qix.net> writes:
>
> >Elimination of the code requirement may actually cause a loss in the ham
> >ranks, if not in numbers at least in activity. The elimination will
> >probably coincide with the early part of the bottom of the current sunspot
> >cycle. People will upgrade and quite a few will be so disappointed at the
> >poor activity that they will become quite inactive on HF and this
> >disappointment could spill over and affect their activity on VHF/UHF.
> >
> >Dee D. Flint, N8UZE
>
> A very cogent observation, Dee. The irony is, at the low side of a
> solar cycle, when the geomagnetic activity subsides along with the
> solar flux, the use of CW permits communication even though there
> isn't good enough propagation to pursue reliable SSB operation.
> Therefore, the one thing that could keep them active on-the-air --
> knowledge of the Morse code, won't be within their capability because
> they had no incentive to learn it.

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Yep, someone convinced them that it was no more than a "hazing ritual" and dips like JJ who claims to be as longtime ham but knows so little about what's happened in the interim to be even conversant about issues, offered all their support.
Tha hobby is in sad shape and is being held up like Atlas holding the world by hams who have taken a code test. When all you have left is the Loyd Davies, well I doubt that statement even needs finishing.

1261. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 13:58:40 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu>
Message-ID: <3F12B710.6040807@psu.edu>
Source record: 71141

Dick Carroll wrote:
>
> Bill Sohl wrote:
>
>
>>"Dick Carroll" <dickc58@att.net> wrote in message
>>news:3F10DD72.2D94F213@att.net...
>>
>>>
>>>Bill Sohl wrote:
>>>
>>>
>>>> You
>>>>are (IMHO) clearly not up to the task of recruiting new hams
>>>>by proactively advocating CW use.
>>>
>>>Just as I would have skipped learning the code if it hadn't been a
>>
>>licensing
>>
>>>requirement, too.
>>
>>So much for your advocacy of morse to new hams.
>>You made my point.
>
>
> Bill you have been quite consistant about missing the entire point. When there is no
> code test
> most hams won't learn Morse code. I know that taxes you not a bit, so that means that
> you don't
> care whether or not hams will be losing it as a viable mode. Which shows how
> shortsighted you
> are, right along with the rest of NCI. And yes, FCC too. Of course they have far
> bigger fish to fry
> than to worry about a trivial detail involving the ARS. The least time they must
> spend on ARS issues the better for them, whatever the end result.

I don't think there is any point missed at all. I think that those who
oppose the test know very well that elimination of the test will
eventually eliminate use.

- Mike KB3EIA -

1262. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 13:58:52 UTC
From: Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net>
Message-ID: <3F12B703.7BDD72F6@att.net>
Source record: 71139

Larry Roll K3LT wrote:

> In article <bet10p$8lhff$1@ID-166180.news.uni-berlin.de>, "Arnie Macy"
> <kt4st@csam.net> writes:
>
> >Speaking of obsolete, there's your buddy -- good old SSB -- a mode which
> >has been (borrowing your words) "supplanted, in virtually every service
> >except ham radio ... by more modern, efficient, reliable, and convenient
> >means of communications." and *I* (wink) think it should be retired as soon
> >as possible and we should stop using SSB for EMComm immediately -- I mean
> >after all, it is just about as ancient as it gets in communication terms,
> >right? Why use that ancient old SSB when I can hop on the Internet or bring
> >up VTC or digital and get through faster and farther.
> >
> >Arnie -
> >KT4ST
>
> Arnie:
>
> Worry not, help is on the way! When the FCC finally acts on WRC-03 and
> drops the code testing requirement, the ARS will suddenly be filled with
> eager, computer-literate, technically-inclined young newcomers to ham
> radio who will invent, develop, and deploy the amateur radio version of the
> broadband infrastructure now available to anyone who owns a cell phone,
> wireless PDA, or Wi-Fi equipped laptop. We will be communicating by
> voice, data, and image, all with no need to purchase "minutes" of air time
> or enter into expensive contracts with service providers. Once relieved of
> the requirement to learn that obsolete old Morse code, we will see, as
> promised for years, a technical revolution in amateur radio the likes of
> which nobody could have imagined in the bad old days of being tested
> for competence in "beeping."
>
> I can hardly wait!

You'd better be able to wait! You'll sure have to!

1263. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 14:01:36 UTC
From: Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net>
Message-ID: <3F12B7A8.5E8738D1@att.net>
Source record: 71140

Larry Roll K3LT wrote:

> In article <3F1165AE.909@mailcity.moc>, JJ <radiobuff0@mailcity.moc> writes:
>
> >> That statement just convinced a few thousand people to try CW on its
> >> own merits...NOT!
> > >
> >And convinced some that ham radio is not for them if they have to
> >associate with people like Larry with his superior attitude. It is
> >people like Larry and Dick with their attitudes toward others who
> >do not share their zeal for CW that do more harm for ham radio
> >than not having those CW skills ever could.
>
> JJ:
>
> I will not presume to speak for Dick, but I think your comment regarding
> my "zeal" for CW is a bit overstated. I *like* CW, and I use it a lot, but
> I don't have what I would describe as any particular "zeal" for the mode.
> The truth is, for at least the last three years, most of my operating has
> been in digital modes, mainly PSK-31 and RTTY. However, since I
> possess reasonable (20 - 25 WPM) proficiency in Morse code, I am
> always able to fall back on CW when conditions don't permit me to
> continue effective communication on PSK-31 or other digital modes --
> and believe me, I have encountered that situation many times. You
> see, my ears and brain can continue to make sense out of CW
> signals that are severely degraded, long after my digital software gives
> up and only prints gibberish on the screen. Moreover, if I were a better
> CW operator than I am, I'm sure that I would experience an even more
> dramatic demonstration of this effect. Therefore, I am a firm believer
> in the Morse/CW mode, and believe that the best way to cause radio
> amateurs to become proficient in this mode is (or was) code testing
> as part of licensing requirements.
>
> I did not become a proficient CW operator out of any particular love
> of Morse code. It was the requirement to learn it in order to obtain
> full HF privileges that caused me to learn it, gain operating experience
> in it, and eventually to become convinced of it's practicality and
> indispensability among the operating skills that a fully capable radio
> amateur can possess.
>
> 73 de Larry, K3LT

Larry you're paying to much attention to JJ who has clearly just woke up from
his Rip Van Winkle state and smelled the coffee....at least he thinks its the coffee!

1264. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 14:08:31 UTC
From: Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net>
Message-ID: <3F12B946.66755115@att.net>
Source record: 71142

Larry Roll K3LT wrote:

> In article <pnc1hvovm4qelp318s227d8q0hbsnhv5kk@4ax.com>, Radio Amateur KC2HMZ
> <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net> writes:
>
> >>The only no-coders I bother to "ridicule" are those who offer the typically
> >>inane arguments that code testing is somehow detrimental to the future
> >>of the ARS -- usually by discouraging the involvement of computer-
> >>literate, technically-involved young people. The truth about these
> >>people is that they just want to get on HF phone and yak away -- and for
> >>the most part, haven't a clue as to what's happening inside their off-the-
> >>shelf ham radio appliance.
> >
> >I'm sure that's true for some. I'm also sure it's not true for all.
>
> The funny thing is, John, that the ones for which it isn't true are apparently
> nowhere to be found among the typical newcomers to the ARS these days.
>
> >The average computer-literate, technically involved people tend to be
> >able to, for example, assemble a computer from its basic elements
> >(case, power supply, motherboard and perhaps some daughterboards),
> >connect the peripherals, install an OS and other software without a
> >dozen calls to a tech support hotline, and end up with a viable
> >working machine.
>
> I could do all that, and I don't consider myself to be particularly "technical"
> as far as computers are concerned. That's just simple assembly -- a mainly
> mechanical skill.
>
> >Folks who can do this are technically involved in comparison to the
> >folks who don't even know which port the monitor plugs into. They
> >aren't technically involved in comparison to the guy who designed the
> >motherboard in the first place. However, even in the industry, very
> >few people do component level repairs on motherboards and
> >daughterboards any more. What of it? Who do you know that's designed
> >and built a multi-band HF rig lately? Some have, of course...most of
> >them work for Kenwood, Icom, Yaesu, Alinco, etc.
>
> Component-level repairs aren't done these days mainly for economic
> reasons. The labor cost involved in trouble-shooting a board at the
> component level would exceed the value of the component probably
> long before the fault was diagnosed.
>
> >Of those that are able to do component level repairs on computer

> >equipment, they probably have much of the knowledge needed to pass our
> >written exams, except they lack the specialized knowledge of RF.
> >Certainly, though, it would seem they have the capacity to learn it -
> >but when the first thing we do is hit them with something over a
> >hundred years old and tell them this is our lowest common denominator,
> >I have no doubt that it causes a lot of people to think, "@#$&%^*
> >that!" and find another hobby...perhaps they already have one.
>
> Well, that reaction to having to learn Morse code would only indicate
> that they're not at all serious about becoming fully capable as radio
> amateurs. Nothing new there.
>
> Those with genuine technical skills, who come into ham radio with
> or without Morse code, are perfectly OK by me. My problem begins
> when they go out of their way to whine about the code testing
> requirement, and make all the usual inane NCTA arguments about
> the code itself causing technical ignorance. If they simply go about
> the business of pursuing ham radio to the extent that they desire, and
> leave out the childish whining, I am more than willing to stand in awe
> of the advanced technical skill they demonstrate -- when and where
> it is, in fact, demonstrated.
>
> You have to keep one thing in mind here, John -- I didn't start the
> code testing debate. The anti-code test whiners did, with their
> specious arguments and inane comparisons of Morse code proficiency
> to everything antiquated and obsolete -- without having any first-
> had knowledge or experience to give them a basis for their self-serving,
> usually parroted commentary. If any of them had been willing to invest
> a fraction of the time and effort in learning the code as they did in
> railing against it, they may be singing a different tune, indeed.
>
> 73 de Larry, K3LT

JJ take note- this post is redirected to YOU

1265. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 14:08:47 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu>
Message-ID: <3F12B96F.7090202@psu.edu>
Source record: 71146

Kim W5TIT wrote:
> "Mike Coslo" <mcoslo@adelphia.net> wrote in message
> news:3F1212CA.50103@adelphia.net...
>
>>JJ wrote:
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>>>
>>>Dick Carroll wrote:
>>>
>>>
>>>>JJ you really don't need to display yourself as a code illiterate,
>>>>just because
>>>>you're
>>>>irritated that someone would actually advocate using it on the air.
>>>>You don't have
>>>>to.
>>>>But you can't seem to help yourself. If you've never observed radio
>>>>operators - REAL
>>>>
>>>>radio operators, using code in a very efficient way, that's just your
>>>>loss. No need
>>>>for you to
>>>>act so stupid over it.
>>>>
>>>>Some people can, others "just don't want to". You can be one of those
>>>>if you wish.
>>>
>>>
>>>First, I am not code illiterate, I can operate code if I choose to.
>>>Second, your statement of REAL radio operators is where I have a problem
>>>with the likes of you and Larry.
>>
>>What is your callsign, JJ?
>>
>>- Mike KB3EIA -
>>
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>
> JJ, you must be hitting a nerve.

Just like to know who I'm conversing with!

- Mike KB3EIA -

1266. Re: Picard vs Kirk, was Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 14:10:28 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu>
Message-ID: <3F12B9D4.9070101@psu.edu>
Source record: 71145

Larry Roll K3LT wrote:
> In article <3F1218DC.2080309@adelphia.net>, Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
> writes:
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>
>>Yaknow, we could really P***s off some people by bringing in a Star
>>Trek thread here. Anyone game?
>>
>> I'll start.
>>
>> Was Picard a No-coder, or would he have known Morse?
>>
>> Was Kirk a no coder, or would he have know Morse?
>>
>> I say Picard knew Morse code, because of a combined respect for
>>history, and a desire to communicate in extremis if need be.
>>
>> Kirk was a no coder, because of, well just because. 8^)
>
>
> Apparently Kirk did know the Morse code, since he was able to copy the
> "SOS" being sent by antique space ship from Earth full of the genetically
> enhanced people in suspended animation in "Space Seed."

I'll be. You got me there, Larry!

- Mike KB3EIA -

1267. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 14:12:19 UTC
From: Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net>
Message-ID: <3F12BA2A.51DCC37A@att.net>
Source record: 71143

Dwight Stewart wrote:

> "N2EY" wrote:
> >
> > "Knowledge" in this context really means anything
> > that can be learned and known consciously by a person.
> >
> > There are at least three different kinds of knowledge -
> > facts, concepts and skills.
>
> Is there significant knowledge in using a hammer skillfully?

Dwight your ignorance is showing again--OF COURSE there is!

>
>
> > Facts are concrete pieces of information, and are
> > learned by pure memorization. "1 plus 1 equals 2
> > in base 10" is an arithmetic fact. A person can
> > know all sorts of facts with no understanding of
> > what they mean.
> >
> > Concepts are understandings of how things work and
> > what they mean. Such as the concept of addition,
> > which requires understanding. Of course without
> > facts, very little can be done with pure concepts.
>
> > (snip) Most of what is on the written test is facts.
> > The Morse test is almost pure skill. Concepts get the
> > short end.
>
> I'm not sure I can fully agree with that since the written tests do
> require at least rudimentary understanding of scientific concepts like radio
> waves, RF exposure, atmospheric affects on radio waves, and so on (all found
> in even college level science textbooks, including Ohm's Law).

That would true be if one bothered to actually learn the background information on
the
questions that are in the pool. Most don't, since the objective is to pass the test
and
get the license. Learning is not a requirement.

1268. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 14:15:43 UTC
From: Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net>
Message-ID: <3F12BAF7.E806F1F6@att.net>
Source record: 71144

Alun Palmer wrote:

> "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net> wrote in
> news:jKbQa.9693$Vx2.4102850@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com:
>
> >
> > "N2EY" <n2ey@aol.com> wrote in message
> > news:20030713064528.02222.00000796@mb-m16.aol.com...
> >> In article <zN2Qa.276$lL.33979@nnrp1.ptd.net>, "Carl R. Stevenson"
> >> <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> writes:
> >>
> >> >I just know that there are much better digital modes available
> >>
> >> "Better" is in the eye of the definer. There are characteristics in
> >> which Morse is much "better" than any digital mode, and
> >> characteristics in which some digital modes are much "better" than
> >> Morse.
> >
> > Exactly. Morse can be deciphered by ear if you don't have a computer.
> > What if you are unsure of the amount of time that you will be without
> > power and don't want to put the additional load of a computer on your
> > power source?
> >
> > "Better" depends on the sum total of the conditions under which you are
> > operating. One can envision scenarios that favor one specific mode
> > over others. That is why a ham should have a basic competence in ALL
> > modes including morse.
> >
> > Dee D. Flint, N8UZE
> >
> >
>
> Except that ham radio is not mission critical for most of us. If
> conditions are poor on HF SSB, I can just QSY to a repeater, or read a
> book or watch TV, for that matter.

And let the emergency responders handle everything else. We see.

1269. Re: The Day has come....

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 14:21:53 UTC
From: Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net>
Message-ID: <3F12BC68.62863D70@att.net>
Source record: 71147

"Carl R. Stevenson" wrote:

> "William H. O'Hara, III" <whoohara@yahoo.com> wrote in message
> news:Xns93B81D03906FAX2A3DA5M1512AODKAMO@65.100.3.61...
> >
> >
> > I had thought pilots DID. Does Anyone know?
>
> The Morse IDs on radionav beacons send so slow
> that it's easy to write down "dots" and "dashes" and
> use a laminated "cheat sheet" to decode the ID and
> make sure it's the beacon you want.

..while you fly the plane into a mountain

1270. Re: I'm gonna get you all

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 14:22:46 UTC
From: Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net>
Message-ID: <3F12BC9E.518D17A1@att.net>
Source record: 71148

An Metet wrote:

> In article <3f1246ce@shknews01>
> "LA Davies" <lloyd_vfp@dalek.com> wrote:
> >
> >
> > You quit making fun of me, for my anti-code. I will have my code-free
> > extra. Then you will be sorry.......
>
> We're already sorry you have your technician, lllllllllllllllllooooooser.

Yup *one of the* poster boys for Dumb Down.

1271. Re: Code a Deterrent to a Ham Ticket ??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 14:30:30 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu>
Message-ID: <3F12BE86.1050906@psu.edu>
Source record: 71149

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Alun Palmer wrote:
> Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net> wrote in
> news:3F12088C.8060407@adelphia.net:
>
>
>>Dee D. Flint wrote:
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>>>"Bill Sohl" <billsohl@mindspring.com> wrote in message
>>>news:beqmpo$bo4$1@slb6.atl.mindspring.net...
>>>
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>>>>"Guessing" <Guessing@connectnet.net> wrote in message
>>>>news:kTWPa.1427$Bd5.928@fed1read01...
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>>>>>"Alun Palmer" <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote in message
>>>>>news:Xns93B67B0FCD2E0elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4...
>>>>>
>>>>>
>>>>>>"Guessing" <Guessing@connectnet.net> wrote in
>>>>>>news:bXVPa.1425$Bd5.445@fed1read01:
>>>>>
>>>>>Ask a lawyer about that one. Hey I want to be a BSEE, why do I have
>>>>>to take History classes ????
>>>>
>>>>You don't have to take history classes in some schools
>>>>to get a BSEE.
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>>>
>>>
>>>Broaden the category to Socio-Humanistic electives or whatever
>>>equivalent term that your college uses and you will find that you do
>>>have to take a certain amount of them. And everyone regardless of
>>>major has to take English even though they should already be
>>>proficient at that before they get there. You have to take quite a
>>>few "unnecessary" courses in college to get a degree in any field.
>>
>> Unless you are a "non-traditional student" at old PSU, you have to
>> take
>>Physical Education classes. My son is taking Karate this semester, as a
>>required course.
>>
>> It has no bearing on his eventual carreer, yet he may elect to not
>> take
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>>it, and not graduate. He has to take some history, to and there are
>>plenty of other classes that have a questionable relevence to his
>>eventual carreer.
>>
>> Even the Electrical engineers have to take these classes.
>>
>> The idea is actually sound, as it helps produce a more well
>> rounded
>>individual. It also takes into account that a person may not have the
>>same "core competencies" their entire career. A narrowly focused
>>education may prepare a person for a carreer that eventually
>>dissapears.
>>
>> - Mike KB3EIA -
>>
>>
>
>
> I might have known that you would think it was a good idea - I don't

Thanks, Alun! I've switched fields 5 times in the course of one career.
If I hadn't had a broad education, I wouldn't have been able to.

I've always jumped on every educational opporunity I could.

- Mike KB3EIA -

1272. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 14:34:13 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu>
Message-ID: <3F12BF65.7020905@psu.edu>
Source record: 71150

Dick Carroll wrote:
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> JJ wrote:
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>>Dick Carroll wrote:
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>>>JJ you're about as dippy as they're made these days. One of us says he beleives
>>>that it's important for hams to learn to do morse code because it's a good, really
>>>simple and viable communications mode for hams, and suddenly you've got us all
>>>packaged up as ogres. You haven't a single clue, and you'r so far off that
>>>you have no clue that you have no clue. Probably a good thing, dipschitz like you,
>>>if intelligent, might be something of an annoyance. As it is you come in somewhere
>>>below a gnat.
>>
>>I haven't packaged anyone who supports CW mode as an ogre, just
>>those who choose to use derogatory terms to describe fellow hams
>>who choose not to learn or use CW or put the importance on it you
>>do, you know, like those dumbed-down lowly, not "real hams"
>>good-for-nothing, no-techical knowledge, no-coders.
>>
>>I must really get under your skin Dickie.
>
>
> JJ it's just another minor rrap irritant that you're another dipshit who spouts off
> without
> having a hint of a clue. No problem,we've had plenty of them here on rrap to date.
> You and Kim fit really well together.
>
> Oh, don't think just because you try to be anonymous that no one can find out who
> you are. That's been tried here before. If I was interested at all I'd already know.
> I'm not, but some others will probably be.

Speaking of which, where is our resident ferret, Steve? I haven't heard
from him in a while.

- Mike KB3EIA -

1273. Re: It Ain't Over til It's Over (Was Now That It's Over)

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 14:52:06 UTC
From: Guessing <Guessing@connectnet.net>
Message-ID: <rszQa.4$0f.0@fed1read01>
Source record: 71051

YAGI Berra Sed That

Depending on the FCC whims, cud be a while before you get that no-code HF license.

Yogi also sed "When you come to a Tee in the coax -- Take it"

More Yogi at URL:
http://www.yogi-berra.com/

1274. Re: Picard vs Kirk, was Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 16:22:25 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030714122225.24390.00001114@mb-m19.aol.com>
Source record: 71056

In article <beu4di$2c8j$1@adenine.netfront.net>, "Kim W5TIT"
<fahgedit@nomail.net> writes:

>> Apparently Kirk did know the Morse code, since he was able to copy the
>> "SOS" being sent by antique space ship from Earth full of the genetically
>> enhanced people in suspended animation in "Space Seed."
>>
>> 73 de Larry, K3LT
>> A Treker, not a "Trekkie"
>>
>>
>
>OK. There you have it. End of debate. Larry has just stated that someone
>who knows the sending of SOS knows "the Morse code."
>
Except that the sleeper ship was sending "CQ", not "SOS". Which may actually
have been a form of inside joke, because one of the pet peeves of many was the
too-long CQ with no breaks to listen.

73 de Jim, N2EY

1275. Re: I'm gonna get you all

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 16:31:32 UTC
From: k4yz@aol.com
Message-ID: <5c01b95b.0307140146.35fb7b37@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71057

"LA Davies" <lloyd_vfp@dalek.com> wrote in message news:<3f1246ce@shknews01>...
> You quit making fun of me, for my anti-code. I will have my code-free
> extra. Then you will be sorry.......

Wrong, Your Scumminess...you already make us sorry...

Steve, K4YZ

1276. Re: I'm gonna get you all

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 16:31:56 UTC
From: k4yz@aol.com
Message-ID: <5c01b95b.0307140147.2366beb4@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71058

"LA Davies" <lloyd_vfp@dalek.com> wrote in message news:<3f1246ce@shknews01>...
> You quit making fun of me, for my anti-code. I will have my code-free
> extra. Then you will be sorry.......

Wrong, Your Scumminess...you already make us sorry...

Steve, K4YZ

1277. Re: I'm gonna get you all

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 16:32:11 UTC
From: k4yz@aol.com
Message-ID: <5c01b95b.0307140147.56c508f8@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71059

"LA Davies" <lloyd_vfp@dalek.com> wrote in message news:<3f1246ce@shknews01>...
> You quit making fun of me, for my anti-code. I will have my code-free
> extra. Then you will be sorry.......

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Steve, K4YZ

1278. Re: Aero Mobile .52 Simplex Request

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 16:37:44 UTC
From: k4yz@aol.com
Message-ID: <5c01b95b.0307140201.4df4c505@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71060
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy

Jim Weir <jim@rst-engr.com> wrote in message
news:<mo13hv059g6bb99flrq618o1v9vphocfe7@4ax.com>...

> In about two weeks (and for ten days thereafter) the largest collection of
> aircraft in the world will be converging on Oshkosh WI from all corners of the
> USA and several countries. The show actually starts on the 29th of July and
> ends on the 5th of August, but the heaviest traffic is going to be the weekends
> of 26 July and 2 August.

"Mecca" for anyone who loves aviation.

> There is a large crossbreeding of pilots and hams...

Hmmm...What if Amelia Earheart and Porky Pig......Naaaaaah!

> Cessna 182A N 73 CQ

A straight tail 182A, Jim...?!?! Is it a "182" or a Skylane, and
do you have it estored to original colors/condition...?!?! I'd love
to be able to go this year!

Safe flight and following wnds...

73

Steve, K4YZ

1279. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 17:29:56 UTC
From: Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93B8894578439elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>
Source record: 71066

JJ <radiobuff0@mailcity.moc> wrote in news:3F123869.4000800@mailcity.moc:

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> Dick Carroll wrote:
>>
>> Larry Roll K3LT wrote:
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>>
>>>In article <pnc1hvovm4qelp318s227d8q0hbsnhv5kk@4ax.com>, Radio Amateur
>>>KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net> writes:
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>>>>The only no-coders I bother to "ridicule" are those who offer the
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>>>>connect the peripherals, install an OS and other software without a
>>>>dozen calls to a tech support hotline, and end up with a viable
>>>>working machine.
>>>
>>>I could do all that, and I don't consider myself to be particularly
>>>"technical" as far as computers are concerned. That's just simple
>>>assembly -- a mainly mechanical skill.
>>>
>>>
>>>>Folks who can do this are technically involved in comparison to the
>>>>folks who don't even know which port the monitor plugs into. They
>>>>aren't technically involved in comparison to the guy who designed the
>>>>motherboard in the first place. However, even in the industry, very

>>>>few people do component level repairs on motherboards and
>>>>daughterboards any more. What of it? Who do you know that's designed
>>>>and built a multi-band HF rig lately? Some have, of course...most of
>>>>them work for Kenwood, Icom, Yaesu, Alinco, etc.
>>>
>>>Component-level repairs aren't done these days mainly for economic
>>>reasons. The labor cost involved in trouble-shooting a board at the
>>>component level would exceed the value of the component probably
>>>long before the fault was diagnosed.
>>>
>>>
>>>>Of those that are able to do component level repairs on computer
>>>>equipment, they probably have much of the knowledge needed to pass
>>>>our written exams, except they lack the specialized knowledge of RF.
>>>>Certainly, though, it would seem they have the capacity to learn it -
>>>>but when the first thing we do is hit them with something over a
>>>>hundred years old and tell them this is our lowest common
>>>>denominator, I have no doubt that it causes a lot of people to think,
>>>>"@#$&%^* that!" and find another hobby...perhaps they already have
>>>>one.
>>>
>>>Well, that reaction to having to learn Morse code would only indicate
>>>that they're not at all serious about becoming fully capable as radio
>>>amateurs. Nothing new there.
>>>
>>>Those with genuine technical skills, who come into ham radio with
>>>or without Morse code, are perfectly OK by me. My problem begins
>>>when they go out of their way to whine about the code testing
>>>requirement, and make all the usual inane NCTA arguments about
>>>the code itself causing technical ignorance. If they simply go about
>>>the business of pursuing ham radio to the extent that they desire, and
>>>leave out the childish whining, I am more than willing to stand in awe
>>>of the advanced technical skill they demonstrate -- when and where
>>>it is, in fact, demonstrated.
>>>
>>>You have to keep one thing in mind here, John -- I didn't start the
>>>code testing debate. The anti-code test whiners did, with their
>>>specious arguments and inane comparisons of Morse code proficiency
>>>to everything antiquated and obsolete -- without having any first-
>>>had knowledge or experience to give them a basis for their
>>>self-serving, usually parroted commentary. If any of them had been
>>>willing to invest a fraction of the time and effort in learning the
>>>code as they did in railing against it, they may be singing a
>>>different tune, indeed.
>>>
>>>73 de Larry, K3LT
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>>
>> JJ take note- this post is redirected to YOU
>

> So why is is redirected to me, I read it the first time Larry
> posted it. So what?
>
> I agree with Larry on one point, about those who whine about the
> code testing requirement. When I taught Novice classes there would
> for certain be at least one student who would complain about
> having to learn the code and would always ask, "why do we have to
> learn this code stuff, I don't ever plan to use it," My reply was,
> "because it is one of the requirements to obtain a license, if you
> want the license then learn the code, if you don't want to put
> forth the effort ot learn the code then you don't want a ham
> license, you would probably be happier on cb."
>

If that isn't hazing, then nothing is

> But then again, some of the biggest complainers, eventually became
> the best CW operators.
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>

1280. Re: Code a Deterrent to a Ham Ticket ??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 17:31:44 UTC
From: Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93B8899374319elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>
Source record: 71067

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Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu> wrote in news:3F12BE86.1050906@psu.edu:

> Alun Palmer wrote:
>> Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net> wrote in
>> news:3F12088C.8060407@adelphia.net:
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>>>Dee D. Flint wrote:
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>>>>"Bill Sohl" <billsohl@mindspring.com> wrote in message
>>>>news:beqmpo$bo4$1@slb6.atl.mindspring.net...
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>>>>>"Guessing" <Guessing@connectnet.net> wrote in message
>>>>>news:kTWPa.1427$Bd5.928@fed1read01...
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>>>>>
>>>>>>"Alun Palmer" <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote in message
>>>>>>news:Xns93B67B0FCD2E0elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4...
>>>>>>
>>>>>>
>>>>>>>"Guessing" <Guessing@connectnet.net> wrote in
>>>>>>>news:bXVPa.1425$Bd5.445@fed1read01:
>>>>>>
>>>>>>Ask a lawyer about that one. Hey I want to be a BSEE, why do I have
>>>>>>to take History classes ????
>>>>>
>>>>>You don't have to take history classes in some schools
>>>>>to get a BSEE.
>>>>>
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>>>>
>>>>Broaden the category to Socio-Humanistic electives or whatever
>>>>equivalent term that your college uses and you will find that you do
>>>>have to take a certain amount of them. And everyone regardless of
>>>>major has to take English even though they should already be
>>>>proficient at that before they get there. You have to take quite a
>>>>few "unnecessary" courses in college to get a degree in any field.
>>>
>>> Unless you are a "non-traditional student" at old PSU, you have
>>> to take
>>>Physical Education classes. My son is taking Karate this semester, as
>>>a required course.
>>>
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>>> It has no bearing on his eventual carreer, yet he may elect to
>>> not take
>>>it, and not graduate. He has to take some history, to and there are
>>>plenty of other classes that have a questionable relevence to his
>>>eventual carreer.
>>>
>>> Even the Electrical engineers have to take these classes.
>>>
>>> The idea is actually sound, as it helps produce a more well
>>> rounded
>>>individual. It also takes into account that a person may not have the
>>>same "core competencies" their entire career. A narrowly focused
>>>education may prepare a person for a carreer that eventually
>>>dissapears.
>>>
>>> - Mike KB3EIA -
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>>
>> I might have known that you would think it was a good idea - I don't
>
> Thanks, Alun! I've switched fields 5 times in the course of one
> career.
> If I hadn't had a broad education, I wouldn't have been able to.
>
> I've always jumped on every educational opporunity I could.
>
> - Mike KB3EIA -
>
>

And learning history in an EE degree somehow helped you to do that???

1281. Re: Code a Deterrent to a Ham Ticket ??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 17:32:32 UTC
From: Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93B889B6868B2elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>
Source record: 71068

JJ <radiobuff0@mailcity.moc> wrote in news:3F123997.6040801@mailcity.moc:

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>
> Dick Carroll wrote:
>>
>> Bill Sohl wrote:
>>
>>
>>>"Radio Amateur KC2HMZ" wrote
>>
>>
>>>> An amateur radio license is a document awarded at the *beginning* of
>>>>one's participation in the hobby for the purpose of granting
>>>>operating privileges and to certify that the recipient has
>>>>demonstrated entry level knowledge at the class of license thus
>>>>received.
>>>
>>
>> And since the Extra class license is awarded to illiterates today,
>> your point is at
>> least partly
>> valid. In past times the Extra class license wasn't issued to people
>> whom the FCC wasn't pretty sure had the knowledge and ability to
>> function at the top level of ham radio. The Extra class license, at
>> its inception, was never intended to be a entry level license at all.
>> That you "modernists" conclude otherwise serves to confirm just how
>> far the "dumbing down" of the ARS has gone.
>>
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>>
>>>It won't get
>>>
>>>>you a job bagging groceries.
>>>
>>
>> And definitely that was not always the case. I've landed a couple
>> jobs in
>> electronics on
>> the strength of my ham ticket, and later partially so, since by that
>> time I also held a commercial
>> license. But knowledgble administraters used to consider a ham to be
>> knowledgable in electronics.; Again, that it isn't so these days

>> speaks to just how far toward CB the ARS has slid. Youi never saw
>> CBers beiong viewed as technically competent because of their
>> participation in ratchetjawing. Sure looks like the same applies to
>> today's voice-only hams!
>
> So are you suggesting that the ham tests should be upgraded to
> include chip design and surface mount technology? Those are the
> technical skills required today.
>
>

Not a bad idea. Let's do it!

1282. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 17:36:08 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307140436.1d99efb9@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71070

"Phil Kane" <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop> wrote in message
news:<cuvyxnansvbet.hhvacle.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>...
> On 11 Jul 2003 05:30:06 -0700, Brian wrote:
>
> >Please cite the manual giving explicit directions for gaining
> >permission to operate amateur radio in a country w/o a government, and
> >now without an occupying military force that has jurisdiction over my
> >person.
>
> Ah, effendi, you are starting to understand.

Phil, I noticed you didn't cite the manual. Perhaps you are starting to understand.

Brian

1283. Re: Ham Radio In The Post-Code Testing Era

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 17:38:42 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com>
Message-ID: <CUBQa.507$IL.58269@nnrp1.ptd.net>
Source record: 71069

"Dick Carroll" <dickc58@att.net> wrote in message
news:3F12B69A.24B5BDED@att.net...
> Tha hobby is in sad shape and is being held up like Atlas holding the
world by
> hams who have taken a code test.

Er, Dick ... you over-inflated, Morse-prowess-based ego REALLY shows
in the above comment.

First, I don't believe that "Tha hobby is in sad shape ..."

Second, if it *were* it would be largely because of the narrow-minded,
backward, egotistical sort of thinking that you express above.

Carl - wk3c

1284. Re: Is There ANY Recourse re. FCC & Dropping CW?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 17:42:12 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307140449.73c3e760@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71071

Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net> wrote in message news:<3F123920.C2DD3484@att.net>...
> Bill Sohl wrote:
>
> >
> > > The Final Exam comes much later.
> >
> > Guess my Part 97 document doesn't include the section on
> > ham radio final exams. Please copy us all on where to find it Dick.
>
> Some time around the time when you begin to push up the daisys, Bill.

Now we've got DICK trying to invoke the actuarial tables.

Do we need Dann to weigh in on this?

1285. Smells like type acceptance

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 17:45:22 UTC
From: k0hb@arrl.net
Message-ID: <e79dbd9b.0307140945.358719a3@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71072

I was under the impression (apparently mistaken?) that a licensed amateur could possess any sort of equipment (commercial, homebrew, converted surplus) or whatever. I know of no rule against MODIFICATION of equipment, even if that modification permits operation outside the amateur bands. The rules properly speak to signal purity, staying inside the assigned bands, etc., etc., but do NOT seem to prohibit modifications of factory-built equipment. (In fact, I could probably make an argument that the FCC rules ENCOURAGE tinkering and experimentation of this sort!)

However I note the FCC has required at least one licensed ham, Michael V. Swift, KG6QOB, to restore a rig to "original manufacturer's specifications".

("You are directed to have the transceiver returned to the original manufacturer's specifications by reinstalling the jumper wire which the cutting or removal of permits operation outside the amateur bands. The jumper wire must be repaired or installed, and encapsulated with epoxy or similar material to preclude future modification. After the repair is completed you are directed to bring the transceiver to this office so that the repair can be confirmed and related technical measurements can be made.

You have until July 7, 2003 to respond to this inquiry and to provide the repaired transceiver for inspection.")

While I understand the reason for the action (malicious interference and false distress signals on marine frequencies), it strikes me that this particular remedy is not supported by the law, and might set a precedent for de facto "type acceptance" in the Amateur Radio service.

What say, ye lawyerly types?

73, de Hans, K0HB

1286. Re: CW Requirement Abolished

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 17:45:34 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307140456.34bfd971@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71073

"Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net> wrote in message
news:<w72Qa.9618$Vx2.4015585@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com>...
> "Brian" <brianburke@juno.com> wrote in message
> news:f45722ac.0307090623.3fca4279@posting.google.com...
> > N2EY@AOL.COM (N2EY) wrote in message
> news:<c2356669.0307081338.7209a5cb@posting.google.com>...
> > > Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net> wrote in message
> news:<nipigv4r1n1c1879t1l4feut0kngr676br@4ax.com>...
> > > > On 7 Jul 2003 14:21:15 GMT, Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote:
> > > >
> > > > >We'll just have to think of something else to talk about. Besides,
> it's
> > > > >not over yet. The FCC will likely have multiple petitions to look at.
> For
> > > > >example, what happens to Techs? Should they all get Tech+ privileges?
> > >
> > > Seems completely obvious to me that they should.
> >
> > Ditto Novices
>
> If the US dispenses with the code test, Techs should get the same as the
> Tech+ as that would be the simplest and most appropriate change.
>
> Novices should stay exactly as they are now. They haven't passed the Tech
> written and should NOT get a free upgrade to Tech. It simply isn't
> appropriate. Novices have some HF privileges already anyway.

They have demonstrated the required knowledge (and skill) to operate
on both HF and VHF.

> > [snip]
> > > Seems to me that in a nocodetest future it would make much more sense
> > > to let all hams have access to at least partial privileges on most ham
> > > bands, rather than continuing the artificial HF vs. VHF-UHF
> > > separation.
>
> If they merge the Techs into the priveleges of Tech+, all license classes
> will have some HF privileges.
>
> The simplest overall approach is to simply leave the rest of the classes
> alone except for dropping the code requirement. This requires the least
> amount of rule changes and paperwork changes.
>
> Dee D. Flint, N8UZE

Why take the path of least resistant?

Why not align the license classes and priveleges into something that makes sense?

1287. Re: Code a Deterrent to a Ham Ticket ??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 17:46:32 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu>
Message-ID: <3F12EC78.4030900@psu.edu>
Source record: 71074

Alun Palmer wrote:
> Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu> wrote in news:3F12BE86.1050906@psu.edu:

<some snippage>

>>>> Even the Electrical engineers have to take these classes.
>>>>
>>>> The idea is actually sound, as it helps produce a more well
>>>> rounded
>>>>individual. It also takes into account that a person may not have the
>>>>same "core competencies" their entire career. A narrowly focused
>>>>education may prepare a person for a carreer that eventually
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>> Thanks, Alun! I've switched fields 5 times in the course of one
>> career.
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>>
>> I've always jumped on every educational opporunity I could.
>>
>> - Mike KB3EIA -
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>
> And learning history in an EE degree somehow helped you to do that???

I learn something usable no matter what the class is. It sounds strange
to some people, but it is true. All the little pieces fit together in
the end.

Some people want to be narrowly focused. If you are that way, so be it.
But don't dismiss those of us who think there is more out there.

- Mike KB3EIA -

1288. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 17:56:53 UTC
From: N2EY@AOL.COM
Message-ID: <c2356669.0307140521.4e01e68d@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71075

Dwight Stewart <stewart@say.net> wrote in message news:<BB37D843.1EB20%stewart@say.net>...
> "N2EY" wrote:
> >
> > "Knowledge" in this context really means anything
> > that can be learned and known consciously by a person.
> >
> > There are at least three different kinds of knowledge -
> > facts, concepts and skills.
>
> Is there significant knowledge in using a hammer skillfully?

Yep, if you accept that skill is a type of knowledge. Besides the
skill of actually hammering, there's knowing what hammer to use for a
particular job, knowing how to hold the hammer and thing to be
hammered, and what safety precautions to take.
>
> > Facts are concrete pieces of information, and are
> > learned by pure memorization. "1 plus 1 equals 2
> > in base 10" is an arithmetic fact. A person can
> > know all sorts of facts with no understanding of
> > what they mean.
> >
> > Concepts are understandings of how things work and
> > what they mean. Such as the concept of addition,
> > which requires understanding. Of course without
> > facts, very little can be done with pure concepts.
>
> > (snip) Most of what is on the written test is facts.
> > The Morse test is almost pure skill. Concepts get the
> > short end.

Why snip the skills definition?
>
> I'm not sure I can fully agree with that since the written tests do
> require at least rudimentary understanding of scientific concepts like radio
> waves, RF exposure, atmospheric affects on radio waves, and so on (all found
> in even college level science textbooks, including Ohm's Law).

Not really, Dwight.

Many of the written test questions are about the rules and regs, such
as band edges and power limits. Also symbol identification,
definitions, and other facts. One doesn't have to know what a kHz is
to know that the 40 meter band is 7000 to 7300 kHz. Nor does it
require an understanding of the operation of electronic components to

correctly identify which symbol is, say, a JFET.

More importantly, since the Q&A are all in the public domain, all that is needed to get an answer correct is to identify which of the 4 answers is correct. How this is done by the testee and how much understanding is involved is not a concern of the FCC or VEs as long as there's no cheating involved. Rote memorization, word association, and random guessing are all accepted ways of getting an answer correct. Get enough answers correct and the license is issued.

For example, suppose a question asks for the length of a 40 meter dipole made of wire and offers 4 answers. Someone could learn about dipoles and get the correct answer. Or they could simply learn "40 meter dipole wire 66 feet" with absolutely no understanding of what a dipole is other than that a 40 meter one is 66 feet long. In fact, thinking about that one too much could get you in trouble because '40 meters' is actually about 131 feet.

I never saw much if anyhting about radio in any of the science textbooks I had, grade school through college. I did see some stuff in my engineering textbooks, though. But by then I had been a ham for 5 years.

73 de Jim, N2EY

"Scientists dream of doing great things. Engineers do them." (usually attributed to Wehrner Von Braun)

WWHD

1289. Re: Code a Deterrent to a Ham Ticket ??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 18:02:05 UTC
From: kelly@dvol.com
Message-ID: <d22b54c3.0307140534.7d97a27e@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71076

Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net> wrote in message
news:<ci61hv0nt6hmhfv6cg8oj119432vn3suf8@4ax.com>...
> On 13 Jul 2003 06:35:28 -0700, kelly@dvol.com (Brian Kelly) wrote:
>
> >I don't mean contributions in the sense of Ed's work on the BPL
> >comments package. One of the rationales proffered over and over again
> >by the NCI types for deleting the code tests has been that
> >eliminatinating the code tests will bring flocks of engineers into the
> >hobby who would then come up with technical contributions, "advance
> >the state of the art" etc. Maybe I missed it but I don't know of any
> >such "event" since 1991 when engineers could become hams without a
> >code test.
>
> I wonder if any of the engineers who worked on developing surface
> mount components were hams...or the engineers who took computer CPU
> chip clock speeds from mHz into gHz.

You haven't even started, the list of engineering feats pulled off by
engineers who are hams is endless. In every case I know about however
including those you cite they did what they did as professionals
working for money outside the ham bands, not as amateurs. The topic
on the table here is technical innovations which have advanced the
state of the art in the field of RF comms made by engineers working
within their roles as hams. Let's see your list of those. I'd be
particularly interested in your list of ham engineers who wouldn't
have made those contributions if they had to take any code tests.

> Oh, and didn't the hams who
> happen to be NASA Mission Specialists, some of whom undoubtedly have
> engineering degrees and who took ham equipment into space, contribute
> anything to the hobby by doing so?

Great PR for ham radio but that's button-punching operational "stuff"
based on aerospace comms technologies which have been under
development since the earliest days of NASA. I haven't heard much
about any mission specialists breaking out soldering irons and doing
any innovtive sorts of things.

>
> 73 DE John, KC2HMZ

w3rv

1290. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 18:04:40 UTC
From: Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
Message-ID: <cuvyxnansvbet.hhw0e9o.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 71077

On Fri, 11 Jul 2003 21:24:18 GMT, Carl R. Stevenson wrote:

>I have reported that, in my over 32 years in the RF communications
>business, I have worked with MANY very competent engineers who
>would be interested in ham radio, but can't/won't be bothered with
>wasting their time jumping through a silly Morse code "hoop."

Gee, I went to grad school, took all the courses that I thought I
would like, didn't take any that I thought I wouldn't need, and
refused to do a dissertation or thesis because such things were
just a silly "hoop".

Why didn't they give me a PhD ?? I deserved it. <ggg>

>these
>are folks that could pass a technical test well beyond the Extra.
>Do you doubt that, even without Morse proficiency, they could/would
>make good hams and could contribute to the service?

Could they pass a snap test on operating procedure and regulations,
possibly an oral challenge (here we go with grad school again) before
that ogre, Examiner Kane?

Don't get me wrong, Cecil - you read my input to the Restructuring
Docket and you know that I was in favor of eliminating the code test.

Just not for the reasons that you are proffering.

--
73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane

1291. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 18:22:02 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030714142202.02627.00000066@mb-m02.aol.com>
Source record: 71078

In article <rTxQa.454$lL.55425@nnrp1.ptd.net>, "Carl R. Stevenson"
<wk3cqth@wk3c.com> writes:

>"Alun Palmer" <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote in message
>news:Xns93B85073FF71Aelektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4...
>> "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net> wrote in
>> news:jKbQa.9693$Vx2.4102850@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com:

>> > "N2EY" <n2ey@aol.com> wrote in message
>> > news:20030713064528.02222.00000796@mb-m16.aol.com...
>> >> In article <zN2Qa.276$lL.33979@nnrp1.ptd.net>, "Carl R. Stevenson"
>> >> <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> writes:

>> >> >I just know that there are much better digital modes available

>> >> "Better" is in the eye of the definer. There are characteristics in
>> >> which Morse is much "better" than any digital mode, and
>> >> characteristics in which some digital modes are much "better" than
>> >> Morse.

>> > Exactly. Morse can be deciphered by ear if you don't have a computer.

>So could FSK RTTY, *IF* it were run at comparable symbol rates to,
>say 20 wpm, OOK Morse ...

And *IF* the operators learn the skill to do so, and *IF* the equipment is
designed for FSK instead of OOK. And if they learn the same RTTY code...

Note that, for the standard word "PARIS", Morse requires 50 time units (where a
time unit is equal to a dit), "5 level" Baudot requires 42 time units if the
stop bits are the same length as the other bits, and 7 level ASCII requires 54
time units.

Note also that FSK does not allow break-in, and requires a 100% duty cycle of
the transmitter. The standard word "PARIS" in OOK Morse has a duty cycle of
44%, so to level the playing field the OOK circuit should have tad over 3 dB
more transmitter power allowed.

>there is nothing "magical" about Morse
>and the insistence on using "wetware" instead of software to do the
>decoding is an anomaly of ham radio.

And you say you're not against the use of the mode, just the test, Carl? ;-)
>
>This "do it the hard way, rather than the smart way" approach to things
>that is held by so many hams leads to stagation, backwardness, etc.

And you say you're not against the use of the mode, just the test, Carl? ;-)
>
>For example, EME can be done, with proper modulation and coding
>with much less power/antenna gain than with OOK Morse ...

Have you actually DONE it, Carl? Not just a paper design - an actual station,
and actual QSOs?

>allowing
>much more modest stations in terms of power and antenna systems to
>"make the path."

OK, fine. Go ahead and do it. Find another ham, or several, who are interested,
and just do it. Maybe Vipul would be interested.

Shouldn't be too expensive or time consuming, since the power and antennas
needed will be much less than those typically used.

> However, "tradition" seems to dictate that EME
>*must* be done "the hard way"

Dictated by whom? I don't see any FCC rules or bandplans disallowing what you
propose. There are hams with RTTY WAC, WAS and DXCC, so there's no requirement
of manual encoding or decoding for recognition by ARRL or IARU. Just go ahead
and do it. What's stopping you, Carl?

>... with brute force power, antenna
>systems that most hams can't construct (for reasons of lack of space,
>zoning, or just plain cost), and manual decoding of the signals ... to the
>"traditionallists," anything else is somehow equated to "cheating."

Y'know, a lot more people could participate in the New York City Marathon if
the "traditionalists" would give up that "ridiculous" distance of 26.22 miles,
and allow the use of roller skates. Or bicycles.

>How ridiculous!!!!!!!

Why does it bother you if some unnamed folks don't see things your way? If you
can do "better", go ahead.

That's how things change in amateur radio - somebody actually goes out and does
it, and shows the way.

Build and publicize a system that will let hams work EME inexpensively with
small antennas, low power and easily-duplicated equipment/software. Pretty soon
those unnamed "traditionalists" will be completely outnumbered.

Have you done it, written it up and submitted it to QST, QEX, CQ, Worldradio,
etc., and been rejected?

>> > What if you are unsure of the amount of time that you will be without
>> > power and don't want to put the additional load of a computer on your
>> > power source?
>
>The credo of emergency preparedness is the same as the Boy Scout's
>Motto "Be prepared." HAVE backup power source(s), backup equipment,

>and backup operators available ... have a well-thought out PLAN for a
>wide range of scenarios.

Sure. That's basic.

But there will always be scenarios which are unforeseen, and people's resources are limited. Particularly when they have to pay their own way and invest their own time.

Just as not everyone can have a big gun EME station, not everyone can have backup power sources adequate to run a complex station indefinitely. Or even for an extended period of time. Nor can everyone invest in backup equipment that sits unused for years. Nor can volunteer operators be counted on to always be available in an emergency.

We all "should" have emergency preparedness as a priority, and a plan for same. Particularly after 9/11. Yet all plans have their limits. Look at what happened to the communication with firefighters in the twin towers on that terrible day.

>DON'T rely on cobbling together a Morse rig
>from scraps and running it from a generator powered by a hamster running
>on a wheel.

And you say you don't look down your nose at hams who use Morse, Carl?

73 de Jim, N2EY

1292. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 18:39:56 UTC
From: Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net>
Message-ID: <5fq5hvk2us3gjs51tecfcchsopap5d68fe@4ax.com>
Source record: 71328

On 14 Jul 2003 07:33:27 GMT, yodoc@aol.comnospam (Larry Roll K3LT)
wrote:

>In article <pnc1hvovm4qelp318s227d8q0hbsnhv5kk@4ax.com>, Radio Amateur KC2HMZ
><kc2hmz@aa-mail.net> writes:
>
>>The average computer-literate, technically involved people tend to be
>>able to, for example, assemble a computer from its basic elements
>>(case, power supply, motherboard and perhaps some daughterboards),
>>connect the peripherals, install an OS and other software without a
>>dozen calls to a tech support hotline, and end up with a viable
>>working machine.
>
>I could do all that, and I don't consider myself to be particularly "technical"
>as far as computers are concerned. That's just simple assembly -- a mainly
>mechanical skill.

There's more to assembling a computer than mechanical skill. For one
thing, you have to know what's compatible with what. When you choose
the motherboard you'd better make sure that, for example, the RAM
modules you buy to go along with it are compatible with that
particular mommyboard, or you can forget having a working machine when
you've bolted everything together. Many motherboards support a variety
of CPU chips and have jumpers which must be set to compensate for the
chosen chip - set the jumpers wrong and you wind up with a
paperweight, possibly one containing a grilled silicon sandwich.
There's a lot of mechanical assembly type bullwork involved, sure, but
there is specialized knowledged involved too. You might be able to
train a monkey to physically assemble it, but said monkey probably
wouldn't produce a machine that actually works - merely one that
looks like it *should* work because all the parts appear to be in
their proper locations.

>Component-level repairs aren't done these days mainly for economic
>reasons. The labor cost involved in trouble-shooting a board at the
>component level would exceed the value of the component probably
>long before the fault was diagnosed.

This factor is also largely responsible for a decline in homebrewing,
in my opinion. In this day and age, Americans work more hours than
ever - more than in any other country in the industrailized world, in
fact, according to material I've seen reported in the media recently -
and have less and less time to spend breathing solder smoke while
assembling a widget that can be purchased assembled, tested, and
working for less than it would cost to buy the parts and a roll of

solder. Even if you or I had the knowledge and skills to build a Kenwood TS-2000 from a bag of parts, we'd never be able to buy the parts for less than Kenwood can because we'd be buying in much smaller quantities and paying a lot more than Kenwood buying in bulk. The time spent building it...well, by the time *I* finished assembling mine it would probably be obsolete.

This doesn't apply to certain other components of a ham station. One can still often build his/her own antennas for much less than the cost of buying a commercial offering of similar design. Thus it is no surprise that antennas are one area in which there continues to be much homebrewing activity in the ARS. I've built a few myself - including a J-pole made of 450-ohm twinlead that I can Roll (pun intended) up and put into a sandwich bag and drop into my emergency comms jump kit (which is where it currently is located).

I also have a 5/8-wave 2m ground plane in my stash of emergency gear, along with about 20 feet of masting and a couple of different mounting options...but the rolled up J-pole can be hung practically anywhere, its bandwidth is wider than the whole 2m band, and like the GP, it beats a rubber duck hands down.

<SNIP>

>Those with genuine technical skills, who come into ham radio with
>or without Morse code, are perfectly OK by me. My problem begins
>when they go out of their way to whine about the code testing
>requirement, and make all the usual inane NCTA arguments about
>the code itself causing technical ignorance. If they simply go about
>the business of pursuing ham radio to the extent that they desire, and
>leave out the childish whining, I am more than willing to stand in awe
>of the advanced technical skill they demonstrate -- when and where
>it is, in fact, demonstrated.

Once again, current testing requirements include a no-code license (Technician). Thus, the code requirement does not keep people out of ham radio, it merely keeps them off of the HF bands. This was not the case prior to the creation of the no-code license, and apparently, this will not be the case for very much longer, either...in some countries, it already is no longer the case, in fact.

Of course, since Technician is an entry level license, it's not really to be expected for a newly licensed Tech to posess advanced technical skill, though there's no reason why some wouldn't. In the end, though, I keep coming back to the same conclusion - it isn't the license class that matters, it's what one does with the privileges the license conveys. Rhetorical question: Who makes the more meaningful contribution to the hobby, the BSEE with a 20 WPM Extra who hasn't been on the air in years, or the no-code Tech who is active in the local ham radio club, pays his ARRL dues regularly, shows up for Field Day and works his tail off all weekend, and is halfway to VUCC on six meters?

>You have to keep one thing in mind here, John -- I didn't start the
>code testing debate. The anti-code test whiners did, with their
>specious arguments and inane comparisons of Morse code proficiency
>to everything antiquated and obsolete -- without having any first-
>had knowledge or experience to give them a basis for their self-serving,
>usually parroted commentary. If any of them had been willing to invest
>a fraction of the time and effort in learning the code as they did in
>railing against it, they may be singing a different tune, indeed.

As far as I know, the code testing debate started in the mid-1970s when FCC first proposed what was then known as a Communicator class license. If I recall correctly, that license basically would have conveyed privileges on 70cm sans a code test. The idea was shot down in flames, primarily because of strong opposition from ARRL.

Well, times have certainly changed. We've had a no-code license for a long time now, we're on the verge of having no code testing at all, and even ARRL hasn't registered any strong opposition - that opposition seems to come from primarily either (1) people who feel that if I had to do it this way so should everybody else, and (2) people who seem to feel that code proficiency somehow makes them more qualified technically to operate a ham station than people who aren't code proficient.

I happen to disagree on both counts. CW is a valid skill, and I'll be one of the first to disagree with anyone who claims otherwise, but the lack of Morse proficiency does not affect the ability of any ham to operate in any of the other modes we're permitted under Part 97. Furthermore, being a practical operating skill, it has no more bearing on a ham's technical proficiency than knowing (or not knowing) how to bust a pileup (for example)...you don't really need to know Morse unless you're going to operate CW. You don't really need to know how to bust a pileup unless you're going to try to do so - and not knowing how to do so won't make it any harder for a ham to engage in casual ragchewing.

I agree with you entirely on one point, though...every minute that we spend arguing the point in this NG is a minute we could have spent on ham radio. In the case of those who find it necessary to post hateful comments about their fellow hams based on a lack of tolerance with respect to others having interests in the hobby that differ from their own, I'd say that's definitely a good thing - better to have their drivel here on Usenet than on the airwaves.

73 DE John, KC2HMZ

1293. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 18:39:58 UTC
From: Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net>
Message-ID: <o6t5hvk4jgskln6tovlutvcfpa05e4kmd1@4ax.com>
Source record: 71329

On Mon, 14 Jul 2003 01:09:43 GMT, "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net>
wrote:

>Studying the propagation before, during, and after the contest indicated
>that the best results would occur on CW.

If the deck was thus stacked against the SSB stations from the
beginning, then the results should come as no surprise. Nevertheless,
the phone stations did, in fact, still manage to make contacts.

>The experience of our club bore
>that out. Our SSB stations tried both tactics, i.e. camping on a frequency
>to run stations and hunting and pouncing. Productivity was quite low on
>SSB. It picked up the second afternoon but was not good. Our CW stations
>also used both tactics and produced a high number of QSOs both ways
>throughout the event.
>
>I operated both SSB and CW modes for our club. Despite the fact that I am
>NOT an experienced CW contester and that my CW ability is rather weak, even
>I made far more contacts on CW even though I spent much more time on SSB.

Do you attribute this to band conditions or to something else?

73 DE John, KC2HMZ

1294. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 18:40:00 UTC
From: Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net>
Message-ID: <7dt5hv0v6bjhqm9hhv4698prl4f55hri0e@4ax.com>
Source record: 71330

On Sat, 12 Jul 2003 20:59:05 -0400, Radio Amateur KC2HMZ
<kc2hmz@aa-mail.net> wrote:

>Don't look now, but as I type this, Charlotte is approaching. We may

Oops...meant Claudette, not Charlotte...sorry folks.

>get an object lesson here shortly after it makes landfall (not that I
>or anyone else is hoping for that, except perhaps Larry who is shining
>his straight key in anticipation).
>
>73 DE John, KC2HMZ

1295. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 18:40:00 UTC
From: Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net>
Message-ID: <1gt5hvkg0sfu55lshqh7sas4unc286e4ge@4ax.com>
Source record: 71331

On Sun, 13 Jul 2003 22:15:05 -0500, "Kim W5TIT" <fahgedit@nomail.net>
wrote:

>"Radio Amateur KC2HMZ" <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net> wrote in message
>news:ec71hv8ahlq568rc23q6l2acrl8nfe85uq@4ax.com...
>>
>> Kim - excellent post, I'm impressed.
>>
>
>I'd rather you not be impressed, but thanks!

You're entirely welcome. To explain my comment...so much of your
participation in this NG seems to be wasted on sniping at Larry and
Dick, that I was pleasantly surprised to read that particular post, in
which you made a number of good points about emergency communications,
even if you couldn't resist the occasional shot at the aforementioned
two targets of opportunity. ;-)

>EmCom was my passion once I
>realized it was a part of ham radio. I've recently put the torch down
>(about a year ago), but I worked at the emergency communication level in one
>way or another pretty much shortly after becoming a ham. I was a mentor in
>the ARRL's ARECC Course for about 4-5 classes at all levels. I worked a
>little on the development of the classes, but there was such a myriad of
>contributors on that, that I pretty much just kept an eye on what was
>happening there.
>
>I've also been involved in emergency operations and procedures before ever
>being a ham, so it was a natural avocation.

We share a common interest here...I always had an interest in public
service and emergency services - so naturally, once I expanded my
radio hobby activities to include amateur radio, I gravitated to the
emergency/public service sector of the ARS at once.

>It concerns me that my post may have seemed to isolate CW as a non-essential
>in emergency/disaster communication. I did not mean to make it seem so, if
>I did.

Well, more like you left it out because it wasn't germaine to the
point you were trying to make. Having read previous posts where you
demonstrated an understanding that one never discounts any valid means
of communication in EmComm, I understood where you were coming from,
so I took the liberty of putting back in what you left out.

>
>I'll have to try and comment more later in the week when it's not time to
>get to sleep!

I look forward to it. I'm going to have to cut my own session short,
in fact. In about an hour, our club's public service ops are doing the
radio comms for a parade, and since I'm one of the two
co-coordinators, I need to shut this computer off and get down to an
entirely different sort of post. TTYL.

73 DE John, KC2HMZ

1296. Re: Picard vs Kirk, was Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 18:40:03 UTC
From: "William H. O'Hara, III" <whoohara@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93B895690B4CCAX2A3DA5M1512AODKAMO@65.100.3.61>
Source record: 71079

>>> Was Picard a No-coder, or would he have known Morse?
>>> Was Kirk a no coder, or would he have know Morse?
>>> I say Picard knew Morse code, because of a combined

>> Apparently Kirk did know the Morse code, since he was able
>> to copy the "SOS" being sent by antique space ship from
>> Earth full of the genetically enhanced people in suspended
>> animation in "Space Seed."

How does SOS qualify? Most people with
any interest in NAVAL history at least
know SOS.

LOL

I'm sure that Data was a 165 WPM Extra.

Bill

1297. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 18:56:26 UTC
From: N2EY@AOL.COM
Message-ID: <c2356669.0307140746.17a8595a@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71080

Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net> wrote in message
news:<bqc1hvcttcd96ae8nrgfoll2t6f9bvmjmp@4ax.com>...
> On Sun, 13 Jul 2003 11:58:29 -0500, "Kim" <fahgedit@nomail.net>
> wrote:
>
> >"Larry Roll K3LT" <yodoc@aol.comnospam> wrote in message
> >news:20030713015318.23406.00000814@mb-m27.aol.com...
>
> >> Kim, Dear, what kind of "proof" of this would you accept?
>
> Dear? I knew it! You ARE in love with her, Larry!

Won't do him any good. Kim's married/taken and quite happy with her
mate, thank you very much.
>
> >> You are not a
> >> CW operator, so you are not even qualified to judge any "proof" offered.
>
> You are not a cow, Larry, therefore you are not even qualified to
> judge whether McDonald's or Wendy's makes better cheeseburgers.

You may not be too fond of CW, and CW ops, but contrary to rumor we do
not eat each other.
>
> >> Those of us who are proficient CW operators with adequate on-the-air
> >> experience have certainly had this fact proven to them to their
> >> satisfaction,
>
> Hitler had the collective guilt of Jews, Jehovah's Witnesses, and
> homosexuals proven to his satisfaction, too.

Usenet 101: First person to call their opposition "nazis" or compare
them to Hitler loses the argument. (Godwin's Law)

> >> but a no-coder will always claim that it isn't proven simply because they
> >> have no way of discerning and analyzing the evidence, and they have an
> >> agenda which would cause them to deny the outcome.

Incorrect. They could always accept the evidence presented by an
experienced CW operator.
>
> Actually, all that's really required is a receiver.

With an antenna.

> If there are a few
> dozen CW QSOs going on at the bottom of the band, but nobody in the
> phone portion of the band...

How about if there are more CW QSOs going on than 'phone?

> well, why would you think that would
> happen, unless there's a CW contest going on?

Coupla possible reasons:

1) Propagation isn't so hot. (CW really does have an advantage over
all commonly-used forms of analog 'phone in this regard)
2) There's a 'phone contest going on, and most of the 'phone ops are
working the contest - on another band.
3) The 'phone bands become obnoxious enough that folks go to CW just
to have a decent QSO.
>
> >You couldn't even offer the contribution that N2EY
> >made. An excellent example, I might add.

Thanks - there are more. Like the student in Grenada during the
invasion/revolution (1983?) whose mike broke.

> >And, apparently you have no
> >proof--only your rhetorical blathering idiocy, as usual.

Somehow I doubt that such rhetoric will convince the loyal opposition.
>
> Larry gets rather emotional over the topic, whereas Jim looks at
> things a bit more objectively. But then, I think you noticed that.

Just "a bit more"? ;-)
>
> >When you get as good as N2EY at knowing CW and examples of its tremendous
> >cabability, get back to us, won't you?

There are plenty of examples which prove the point of CW/Morse's
usefulness. Whether those examples constiute "proof" of the necessity
of a TEST is a matter of opinion.
>
> Knowing them and being able to articulate them in this forum are two
> different things.

If someone "knows" something but cannot articulate to someone who
doesn't, does the first person really "know" it? Kinda like the old
saying "if you have a thing 'someplace', but you can't find it when
you need it, then you don't really have it, do you?"

73 de Jim, N2EY

1298. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 18:58:27 UTC
From: kelly@dvol.com
Message-ID: <d22b54c3.0307140753.70c9bfad@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71081

"Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> wrote in message
news:<2XdQa.337$lL.27733@nnrp1.ptd.net>...

> > . . . amongst NCI's membership, and it should be pointed out
> > that this is the norm in the rest of the world and no real harm seems to
> > have come from the lack of restrictive sub-band-by-mode limitations such
> as
> > those currently embodied in the Commission's Rules."
>
> Simply stating the facts as perceived in terms of the membership's views.
> This
> is NOT NCI's issue though ... though, as I have said over and over, I
> *personally*
> would hate to see the digital/CW sub-bands overrun by SSB.

Carl check me here but wasn't it you who advocated the abandonment of
all mode setasides in order to be able to run wall-to-wall spread
spectrum on 20M?

>
> Carl - wk3c

w3rv

1299. Re: Smells like type acceptance

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 19:09:52 UTC
From: David Robbins <k1ttt@arrl.net>
Message-ID: <LRednS6H96iYnY6iRTvUqA@crocker.com>
Source record: 71082

"K0HB" <k0hb@arrl.net> wrote in message
news:e79dbd9b.0307140945.358719a3@posting.google.com...
> I was under the impression (apparently mistaken?) that a licensed
> amateur could possess any sort of equipment (commercial, homebrew,
> converted surplus) or whatever. I know of no rule against MODIFICATION
> of equipment, even if that modification permits operation outside the
> amateur bands. The rules properly speak to signal purity, staying
> inside the assigned bands, etc., etc., but do NOT seem to prohibit
> modifications of factory-built equipment. (In fact, I could probably
> make an argument that the FCC rules ENCOURAGE tinkering and
> experimentation of this sort!)
>
> However I note the FCC has required at least one licensed ham, Michael
> V. Swift, KG6QOB, to restore a rig to "original manufacturer's
> specifications".
>
> ("You are directed to have the transceiver returned to the original
> manufacturer's specifications by reinstalling the jumper wire which
> the cutting or removal of permits operation outside the amateur bands.
> The jumper wire must be repaired or installed, and encapsulated with
> epoxy or similar material to preclude future modification. After the
> repair is completed you are directed to bring the transceiver to this
> office so that the repair can be confirmed and related technical
> measurements can be made.
>
> You have until July 7, 2003 to respond to this inquiry and to provide
> the repaired transceiver for inspection.")
>
> While I understand the reason for the action (malicious interference
> and false distress signals on marine frequencies), it strikes me that
> this particular remedy is not supported by the law, and might set a
> precedent for de facto "type acceptance" in the Amateur Radio service.
>
> What say, ye lawyerly types?
>
> 73, de Hans, K0HB

since the interference was on marine frequencies it would sound like the
sanction was not specifically aimed at his actions as an amateur licensee.
but rather it was in his guise as a marine radio operator who's radios must
be type accepted and can not be modified that he was penalized. that he
also happened to be a ham was probably secondary, though there is precedent
for non-amateur activities causing the fcc to cancel or not renew amateur
licenses. if he had modified the radio and used it on amateur frequencies

to cause interference there would probably not have been a requirement to 'fix' the radio unless maybe if the modification had caused excessive signal bandwidth or out of band spurs... and then it would probably have been a requirement to make the radio conform to amateur specifications for bandwidths and spurious emissions rather than back to the manufacturer specs. i would say he got off easy, the fcc could have just confiscated the equipement, canceled his license, and fined him and been done with it.

1300. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 19:25:20 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com>
Message-ID: <AsDQa.521$lL.58870@nnrp1.ptd.net>
Source record: 71083

"N2EY" <n2ey@aol.com> wrote in message
news:20030714142202.02627.00000066@mb-m02.aol.com...
> In article <rTxQa.454$lL.55425@nnrp1.ptd.net>, "Carl R. Stevenson"
> >there is nothing "magical" about Morse
> >and the insistence on using "wetware" instead of software to do the
> >decoding is an anomaly of ham radio.
>
> And you say you're not against the use of the mode, just the test, Carl?
;-)

That's correct ... I am NOT against the use of the mode. Just pointing
out the fact that there are better modulation/coding techniques than OOK
Morse ... that does NOT mean that I mind/care/object to others CHOOSING
to use OOK Morse ... only that I am disseminating some facts that the more
"hard-core" Morse enthusiasts don't like disseminated because they fly in
the face of the "Morse Myths" (like "Morse will get through were nothing
else will.")

> >
> >This "do it the hard way, rather than the smart way" approach to things
> >that is held by so many hams leads to stagation, backwardness, etc.
>
> And you say you're not against the use of the mode, just the test, Carl?
;-)

See above ...

> >For example, EME can be done, with proper modulation and coding
> >with much less power/antenna gain than with OOK Morse ...
>
> Have you actually DONE it, Carl? Not just a paper design - an actual
station,
> and actual QSOs?

No, I personally haven't ... yet ... I've been working on other things. But
the fact that *I* haven't personally done it yet doesn't mean it's not
factual.
(I am not so hung up on myself that "my way" and "what I've done" are the
ONLY ways that things can/should be done.)

> Why does it bother you if some unnamed folks don't see things your way? If
you
> can do "better", go ahead.

What "bothers me" is that some folks deny the fact that there ARE better
ways than OOK Morse (apparently in an attempt to bolster their "real ham"

and "everyone MUST know Morse" viewpoints)

Carl - wk3c

1301. Re: I'm gonna get you all

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 19:26:23 UTC
From: LA Davies <lloyd_vfp@dalek.com>
Message-ID: <3f12e823@shknews01>
Source record: 71065

"Steve Robeson, K4CAP" <k4yz@aol.com> wrote in message
news:5c01b95b.0307140147.2366beb4@posting.google.com...
> "LA Davies" <lloyd_vfp@dalek.com> wrote in message
news:<3f1246ce@shknews01>...
> > You quit making fun of me, for my anti-code. I will have my code-free
> > extra. Then you will be sorry.......
>
> Wrong, Your Scumminess...you already make us sorry...
>
> Steve, K4YZ

You will exalt me as a savior of Ham Radio. Be thankful that soon, I will be on the air, and thousands of my no-code brothers! We will command the ham bands forever! We will show what a QSO is! Death to the Code! We have agents in the ARRL, and soon will pettion the have the removed as a eye sore to the hobby! You will pay 10 fold for the mental agony of making us have to a side seat to being on HF.

I'm watching you........

Lloyd Davies, N0VFP
Surpreme No-coder

1302. Re: Code a Deterrent to a Ham Ticket ??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 19:29:20 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com>
Message-ID: <kwDQa.522$lL.58870@nnrp1.ptd.net>
Source record: 71084

"Brian Kelly" <kelly@dvol.com> wrote in message
news:d22b54c3.0307140534.7d97a27e@posting.google.com...
>
> You haven't even started, the list of engineering feats pulled off by
> engineers who are hams is endless. In every case I know about however
> including those you cite they did what they did as professionals
> working for money outside the ham bands, not as amateurs. The topic
> on the table here is technical innovations which have advanced the
> state of the art in the field of RF comms made by engineers working
> within their roles as hams. Let's see your list of those. I'd be
> particularly interested in your list of ham engineers who wouldn't
> have made those contributions if they had to take any code tests.

What about the fact that many of us engineers who have advanced the
state of the art in the field of RF comms (while working for money
outside the ham bands) BECAME engineers because we were first
interested in radio/electronics by being introduced to ham radio?

Carl - wk3c

1303. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 19:39:03 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com>
Message-ID: <rFDQa.523$lL.58869@nnrp1.ptd.net>
Source record: 71085

"Brian Kelly" <kelly@dvol.com> wrote in message
news:d22b54c3.0307140753.70c9bfad@posting.google.com...
> "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> wrote in message
news:<2XdQa.337$lL.27733@nnrp1.ptd.net>...
>
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> > > . . . amongst NCI's membership, and it should be pointed out
> > > that this is the norm in the rest of the world and no real harm seems
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> > > have come from the lack of restrictive sub-band-by-mode limitations
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> > > those currently embodied in the Commission's Rules."
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> > Simply stating the facts as perceived in terms of the membership's
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> > This
> > is NOT NCI's issue though ... though, as I have said over and over, I
> > *personally*
> > would hate to see the digital/CW sub-bands overrun by SSB.
>
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> Carl check me here but wasn't it you who advocated the abandonment of
> all mode setasides in order to be able to run wall-to-wall spread
> spectrum on 20M?

No ... I have pointed out that most countries of the world do not have
"by-mode" sub-band allocations in their amateur regulations and it doesn't
seem to cause any real problem.

I also (as did Gary Coffman, independently) postulate a strawman design
(but something feasible, never the less) for a system that, in the 150 kHz
of CW/data sub-band on 20m could support a very large number of
20 wpm Morse-equivalent QSOs with virtually no interference.
That was immediately rejected by Morse fanatics, who said something
like:
"We don't want no stinking keyboard mode." (My response was to
make Morse I/O a user interface option. Still rejected.)
"The fun of it is digging the weak ones out of the noise." (My response
was, "You want channel impairments? No problem. I can program
all sorts of simulated channel impairments into the system to make copying
as hard as you want ... without having to trash the underlying, reliable
communications system." Still rejected.)

Some folks just WANT to do things the hard way and want to insist
that others should be similarly constrained.

I also recounted personal knowledge of SS systems that routinely
transmit data reliably over transcontinental distances ... with power
outputs on the order of 10 mW ... as an "underlay" to existing services
that don't even notice that they are there.

But I have always said that I would not like to see the CW/data sub-bands
(whether by rule or by gentleman's agreement) completely over-run with SSB.

Carl - wk3c

1304. Re: Picard vs Kirk, was Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 19:40:37 UTC
From: Steve Stone <spfleck@zzcitlinkzz.net>
Message-ID: <VGDQa.3552$nF3.2068@news02.roc.ny>
Source record: 71086

"N2EY" <n2ey@aol.com> wrote in message
news:20030714060139.04207.00001582@mb-m01.aol.com...
> In article <3F1218DC.2080309@adelphia.net>, Mike Coslo
<mcoslo@adelphia.net>
> writes:
>
> > I say Picard knew Morse code, because of a combined respect for
> >history, and a desire to communicate in extremis if need be.
>
> Agreed.
> >
> > Kirk was a no coder, because of, well just because. 8^)
>
> Wrong. Kirk knows Morse.
>

Nothing like citing real life situations to get a point across

1305. Re: Picard vs Kirk, was Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 19:53:17 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu>
Message-ID: <3F130A2D.3090507@psu.edu>
Source record: 71087

Steve Stone wrote:
> "N2EY" <n2ey@aol.com> wrote in message
> news:20030714060139.04207.00001582@mb-m01.aol.com...
>
>>In article <3F1218DC.2080309@adelphia.net>, Mike Coslo
>
> <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
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>>writes:
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>>>I say Picard knew Morse code, because of a combined respect for
>>>history, and a desire to communicate in extremis if need be.
>>
>>Agreed.
>>
>>>Kirk was a no coder, because of, well just because. 8^)
>>
>>Wrong. Kirk knows Morse.
>>
>
>
> Nothing like citing real life situations to get a point across

I started the sub-thread in an effort to annoy some people. Looks like
it is working! ;^)

- Mike KB3EIA -

1306. Re: The Day has come....

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 20:46:41 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307141246.2abf56e2@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71088

Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net> wrote in message news:<3F12BC68.62863D70@att.net>...
> "Carl R. Stevenson" wrote:
>
> > "William H. O'Hara, III" <whoohara@yahoo.com> wrote in message
> > news:Xns93B81D03906FAX2A3DA5M1512AODKAMO@65.100.3.61...
> > >
> > >
> > > I had thought pilots DID. Does Anyone know?
> >
> > The Morse IDs on radionav beacons send so slow
> > that it's easy to write down "dots" and "dashes" and
> > use a laminated "cheat sheet" to decode the ID and
> > make sure it's the beacon you want.
>
> ..while you fly the plane into a mountain

Carl is a pilot?

1307. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 20:47:50 UTC
From: Robert Casey <wa2ise@ix.netcom.com>
Message-ID: <3F1316F6.7060009@ix.netcom.com>
Source record: 71089

Radio Amateur KC2HMZ wrote:

>Certainly, though, it would seem they have the capacity to learn it -
>but when the first thing we do is hit them with something over a
>hundred years old and tell them this is our lowest common denominator,
>I have no doubt that it causes a lot of people to think, "@#$&%^*
>that!" and find another hobby...perhaps they already have one.
>
>
>
Code did slow me down a few years (from 1970 to 76) and one summer in
college I
did the code thing. Well, 5 WPM anyway.... Had to take a receive
test and also
had to send code down at the FCC field office in NYC. Got my tech
(general written
and 5 WPM) in 76. I was suprized, I easily passed the code but nearly
failed the
written (I was a double E student then).

>
>

1308. Re: Ham Radio In The Post-Code Testing Era

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 20:49:24 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307141249.6554f7f9@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71091

yodoc@aol.comnospam (Larry Roll K3LT) wrote in message
news:<20030714033325.12501.00000878@mb-m04.aol.com>...
> In article <SzbQa.9690$Vx2.4101608@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com>, "Dee D. Flint"
> <deehays@qix.net> writes:
>
> >Elimination of the code requirement may actually cause a loss in the ham
> >ranks, if not in numbers at least in activity. The elimination will
> >probably coincide with the early part of the bottom of the current sunspot
> >cycle. People will upgrade and quite a few will be so disappointed at the
> >poor activity that they will become quite inactive on HF and this
> >disappointment could spill over and affect their activity on VHF/UHF.
> >
> >Dee D. Flint, N8UZE
>
> A very cogent observation, Dee. The irony is, at the low side of a
> solar cycle, when the geomagnetic activity subsides along with the
> solar flux, the use of CW permits communication even though there
> isn't good enough propagation to pursue reliable SSB operation.
> Therefore, the one thing that could keep them active on-the-air --
> knowledge of the Morse code, won't be within their capability because
> they had no incentive to learn it.
>
> 73 de Larry, K3LT

Gee Larry, isn't that incentive enough? Or do you need a government
incentive to make something happen?

1309. Re: The Day has come....

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 20:53:19 UTC
From: Robert Casey <wa2ise@ix.netcom.com>
Message-ID: <3F13183F.9040001@ix.netcom.com>
Source record: 71092
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy

LA Davies wrote:

>
>Lloyd Davies, N0VFP
>Future no-code Extra
>FT-817
>
>
Oh damm! My extra-lite will be watered down....! :-)
(I haven't used code so long I have since forgot it all).

>
>
>
>

1310. Re: Ham Radio In The Post-Code Testing Era

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 21:18:26 UTC
From: N2EY@AOL.COM
Message-ID: <c2356669.0307141318.325696f4@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71094

yodoc@aol.comnospam (Larry Roll K3LT) wrote in message
news:<20030713024811.23406.00000818@mb-m27.aol.com>...
> Now that it seems as though code testing will finally be abolished in the
> ARS, let's amuse ourselves with a bit of speculation as to what this will
> mean in terms of future growth in the numbers of licensed amateur radio
> operators in the United States. What do you think will happen? How
> much growth do you think will occur, and how fast?

This seems like a reasonable question, so I'll have a go.

I predict that when Element 1 is finally dropped:

- we'll have a surge of new hams for a year of two. This surge will
consist of growth about 3 times that of the past three years. But it
won't last

- once the surge is over, we'll have a growth rate a little greater
than what we have now. Maybe up to twice the current annual growth,
but probably more like 150%.

- there will be a big surge of upgrades, then a return to almost the
same level as before.

See below for actual numbers.
>
> I predict that there will be no significant growth in new licensees.
> Now, all we need to do is define the term "significant growth." We currently
> have around 600-some kilohams in the US.

Closer to 700,000. Just under 687,000 as of yesterday.

We also have to define "growth" and how it is measured. We're
currently running in excess of 2,000 new licenses a month - offset by
large numbers of expirations. There are also wide swings in the
various numbers because of things like holidays, weather, processing
delays and varying numbers of VE sessions. Just look at the AH0A data
- the numbers wander all around. So it's important to take long-term
averages rather than wild extrapolations of short terms.

I say we define "growth" as increases in the total number of valid US
licenses held by individuals, regardless of license class, as reported
in the thread "ARS License Numbers". And the increases should be
measured in periods of at least a year.

> I'd call a five percent growth
> factor, or 30,000 newly-licensed radio amateurs, to be significant. Let's
> give this a year to happen. I say it won't. How say you?

How about we do our predictions in terms of annual totals:

How many hams a year after Element 1 goes away?
How many hams two years....
How many hams three years...

I say the total number of US hams will grow to 700,000 in about a
year, 710,000 in two years, and then the growth will slow down to at
best 5,000 per year.

Or:

700,000 after 1 year
710,000 after 2 years
715,000 after 3 years
720,000 after 4 years

Etc.

(based on a starting point of about 688,000)

Or to put it another way:

Growth of ~12,000 the first year
Growth of ~10,000 the second year
Growth of ~5,000 the third and following years.

Current growth is about 3,000 per year.

> Keep in mind
> that at this stage of the discussion, I'm just trying to establish reasonable
> parameters -- so let's all weigh in and try to arrive at a consensus as to
> what any future growth could be. Then we can commit to our numbers
> and see who gets it right -- or at least close.

I hope my predicted numbers are too low.

73 de Jim, N2EY

1311. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 21:21:17 UTC
From: N2EY@AOL.COM
Message-ID: <c2356669.0307141321.285a9750@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71095

brianburke@juno.com (Brian) wrote in message
news:<f45722ac.0307140445.2718e3c2@posting.google.com>...
> n2ey@aol.com (N2EY) wrote in message
news:<20030712063002.00871.00000622@mb-m17.aol.com>...
> > In article <f45722ac.0307110432.434f720b@posting.google.com>,
> > brianburke@juno.com (Brian) writes:
> >
> > >n2ey@aol.com (N2EY) wrote in message
> > >news:<20030710182227.02197.00001170@mb-m12.aol.com>...
> > >> In article <f45722ac.0307100834.6218fbc1@posting.google.com>,
> > >> brianburke@juno.com (Brian) writes:
> > >>
> > >> >Still no citation from Arnie concerning his claim that NCI is on
> > >> >record for less technical exams.
> > >>
> > >> Still no answer from you concerning these questions about your alleged /T5
> > >> operation:
> > >>
> > >> What callsign was used?
> > >> What rigs and antennas were used?
> > >> Who did the equipment belong to?
> > >> What amateur bands and modes were used?
> > >> What countries and continents were worked?
> > >> How were the QSLs delivered?
> > >
> > >Why is it alleged?
> > >
> > Because you haven't provided any information about or confirmation of your
> > alleged operation.
>
> Then how do you know about it?

You have claimed here and elsewhere to have operated /T5 about a
decade ago. But you provided no details, even when directly asked. So
any reasonable person has cause to be skeptical.

1312. Re: Smells like type acceptance

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 21:44:08 UTC
From: N2EY@AOL.COM
Message-ID: <c2356669.0307141344.60dadc58@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71096

k0hb@arrl.net (K0HB) wrote in message
news:<e79dbd9b.0307140945.358719a3@posting.google.com>...
> I was under the impression (apparently mistaken?) that a licensed
> amateur could possess any sort of equipment (commercial, homebrew,
> converted surplus) or whatever. I know of no rule against MODIFICATION
> of equipment, even if that modification permits operation outside the
> amateur bands. The rules properly speak to signal purity, staying
> inside the assigned bands, etc., etc., but do NOT seem to prohibit
> modifications of factory-built equipment. (In fact, I could probably
> make an argument that the FCC rules ENCOURAGE tinkering and
> experimentation of this sort!)
>
> However I note the FCC has required at least one licensed ham, Michael
> V. Swift, KG6QOB, to restore a rig to "original manufacturer's
> specifications".
>
> ("You are directed to have the transceiver returned to the original
> manufacturer's specifications by reinstalling the jumper wire which
> the cutting or removal of permits operation outside the amateur bands.
> The jumper wire must be repaired or installed, and encapsulated with
> epoxy or similar material to preclude future modification. After the
> repair is completed you are directed to bring the transceiver to this
> office so that the repair can be confirmed and related technical
> measurements can be made.
>
> You have until July 7, 2003 to respond to this inquiry and to provide
> the repaired transceiver for inspection.")
>
> While I understand the reason for the action (malicious interference
> and false distress signals on marine frequencies), it strikes me that
> this particular remedy is not supported by the law, and might set a
> precedent for de facto "type acceptance" in the Amateur Radio service.
>
> What say, ye lawyerly types?

Well, I'm no lawyer, but here goes.

Check QRZ.com - the not-too-swift Mr. Swift is a raw newbie. His
Technician license is dated May 1, and the violations cited are for
May 15. Couldn't keep his nose clean for two weeks.

Sounds like The Commission decided to go a easy because he's a newbie,
and to save themselves a lot of work. We have almost no info on this
person - young, old, rich, poor, whatever. Maybe there was a plea
bargain, such as 'fix the radio so it won't go out of band and we'll

let you keep the radio and your license.' Maybe it wasn't his radio, but on loan from someone else.

Or maybe he's an engineer working on Broadband over Power Lines.....;-)

There are precedents for all kinds of things if the licensee and FCC 'voluntarily' agree to them. For example, some time back a ham under investigation for interference had his license (General, as I recall) 'modified' by FCC so that he was only allowed to operate on HF CW! I think this compromise was worked out because it would be a lot easier for the FCC than the full revocation/nonrenewal game. Plus the guy had never committed any violations while using CW. (Yes, he did use the mode!)

Of course most of the above is speculation as to FCC's actions.

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As far as I'm concerned, false distress calls should not be treated lightly. If it were up to me, and the charges could be proved, the person(s) responsible would have no license, no radios, and much thinner wallets. But it's not up to me.

73 de Jim, N2EY

1313. Re: I'm gonna get you all

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 21:56:09 UTC
From: Dan/W4NTI <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com>
Message-ID: <bev8q8$ib8$1@slb2.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 71097

"LA Davies" <lloyd_vfp@dalek.com> wrote in message
news:3f12e823@shknews01...
>
> "Steve Robeson, K4CAP" <k4yz@aol.com> wrote in message
> news:5c01b95b.0307140147.2366beb4@posting.google.com...
> > "LA Davies" <lloyd_vfp@dalek.com> wrote in message
> news:<3f1246ce@shknews01>...
> > > You quit making fun of me, for my anti-code. I will have my code-free
> > > extra. Then you will be sorry.......
> >
> > Wrong, Your Scumminess...you already make us sorry...
> >
> > Steve, K4YZ
>
> You will exalt me as a savior of Ham Radio. Be thankful that soon, I will
> be on the air, and thousands of my no-code brothers! We will command the
> ham bands forever! We will show what a QSO is! Death to the Code! We
have
> agents in the ARRL, and soon will pettion the have the removed as a eye
sore
> to the hobby! You will pay 10 fold for the mental agony of making us have
> to a side seat to being on HF.
>
> I'm watching you........
>
> Lloyd Davies, N0VFP
> Surpreme No-coder
>
>
>
>

I think from now on I'm going to operate CW only in the present phone
segements.

Dan/W4NTI

1314. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 22:07:39 UTC
From: N2EY@AOL.COM
Message-ID: <c2356669.0307141407.3073b19f@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71098

kelly@dvol.com (Brian Kelly) wrote in message
news:<d22b54c3.0307140753.70c9bfad@posting.google.com>...
> "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> wrote in message
news:<2XdQa.337$lL.27733@nnrp1.ptd.net>...

> > > . . . amongst NCI's membership, and it should be pointed out
> > > that this is the norm in the rest of the world and no real harm seems to
> > > have come from the lack of restrictive sub-band-by-mode limitations such
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> > > those currently embodied in the Commission's Rules."
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> > is NOT NCI's issue though ... though, as I have said over and over, I
> > *personally*
> > would hate to see the digital/CW sub-bands overrun by SSB.
>
> Carl check me here but wasn't it you who advocated the abandonment of
> all mode setasides in order to be able to run wall-to-wall spread
> spectrum on 20M?

Read that sentence carefully:

"I *personally* would hate to see the digital/CW sub-bands overrun by
SSB."

Spread spectrum isn't SSB.

The rallying cry I recall hearing was "no setasides for legacy
modes"...

The discussion you recall, Brian, was an exchange between Carl and
either KE3Z or W1RFI (halfheimer moment has me mixing them up, but I
think it was Jon) here some years back. IIRC, Carl thought that HF
DSSS (direct-sequence spread spectrum) could be overlaid atop, say, 15
meters. His opponent pointed out that even a QRP station with a simple
antenna would lay down an increased noise level to "narrow-band" users
for miles around if that were allowed.

Some basics:

Suppose Amateur A operates a 100 watt 15 meter SSB rig into a decent
vertical. Let's say he is S9+20 dB or louder over, say, a 5 mile
radius, and his signal is 2.5 kHz wide. That is, a 2.5 kHz wide rx
picks up almost all of the signal Amateur A transmits. (Does anybody
see anything amiss with the above numbers?)

Now suppose Amateur A switches to DSSS and spreads that same 100 watts over 250 kHz of the band. For mathematical simplicity, let's assume the power is equally distributed over the 250 kHz, though in reality it will drop off towards the edges and be highest in the center. A 2.5 kHz receiver will now intercept only 1% of that DSSS signal, because it is 100 times wider than the rx passband. So the DSSS signal sounds like noise, but its level is 20 db lower - S9. If Amateur A drops his power to 1 watt, the noise will drop 20 dB more - to about S6.

So we have an S6 noise level within the above area over 250 kHz of the band from ONE station running 1 watt. Spread the signal over the entire band instead of 250 kHzand the noise level drops less than 3 dB. How much weak-signal DX you gonna work with an S5 noise level over the entire band?

Note also that if propagation is decent, it's not unusual to hear S9+20 dB signals from 100-watt-and-simple-antenna stations hundreds or thousands of miles away. What if each one of those signals dumped its own S5+ noise level on you, even though they were running 1W out?

73 de Jim, N2EY

1315. Re: Ham Radio In The Post-Code Testing Era

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 22:15:43 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030714181543.02627.00000079@mb-m02.aol.com>
Source record: 71099

In article <BB37CF4A.1EB1E%stewart@say.net>, Dwight Stewart <stewart@say.net>
writes:

>
> Who said the goal of ending code testing is the growth of Amateur Radio?
>I've seen no mention of that from either the FCC or those at the ITU
>conference. Instead, both seem to be saying code is no longer a necessary
>radio skill since so few radio operators outside ham radio use it today.
>This position relates to the basis and purpose of Amateur Radio (97.1a,
>97.1c, and 97.1d).
>
>
>Dwight Stewart (W5NET)

Oooohhhhhh, I see. The FCC and ITU didn't say that ending code testing
would be the end of growth in amateur radio! That really comes as a
surprise! Thanks for pointing that out, Dwight.

73 de Larry, K3LT

1316. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 22:15:43 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030714181543.02627.00000078@mb-m02.aol.com>
Source record: 71100

In article <3F1231AE.619C1697@att.net>, Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net> writes:

>> > Carl:
>> >
>> > If the fact that Dick and I support the concept of retaining code
>proficiency
>> > testing in order to be able to possess a unique and highly effective
>radio
>> > communications skill is being "stupid," then I must plead guilty. Keep
>in
>> > mind that Mr. Gump was a war hero, a successful businessman, and a
>> > keen investor who became a multi-millionaire. I should be so "stupid!"
>>
>> Not to mention, it is unfortunate that some people choose to
>denigrate
>> those who have a lower IQ. (you mat substitute disgusting for
>> unfortunate if you like)
>
> Hey, there's no one around any smarter than Carl. If you don't believe it
>just ask
>him!

Dick:

I have no doubts regarding Carl's intelligence. That doesn't mean that he is incapable of being wrong about code testing requirements. I have great respect for Carl and will not say that lunkhead is stupid, because it just ain't so!

73 de Larry, K3LT

1317. Re: Code a Deterrent to a Ham Ticket ??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 22:17:04 UTC
From: "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net>
Message-ID: <AZFQa.10074$Vx2.4368773@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com>
Source record: 71151

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"Alun Palmer" <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote in message
news:Xns93B7EF604DBA7elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4...
> "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net> wrote in
> news:PSbQa.9695$Vx2.4103647@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com:
>
> >
> > "Bill Sohl" <billsohl@mindspring.com> wrote in message
> > news:beqmpo$bo4$1@slb6.atl.mindspring.net...
> >>
> >> "Guessing" <Guessing@connectnet.net> wrote in message
> >> news:kTWPa.1427$Bd5.928@fed1read01...
> >> >
> >> > "Alun Palmer" <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote in message
> >> > news:Xns93B67B0FCD2E0elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4...
> >> > > "Guessing" <Guessing@connectnet.net> wrote in
> >> > > news:bXVPa.1425$Bd5.445@fed1read01:
> >> >
> >> > Ask a lawyer about that one. Hey I want to be a BSEE, why do I have
> >> > to take History classes ????
> >>
> >> You don't have to take history classes in some schools
> >> to get a BSEE.
> >>
> >
> > Broaden the category to Socio-Humanistic electives or whatever
> > equivalent term that your college uses and you will find that you do
> > have to take a certain amount of them. And everyone regardless of
> > major has to take English even though they should already be proficient
> > at that before they get there. You have to take quite a few
> > "unnecessary" courses in college to get a degree in any field.
> >
> > Dee D. Flint, N8UZE
> >
> >
>
> I'm against that too. BTW, I got my EE degree in England, and you don't
> have to go through any of that wholly irrelevant stuff. No English, no
> social studies of any kind, no chemistry (which I understand is oftem
> required over here).

It depends on whether you consider colleges and universities as institutions
of higher learning or as job training schools. If the former then the
various non-degreee specific classes are appropriate. If the latter, then
they are not.
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Dee D. Flint, N8UZE

1318. Re: Code a Deterrent to a Ham Ticket ??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 22:21:35 UTC
From: "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net>
Message-ID: <P1GQa.10075$Vx2.4369587@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com>
Source record: 71167

"Bill Sohl" <billsohl@mindspring.com> wrote in message
news:bet8e4$776$1@slb4.atl.mindspring.net...
>
>
>
> Go read John KC2HMZ's post vis-a-vis the difference
> between a graduation certificate and a ham license...or
> many other licenses for that matter.
>
> Cheers,
> Bill K2UNK
>
>
>

But you forget that I consider code one of the fundamentals of a well rounded, basic ham education whether one uses it or not. In many other licenses, there is material required that is irrelevant to a particular individual's goals. It's included because it's one of the basics of the field even if not germane to specific applications.

Dee D. Flint, N8UZE

1319. Re: The Day has come....

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 22:24:37 UTC
From: "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net>
Message-ID: <F4GQa.10079$Vx2.4370226@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com>
Source record: 71152

"William H. O'Hara, III" <whoohara@yahoo.com> wrote in message
news:Xns93B81D03906FAX2A3DA5M1512AODKAMO@65.100.3.61...
>
> >> a Ham radio license to someone. He asked me if they still
> >> also said its obsolete and even the military does not use
> > Just shows how ignorant he is. Special Forces still learn
> > it and use it as they may need to operate low power and be
> > stealthy.
>
>
> Doesn't this seem like an immature comment? They
> have manuals on operating pack trains. They have
> manuals on all sorts of things. Do you think that
> a SF op actually read the manual on constructing
> railways?
>
> I don't think that all SF op's get CW training.
> They are generally cross-trained in many things,
> but I don't think every Green Beret gets CW.
> Your generalization about SF is bunk as now
> the Marines are considered 1st cousins to the
> Berets. :) Do they have to learn CW?
>

No one said that all special forces members get. Just that it is included.

Dee D. Flint, N8UZE

1320. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 22:30:41 UTC
From: "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net>
Message-ID: <laGQa.10082$Vx2.4370970@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com>
Source record: 71153

"Larry Roll K3LT" <yodoc@aol.comnospam> wrote in message
news:20030714033323.12501.00000875@mb-m04.aol.com...
>
> Worry not, help is on the way! When the FCC finally acts on WRC-03 and
> drops the code testing requirement, the ARS will suddenly be filled with
> eager, computer-literate, technically-inclined young newcomers to ham
> radio who will invent, develop, and deploy the amateur radio version of
the
> broadband infrastructure now available to anyone who owns a cell phone,
> wireless PDA, or Wi-Fi equipped laptop. We will be communicating by
> voice, data, and image, all with no need to purchase "minutes" of air time
> or enter into expensive contracts with service providers. Once relieved
of
> the requirement to learn that obsolete old Morse code, we will see, as
> promised for years, a technical revolution in amateur radio the likes of
> which nobody could have imagined in the bad old days of being tested
> for competence in "beeping."
>
> I can hardly wait!
>
> 73 de Larry, K3LT
>

Well, I'm not going to hold my breath for it or place any bets on it.

Dee D. Flint, N8UZE

1321. Re: Ham Radio In The Post-Code Testing Era

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 22:38:20 UTC
From: "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net>
Message-ID: <whGQa.10083$Vx2.4372441@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com>
Source record: 71154

"N2EY" <n2ey@aol.com> wrote in message
news:20030714060138.04207.00001581@mb-m01.aol.com...
> In article <BB37CF4A.1EB1E%stewart@say.net>, Dwight Stewart
<stewart@say.net>
> writes:
>
> >Instead, both seem to be saying code is no longer a necessary
> >radio skill since so few radio operators outside ham radio use it today.
>
> That's another argument entirely.
>
> Of course hams DO use Morse code quite a lot. It's a mystery why what is
done
> in other radio services should count more than what hams do, when it comes
to
> figuring out the requirements for an amateur license.
>
> >This position relates to the basis and purpose of Amateur Radio (97.1a,
> >97.1c, and 97.1d).
> >
> Opinions vary.

Actually the fact that other services don't use it very much is a strong argument to require hams to learn it. This is the place to preserve the skill in case of need and to prevent this capability from becoming a lost art. Plus of course the fact that quite a few hams do use it.

Dee D. Flint, N8UZE

1322. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 22:42:06 UTC
From: "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net>
Message-ID: <2lGQa.10084$Vx2.4372971@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com>
Source record: 71155

"Alun Palmer" <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote in message
news:Xns93B85073FF71Aelektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4...
> "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net> wrote in
> news:jKbQa.9693$Vx2.4102850@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com:
>
> >
> > "N2EY" <n2ey@aol.com> wrote in message
> > news:20030713064528.02222.00000796@mb-m16.aol.com...
> >> In article <zN2Qa.276$lL.33979@nnrp1.ptd.net>, "Carl R. Stevenson"
> >> <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> writes:
> >>
> >> >I just know that there are much better digital modes available
> >>
> >> "Better" is in the eye of the definer. There are characteristics in
> >> which Morse is much "better" than any digital mode, and
> >> characteristics in which some digital modes are much "better" than
> >> Morse.
> >
> > Exactly. Morse can be deciphered by ear if you don't have a computer.
> > What if you are unsure of the amount of time that you will be without
> > power and don't want to put the additional load of a computer on your
> > power source?
> >
> > "Better" depends on the sum total of the conditions under which you are
> > operating. One can envision scenarios that favor one specific mode
> > over others. That is why a ham should have a basic competence in ALL
> > modes including morse.
> >
> > Dee D. Flint, N8UZE
> >
> >
>
> Except that ham radio is not mission critical for most of us. If
> conditions are poor on HF SSB, I can just QSY to a repeater, or read a
> book or watch TV, for that matter.

One reason that we are able to justify ourselves to the government is that
part of our mission as hams is to be a "pool of trained radio operators."
So since I want ham radio to continue to be allowed, I consider it mission
critical to be familiar with the various modes whether or not I like them.

Dee D. Flint, N8UZE

1323. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 22:47:36 UTC
From: "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net>
Message-ID: <cqGQa.10085$Vx2.4373939@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com>
Source record: 71156

"Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> wrote in message
news:rTxQa.454$lL.55425@nnrp1.ptd.net...
>
> The credo of emergency preparedness is the same as the Boy Scout's
> Motto "Be prepared." HAVE backup power source(s), backup equipment,
> and backup operators available ... have a well-thought out PLAN for a
> wide range of scenarios. DON'T rely on cobbling together a Morse rig
> from scraps and running it from a generator powered by a hamster running
> on a wheel.
>

Ok show me the calculation that predicts the duration of a power outage.
Then we'll all know how many generators to have and how much gasoline to
stockpile.

Dee D. Flint, N8UZE

1324. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 22:52:18 UTC
From: "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net>
Message-ID: <CuGQa.10087$Vx2.4374743@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com>
Source record: 71157

"Dick Carroll" <dickc58@att.net> wrote in message
news:3F12BA2A.51DCC37A@att.net...
>
>
> Dwight Stewart wrote:
>
> > "N2EY" wrote:
> > >
> > > "Knowledge" in this context really means anything
> > > that can be learned and known consciously by a person.
> > >
> > > There are at least three different kinds of knowledge -
> > > facts, concepts and skills.
> >
> > Is there significant knowledge in using a hammer skillfully?
>
>
>
> Dwight your ignorance is showing again--OF COURSE there is!
>

Absolutely. First of all you have to select the rightr hammer for the job. Secondly if you are going to be hammering a lot, you need to know how to select a hammer with the proper weight and balance to maximize the effectivity of the hammer with a minimum of energy expenditure. Then there is an art to swinging the hammer. Beginners manage to hit a lot of fingers and hands.

Dee D. Flint, N8UZE

1325. ARRL plan, coming to fruition?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 22:53:11 UTC
From: No Dummy Loads <N@e.mail>
Message-ID: <vh6d2ni8aju0d7@corp.supernews.com>
Source record: 71158

The League won't stand in the way of anything if it will allow dumbing down the hobby, and now their plans are further moving forward. Pretty soon one won't even need to take a written test for a license. The League would never propose this openly, but they won't object when someone else does.

Hey League BOD: Thank you for dumbing down the hobby assholes. You were to work to make things better, not worse! New definition for the ARRL handbook: Dummy load: A bunch of hams in the back of a pickup truck.

1326. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 22:53:17 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
Message-ID: <3F13347D.3050106@adelphia.net>
Source record: 71162

JJ wrote:

> I must really get under your skin Dickie.

EEEEEWWWWWWWWWWW!

Mike KB3EIA -

1327. Re: Ham Radio In The Post-Code Testing Era

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 22:54:37 UTC
From: Dwight Stewart <stewart@say.net>
Message-ID: <BB38ACEC.1EC4F%stewart@say.net>
Source record: 71159

"N2EY" wrote:
>
> Some, but not all, nocodetest folks have claimed
> that the (perceived) lack of growth of the ARS is
> one reason to end code testing. (snip)

The "nocodetest folks" didn't end the code testing requirement - the members of the ITU did and the FCC perhaps will. Again, I haven't seen growth of Amateur Radio as a significant reason for their decision.

> It is a constant theme. The RSGB has repeatedly
> cited lack of growth as a major concern of theirs,
> and blamed it on the code test.

The RSGB is neither a governing body in the UK or a member of the ITU. While they offered an opinion, it was only one opinion in many supporting the end of code testing. That specific opinion would have no weight if CW was still a significant communications mode outside Amateur Radio (see below).

> Of course hams DO use Morse code quite a lot. It's
> a mystery why what is done in other radio services
> should count more than what hams do, when it comes
> to figuring out the requirements for an amateur
> license.

The Amateur Radio Service was not created in a vacuum. Its stated basis and purpose extends well outside Amateur Radio. None of those (emergency service, advancement of the radio arts, advancing skills in skills and technical phases of art, a reservoir of trained operators, and international goodwill) are limited to just what happens within the Amateur Radio Service itself (we seldom provide emergency service for ourselves, for example).

Therefore, what happens outside of Amateur Radio must play a significant role in what happens within Amateur Radio. CW was justified as a testing requirement because is was once necessary for a reservoir of trained operators (for the services we could provide outside Amateur Radio). That is no longer true, so the test requirement is now being reconsidered.

Dwight Stewart (W5NET)

http://www.qsl.net/w5net/

1328. Re: CW Requirement Abolished

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 22:57:14 UTC
From: "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net>
Message-ID: <ezGQa.10089$Vx2.4375373@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com>
Source record: 71160

"Brian" <brianburke@juno.com> wrote in message
news:f45722ac.0307140456.34bfd971@posting.google.com...
> "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net> wrote in message
news:<w72Qa.9618$Vx2.4015585@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com>...
> > "Brian" <brianburke@juno.com> wrote in message
> > news:f45722ac.0307090623.3fca4279@posting.google.com...
> > > N2EY@AOL.COM (N2EY) wrote in message
> > news:<c2356669.0307081338.7209a5cb@posting.google.com>...
> > > > Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net> wrote in message
> > news:<nipigv4r1n1c1879t1l4feut0kngr676br@4ax.com>...
> > > > > On 7 Jul 2003 14:21:15 GMT, Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com>
wrote:
> > > > >
> > > > > >We'll just have to think of something else to talk about.
Besides,
> > it's
> > > > > >not over yet. The FCC will likely have multiple petitions to look
at.
> > For
> > > > > >example, what happens to Techs? Should they all get Tech+
privileges?
> > > >
> > > > Seems completely obvious to me that they should.
> > >
> > > Ditto Novices
> >
> > If the US dispenses with the code test, Techs should get the same as the
> > Tech+ as that would be the simplest and most appropriate change.
> >
> > Novices should stay exactly as they are now. They haven't passed the
Tech
> > written and should NOT get a free upgrade to Tech. It simply isn't
> > appropriate. Novices have some HF privileges already anyway.
>
> They have demonstrated the required knowledge (and skill) to operate
> on both HF and VHF.
>
> > > [snip]
> > > > Seems to me that in a nocodetest future it would make much more
sense
> > > > to let all hams have access to at least partial privileges on most
ham
> > > > bands, rather than continuing the artificial HF vs. VHF-UHF
> > > > separation.

> >
> > If they merge the Techs into the priveleges of Tech+, all license
classes
> > will have some HF privileges.
> >
> > The simplest overall approach is to simply leave the rest of the classes
> > alone except for dropping the code requirement. This requires the least
> > amount of rule changes and paperwork changes.
> >
> > Dee D. Flint, N8UZE
>
> Why take the path of least resistant?
>
> Why not align the license classes and priveleges into something that
> makes sense?

Because this path does make sense. There is no benefit in doing a total
overhaul of the licensing structure.

Dee D. Flint, N8UZE

1329. Re: Ham Radio In The Post-Code Testing Era

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 23:00:48 UTC
From: Dwight Stewart <stewart@say.net>
Message-ID: <BB38AE5F.1EC51%stewart@say.net>
Source record: 71161

"Larry Roll K3LT" wrote:
>
> Dwight Stewart writes:
>>
>> Who said the goal of ending code testing is
>> the growth of Amateur Radio? I've seen no
>> mention of that from either the FCC or those
>> at the ITU conference. Instead, both seem to
>> be saying code is no longer a necessary
>> radio skill since so few radio operators
>> outside ham radio use it today. This position
>> relates to the basis and purpose of Amateur
>> Radio (97.1a, 97.1c, and 97.1d).
>
> Oooohhhhhh, I see. The FCC and ITU didn't say
> that ending code testing would be the end of
> growth in amateur radio! That really comes as a
> surprise! Thanks for pointing that out, Dwight.

No, you don't see. However, I have no time to help improve your reading
comprehension skills.

Dwight Stewart (W5NET)

http://www.qsl.net/w5net/

1330. Re: Smells like type acceptance

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 23:24:39 UTC
From: kelly@dvol.com
Message-ID: <d22b54c3.0307141524.35a20176@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71163

k0hb@arrl.net (K0HB) wrote in message
news:<e79dbd9b.0307140945.358719a3@posting.google.com>...
> I was under the impression (apparently mistaken?) that a licensed
> amateur could possess any sort of equipment (commercial, homebrew,
> converted surplus) or whatever. I know of no rule against MODIFICATION
> of equipment, even if that modification permits operation outside the
> amateur bands. The rules properly speak to signal purity, staying
> inside the assigned bands, etc., etc., but do NOT seem to prohibit
> modifications of factory-built equipment. (In fact, I could probably
> make an argument that the FCC rules ENCOURAGE tinkering and
> experimentation of this sort!)
>
> However I note the FCC has required at least one licensed ham, Michael
> V. Swift, KG6QOB, to restore a rig to "original manufacturer's
> specifications".
>
> ("You are directed to have the transceiver returned to the original
> manufacturer's specifications by reinstalling the jumper wire which
> the cutting or removal of permits operation outside the amateur bands.
> The jumper wire must be repaired or installed, and encapsulated with
> epoxy or similar material to preclude future modification. After the
> repair is completed you are directed to bring the transceiver to this
> office so that the repair can be confirmed and related technical
> measurements can be made.
>
> You have until July 7, 2003 to respond to this inquiry and to provide
> the repaired transceiver for inspection.")
>
> While I understand the reason for the action (malicious interference
> and false distress signals on marine frequencies), it strikes me that
> this particular remedy is not supported by the law, and might set a
> precedent for de facto "type acceptance" in the Amateur Radio service.

Riley cut the dweeb a break. Cops have that option. Riley could have
really lowered the boom on the guy, the perp would have to be out of
his gourd if he didn't jump on his soddering arn and epoxy, serve his
"sentence" and walk. The whole thing however is goofy as hell and
prolly sets some kinda record for plea bargains gone whacky. Maybe
Riley needs a vacation.

> What say, ye lawyerly types?

>
> 73, de Hans, K0HB

w3rv

1331. Re: ARRL plan, coming to fruition?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 23:31:21 UTC
From: Dan/W4NTI <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com>
Message-ID: <bevecn$mp5$1@slb3.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 71164

"No Dummy Loads" <N@e.mail> wrote in message
news:vh6d2ni8aju0d7@corp.supernews.com...
> The League won't stand in the way of anything if it will allow dumbing
down
> the hobby, and now their plans are further moving forward. Pretty soon
> one won't even need to take a written test for a license. The League
would
> never propose this openly, but they won't object when someone else does.
>
> Hey League BOD: Thank you for dumbing down the hobby assholes. You were
to
> work to make things better, not worse! New definition for the ARRL
> handbook: Dummy load: A bunch of hams in the back of a pickup truck.
>
>
>
>

Could you provide any facts, not your opinion, to back up your statements?

Dan/W4NTI

1332. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 23:40:57 UTC
From: Arnie Macy <kt4st@csam.net>
Message-ID: <bevf33$9fudn$1@ID-166180.news.uni-berlin.de>
Source record: 71165

"Larry Roll K3LT" wrote in part ...

Arnie: Worry not, help is on the way! When the FCC finally acts on WRC-03 and drops the code testing requirement, the ARS will suddenly be filled with eager, computer-literate, technically-inclined young newcomers to ham radio who will invent, develop, and deploy the amateur radio version of the broadband infrastructure now available to anyone who owns a cell phone, wireless PDA, or Wi-Fi equipped laptop. We will be communicating by voice, data, and image, all with no need to purchase "minutes" of air time or enter into expensive contracts with service providers...

Yep, I'm breathless with anticipation (wink)

Arnie -
KT4ST

1333. Re: Code a Deterrent to a Ham Ticket ??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-14 23:43:45 UTC
From: kelly@dvol.com
Message-ID: <d22b54c3.0307141543.56d10adc@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71166

"Kim W5TIT" <fahgedit@nomail.net> wrote in message
news:<bes0qu$gj3$1@adenine.netfront.net>...
> "Brian Kelly" <kelly@dvol.com> wrote in message
> news:d22b54c3.0307121201.7d136069@posting.google.com...

> > And of that 11,000 how many do you 'spose are engineers who wouldn't
> > have become hams unless the code test was dropped to 5 wpm? And of
> > those, how many of these newly minted ham engineers will ever make any
> > "contribution to the service"?
> >
>
> I don't think that's a very fair question. How many long-licensed/current
> hams have ever made a contribution to the service? I suspect not many by
> your definition, so it's not even a good question, let alone a fair one.

I absolutely did mean it within my narrow definition because the
ongoing argument has been based on a narrow definition. But I should
have been more specific in my post.

It's a very fair & appropriate question as a rhetorical response to
the NCTAs who have been claiming forever that eliminating the code
tests for HF access will result in a new influx of technically astute
engineers. Bilge. Who will put their expertise to work and come up
with "advances in the state of the art" now that they won't have to
jump thru the "code test hoops". More bilge and you know that as well
as I do.

> > w3rv
>
> Kim W5TIT

w3rv

1334. Re: I'm gonna get you all

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 00:01:28 UTC
From: kelly@dvol.com
Message-ID: <d22b54c3.0307141601.7eb90ef3@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71168

"LA Davies" <lloyd_vfp@dalek.com> wrote in message news:<3f12e823@shknews01>...
> "Steve Robeson, K4CAP" <k4yz@aol.com> wrote in message
> news:5c01b95b.0307140147.2366beb4@posting.google.com...
> > "LA Davies" <lloyd_vfp@dalek.com> wrote in message
> news:<3f1246ce@shknews01>...
> > > You quit making fun of me, for my anti-code. I will have my code-free
> > > extra. Then you will be sorry.......
> >
> > Wrong, Your Scumminess...you already make us sorry...
> >
> > Steve, K4YZ
>
> You will exalt me as a savior of Ham Radio. Be thankful that soon, I will
> be on the air, and thousands of my no-code brothers! We will command the
> ham bands forever! We will show what a QSO is! Death to the Code! We have
> agents in the ARRL, and soon will pettion the have the removed as a eye sore
> to the hobby! You will pay 10 fold for the mental agony of making us have
> to a side seat to being on HF.
>
> I'm watching you........

You're the best example I've run into yet which supports the rationale
for justifying psychiatric exams before anybody can buy a two-way
radio.

Lemmee know when ya get on HF Lloyd, I'll meet ya there, any mode, any
band . . .

>
> Lloyd Davies, N0VFP
> Surpreme No-coder

w3rv

1335. Re: Smells like type acceptance

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 00:05:37 UTC
From: "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net>
Message-ID: <lzHQa.10097$Vx2.4386054@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com>
Source record: 71169

"Brian Kelly" <kelly@dvol.com> wrote in message
news:d22b54c3.0307141524.35a20176@posting.google.com...
> k0hb@arrl.net (K0HB) wrote in message
news:<e79dbd9b.0307140945.358719a3@posting.google.com>...
> > I was under the impression (apparently mistaken?) that a licensed
> > amateur could possess any sort of equipment (commercial, homebrew,
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> > of equipment, even if that modification permits operation outside the
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> > epoxy or similar material to preclude future modification. After the
> > repair is completed you are directed to bring the transceiver to this
> > office so that the repair can be confirmed and related technical
> > measurements can be made.
> >
> > You have until July 7, 2003 to respond to this inquiry and to provide
> > the repaired transceiver for inspection.")
> >
> > While I understand the reason for the action (malicious interference
> > and false distress signals on marine frequencies), it strikes me that
> > this particular remedy is not supported by the law, and might set a
> > precedent for de facto "type acceptance" in the Amateur Radio service.
>
> Riley cut the dweeb a break. Cops have that option. Riley could have
> really lowered the boom on the guy, the perp would have to be out of
> his gourd if he didn't jump on his soddering arn and epoxy, serve his
> "sentence" and walk. The whole thing however is goofy as hell and
> prolly sets some kinda record for plea bargains gone whacky. Maybe
> Riley needs a vacation.
>
>
> > What say, ye lawyerly types?

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> >
> > 73, de Hans, K0HB
>
> w3rv

Remember also that according to the FCC rules, the FCC has the authority to modify the operator/station license in just about anyway they see fit. Making him return the radio to manufacturer's spec might fall under that authority.

Dee D. Flint, N8UZE

1336. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 00:29:35 UTC
From: Dwight Stewart <stewart@say.net>
Message-ID: <BB38C32E.1EC53%stewart@say.net>
Source record: 71170

"N2EY" wrote:
>
> Yep, if you accept that skill is a type of
> knowledge. Besides the skill of actually
> hammering, there's knowing what hammer to
> use for a particular job, knowing how to
> hold the hammer and thing to be hammered,
> and what safety precautions to take.

Obviously building something with a hammer requires knowledge, but even a two year old child can learn to hit a nail with a hammer - the skill.

> Many of the written test questions are about
> the rules and regs, such as band edges and
> power limits. Also symbol identification,
> definitions, and other facts. One doesn't
> have to know what a kHz is to know that the
> 40 meter band is 7000 to 7300 kHz. Nor does
> it require an understanding of the operation
> of electronic components to correctly
> identify which symbol is, say, a JFET.

All requiring far more knowledge than the skill of hitting a nail with a hammer.

> More importantly, since the Q&A are all
> in the public domain, all that is needed
> to get an answer correct is to identify
> which of the 4 answers is correct. (snip)

Then you dispute the multiple choice method of testing, which means you must also dispute this method of testing when employed by schools and colleges throughout this country and around the world (and the studies once used by those schools to determine this is a sufficient means of testing for educational purposes).

> How this is done by the testee and how much
> understanding is involved is not a concern
> of the FCC or VEs as long as there's no
> cheating involved. Rote memorization, word
> association, and random guessing are all
> accepted ways of getting an answer correct.
> Get enough answers correct and the license
> is issued.

If the FCC is not concerned, why are you? Obviously, the FCC has determined this method of testing is sufficient to meet the goals it has for Amateur Radio license testing. Perhaps you're dissatisfied with this method because you don't truly understand the goals of those license exams. Again, the exams are an entrance exam to get into Amateur Radio, not a final exam to determine ultimate skills and knowledge. In Amateur Radio, the primary develop of skills and knowledge comes after those entrance exams through actual experience.

> I never saw much if anyhting about radio in
> any of the science textbooks I had, grade
> school through college. I did see some stuff
> in my engineering textbooks, though. But by
> then I had been a ham for 5 years.

You're out of date, Jim. Many college science textbook used throughout the US cover these subjects (radio and electronics). For example;

The Sciences, An Integrated Approach, John Wiley & Sons, Inc.
Chapter 5 (pg. 115), Electricity and Magnetism (electromagnetic force, electric circuits, ampere, voltage, resistance, ohm's law).
Chapter 6 (pg. 127), the Nature of Waves (wavelength, frequency and velocity).
Chapter 6 (pg. 139), the Electromagnetic Spectrum (radio waves, induction, radio waves and the atmosphere, ducting).
Chapter 11 (pg. 241), Electrical Properties of Materials (conductors, insulators, semiconductors, and superconductors).
Chapter 11 (pg. 240), Technology (diodes, semiconductors, transistors).

Even many high school science textbooks cover the basics. For example;

Physical Science, Holt/Harcourt Publishing.
Chapter 17 (pg. 420), Introduction to Electricity (electric current, conductors, insulators, ac/dc, resistance, resistors, Ohm's Law, electric circuits, series and parallel circuits).
Chapter 19 (pg. 480), Electronic Technology (semiconductors, diodes, transistors, integrated circuits).
Chapter 20 (pg. 508), The Energy of Waves (amplitude, frequency, wavelength).
Chapter 22 (pg. 568), The Electromagnetic Spectrum (radio waves, am/fm modulation, induction, destructive and constructive interference, the ionosphere).

Dwight Stewart (W5NET)

http://www.qsl.net/w5net/

1337. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 01:30:44 UTC
From: Hans K0HB <k0hb@earthlink.net>
Message-ID: <8951605be0ad1dbd7f68d241525766fc.128005@mygate.mailgate.org>
Source record: 71171

"Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> wrote .

> the insistence on using "wetware" instead of software to do the
> decoding is an anomaly of ham radio.
>
> This "do it the hard way, rather than the smart way" approach to things
> that is held by so many hams leads to stagation, backwardness, etc.
>

Carl,

You seem to have moved positions from "the Morse test ought to be
dropped" to "operators who use Morse code are stagnant and backward".

I agree with the first position, but the second position is inflamatory,
divisive, and not supported by a shred of evidence.

With all kind wishes,

de Hans, K0HB

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Posted via Mailgate.ORG Server - http://www.Mailgate.ORG

1338. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 02:00:22 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bevo4b$k38@library2.airnews.net>
Source record: 71172

"Dick Carroll" <dickc58@att.net> wrote in message
news:3F123CA8.DB13CFDA@att.net...
>
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> JJ wrote:
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> > Dick Carroll wrote:
> > >
> > > JJ wrote:
> > >
> > >
> > >>Radio Amateur KC2HMZ wrote:
> > >>
> > >>
> > >>>I was monitoring a MARS net a few years back, that was being
conducted
> > >>>in some rather lousy band conditions. One station tried to check into
> > >>>this net using CW because the ops couldn't get through to the NCS
> > >>>using SSB. The NCS told them that CW was not a valid operating mode
> > >>>for checking into a MARS net. Draw your own conclusions.
> > >>
> > >>I am curious as to why CW would not be a valid operating mode on a
> > >>MARS net.
> > >
> > >
> > > Basically because the Chief Mars appointed some years ago was a
No-code tech. That
> > > tell
> > > you anything?
> >
> > And you can support that statement by providing the call of the
> > operator and his license history, or is this just another of your
> > slams at the no-code techs to make yourself feel better?
>
> Once again, you prove how clueless you can be. Try paying attention to
what goes on in
> ham radio before you manage to make a complete fool of youself, Hmmm?
>
> No, I didn't keep the codefree Mars cheif's data, why should I? I was
disgusted by the
> entire episode as were most longtime hams who happened to be paying
attention. . Clearly
> you were not.
>

> The fella closed out all MARS CW operation permanently, according to
reports from MARS
> members. So you missed all that? Surprising? Nope.
>

I love that "according to reports from MARS members." Do you *ever* find out and learn anything for *yourself*, Dick, or do you always just rely on others to formulate your opinions?

Kim W5TIT

1339. Re: Picard vs Kirk, was Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 02:07:51 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bevo4c$k38@library2.airnews.net>
Source record: 71173

"N2EY" <n2ey@aol.com> wrote in message
news:20030714122225.24390.00001114@mb-m19.aol.com...
> In article <beu4di$2c8j$1@adenine.netfront.net>, "Kim W5TIT"
> <fahgedit@nomail.net> writes:
>
> >> Apparently Kirk did know the Morse code, since he was able to copy the
> >> "SOS" being sent by antique space ship from Earth full of the
genetically
> >> enhanced people in suspended animation in "Space Seed."
> >>
> >> 73 de Larry, K3LT
> >> A Treker, not a "Trekkie"
> >>
> >>
> >
> >OK. There you have it. End of debate. Larry has just stated that
someone
> >who knows the sending of SOS knows "the Morse code."
> >
> Except that the sleeper ship was sending "CQ", not "SOS". Which may
actually
> have been a form of inside joke, because one of the pet peeves of many was
the
> too-long CQ with no breaks to listen.
>
> 73 de Jim, N2EY
>

OHMYGAWD!!!! Ya mean Larry, the CW fiend of all, didn't know an SOS from a
CQ?!?!

This is too precious...

Kim W5TIT

1340. Re: Smells like type acceptance

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 02:16:27 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bevo4d$k38@library2.airnews.net>
Source record: 71174

"K0HB" <k0hb@arrl.net> wrote in message
news:e79dbd9b.0307140945.358719a3@posting.google.com...
> I was under the impression (apparently mistaken?) that a licensed
> amateur could possess any sort of equipment (commercial, homebrew,
> converted surplus) or whatever. I know of no rule against MODIFICATION
> of equipment, even if that modification permits operation outside the
> amateur bands. The rules properly speak to signal purity, staying
> inside the assigned bands, etc., etc., but do NOT seem to prohibit
> modifications of factory-built equipment. (In fact, I could probably
> make an argument that the FCC rules ENCOURAGE tinkering and
> experimentation of this sort!)
>
> However I note the FCC has required at least one licensed ham, Michael
> V. Swift, KG6QOB, to restore a rig to "original manufacturer's
> specifications".
>
> ("You are directed to have the transceiver returned to the original
> manufacturer's specifications by reinstalling the jumper wire which
> the cutting or removal of permits operation outside the amateur bands.
> The jumper wire must be repaired or installed, and encapsulated with
> epoxy or similar material to preclude future modification. After the
> repair is completed you are directed to bring the transceiver to this
> office so that the repair can be confirmed and related technical
> measurements can be made.
>
> You have until July 7, 2003 to respond to this inquiry and to provide
> the repaired transceiver for inspection.")
>
> While I understand the reason for the action (malicious interference
> and false distress signals on marine frequencies), it strikes me that
> this particular remedy is not supported by the law, and might set a
> precedent for de facto "type acceptance" in the Amateur Radio service.
>
> What say, ye lawyerly types?
>
> 73, de Hans, K0HB

I am not a lawyerly type (dang that's hard to even spell let alone sound
out), but:

It is my understanding that even amateur operators must have equipment that
is "Type Accepted" by the FCC. Now, not all that sure what that means, as
when one buys new equipment it isn't a concern. BUT, I do know that I've
heard discussions on the air whereby it is said to be illegal to own
"illegal" radios (those CBs that can transmit outside the legal limits of CB

radio) and "foot warmers" (those that have been modified to be able to work outside the ham bands...like, one that was originally for 10M that now works well in the CB range, etc.).

Kim W5TIT

1341. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 02:29:12 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bevos6$r4q@library2.airnews.net>
Source record: 71175

"N2EY" <N2EY@AOL.COM> wrote in message
news:c2356669.0307140746.17a8595a@posting.google.com...
> Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net> wrote in message
news:<bqc1hvcttcd96ae8nrgfoll2t6f9bvmjmp@4ax.com>...
> > On Sun, 13 Jul 2003 11:58:29 -0500, "Kim" <fahgedit@nomail.net>
> > wrote:
> >
> > >"Larry Roll K3LT" <yodoc@aol.comnospam> wrote in message
> > >news:20030713015318.23406.00000814@mb-m27.aol.com...
> >
> > >> Kim, Dear, what kind of "proof" of this would you accept?
> >
> > Dear? I knew it! You ARE in love with her, Larry!
>
> Won't do him any good. Kim's married/taken and quite happy with her
> mate, thank you very much.
> >

GRIN. Yep 14 years now. Uh, well, those reasons to begin with, anyway.
The really number one reason is that I'm not that desperate for a man if it
means Larry Roll... ;)

>
> > >> but a no-coder will always claim that it isn't proven simply because
they
> > >> have no way of discerning and analyzing the evidence, and they have
an
> > >> agenda which would cause them to deny the outcome.
>
> Incorrect. They could always accept the evidence presented by an
> experienced CW operator.
>

That's correct. Except that folks such as Dick and Larry have such a war
going on that it's completely gotten passed them that the rest of us can
still think of each other nicely--even though our thoughts about different
things may vary and, yes, even though we may get really fired up on each
other once in a while.

> >
> > >You couldn't even offer the contribution that N2EY
> > >made. An excellent example, I might add.
>
> Thanks - there are more. Like the student in Grenada during the
> invasion/revolution (1983?) whose mike broke.

>

For real?! What was he saying, do we know?

> >
> > Larry gets rather emotional over the topic, whereas Jim looks at
> > things a bit more objectively. But then, I think you noticed that.
>
> Just "a bit more"? ;-)
> >

heh heh

> > >
> > >When you get as good as N2EY at knowing CW and examples of its
tremendous
> > >cabability, get back to us, won't you?
>
> There are plenty of examples which prove the point of CW/Morse's
> usefulness. Whether those examples constiute "proof" of the necessity
> of a TEST is a matter of opinion.
> >

Well, I never challenged the point of CW/Morse's usefulness. There's no doubt about the usefulness of CW. (Larry usually either chooses to ignore, or misses it when I have good things to say about CW, though). What I'd never really heard relayed was a real-life story of the claim of CW "getting through" when nothing else would.

> 73 de Jim, N2EY

Kim W5TIT

1342. Re: Code a Deterrent to a Ham Ticket ??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 02:30:09 UTC
From: Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93B8E4DFDC2F9elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>
Source record: 71176

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"Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net> wrote in
news:AZFQa.10074$Vx2.4368773@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com:

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> "Alun Palmer" <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote in message
> news:Xns93B7EF604DBA7elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4...
>> "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net> wrote in
>> news:PSbQa.9695$Vx2.4103647@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com:
>>
>> >
>> > "Bill Sohl" <billsohl@mindspring.com> wrote in message
>> > news:beqmpo$bo4$1@slb6.atl.mindspring.net...
>> >>
>> >> "Guessing" <Guessing@connectnet.net> wrote in message
>> >> news:kTWPa.1427$Bd5.928@fed1read01...
>> >> >
>> >> > "Alun Palmer" <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote in message
>> >> > news:Xns93B67B0FCD2E0elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4...
>> >> > > "Guessing" <Guessing@connectnet.net> wrote in
>> >> > > news:bXVPa.1425$Bd5.445@fed1read01:
>> >> > >
>> >> > Ask a lawyer about that one. Hey I want to be a BSEE, why do I
>> >> > have to take History classes ????
>> >>
>> >> You don't have to take history classes in some schools
>> >> to get a BSEE.
>> >>
>> >
>> > Broaden the category to Socio-Humanistic electives or whatever
>> > equivalent term that your college uses and you will find that you do
>> > have to take a certain amount of them. And everyone regardless of
>> > major has to take English even though they should already be
>> > proficient at that before they get there. You have to take quite a
>> > few "unnecessary" courses in college to get a degree in any field.
>> >
>> > Dee D. Flint, N8UZE
>> >
>> >
>>
>> I'm against that too. BTW, I got my EE degree in England, and you
>> don't have to go through any of that wholly irrelevant stuff. No
>> English, no social studies of any kind, no chemistry (which I
>> understand is oftem required over here).
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> It depends on whether you consider colleges and universities as
> institutions of higher learning or as job training schools. If the
> former then the various non-degreee specific classes are appropriate.
> If the latter, then they are not.
>
> Dee D. Flint, N8UZE
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>

I beleive in free choice. If someone wants to study a broad programme they can, but I don't beleive in forcing people to study things they don't want to, at least not beyond the age of 16, and even then only to avoid illiteracy and innumeracy.

My own interests are not atall narrow, but they are eclectic. They include poetry, archaeology and languages, for example. If, however, a poetry class were to be compulsory in an EE curriculum, I feel strongly that it would be wrong. You can't force people to become well-rounded. Force feeding is a poor sort of education.

I do not beleive that it is necessary to make people study unwanted classes to qualify as an institution of higher learning, more that it disqualifies the college.

1343. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 02:33:16 UTC
From: Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93B8E567657B1elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>
Source record: 71177

"Hans K0HB" <k0hb@earthlink.net> wrote in
news:8951605be0ad1dbd7f68d241525766fc.128005@mygate.mailgate.org:

> "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> wrote .
>
>> the insistence on using "wetware" instead of software to do the
>> decoding is an anomaly of ham radio.
>>
>> This "do it the hard way, rather than the smart way" approach to things
>> that is held by so many hams leads to stagation, backwardness, etc.
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> Carl,
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> You seem to have moved positions from "the Morse test ought to be
> dropped" to "operators who use Morse code are stagnant and backward".
>
> I agree with the first position, but the second position is inflamatory,
> divisive, and not supported by a shred of evidence.
>
> With all kind wishes,
>
> de Hans, K0HB
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>
>

If he had said that merely Larry and dick were stagnant and backward,
would that have been better?

1344. Re: Code a Deterrent to a Ham Ticket ??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 02:34:54 UTC
From: Bill Sohl <billsohl@mindspring.com>
Message-ID: <bevpemkic1@slb0.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 71178

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"Dick Carroll" <dickc58@att.net> wrote in message
news:3F1238A3.DA2A1A31@att.net...
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> Alun Palmer wrote:
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> > Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net> wrote in
> > news:3F12088C.8060407@adelphia.net:
> >
> > > Dee D. Flint wrote:
> > >> "Bill Sohl" <billsohl@mindspring.com> wrote in message
> > >> news:beqmpo$bo4$1@slb6.atl.mindspring.net...
> > >>
> > >>>"Guessing" <Guessing@connectnet.net> wrote in message
> > >>>news:kTWPa.1427$Bd5.928@fed1read01...
> > >>>
> > >>>>"Alun Palmer" <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote in message
> > >>>>news:Xns93B67B0FCD2E0elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4...
> > >>>>
> > >>>>>"Guessing" <Guessing@connectnet.net> wrote in
> > >>>>>news:bXVPa.1425$Bd5.445@fed1read01:
> > >>>>
> > >>>>Ask a lawyer about that one. Hey I want to be a BSEE, why do I have
> > >>>>to take History classes ????
> > >>>
> > >>>You don't have to take history classes in some schools
> > >>>to get a BSEE.
> > >>>
> > >>
> > >>
> > >> Broaden the category to Socio-Humanistic electives or whatever
> > >> equivalent term that your college uses and you will find that you do
> > >> have to take a certain amount of them. And everyone regardless of
> > >> major has to take English even though they should already be
> > >> proficient at that before they get there. You have to take quite a
> > >> few "unnecessary" courses in college to get a degree in any field.
> > >
> > > Unless you are a "non-traditional student" at old PSU, you have
to
> > > take
> > > Physical Education classes. My son is taking Karate this semester, as
a
> > > required course.
> > >
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> > > It has no bearing on his eventual carreer, yet he may elect to
not
> > > take
> > > it, and not graduate. He has to take some history, to and there are
> > > plenty of other classes that have a questionable relevence to his
> > > eventual carreer.
> > >
> > > Even the Electrical engineers have to take these classes.
> > >
> > > The idea is actually sound, as it helps produce a more well
> > > rounded
> > > individual. It also takes into account that a person may not have the
> > > same "core competencies" their entire career. A narrowly focused
> > > education may prepare a person for a carreer that eventually
> > > dissapears.
> > >
> > > - Mike KB3EIA -
> > >
> > >
> >
> > I might have known that you would think it was a good idea - I don't
>
> When my son-in-law(a ham) was deciding which engineering discipline to
major in (he
> later graduated
> cum laude in civil engineering) he discussed it with my daughter who
suggested that
> transportation
> was a industry that isn't going away, so he became a highway engineer,
working on
> interstate and tollway projects. He has been steadily employed with a
large stable
> national company, and
> does very well.
> On the other hand, I read a number of electrical and digital engineers
lamenting
> the shipping of their work to offshore areas like India and the middle
east (I read
> that Microsoft is doing that - I wonder who they plan to sell their wares
to when all
> the good jobs here are gone?) where such engineering can be done at far
less expense
> than in the US.
>
> Meanwhile, it's difficult to engineer a road project from the other side
of the
> planet!

Dick,

Wow, something we agree on. The exportation of development engineering is quite widespread. Software development is also wholesaled to India by many companies (perhaps you meant that too in reference to digital engineering).

Cheers,
Bill K2UNK

1345. Re: Ham Radio In The Post-Code Testing Era

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 02:42:28 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bevpl2$usj@library2.airnews.net>
Source record: 71179

"Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net> wrote in message
news:whGQa.10083$Vx2.4372441@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com...
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> "N2EY" <n2ey@aol.com> wrote in message
> news:20030714060138.04207.00001581@mb-m01.aol.com...
> > In article <BB37CF4A.1EB1E%stewart@say.net>, Dwight Stewart
> <stewart@say.net>
> > writes:
> >
> > >Instead, both seem to be saying code is no longer a necessary
> > >radio skill since so few radio operators outside ham radio use it
today.
> >
> > That's another argument entirely.
> >
> > Of course hams DO use Morse code quite a lot. It's a mystery why what is
> done
> > in other radio services should count more than what hams do, when it
comes
> to
> > figuring out the requirements for an amateur license.
> >
> > >This position relates to the basis and purpose of Amateur Radio (97.1a,
> > >97.1c, and 97.1d).
> > >
> > Opinions vary.
>
> Actually the fact that other services don't use it very much is a strong
> argument to require hams to learn it. This is the place to preserve the
> skill in case of need and to prevent this capability from becoming a lost
> art. Plus of course the fact that quite a few hams do use it.
>
> Dee D. Flint, N8UZE
>

Well, why does it have to be a requirement that hams learn it? An analogy
to your thought above could be:

Doctors should have to be required to know how to use Shaman medicine in
case of need and to prevent this capability from becoming a lost art. (The
analogy works if one believes that alternative medicine works--and I do).
But, you see what I mean, right?

There are groups, societies if you will, that take up and preserve the CW
mode. FISTS comes to mind. There are great guys/gals, long-licensed

amateurs, who love to share the skill with others and who will teach it at only the slightest provocation. There are EmCom "chiefs" who recognize the capability of increased communication benefits when using CW. The list goes on.

Get rid of CW testing. If the mode is all that it is said to be, it will stand on its own. If it doesn't stand on its own, then adapt and adjust.

Kim W5TIT

1346. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 02:43:34 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bevpn5$toc@library2.airnews.net>
Source record: 71181

"Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net> wrote in message
news:cqGQa.10085$Vx2.4373939@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com...
>
> "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> wrote in message
> news:rTxQa.454$lL.55425@nnrp1.ptd.net...
> >
> > The credo of emergency preparedness is the same as the Boy Scout's
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> > from scraps and running it from a generator powered by a hamster running
> > on a wheel.
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> Ok show me the calculation that predicts the duration of a power outage.
> Then we'll all know how many generators to have and how much gasoline to
> stockpile.
>
> Dee D. Flint, N8UZE
>

Oh, goodness, just a few car batteries...

Kim W5TIT

1347. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 02:48:37 UTC
From: lk <lklose@net-link.net>
Message-ID: <vh7rgpntjm0t6d@corp.supernews.com>
Source record: 71288

"Phil Kane" <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop> wrote in message
news:cuvyxnansvbet.hhw0e9o.pminews@netnews.comcast.net...

> Don't get me wrong, Cecil - you read my input to the Restructuring
> Docket and you know that I was in favor of eliminating the code test.

<begin quote>

COMMENTS SUBMITTED BY PHILIP M. KANE

MANUAL MORSE CODE TESTING

13. From the inception of both commercial (marine) and amateur radio in the early years of this century, Manual Morse Code was the first and "simplest" method of communication, requiring operators trained and experienced in the use of this mode at all points in the circuit. At the time, equipment used by all services was rather crude, and in some cases the amateur service shared large amounts of spectrum with the governmental and private commercial services. It was essential that the amateur operator be qualified in Manual Morse Code in order to recognize signals from other stations with higher priority informing the amateur operator of technical interference and in some cases exercising authority to order the amateur operator to stop communicating.

14. At the present stage in the development of communications, those early-year requirements no longer are valid and Manual Morse Code is considered an obsolete method of communication. Amateur operators are no longer advised of problems "on the air" by governmental and commercial operators, and indeed the amateur radio service is the only such service still using Manual Morse Code for communications.

15. The United States is a signatory on the International Radio Regulations ("IRR") of the International Telecommunications Union ("ITU") which still specifies that each Administration require proof of proficiency in receiving by ear and sending by hand of Manual Morse Code for amateur operators using portions of the spectrum below 30 MHz. The IRR does not specify any particular speed for such certification, and indeed, one major Administration (Japan) has been issuing amateur radio licenses in derogation of this regulation (by the "exception" process).

16. It is expected that a proposal will be made to eliminate this requirement at an ITU World Radiocommunications Conference to be held within the next few years. This commenter urges the Commission to take a leadership position among the ITU member Administrations to eliminate this requirement as no longer necessary.

17. Additionally, this commenter urges the Commission to eliminate
all such code testing requirements at the earliest opportunity, by the
"exception" method if feasible, and if not feasible, in the interim to
require testing in Manual Morse Code to be at a speed of no greater than
five (5) words per minute.

<end quote>

The FCC must have agreed, they changed all code test to 5 wpm.

>
> Just not for the reasons that you are proffering.

If your reason is because it is "unnecessary",
I agree, it is unnecessary [arbitrary, not in conformity with
5 USC 706(2)(A)].

Ok, we agree on the decision, now who gets writes the majority opinion?

I do like that "exception" thing. Dam, did I take a lot of flake
for proposing that to the NCI board.

La.rry....

1348. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 02:49:03 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com>
Message-ID: <zYJQa.564$IL.64384@nnrp1.ptd.net>
Source record: 71180

"Hans K0HB" <k0hb@earthlink.net> wrote in message
news:8951605be0ad1dbd7f68d241525766fc.128005@mygate.mailgate.org...
> "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> wrote .
>
> > the insistence on using "wetware" instead of software to do the
> > decoding is an anomaly of ham radio.
> >
> > This "do it the hard way, rather than the smart way" approach to things
> > that is held by so many hams leads to stagation, backwardness, etc.
> >
>
> Carl,
>
> You seem to have moved positions from "the Morse test ought to be
> dropped" to "operators who use Morse code are stagnant and backward".

Hans,

I said "... held by so many hams ..." Clearly, there are folks who are
not Morse enthusiasts who also hold to the "do it the hard way, rather
than the smart way" idea ... and not all Morse enthusiasts hold to that
idea.

I certainly did NOT intend to imply that all, or even most, folks who
like Morse are stagnant and backward ... many Morse enthusiasts
do lots of other things and are progress-minded (quite a few are
NCI members who have sent me e-mail saying "I like Morse a LOT,
in fact it's my primary operating mode, but the test just doesn't make
sense any more.")

73,
Carl - wk3c

1349. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 02:49:56 UTC
From: "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net>
Message-ID: <oZJQa.10182$Vx2.4414450@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com>
Source record: 71182

"Kim W5TIT" <fahgedit@nomail.net> wrote in message
news:bevpn5$toc@library2.airnews.net...
> "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net> wrote in message
> news:cqGQa.10085$Vx2.4373939@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com...
> >
> > "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> wrote in message
> > news:rTxQa.454$lL.55425@nnrp1.ptd.net...
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> > > The credo of emergency preparedness is the same as the Boy Scout's
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> > > from scraps and running it from a generator powered by a hamster
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> > > on a wheel.
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> > Ok show me the calculation that predicts the duration of a power outage.
> > Then we'll all know how many generators to have and how much gasoline to
> > stockpile.
> >
> > Dee D. Flint, N8UZE
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> Oh, goodness, just a few car batteries...
>
> Kim W5TIT

Ok, show me the calculation that predicts the duration of the power outage
so I can calculate how many car batteries to keep charged up and on hand.
The principal is the same no matter what power source you choose to specify.
No one can predict when, where or how long emergency power will be needed.

Dee D. Flint, N8UZE

1350. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 02:50:01 UTC
From: Bill Sohl <billsohl@mindspring.com>
Message-ID: <bevqav$80c$1@slb2.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 71184

"Mike Coslo" <mjc5@psu.edu> wrote in message
news:3F12B710.6040807@psu.edu...
> Dick Carroll wrote:
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> > Bill Sohl wrote:
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> > >>"Dick Carroll" <dickc58@att.net> wrote in message
> > >>news:3F10DD72.2D94F213@att.net...
> > >>
> > >>>
> > >>>Bill Sohl wrote:
> > >>>> You
> > >>>>are (IMHO) clearly not up to the task of recruiting new hams
> > >>>>by proactively advocating CW use.
> > >>>
> > >>>Just as I would have skipped learning the code if it hadn't been a
> > >>>licensing requirement, too.
> > >>
> > >>So much for your advocacy of morse to new hams.
> > >>You made my point.
> > >
> > >
> > > Bill you have been quite consistant about missing the entire point. When
there is no
> > > code test
> > > most hams won't learn Morse code. I know that taxes you not a bit, so
that means that
> > > you don't
> > > care whether or not hams will be losing it as a viable mode. Which shows
how
> > > shortsighted you
> > > are, right along with the rest of NCI. And yes, FCC too. Of course they
have far
> > > bigger fish to fry
> > > than to worry about a trivial detail involving the ARS. The least time
they must
> > > spend on ARS issues the better for them, whatever the end result.
> >
> >
> > I don't think there is any point missed at all. I think that those who
> > oppose the test know very well that elimination of the test will
> > eventually eliminate use.

Strange that there are many things people do which are
long past relative to modern needs (archery, old cars,
etc.) without any testing needed to continue interest
in and to bring newcomers to the interest. IF morse
dies without testing then that's a sad commentary on
"how great it is" as promoted by PCTAs in this newsgroup.

Cheers,
Bill K2UNK

1351. Re: Code a Deterrent to a Ham Ticket ??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 02:51:17 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bevq5j$v7p@library2.airnews.net>
Source record: 71183

"Brian Kelly" <kelly@dvol.com> wrote in message
news:d22b54c3.0307141543.56d10adc@posting.google.com...
> "Kim W5TIT" <fahgedit@nomail.net> wrote in message
news:<bes0qu$gj3$1@adenine.netfront.net>...
> > "Brian Kelly" <kelly@dvol.com> wrote in message
> > news:d22b54c3.0307121201.7d136069@posting.google.com...
>
> > > And of that 11,000 how many do you 'spose are engineers who wouldn't
> > > have become hams unless the code test was dropped to 5 wpm? And of
> > > those, how many of these newly minted ham engineers will ever make any
> > > "contribution to the service"?
> > >
> >
> > I don't think that's a very fair question. How many
long-licensed/current
> > hams have ever made a contribution to the service? I suspect not many
by
> > your definition, so it's not even a good question, let alone a fair one.
>
> I absolutely did mean it within my narrow definition because the
> ongoing argument has been based on a narrow definition. But I should
> have been more specific in my post.
>
> It's a very fair & appropriate question as a rhetorical response to
> the NCTAs who have been claiming forever that eliminating the code
> tests for HF access will result in a new influx of technically astute
> engineers. Bilge. Who will put their expertise to work and come up
> with "advances in the state of the art" now that they won't have to
> jump thru the "code test hoops". More bilge and you know that as well
> as I do.
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> > > w3rv
> >
> > Kim W5TIT
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> w3rv
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Well, if you're going to use what appears to be an honest question to lash
out at whomever it is you are targeting, please forgive the confusion on my
part. I didn't realize you were being rhetorical to the NCTAs.

By the way, isn't stating that NCTAs "have been claiming forever that
eliminating the code tests for HF access. . ." rolling us all into one

"neat" little package? I don't think people who'd like to see an end to CW testing all think alike at all. Have you ever seen me accuse you of being like Larry or Dick? They are two PCTAs and you are a PCTA also.

We all have our own opinions about why we think something is a good idea.

Kim W5TIT

1352. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 02:52:46 UTC
From: Bill Sohl <billsohl@mindspring.com>
Message-ID: <bevqg4$k54$1@slb3.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 71186

"Dick Carroll" <dickc58@att.net> wrote in message
news:3F122FB1.569C5C86@att.net...
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> JJ wrote:
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> > > >>>Just as I would have skipped learning the code if it hadn't been a
licensing
> > > >>>requirement, too.
> > > >>
> > > >>Then what is your problem with the fact that some have a no-code
> > > >>license and possibly the code requirement will be dropped?
> > > >>Goodness, if code testing were not a requirement and you skipped
> > > >>learning the code, then you would not be a "real" ham.
> > > >
> > > >
> > > > Evidently you skipped code or you'd have some idea what ham radio
would/will
> > > > be without it. NO? no surprise, coming from you. That leaves you
clueless, but we
> > > > already knew that.
> > >
> > > Hate to burst you bubble Dickie, but I sat in front of an FCC
> > > examiner in the Dallas office and took my code test.
> >
> > If that's true it would seem reasonable that you would be aware that a ham
who can

> operate a
> radiotelegraph station is better qualified than one who cannot. So why
aren't youi?

The ONLY aspect that the ham can claim is that s/he is better
qualified at CW. The other, non-CW hams may be far superior
hams than the coded ham in all the other aspects of ham radio
operation and technical.

Cheers,
Bill K2UNK

1353. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 02:55:14 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bevqe7$1cp1$1@adenine.netfront.net>
Source record: 71185

"Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net> wrote in message
news:oZJQa.10182$Vx2.4414450@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com...
>
> "Kim W5TIT" <fahgedit@nomail.net> wrote in message
> news:bevpn5$toc@library2.airnews.net...
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specify.
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> Dee D. Flint, N8UZE
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Oh, duh....gads, Dee, it's late! I'm sorry...

I just plain believe in the philosophy of trying to be as prepared as I can--and I don't even get that far very often. Being prepared takes some measure of organization and I lack on that part.

Kim W5TIT

Posted via news://freenews.netfront.net
Complaints to news@netfront.net

1354. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 03:00:07 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bevqnd$1d0f$1@adenine.netfront.net>
Source record: 71187

"Bill Sohl" <billsohl@mindspring.com> wrote in message
news:bevqg4$k54$1@slb3.atl.mindspring.net...
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> operation and technical.
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> Cheers,
> Bill K2UNK
>

And it seems to me that non-CW hams would be far superior to CW-hams, with
things such as phone nets, QSOs, etc.

Oh wait, I think you already said that. . .

But, you know what? It doesn't even feel good feeling superior.

Kim W5TIT

Posted via news://freenews.netfront.net
Complaints to news@netfront.net

1355. Re: 1x2 Calls--automatic when upgrading to Extra?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 03:12:24 UTC
From: Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
Message-ID: <cuvyxnansvbet.hi0tw81.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 71188

On 13 Jul 2003 06:48:10 GMT, Larry Roll K3LT wrote:

>Of course, you'd still have the option of "stealing" a 1x2 from
>out of your call area, but I consider that dirty pool.

I consider that "OK". So does the FCC.

You're outvoted 2-1.

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73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane

1356. Re: Code a Deterrent to a Ham Ticket ??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 03:12:25 UTC
From: Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
Message-ID: <cuvyxnansvbet.hi0xam3.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 71189

On 12 Jul 2003 21:31:26 GMT, N2EY wrote:

>Visit the FCC ECFS system and see who actually filed comments on
>03-104 (BPL). Particularly among the regulars here on rrap. I did,
>KB3EIA did...anybody else?

Ed Hare covered all the points that I could have made except about
the technical (in)adequacy of the supporters of this nonsense
inside the Commission, so upon medical advice I didn't file anything
separate.

The medical advice was necessary because the actions of the Three
Fools + Two Wise Men lately have driven up my blood pressure 20
points.

Retirement indeed.....

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73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane

From a Clearing in the Silicon Forest
Beaverton (Washington County) Oregon

1357. Re: Code a Deterrent to a Ham Ticket ??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 03:12:25 UTC
From: Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
Message-ID: <cuvyxnansvbet.hi0wzt2.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 71191

On Sat, 12 Jul 2003 20:59:09 -0400, Radio Amateur KC2HMZ wrote:

>I wonder if any of the engineers who worked on developing surface
>mount components were hams...or the engineers who took computer CPU
>chip clock speeds from mHz into gHz. Oh, and didn't the hams who
>happen to be NASA Mission Specialists, some of whom undoubtedly have
>engineering degrees and who took ham equipment into space, contribute
>anything to the hobby by doing so?

If so, they were hams working as engineers, not engineers working as hams. Being up here in The Silicon Forest, I have come to know a whole pile of ham-engineers at Intel and Tektronix. I daresay that very few of them have so intertwined their professional engineering and amateur radio activities to the point where one cannot distinguish one from the other. Most of the ham EEs of my acquaintance prefer to keep a very distinctive line between the two, many under pressure of their employer.

Those who have successfully blended their specialties are folks like Dr. Dave Leeson, W6NL/HC8L, a real DX hound who is the founder and CEO of California Microwave and Professor of Electrical Engineering at Stanford University, and who serves as an Expert Witness when we go to the California legislature or into litigation over amateur radio issues - that is if he's not off on some DXpedition or world radio contest or other.

Another example is Phil Karn, KA9Q, who, besides our being taken for each other because of the similarity of our names, is a whiz-bang guru of data transmission systems with Qualcomm and has developed a whole bunch of software for digital data transmission specifically designed for the amateur radio service.

Finally, myself and several others across the country are a "three way mixture" of lawyer, engineer, and active ham, all so intertwined to make our professional lives an E-ticket ride.

In all the above situations, there is input -directly- into amateur applications per se, not development of some system or device which has such general application that it -could- have application in the amateur service "somehow".

A fine - but finite - difference.

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73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane
ARRL Volunteer Counsel
ARRL Volunteer Consulting Engineer

From a Clearing in the Silicon Forest
Beaverton (Washington County) Oregon

1358. Re: Fight the BPL

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 03:12:26 UTC
From: Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
Message-ID: <cuvyxnansvbet.hi0yq24.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 71190

On Sun, 13 Jul 2003 17:49:50 -0500, Dan/W4NTI wrote:

>What do you expect? Its a political office. From top to bottom. Only
>Technical requirement is in the monitoring section. And damn few of them
>left.

But fortunately some who are left in the field offices are damn
good, like the two former field engineers who worked for me in the
San Francisco office.

A good and close friend and colleague, Jim Dailey, was just
appointed Director of the FCC's Office of Homeland Security which
was placed within the FCC's Enforcement Bureau with the mandate to
carry out the homeland security and emergency communication
functions of the Commission and its licensees. That office will
also be responsib;le for the "monitoring and interdiction functions"
as we liked to call it....

Jim is an engineer through and through. I'm glad he got the job
rather than someone else w/o engineering skills.

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73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane

From a Clearing in the Silicon Forest
Beaverton (Washington County) Oregon

1359. Re: Code a Deterrent to a Ham Ticket ??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 03:12:26 UTC
From: Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
Message-ID: <cuvyxnansvbet.hi178f5.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 71192

On 14 Jul 2003 17:31:44 GMT, Alun Palmer wrote:

>And learning history in an EE degree somehow helped you to do that???

It taught me to think. It taught me that we live in a culture, not on a circuit board. It taught me not appear as an ignoramus before non-technical folk.

At a very intensive (i.e. tough to get into and tough to stay in) engineering school, not only did we have to take two semesters of "American and World Civilization" in freshman year, which disguised a course in Cultural Anthropology which we all hated, and two semesters of "American and World Literature" in junior year, a required "Humanities" sequence which we all regarded as a waste of our valuable nerd time and geek energy (and to add insult to injury taught by the same professor as the freshman year course), we also had to take a course in General Economics, which I wished I had paid more attention to because until this day the subject still remains mumbo-jumbo to me. At least Atomic Physics (taught by one of the Manhattan Project physicists) which also seemed like mumbo-jumbo finally made sense when sometime after I took the course I finally figured it out with the help of my brother who is also a ham and has a Masters degree in Physics but hasn't worked in that field for 35 years.

To further broaden my background, while I was in engineering graduate school at one university, I was attending another university studying Jewish history, philosophy, liturgy, Hebrew language, and culture, subjects I had "kissed off" in my younger years. Was I forced to? Not by the school involved (it wasn't a degree program), but by the need to be a well-educated person in my community.

I can almost say the same for my law school (doctorate level) education. Some of the courses seemed like a waste of time....but in practice I find that the background that I got from the "unnecessary" specialty courses was really necessary for the proper practice of my legal specialty.

Substitute "the humanities" for the string of courses I cited above, and they are still necesary for one to be a well-rounded and well-educated person. One can't "figure out" humanities - either one learns it or one doesn't.

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73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane

From a Clearing in the Silicon Forest
Beaverton (Washington County) Oregon

1360. Re: CW Requirement Abolished

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 03:12:27 UTC
From: Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
Message-ID: <cuvyxnansvbet.hi17jd6.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 71193

On 14 Jul 2003 10:45:34 -0700, Brian wrote:

>> The simplest overall approach is to simply leave the rest of the classes
>> alone except for dropping the code requirement. This requires the least
>> amount of rule changes and paperwork changes.

>Why take the path of least resistant?

Because that's what today's amateur radio service rulemakers at the
FCC are brainwashed to do.....

>Why not align the license classes and priveleges into something that
>makes sense?

I refuse to answer invoking the protection of the Fifth Amendment.

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73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane

1361. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 03:17:40 UTC
From: Robert Casey <wa2ise@ix.netcom.com>
Message-ID: <3F137254.8000101@ix.netcom.com>
Source record: 71194

Dee D. Flint wrote:

>"Kim W5TIT" <fahgedit@nomail.net> wrote in message
>news:bevpn5$toc@library2.airnews.net...
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>
>Ok, show me the calculation that predicts the duration of the power outage
>so I can calculate how many car batteries to keep charged up and on hand.

>The principal is the same no matter what power source you choose to specify.
>No one can predict when, where or how long emergency power will be needed.
>
>Dee D. Flint, N8UZE
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>
Well, how about a car battery installed in a car, which, with several
gallons of gas in the tank,
running to keep the battery charged. One could accept donations of more
gas siponed from
other volunteer cars if necessary..... The car could act as the shack
if the weather's lousy.

1362. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 03:27:02 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
Message-ID: <3F1374A8.7080102@adelphia.net>
Source record: 71195

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Bill Sohl wrote:
> "Mike Coslo" <mjc5@psu.edu> wrote in message
> news:3F12B710.6040807@psu.edu...
>
>>Dick Carroll wrote:
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>>>Bill Sohl wrote:
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>>>>"Dick Carroll" <dickc58@att.net> wrote in message
>>>>news:3F10DD72.2D94F213@att.net...
>>>>
>>>>
>>>>>Bill Sohl wrote:
>>>>>
>>>>>>You
>>>>>>are (IMHO) clearly not up to the task of recruiting new hams
>>>>>>by proactively advocating CW use.
>>>>>
>>>>>Just as I would have skipped learning the code if it hadn't been a
>>>>>licensing requirement, too.
>>>>
>>>>So much for your advocacy of morse to new hams.
>>>>You made my point.
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>>>
>>>Bill you have been quite consistant about missing the entire point. When
>>
> there is no
>
>>>code test
>>>most hams won't learn Morse code. I know that taxes you not a bit, so
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> that means that
>
>>>you don't
>>>care whether or not hams will be losing it as a viable mode. Which shows
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> how
>
>>>shortsighted you
>>>are, right along with the rest of NCI. And yes, FCC too. Of course they
>>
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> have far
>
>>>bigger fish to fry
>>>than to worry about a trivial detail involving the ARS. The least time
>>
> they must
>
>>>spend on ARS issues the better for them, whatever the end result.
>>
>>
>>I don't think there is any point missed at all. I think that those who
>>oppose the test know very well that elimination of the test will
>>eventually eliminate use.
>
>
> Strange that there are many things people do which are
> long past relative to modern needs (archery, old cars,
> etc.) without any testing needed to continue interest
> in and to bring newcomers to the interest. IF morse
> dies without testing then that's a sad commentary on
> "how great it is" as promoted by PCTAs in this newsgroup.

Because there is the difference between a cheerful anachronism, and what will eventually be considered a waste of bandwidth.

I can keep an old car in my garage without affecting anyone.but bandwidth is another matter. But let us look at this scenario. Say 15 years from now, there will be s aizable number of hams who have never used a paddle or key. There will be new hams taking up CW, but without an incentive, like a Morse code test, that number will likely fall somehat percentage wise (it has to if the No-coders are correct in that good hams are kept off the air by the code test)

So these hams look at the bandplans: "Wow! just look at 80 meters. Fully half the bandplan is dedicated to stuff other than SSB! It's unfair that they should have all that bandwidth." And a bandwidth grab begins..... Doesn't matter that there are still CW users out there. "And heck, they are always bragging about how little bandwidth they use, so only give them a minimum abount if anything."

- Mike KB3EIA -

1363. Re: Code a Deterrent to a Ham Ticket ??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 03:33:38 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
Message-ID: <3F137635.20806@adelphia.net>
Source record: 71196

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Alun Palmer wrote:
> "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net> wrote in
> news:AZFQa.10074$Vx2.4368773@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com:
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>
>>"Alun Palmer" <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote in message
>>news:Xns93B7EF604DBA7elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4...
>>
>>>"Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net> wrote in
>>>news:PSbQa.9695$Vx2.4103647@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com:
>>>
>>>
>>>>"Bill Sohl" <billsohl@mindspring.com> wrote in message
>>>>news:beqmpo$bo4$1@slb6.atl.mindspring.net...
>>>>
>>>>>"Guessing" <Guessing@connectnet.net> wrote in message
>>>>>news:kTWPa.1427$Bd5.928@fed1read01...
>>>>>
>>>>>>"Alun Palmer" <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote in message
>>>>>>news:Xns93B67B0FCD2E0elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4...
>>>>>>
>>>>>>>"Guessing" <Guessing@connectnet.net> wrote in
>>>>>>>news:bXVPa.1425$Bd5.445@fed1read01:
>>>>>>
>>>>>>Ask a lawyer about that one. Hey I want to be a BSEE, why do I
>>>>>>have to take History classes ????
>>>>>
>>>>>You don't have to take history classes in some schools
>>>>>to get a BSEE.
>>>>>
>>>>
>>>>Broaden the category to Socio-Humanistic electives or whatever
>>>>equivalent term that your college uses and you will find that you do
>>>>have to take a certain amount of them. And everyone regardless of
>>>>major has to take English even though they should already be
>>>>proficient at that before they get there. You have to take quite a
>>>>few "unnecessary" courses in college to get a degree in any field.
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>>>>Dee D. Flint, N8UZE
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>>>
>>>I'm against that too. BTW, I got my EE degree in England, and you
>>>don't have to go through any of that wholly irrelevant stuff. No
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>>>English, no social studies of any kind, no chemistry (which I
>>>understand is oftem required over here).
>>
>>It depends on whether you consider colleges and universities as
>>institutions of higher learning or as job training schools. If the
>>former then the various non-degreee specific classes are appropriate.
>>If the latter, then they are not.
>>
>>Dee D. Flint, N8UZE
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>
> I beleive in free choice. If someone wants to study a broad programme they
> can, but I don't beleive in forcing people to study things they don't want
> to, at least not beyond the age of 16, and even then only to avoid
> illiteracy and innumeracy.

Ahh, now your starting to qualify yourself and are no longer pure!

Why should someone have to learn ANYTHING they don't want to. If a
person wants to remain illiterate, then so be it. Why should children be
forced to go to school if they don't want to. Why should I have to take
any training whatsoever, just call myself an engineer.

> My own interests are not atall narrow, but they are eclectic. They include
> poetry, archaeology and languages, for example. If, however, a poetry
> class were to be compulsory in an EE curriculum, I feel strongly that it
> would be wrong. You can't force people to become well-rounded. Force
> feeding is a poor sort of education.

> I do not beleive that it is necessary to make people study unwanted
> classes to qualify as an institution of higher learning, more that it
> disqualifies the college.

You must be related to our friend Vipul! At least you think alike.

- Mike KB3EIA -

1364. Re: Smells like type acceptance

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 03:45:54 UTC
From: Robert Casey <wa2ise@ix.netcom.com>
Message-ID: <3F1378F2.8030907@ix.netcom.com>
Source record: 71197

Kim W5TIT wrote:

>"K0HB" <k0hb@arrl.net> wrote in message
>news:e79dbd9b.0307140945.358719a3@posting.google.com...
>
>
>>I was under the impression (apparently mistaken?) that a licensed
>>amateur could possess any sort of equipment (commercial, homebrew,
>>converted surplus) or whatever. I know of no rule against MODIFICATION
>>of equipment, even if that modification permits operation outside the
>>amateur bands. The rules properly speak to signal purity, staying
>>inside the assigned bands, etc., etc., but do NOT seem to prohibit
>>modifications of factory-built equipment. (In fact, I could probably
>>make an argument that the FCC rules ENCOURAGE tinkering and
>>experimentation of this sort!)
>>
>>However I note the FCC has required at least one licensed ham, Michael
>>V. Swift, KG6QOB, to restore a rig to "original manufacturer's
>>specifications".
>>
>>("You are directed to have the transceiver returned to the original
>>manufacturer's specifications by reinstalling the jumper wire which
>>the cutting or removal of permits operation outside the amateur bands.
>>The jumper wire must be repaired or installed, and encapsulated with
>>epoxy or similar material to preclude future modification. After the
>>repair is completed you are directed to bring the transceiver to this
>>office so that the repair can be confirmed and related technical
>>measurements can be made.
>>
>>You have until July 7, 2003 to respond to this inquiry and to provide
>>the repaired transceiver for inspection.")
>>
>>While I understand the reason for the action (malicious interference
>>and false distress signals on marine frequencies), it strikes me that
>>this particular remedy is not supported by the law, and might set a
>>precedent for de facto "type acceptance" in the Amateur Radio service.
>>
>>What say, ye lawyerly types?
>>
>>73, de Hans, K0HB
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>
>I am not a lawyerly type (dang that's hard to even spell let alone sound

>out), but:
>
>It is my understanding that even amateur operators must have equipment that
>is "Type Accepted" by the FCC. Now, not all that sure what that means, as
>when one buys new equipment it isn't a concern. BUT, I do know that I've
>heard discussions on the air whereby it is said to be illegal to own
>"illegal" radios (those CBs that can transmit outside the legal limits of CB
>radio) and "foot warmers" (those that have been modified to be able to work
>outside the ham bands...like, one that was originally for 10M that now works
>well in the CB range, etc.).
>
>Kim W5TIT
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>
As I understamd it, hams may modify for their own use radio equipment
and use it
on any ham band their license is good for. Even modify a CB radio to
work in
the ten meter band. Or modify a linear to operate in ten meters. But
no more
than 5 copies of any particular model in a year. That modified CB could
operate
outside of a ham band, but it's up to us to not do that. Supposidly we know
enough (having passed written exams when applying for a ham license) to know
what frequency and mode we are on and using, and where such are permitted
for hams to use. Thus the FCC lets us use non type accepted (or
whatever they
call it nowadays) or modified radios. CBers, fire and police depts,
marine users,
cell phones, FRS and such users didn't take any exams on radio before being
allowed to use these type accepted radios.

Also heard that the big manufacturers who make more than 5 copies of the
same
model need type acceptance from the FCC.

1365. Re: Picard vs Kirk, was Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 03:51:19 UTC
From: "Ryan, KC8PMX" <kc8pmx@diamondcs.net>
Message-ID: <bf0u2i$92ho8$1@ID-189073.news.uni-berlin.de>
Source record: 71290

I see it now Kim, the parallel that is..... Star Trek Geeks and Ham radio!
They both have conventions too!!!!!! :)

Ryan KC8PMX

> OK. There you have it. End of debate. Larry has just stated that
someone
> who knows the sending of SOS knows "the Morse code."
>
> Kim W5TIT
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> ---
> Posted via news://freenews.netfront.net
> Complaints to news@netfront.net

1366. Re: Smells like type acceptance

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 04:02:11 UTC
From: Ed Ellers <edellers@mis.net>
Message-ID: <71LQa.55239$OZ2.9806@rwcrnsc54>
Source record: 71198

Robert Casey <wa2ise@ix.netcom.com> wrote:

"As I understamd it, hams may modify for their own use radio equipment and use it on any ham band their license is good for. Even modify a CB radio to work in the ten meter band. Or modify a linear to operate in ten meters. But no more than 5 copies of any particular model in a year."

That limit -- and the type acceptance requirement -- only applies to power amplifiers operating below 144 MHz, as per 97.315. Note that the limit for homebrewing (or modification) is *one* unit per year of a given model, not five. The other requirement for FCC approval for amateur gear is in the receiver section, which must meet the same Part 15 requirements as any receiver for a given band or bands.

1367. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 04:08:16 UTC
From: "Ryan, KC8PMX" <kc8pmx@diamondcs.net>
Message-ID: <bf0u2k$92ho8$2@ID-189073.news.uni-berlin.de>
Source record: 71291

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> 2. Most public safety professionals (by which I mean law enforcement,
> fire supression, EMS, and SAR personnel) know precisely this about the
> radios they use on the job: Either it works or it doesn't. Either the
> city cops can talk directly to the county sheriffs or they can't.
> Change to a different radio? Sure...just get a new radio...see item
> number (1) above for the problem with that.

Hmmm.... but if there ever was any career paths that the possibility of needing to communicate in a non-voice manner those professions just may be..... If a firefighter gets trapped in a building or cop has some type of situation where he may not be able to speak or something, he may be able to tap code out on the speaker.

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Ryan, KC8PMX
FF1-FF2-MFR-(pending NREMT-B!)
--. --- -.. ... .- -. --. . .-.. ... .- .-. . ..-. .. .-. . ..-.
.. --. .... - . .-. ...

1368. Re: Ham Radio In The Post-Code Testing Era

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 04:24:46 UTC
From: lenover21@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030715002446.23745.00001142@mb-m22.aol.com>
Source record: 71200

In article <3F12B69A.24B5BDED@att.net>, Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net> writes:

>Tha hobby is in sad shape and is being held up like Atlas holding the world by
>hams who have taken a code test.

Too bad Ayn Rand didn't write about ham radio...shrug... :-)

LHA

1369. Re: Picard vs Kirk, was Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 04:24:46 UTC
From: lenover21@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030715002446.23745.00001141@mb-m22.aol.com>
Source record: 71254

In article <Xns93B895690B4CCAX2A3DA5M1512AODKAMO@65.100.3.61>, "William H. O'Hara, III" <whoohara@yahoo.com> writes:

>I'm sure that Data was a 165 WPM Extra.

Far faster. T1 rates. No problem at 1.544 MBPS.

Too bad you guys haven't seen the Star Trek schematics at Paramount. Data wasn't yet born in 1966 when TOS got going. TNG came much later. Tsk, tsk.

Geez, a lot of "angels on the head of a pin" arguing in here about a fictional future world as envisioned by some imaginative show biz folk of two to four decades past.

There's a parallel, though. Two to four decades past a lot of morsemen were fictionally manufacturing futures in their heads, unable to imagine any future that didn't include them as the titled, the all-knowing gurus of radio, everyone doing as they did. Myth knows myth. Two of a kind.

"CW gets through when everything else does" - B.B.

LHA

1370. Re: Code a Deterrent to a Ham Ticket ??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 04:24:48 UTC
From: lenover21@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030715002448.23745.00001144@mb-m22.aol.com>
Source record: 71199

In article <3F12BE86.1050906@psu.edu>, Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu> writes:

> I've always jumped on every educational opporunity I could.

Didn't you at least buy them dinner first? :-)

LHA

1371. Re: Code a Deterrent to a Ham Ticket ??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 04:24:48 UTC
From: lenover21@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030715002448.23745.00001143@mb-m22.aol.com>
Source record: 71261

In article <d22b54c3.0307140534.7d97a27e@posting.google.com>, kelly@dvol.com (Brian Kelly) writes:

>Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net> wrote in message
>news:<ci61hv0nt6hmhfv6cg8oj119432vn3suf8@4ax.com>...
>> On 13 Jul 2003 06:35:28 -0700, kelly@dvol.com (Brian Kelly) wrote:
>>
>> >I don't mean contributions in the sense of Ed's work on the BPL
>> >comments package. One of the rationales proffered over and over again
>> >by the NCI types for deleting the code tests has been that
>> >eliminatinating the code tests will bring flocks of engineers into the
>> >hobby who would then come up with technical contributions, "advance
>> >the state of the art" etc. Maybe I missed it but I don't know of any
>> >such "event" since 1991 when engineers could become hams without a
>> >code test.
>>
>> I wonder if any of the engineers who worked on developing surface
>> mount components were hams...or the engineers who took computer CPU
>> chip clock speeds from mHz into gHz.
>
>You haven't even started, the list of engineering feats pulled off by
>engineers who are hams is endless. In every case I know about however
>including those you cite they did what they did as professionals
>working for money outside the ham bands, not as amateurs. The topic
>on the table here is technical innovations which have advanced the
>state of the art in the field of RF comms made by engineers working
>within their roles as hams. Let's see your list of those. I'd be
>particularly interested in your list of ham engineers who wouldn't
>have made those contributions if they had to take any code tests.

Let's see a list of YOUR technical accomplishments in radio, Kellie.

Your SINGLE patent is a mechanical one, not even related to radio.

What innovation or push of the SOTA envelope has 1999 graduate
Larrah Roll done? He IS an Extra "heavy" (20 WPM code test).
How about colonel Klunk 8 Minnesota? Stealth engineer N2EY?
The Whiskey zero EX? All long-timers.

They've had LOTS of time to innovate and do envelope pushing.

Shrug.

>> Oh, and didn't the hams who
>> happen to be NASA Mission Specialists, some of whom undoubtedly have
>> engineering degrees and who took ham equipment into space, contribute

>> anything to the hobby by doing so?
>
>Great PR for ham radio but that's button-punching operational "stuff"
>based on aerospace comms technologies which have been under
>development since the earliest days of NASA. I haven't heard much
>about any mission specialists breaking out soldering irons and doing
>any innovtive sorts of things.

Sigh. Begin with the Apollo 13 mission.

Geez, Kellie knows about NASA as much as he knows the electrical
systems of US WW2 vehicles! :-)

LHA

1372. Re: Code a Deterrent to a Ham Ticket ??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 04:24:49 UTC
From: lenover21@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030715002449.23745.00001145@mb-m22.aol.com>
Source record: 71251

In article <3F1238A3.DA2A1A31@att.net>, Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net> writes:

> Meanwhile, it's difficult to engineer a road project from the other side of
>the
>planet!

No problem. Bechtel and even little Parsons Engineering have been doing
that for years. :-)

Try Afghanistan and Iraq for recent tasks, contracts, etc. :-)

LHA

1373. Re: Code a Deterrent to a Ham Ticket ??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 04:24:49 UTC
From: lenover21@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030715002449.23745.00001146@mb-m22.aol.com>
Source record: 71252

In article <Xns93B7EF604DBA7elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>, Alun Palmer
<elektros@yahoo.com> writes:

>I'm against that too. BTW, I got my EE degree in England, and you don't
>have to go through any of that wholly irrelevant stuff. No English, no
>social studies of any kind, no chemistry (which I understand is oftem
>required over here).

Alun, California state undergraduate requirements in the 1960s had
two semesters of American History. Considering our history, like from
the 1776 breakaway, that isn't comparable to what you had to do in
the UK. :-) :-) :-)

I don't know why there is such a fervor of the PCTAs to equate an
academic degree with an amateur radio license class that requires
a demonstrated skill at morsemanship. Maybe the PCTA have a need
to stay with the King Kode rulers of the ARS kingdom? :-)

LHA

1374. Re: Code a Deterrent to a Ham Ticket ??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 04:24:50 UTC
From: lenover21@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030715002450.23745.00001147@mb-m22.aol.com>
Source record: 71262

In article <ci61hv0nt6hmhfv6cg8oj119432vn3suf8@4ax.com>, Radio Amateur KC2HMZ
<kc2hmz@aa-mail.net> writes:

>I wonder if any of the engineers who worked on developing surface
>mount components were hams...or the engineers who took computer CPU
>chip clock speeds from mHz into gHz. Oh, and didn't the hams who
>happen to be NASA Mission Specialists, some of whom undoubtedly have
>engineering degrees and who took ham equipment into space, contribute
>anything to the hobby by doing so?

John, you are mixing pomegranate and pistachio metaphors here.

From what I've heard from NASA folks, the "ham in space" thing and
the astronauts' "ham licenses" were all just a big PUBLIC RELATIONS
gig to make NASA look nice-nice.

Get real. Any astronaut is required to perform many, many tasks as
part of their job...and that job is to be space crewfolk first, not "hams."
Getting a no-code tech ham license is an easy task for them...do it
once and a federal merit badge callsign is theirs to keep for a decade
plus two or a shuttle burns up on reentry...whichever comes first.

The "ham communications from space" are no more complicated than
astronauts doing live news media interviews while up there. "State of
any art" it is NOT. Just plain PR.

Leonard H. Anderson
former clean-room manufacturing engineer at EOS, Pasadena, CA
former electronics design engineer at Instrumentation Group,
Rocketdyne Division of Rockwell International, Canoga Park, CA

1375. Re: Code a Deterrent to a Ham Ticket ??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 04:24:51 UTC
From: lenover21@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030715002451.23745.00001148@mb-m22.aol.com>
Source record: 71256

In article <kTWPa.1427$Bd5.928@fed1read01>, "Guessing" <Djorkland's
Best@connectnet.net> writes:

>"Alun Palmer" <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote in message
>news:Xns93B67B0FCD2E0elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4...
>> "Guessing" <Guessing@connectnet.net> wrote in
>> news:bXVPa.1425$Bd5.445@fed1read01:
>
>Alun I respect you opinions. Just like I don't like some laws (blue or
>otherwise) and CC&R's in the HOA in which I live -- I can express a personal
>emotion or opinion as you have. But my point is that thousands who hate the
>code have passed the code test because they had to in order to achieve their
>goals. If one's desire to get on HF is high enough, the code should not be a
>deterrent as many have proved. And they didn't like proving it.

Tsk, tsk, tsk, the Djork just won't give up... :-)

A half century ago I was ON HF...without using or having to know how to
use morse code. No problem.

In 1956 I got a First Phone on the first try...NO morse code skill needed
for that. I worked MF, then VHF, then UHF, some HF, some LF, some
VLF, several microwave bands. I've "worked" a radio station ON the
moon. No problem. No morsemanship needed or required.

Three months ago I was on HF again, SSB from a private sailboat in
a Ventura marina. Didn't even have to show evidence of my General
Radiotelephone license (what the First Phone had become).

>> > I still maintain it is all a matter of achieve or cop out. Make
>> > excuses or meet a challenge.
>> > And you are correct "Code aptitude and IQ are completely unrelated" So
>> > much for the "Engineer copout"
>> >
>> > It has nothing to do whether you or I like or dislike the code.
>>
>> I disagree. If someone doesn't like CW, why on earth should they be forced
>> to train as a CW operator to get accesss to phone frequencies? This is a
>> hobby.
>
>Because the FCC sez so -- don't mix emotions with the law.
>It is not a hobby -- FCC Part 97 sez it is a Service. (That ought to stir up
>a hornets nest!!)

Throughout Title 47 CFR the word "service" is a regulatory term denoting
the type and kind of radio activity being regulated.

If you keep trying to say that the ARS is a "service" like some kind of military or a "service" as in a service to your nation or community, you are FOR SURE stuck in a brainwashed, self-righteous, and fictitious notion of being better than others because of that callsign grant.

When YOU are a PART of the FCC, then you can start sounding off like the radio judge you want to be.

Problem is, when you are a part of the FCC your real name will become public and you won't like that, will you Djork?

Leonard H. Anderson
retired (from regular hours) electronic engineer person

1376. Re: Code a Deterrent to a Ham Ticket ??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 04:24:52 UTC
From: lenover21@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030715002452.23745.00001149@mb-m22.aol.com>
Source record: 71259

In article <bXVPa.1425$Bd5.445@fed1read01>, "Guessing" <Djorkland's Best@connectnet.net> writes:

>I still maintain it is all a matter of achieve or cop out. Make excuses or >meet a challenge.

Stuff it, sausage.

I've "met" more challenges than you have, citizen of Djorkland. I have the evidence...and a comfortable retired life with a career that still manages to continue.

Considering I was actively operating and maintaining HF 24/7 communications a half century ago WITHOUT ever having to use ANY morse codings then or since doesn't make you sound anything more than a Djork.

Title 47 CFR Part 97 is NOT entiteled "Archaic Radiotelegraphy Service" and it is NOT a federal requirement to love, honor, and obey morsemanship.

>And you are correct "Code aptitude and IQ are completely unrelated" So much >for the "Engineer copout"

There IS some hope, Djork. At least one of your synapses closed. :-)

>It has nothing to do whether you or I like or dislike the code.

It has to do with the TEST being there, stupid Djork.

>It has nothing to do with "Antiquated technology"

Bulllshit! It has EVERYTHING to do with a skill that was first used in 1844...and the ONLY skill that could have been used to make radio any sort of communications means in 1896.

>It has nothing to do with "I'll never use code"

WRONG!

>It has everything to do with "Want HF Ham Ticket -- Pass the Test "(at the >moment) If dropped is all OK with me. Times and requirements change as they >should.

They DON'T "change as they should." That code test should have been tossed long ago, longer than 13 years ago.

>Black and white -- yep sure is -- society, government, et al make it that >way.

Color television was made broadcasting law back in the early 1950s.

You've FAILED your Ishihara color vision tests, haven't you?

>Don't Drink and Drive, 3 strikes you are outta here -- Pass the Test --
>pretty black and white to me.

OK, you've struck out. Now getoutahere! Bye...

LHA

1377. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 04:24:52 UTC
From: JJ <radiobuff0@mailcity.moc>
Message-ID: <3F138214.8030601@mailcity.moc>
Source record: 71322

Ryan, KC8PMX wrote:
>>2. Most public safety professionals (by which I mean law enforcement,
>>fire supression, EMS, and SAR personnel) know precisely this about the
>>radios they use on the job: Either it works or it doesn't. Either the
>>city cops can talk directly to the county sheriffs or they can't.
>>Change to a different radio? Sure...just get a new radio...see item
>>number (1) above for the problem with that.
>
>
> Hmmm.... but if there ever was any career paths that the possibility of
> needing to communicate in a non-voice manner those professions just may
> be..... If a firefighter gets trapped in a building or cop has some type of
> situation where he may not be able to speak or something, he may be able to
> tap code out on the speaker.

So you recommend that all firefighters and policemen be required
to learn code for that one in 10 million incidences where this
might happen?

1378. Re: Code a Deterrent to a Ham Ticket ??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 04:24:54 UTC
From: lenover21@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030715002454.23745.00001150@mb-m22.aol.com>
Source record: 71257

In article <QWCPa.913$Bd5.644@fed1read01>, "Guessing" <Guessing@connectnet.net>
writes:

>> Someone squawked
>> As an engineer myself, I can verfiy that lots of engineers have told me
>> exactly that. Whether they would get a licence once code testing is
>> abolished might be another matter.
>
>Nonsense and a big copout

Bullshit anonymous one. You can't be more wrong.

>If you want a BS/MS/PHD Degree -- pass the tests

I passed the BS tests. But, academic degrees are NOT set by any
federal laws, cannot be changed outside of the academic community.

>Want a driver license -- take a test

I took my first one in 1950 in Illinois. But, state laws are debateable AND
changeable by law.

>Want a job - take a drug test and physical exam and perhaps a professional
>test

Plenty of jobs out there, not all of them require "drug tests." The
physical
examination for insurance purposes, NOT for all jobs.

>Want insurance -- take a physical exam

Not always needed. I've never had to get a physical exam for car
insurance...nor house insurance. :-)

>Want to be an apprentice (JourneyPerson) -- take the test

Long before I got my degree I was a working electronics design
engineer. No "unions" in electronics engineering. :-)

>Want to advance in the Military -- take the test

In my 4 years of active duty in the US Army, I went from E-1 to E-5 in
two and a half years WITHOUT ANY FORMAL TESTS.

>Pass the Bar (Legal that is) Pass Da Test

I've passed many bars. A few I even walked into and got served.

>Nurses CPR for sure and maybe ACLS Tests

Steamy, are you trolling again? Mess up your Anger Management
class again?

>Sobriety Test -- Try to dodge this one

I've never been in Dodge. I once rode in a Dodge. I'm sober as a judge
and right now I judge you to be some kind of trolling putzim.

>Want an HF Ham license -- take the code and Technical/Rules et al test
>Otherwise we have CB and FRS. And one who listens on these bands ought to be
>totally inspired to get a Ham Ticket !!!

Tsk, tsk, tsk, I was legally ON HF the first time in 1953 and didn't have to
get my first FCC radio license until 1956.

>Simple as that.

You ARE "simple," simple one.

>Anyone who used the code as an excuse for not becoming a ham, just wasn't
>serious about it.

Awwww...got your feelings hurt by NCTAs? :-) :-)

>If 10 to 17 year olds can do it, why can't an engineer or any other college
>grad ???

One can brainwash pre-18 teeners a LOT easier than older folks. :-)

>Did any of those "Engineers" get a No-Code Tech license ??
>Didn't think so !!

I'm only on a "good friends" basis with three US radio amateurs. All of
them became licensed well before the "no-code" OR technician licenses
came into being.

Were you born in Newington or were you brainwashed as a child?

LHA

1379. Re: The Day has come....

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 04:24:57 UTC
From: lenover21@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030715002457.23745.00001152@mb-m22.aol.com>
Source record: 71255

In article <13yQa.457$lL.55474@nnrp1.ptd.net>, "Carl R. Stevenson"
<wk3cqth@wk3c.com> writes:

>"William H. O'Hara, III" <whoohara@yahoo.com> wrote in message
>news:Xns93B81D03906FAX2A3DA5M1512AODKAMO@65.100.3.61...
>>
>> I had thought pilots DID. Does Anyone know?
>
>The Morse IDs on radionav beacons send so slow
>that it's easy to write down "dots" and "dashes" and
>use a laminated "cheat sheet" to decode the ID and
>make sure it's the beacon you want.

As JJ mentioned, the morse code tone ID is printed in the block
for each VOR and VORTAC on sectionals and en-route charts.
Since before 1962 they've been printed as little bold-face dots
and dashes.

Probably the main reason those tone IDs are still there is that
THE FAA NEVER TOOK IT OUT OF REQUIREMENTS. The ID
keying is a terribly simple mechanism (so many still survive as
mechanical form) that it was simply kept. Much easier to keep it
than require each and every VOR and VORTAC to remove it.

The tone ID pattern, along with the tone itself, can be generated with
a single Microchip PIC or equivalent plus a handfull of passive
components...will last for years. :-)

LHA

1380. Re: The Day has come....

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 04:24:57 UTC
From: lenover21@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030715002457.23745.00001151@mb-m22.aol.com>
Source record: 71258

In article <3F1238F0.2000000@mailcity.moc>, JJ <radiobuff0@mailcity.moc>
writes:

>Carl R. Stevenson wrote:
>> "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net> wrote in message
>
>> That seems to be urban myth ... my youngest son is a Radioman in Navy
>> EOD ... a special unit that's one notch below the SEALs ... NO Morse
>> training.
>>
>> If they USE Morse at all, it would likely be sent and received by machine
>> as very high-speed bursts to send relatively short messages that would
>> be "low probability of detection" and very difficult to DF because the
>> bursts would be so short. (I don't know that they use this any more ...
>> it was available, but uncommon, back in 1990 when I left Rockwell-Collins
>> Defense Communications for the commercial sector. It's probably been
>> supplanted by FSK, since at equal symbol rates that has about a 9 dB
>> weak signal advantage over OOK Morse and it's actually simpler to
>> encode and decode in hardware/software.
>
>I doubt that any of the radio comms the special forces use are
>capable of Morse code.

The AN/PSC-3 and PSC-5 don't have it. There are still AN/PRC-104s
in the inventory (104 is HF, backpack, 20 W max RF) and that does have
OOK CW capability...it is harder to find a manual code key in the Army
inventory. :-) Search Tobyhanna to find out if they got them. :-)

Sudden mental picture of SF ops lugging around an AN/FRC-93...........
BWAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHA!!!!

[it IS funny if you know what a "Frack 93" is... :-)]

Old reliable AN/PRC-119 is 30-88 MHz, FHSS (10 hops per second),
can send/receive encrypted voice or data, data at 16 KBPS rate, has
built-in RF power reduction (manual). A quarter million of the ICOM and
non-ICOM sets (VRC-90, et al is vehicular, ARC-210 is airborne, etc)
have been built and fielded by now. Standard small-unit radio in the
entire US military for tactical use. Several antennas available, can talk
to satellites or to aircraft (like Joint Stars) loitering 30 miles away
slant
range. That family started going operational in the US Army first in
1990 in Korean-based units.

Actually, MOST of the US Army field radios have a sort-of OOK CW
thing built in. But, that's NOT for morse keying operation, it is for the

capability of remoting the control point from the radio itself. Also, the Army field radios are, as they have been since Korean days and the AN/PRC-9 thru -12, capable of operating as repeaters, usually two-way.

Both Army SF and Navy SEALS will use AN/PSN-11s to find their absolute positions at an objective. That PLGR will also connect to a PRC-119 to set its internal clock much better than the 4 seconds tolerance needed for FHSS netting. The PSN-11 is a GPS handheld.

All of the above is public-release information. The "sending CW from behind enemy lines" scenario is a nice myth/tale/rune-scratching from the followers of the Church of St. Hiram whose beeping has damaged their 4 neurons. :-)

LHA

1381. Re: The Day has come....

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 04:24:58 UTC
From: lenover21@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030715002458.23745.00001153@mb-m22.aol.com>
Source record: 71253

In article <m5oQa.9817$Vx2.4227913@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com>, "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net> writes:

>functions. And so on. No one faults another member if he/she doesn't share >an interest in the same aspects of radio.

Not true in this newsgroup! :-)

In here it is all pep-rally stuff cheering on the OLD skills and working DX on HF with CW!

If anyone doesn't love and cherish mighty morse, the Gang of Four plus the hockeypuck will be all over them in classic red-dogging style of verbal scrimmage.

LHA

1382. Re: The Day has come....

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 04:24:59 UTC
From: lenover21@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030715002459.23745.00001154@mb-m22.aol.com>
Source record: 71260

In article <Xns93B81D03906FAX2A3DA5M1512AODKAMO@65.100.3.61>, "William H. O'Hara, III" <whoohara@yahoo.com> writes:

>>> a Ham radio license to someone. He asked me if they still
>>> also said its obsolete and even the military does not use
>> Just shows how ignorant he is. Special Forces still learn
>> it and use it as they may need to operate low power and be
>> stealthy.
>
>Doesn't this seem like an immature comment? They
>have manuals on operating pack trains. They have
>manuals on all sorts of things. Do you think that
>a SF op actually read the manual on constructing
>railways?

A look at the GPO index (or search) doesn't yield any "manuals on operating pack trains." :-)

Many Army TMs and FMs are now and have been distributed via CD-ROM.

A special forces Communications Sergeant is required to demonstrate morse code ability to earn that MOS (Army).

There are two MOSs taught at Fort Huachuca Military Intelligence School (branch classes elsewhere added, including inter-service locations under the Huachuca MI command.

>I don't think that all SF op's get CW training.
>They are generally cross-trained in many things,
>but I don't think every Green Beret gets CW.

"Green Berets" (rest of Army is Black Beret) and Special Forces (except for one MOS) don't bother with morse skills.

>Your generalization about SF is bunk as now
>the Marines are considered 1st cousins to the
>Berets. :) Do they have to learn CW?
>
>I had thought pilots DID. Does Anyone know?

US private pilots don't require morse code skills to get their private pilot licenses. FAA doesn't require it.

>When was the last time that you used PSK31?

I've never done so. Last time I sent any "data" (teleprinter)
was in 1989, at 100 WPM, 170 Hz "spread." First time I did
it was in 1953, at 60 WPM, 850 Hz spread.

>How come everyone always says that all the other
>radios will fail and the spark radio will still
>be working?

Brainwashing works! :-)

>What happened to SF op's carrying
>sat rigs in addition to HF rigs? Which one
>do you think they use the most? I think that they
>use their third rig for lo/hi VHF and UHF communications
>on AM with the birds flying overhead.

Back in 1991 (first Gulf War) they used the AN/PSC-1 which had 3
antennas, the biggest being the folding semi-parabolic useable with
comm sats. Sent data at 1200 BPS, had a little keyboard and
single-line of text display. Now (second Gulf War) they have the
AN/PSC-3 and AN/PSC-5 ("Spitfire", just coming into operational
service) which have 16 KBPS data (compatible with SINCGARS
family) and Internal Communications Security.

>So you let
>me know if pilots still know CW and receive their
>grid coords flawlessly on first try from morse.

To quote Brian Burke, "CW gets through when everything else does."

:-)

Leonard H. Anderson
ex-RA16408336, Sgt (E-5) US Army Signal Corps
retired (from regular hours) electronic engineer person

1383. Re: Ham Radio In The Post-Code Testing Era

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 04:25:36 UTC
From: "Ryan, KC8PMX" <kc8pmx@diamondcs.net>
Message-ID: <bf0u2m$92ho8$3@ID-189073.news.uni-berlin.de>
Source record: 71292

"Larry Roll K3LT" <yodoc@aol.comnospam> wrote in message
news:20030713024811.23406.00000818@mb-m27.aol.com...
>
> Now that it seems as though code testing will finally be abolished in the
> ARS, let's amuse ourselves with a bit of speculation as to what this will
> mean in terms of future growth in the numbers of licensed amateur radio
> operators in the United States. What do you think will happen? How
> much growth do you think will occur, and how fast?

We may have an initial inrush of some newbies in the onset, but it will
flatten back out to where it is about right now is my prediction. Its from
a "marketing" standpoint. The hobby just is not promoted like it should or
could be. Once us existing licensee's hit up our friends and family, that
is usually it. (kinda sounds a bit like Amway!)

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Ryan, KC8PMX
FF1-FF2-MFR-(pending NREMT-B!)
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> I predict that there will be no significant growth in new licensees.
> Now, all we need to do is define the term "significant growth." We
currently
> have around 600-some kilohams in the US. I'd call a five percent growth
> factor, or 30,000 newly-licensed radio amateurs, to be significant. Let's
> give this a year to happen. I say it won't. How say you? Keep in mind
> that at this stage of the discussion, I'm just trying to establish
reasonable
> parameters -- so let's all weigh in and try to arrive at a consensus as to
> what any future growth could be. Then we can commit to our numbers
> and see who gets it right -- or at least close.
>
> 73 de Larry, K3LT
>

1384. Re: Smells like type acceptance

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 04:44:18 UTC
From: JJ <radiobuff0@mailcity.moc>
Message-ID: <3F1386A2.9050407@mailcity.moc>
Source record: 71323

K0HB wrote:
> k4yz@aol.com (Steve Robeson, K4CAP) wrote
>
>
>> Obviously not a lawyer, but my read on this was that the FCC is
>>giving him a chance to keep his radios, avoid the nasty fine that
>>COULD have gone along with this, and sends a very loud signal to
>>anyone else so inclined to not abuse the privilege.
>>
>
>
> My concern is NOT with the severity of his penalty (I think it was
> pathetically lenient) but with the chilling effect it could have on
> tinkering and experimenting by amateurs who apparently must now fear
> that FCC can require them to put their equipment back into
> factory-fresh configuration.
>
> I don't have a single peice of equipment which I have not "improved"
> from it's original schematic. Frankly, I thought the FCC encouraged
> such experimentation. This incident suggests just the opposite and
> I'm surprised that ARRL isn't screaming bloody murder.

And as long as you are using that "improved" equipment in a legal
manner, you will have nothing to worry about. How is someone going
to put their homebrew equipment back into factory-fresh configuration?

1385. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 04:54:40 UTC
From: "Ryan, KC8PMX" <kc8pmx@diamondcs.net>
Message-ID: <bf0u2s$92ho8$4@ID-189073.news.uni-berlin.de>
Source record: 71293

How about a different parallel?? Drivers licenses! How many here have
earned ALL endorsements/license classes for their drivers license? i.e.
motorcycle operators permit etc.

Those that haven't must just be lazy too eh?

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Ryan, KC8PMX
FF1-FF2-MFR-(pending NREMT-B!)
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.. --. .... - . .-. ...
"JJ" <radiobuff0@mailcity.moc> wrote in message
news:3F0EEC13.4070605@mailcity.moc...
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> Dick Carroll wrote:
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> >
> >
> > Mygawd, Dwight, are you really licensed as a ham? And *that's* all you
know of
> > radiotelegraphy?
> > You been hiding out in the wilderness somewhere, in a cave? What do you
think
> > it was that started
> > radio in the first place, semaphores?
>
> You mean you and Larry boy don't know semaphore Dick? Why that is
> just plain LAZINESS. You know, when conditions are so bad that you
> and Larry have to rely on CW and your faithful CW rigs gives up
> the ghost or conditions get SO bad that CW can't even get through
> you and Larry could save the world by using semaphore, if you had
> that skill, that is.
>

1386. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 04:58:25 UTC
From: "Ryan, KC8PMX" <kc8pmx@diamondcs.net>
Message-ID: <bf0u32$92ho8$5@ID-189073.news.uni-berlin.de>
Source record: 71294

Wrong..... corporate america would most likely grab more. And use
"corporate welfare" to pay for it.

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Ryan, KC8PMX
FF1-FF2-MFR-(pending NREMT-B!)
--. --- -.. ... .- -. --. . .-.. ... .- .-. . ..-. .. .-. . ..-.
.. --. .... - . .-. ...
> > > No doubt what started ham radio was an experiment using the best of
> what
> > > was around then. Perhaps you'd like to move into the most recent
> century,
> > > Dick. If ham radio were "invented" today, it would never even get
near
> > CW.
> > >
> _____
> > >
> > > Or SSB, Kim.
> > >
> > > Arnie -
> > > KT4ST
> > >
> > > "What Hath God Wrought?"
> > >
> > >
> >
> > Well, yeah. But my comments were specifically to Dick and were angled
at
> > his argument for CW. Heck, yeah. I think if ham radio were "invented"
> > today, we'd pretty much need to be computer experts...
> >
> > Kim W5TIT
>
> If radio were invented today, no amateur radio service would even be
allowed
> to exist. The governments would hog it all. They've already tried to
take
> it away more than once.
>
> Dee D. Flint, N8UZE
>
>

1387. Re: Smells like type acceptance

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 05:00:29 UTC
From: JJ <radiobuff0@mailcity.moc>
Message-ID: <3F138A6D.8000200@mailcity.moc>
Source record: 71324

Keith wrote:
> On Tue, 15 Jul 2003 05:07:29 GMT, "Phil Kane" <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
> wrote:
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>
>>As I said, I don't know the whole story nor at which office it
>> happened.
>
>
> He was caught by the FCC sending false distress signals on 156.8 and another
> marine frequency from his backyard. I wish they would just start throwing these
> morons in front of a jury. I don't think a jury will have much sympathy for the
> f*cking idiots.

Absolutely, idiots who do something like this obviously lack the ability to think of the consequences of such stupidly. Some years ago I was involved with an SOS on 15 meters. The station sending the distress call claimed to be in a boat with several people on board and was sinking. The signal was weak and the station was sending pretty crappy hard to copy CW and repeated request for his location resulted in uncopyable CW. Stations, using their beam antennas, determined it was coming from somewhere in the northwest. The Coast Guard got into the act and came up on the frequency and before it was all over there was a Canadian Coast Guard cutter and a U.S. Coast Guard aircraft on the way to search off the Washington/Oregon coast. They searched all night and the next day I received a phone call from the Coast Guard that they decided it must be a hoax.
Too bad it could not have been determined who the idiot was, he should still be in prison.

1388. Re: Smells like type acceptance

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 05:07:29 UTC
From: Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
Message-ID: <cuvyxnansvbet.hi1lfyf.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 71263

On 14 Jul 2003 14:44:08 -0700, N2EY wrote:

>As far as I'm concerned, false distress calls should not be treated
>lightly. If it were up to me, and the charges could be proved, the
>person(s) responsible would have no license, no radios, and much
>thinner wallets. But it's not up to me.

The USCG or the FAA/CAP, depending on who goes out to "rescue" same,
now sends a bill for the cost of the operation. The FCC does levy a
maximum-limit forfeiture for false distress.

But the bottom line is that it's up to the Justice Department to
collect, and they are always overloaded, or so they say.

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73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane

1389. Re: Smells like type acceptance

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 05:07:29 UTC
From: Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
Message-ID: <cuvyxnansvbet.hi1l8pe.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 71264

On Mon, 14 Jul 2003 02:52:28 -0600, JJ wrote:

>> However I note the FCC has required at least one licensed ham, Michael
>> V. Swift, KG6QOB, to restore a rig to "original manufacturer's
>> specifications".
>>
>> While I understand the reason for the action (malicious interference
>> and false distress signals on marine frequencies), it strikes me that
>> this particular remedy is not supported by the law, and might set a
>> precedent for de facto "type acceptance" in the Amateur Radio service.
>>
>> What say, ye lawyerly types?

I don't knpow all the facts in the story, but one possible scenario
could be that this is part of a first offense "plea bargain" to
avoid seizure or surrender of the equipment involved in a violation
situation, and as such does not create a binding precedent in
and of itself.

One possible scenario is that no action for a violation such as
out-of-band operation will be brought against him, or any action will
be suspended, if the restores the equipment to factory configuration.

Another scenario is that this transceiver includes an FCC type
certified receiver, and even though there may not be any out-of-band
operation, the use of a non-certified receiver when one is required
to be certified is a separate violation. There is a procedure for
one-of-a-kind amateur equipment self-certification, but if it is
a commercial piece of gear that is required to be certified, it must
be a mod approved ny the manufacturer.

As I said, I don't know the whole story nor at which office it
happened.

Also note that I used the term "type certified". "Type acceptance"
is no longer an FCC procedure - I think that I posted a tutorial on
this a short while ago (perhaps in another group).

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73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane
ARRL Volunteer Counsel

1390. Re: Smells like type acceptance

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 05:07:30 UTC
From: Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
Message-ID: <cuvyxnansvbet.hi1lkfg.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 71265

On 14 Jul 2003 16:24:39 -0700, Brian Kelly wrote:

>> ("You are directed to have the transceiver returned to the original
>> manufacturer's specifications by reinstalling the jumper wire which
>> the cutting or removal of permits operation outside the amateur bands.
>> The jumper wire must be repaired or installed, and encapsulated with
>> epoxy or similar material to preclude future modification. After the
>> repair is completed you are directed to bring the transceiver to this
>> office so that the repair can be confirmed and related technical
>> measurements can be made.

>Riley cut the dweeb a break. Cops have that option. Riley could have
>really lowered the boom on the guy, the perp would have to be out of
>his gourd if he didn't jump on his soddering arn and epoxy, serve his
>"sentence" and walk. The whole thing however is goofy as hell and
>prolly sets some kinda record for plea bargains gone whacky. Maybe
>Riley needs a vacation.

Riley may not have been involved in this one. The use of the
phrase "this office" would indicate that this is a District Office
action. I wonder which one?

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73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane

1391. Re: Smells like type acceptance

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 05:07:30 UTC
From: Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
Message-ID: <cuvyxnansvbet.hi1mu1h.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 71266

On Mon, 14 Jul 2003 19:09:52 -0000, David Robbins wrote:

>i would say he got off easy, the fcc could have just confiscated the
>equipement,

Radio equipment is not contraband under the Federal law meaning of
that term, nor does the FCC have authority to confiscate anything.

The FCC can apply to the U S Justice Department which requests the
Federal District Court to issue a Seizure Order, executed by the U S
Marshal Service, to seize radio equipment found in violation of very
specific rules and statutes. In that case, the Justice Department
has to go back to the District Court after the seizure and petition
for forfeiture of the equipment to the government. This is not
automatic - a hearing is held at which the subject can present evidence
of why the equipment should not be forfeited. When the court orders the
equipment forfeited, it is usually turned over to the FCC for
destruction as described below.

The other way that radio equipment used in violation can come into
the possession of the government is if the subject is willing to
voluntarily surrender the equipment for destruction (it may not be
sold or used by the government) in exchange for consideration as to
the outcome of the violation. In that case, the owner signs a
release transferring it to the government, and the equipment is
kept in a secured facility and bar-coded and inventory-tracked in a
special account audited by the FCC's Inspector General until it is
actually destroyed.

>canceled his license,

Revocation of a station license and suspension for the remainder of
the term for an operator license are complicated and drawn-out
procedures, involving notice and hearing with a potential lengthy
appeal process.

>and fined him

The FCC does not levy fines - only a court can do that in a
criminal trial.

The FCC can levy a Monetary Forfeiture, an administrative penalty
which has the appearance of a fine to a lay-person, but the
procedure is entirely different. Again there is a requirement for
notice and an opportunity to be heard, then a series of appeals, and
in the long run if the subject does not pay, the U S Justice
Department has to institute suit in Federal District Court for

collection, at which time the subject is entitled to a _trial de novo_ - IOW the circus starts all over again.

>and been done with it.

Im;s sure that you will agree that with the complexity of procedures outlined above, it's not "being done with it" by any means.

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73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane
ARRL Volunteer Counsel

1392. Re: Smells like type acceptance

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 05:07:30 UTC
From: Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
Message-ID: <cuvyxnansvbet.hi1n33i.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 71267

On Mon, 14 Jul 2003 21:16:27 -0500, Kim W5TIT wrote:

>It is my understanding that even amateur operators must have equipment that
>is "Type Accepted" by the FCC.

You are greatly in error, Kim.

>BUT, I do know that I've
>heard discussions on the air whereby it is said to be illegal to own
>"illegal" radios (those CBs that can transmit outside the legal limits of CB
>radio) and "foot warmers" (those that have been modified to be able to work
>outside the ham bands...like, one that was originally for 10M that now works
>well in the CB range, etc.).

I wish that that was so, but it is not. It is a violation to use
such equipment, and use is presumed as a matter of law when there is
possession coupled with extrinsic evidence of contemporary violation
of the type that would result from use of the device, but mere
possession is not a violation (barring other factors).

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73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane

1393. Re: Picard vs Kirk, was Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 05:19:01 UTC
From: lenover21@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030715011901.09580.00001422@mb-m13.aol.com>
Source record: 71271

In article <bevo4c$k38@library2.airnews.net>, "Kim W5TIT" <fahgedit@nomail.net>
writes:

>OHMYGAWD!!!! Ya mean Larry, the CW fiend of all, didn't know an SOS from a
>CQ?!?!
>
>This is too precious...

He can no longer separate Reality from Fiction. Shrug.

LHA

1394. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 05:19:02 UTC
From: lenover21@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030715011902.09580.00001423@mb-m13.aol.com>
Source record: 71270

In article <3F1374A8.7080102@adelphia.net>, Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
writes:

>So these hams look at the bandplans: "Wow! just look at 80 meters. Fully
>half the bandplan is dedicated to stuff other than SSB! It's unfair that
>they should have all that bandwidth." And a bandwidth grab begins......
>Doesn't matter that there are still CW users out there. "And heck, they
>are always bragging about how little bandwidth they use, so only give
>them a minimum abount if anything."

Awwwww...sore losers? :-)

Once upon a time in hamland there was only SPARK...with a very very
few rich folks owning alternators. Nearly all were on MF and LF. Hams
said they were Mighty and all were Morsemen.

"Tubes" were for sissies with money. Bzzzp...bzzzp...bzzzp.

Along came nasty ol gubmint and said "Everyone on wavelengths
SHORTER than 200 meters!" Oh! The grousing and the grumbling
and curses and imprecations against gubmint! Bzzzp...bzzzp...bzzzp.

Then nasty ol gubmint said "SPARK is forbidden! No more SPARK!"
More curses, more grumbling, more imprecations! End of the world.
All those hams had to learn all about TUBES! Woe!

ADAPT or DIE. Get the picture?

LHA

1395. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 05:19:03 UTC
From: lenover21@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030715011903.09580.00001425@mb-m13.aol.com>
Source record: 71268

In article <2lGQa.10084$Vx2.4372971@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com>, "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net> writes:

>One reason that we are able to justify ourselves to the government is that >part of our mission as hams is to be a "pool of trained radio operators."

Oh, my, the "Pool!" :-)

I think you are confusing a POLITICAL nice-nice phrase (in 97.1) with reality.

1. There's NO OTHER RADIO SERVICE that needs anyone with CW skills from this "pool." Not in the USA, at least.

2. The US military "graduates" roughly 20K personnel annually, all of which having been actively involved in the military service doing radio communications. That's over a million in that particular "pool" who can directly apply their service skills from the last 50 years.

3. It is very difficult to justify a HOBBY activity involving radio as a lawful
whatever among all the other professional radio services, therefore a lot of political phraseology has to be slapped on to "justify" the fun, the recreation.

>So since I want ham radio to continue to be allowed, I consider it mission >critical to be familiar with the various modes whether or not I like them.

"Mission critical?!?!?"

I think you fell off your launch pad. Amateur radio is NOT some kind of NASA...it is NOT vital to the defense of the free world...it won't cure cancer or stop war or explore outer space.

OK, the countdown has started on the death of code testing. You can try for all the countdown holds you want, but the mission clock is still ticking, ticking, ticking...it isn't going "dit, dit, dit."

LHA

1396. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 05:19:03 UTC
From: lenover21@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030715011903.09580.00001424@mb-m13.aol.com>
Source record: 71272

In article <bevqav$80c$1@slb2.atl.mindspring.net>, "Bill Sohl"
<billsohl@mindspring.com> writes:

>Strange that there are many things people do which are
>long past relative to modern needs (archery, old cars,
>etc.) without any testing needed to continue interest
>in and to bring newcomers to the interest. IF morse
>dies without testing then that's a sad commentary on
>"how great it is" as promoted by PCTAs in this newsgroup.

Minor point, Bill...If morse dies without testing then that's a
sad commentary on HOW GREAT THE PCTAS ARE!"

:-)

LHA

1397. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 05:19:04 UTC
From: lenover21@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030715011904.09580.00001426@mb-m13.aol.com>
Source record: 71269

In article <CuGQa.10087$Vx2.4374743@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com>, "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net> writes:

>Absolutely. First of all you have to select the rightr hammer for the job.
>Secondly if you are going to be hammering a lot, you need to know how to
>select a hammer with the proper weight and balance to maximize the
>effectivity of the hammer with a minimum of energy expenditure.

At most, one hour of practice, no audible wetware skills involved.

Real professional construction folks use electric and air hammers.
Saves time, money, and insures a better job of nailing.

>Then there is an art to swinging the hammer.

When all you have is a nail, everything looks like a hammer.

Maybe you want to give construction workers and cabinetmakers HF
access for having a high art in hammer swinging?

Go for it. But, watch out at getting nailed on all that...

LHA

1398. Re: Ham Radio In The Post-Code Testing Era

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 05:19:05 UTC
From: lenover21@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030715011905.09580.00001427@mb-m13.aol.com>
Source record: 71273

In article <whGQa.10083$Vx2.4372441@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com>, "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net> writes:

>Actually the fact that other services don't use it very much is a strong
>argument to require hams to learn it.

Idiocy.

>This is the place to preserve the
>skill in case of need and to prevent this capability from becoming a lost
>art.

OK, so you want to keep the US ARS a living museum of morse.

Few do.

Are you an anthropologist?

>Plus of course the fact that quite a few hams do use it.

OK, that means you want a welfare program to keep things the way
YOU want it.

Shrug.

LHA

1399. Re: Code a Deterrent to a Ham Ticket ??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 06:01:29 UTC
From: lenover21@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030715020129.23406.00000835@mb-m27.aol.com>
Source record: 71275

In article <AZFQa.10074$Vx2.4368773@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com>, "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net> writes:

>It depends on whether you consider colleges and universities as institutions
>of higher learning or as job training schools. If the former then the
>various non-degreee specific classes are appropriate. If the latter, then
>they are not.

Why do you keep on with this academic thing?

US amateur radio is NOT an academic institution. The FCC is NOT an academic agency. Any federal radio operator's license is NOT a degree or certificate of learning. Geez.

LHA

1400. Re: Code a Deterrent to a Ham Ticket ??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 06:01:30 UTC
From: lenover21@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030715020130.23406.00000836@mb-m27.aol.com>
Source record: 71274

In article <3F12EC78.4030900@psu.edu>, Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu> writes:

> Some people want to be narrowly focused. If you are that way, so be it.

>But don't dismiss those of us who think there is more out there.

Tsk, tsk, tsk...those of you who think like you do are dismissing everyone
who doesn't think like you.

The old double standard still flies proudly over the PCTA camp!

LHA

1401. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 06:17:27 UTC
From: Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net>
Message-ID: <v817hv0jjpf4bgurijvqndhon3v2gjt7m2@4ax.com>
Source record: 71392

On Tue, 15 Jul 2003 00:08:16 -0400, "Ryan, KC8PMX"
<kc8pmx@diamondcs.net> wrote:

>>
>> 2. Most public safety professionals (by which I mean law enforcement,
>> fire supression, EMS, and SAR personnel) know precisely this about the
>> radios they use on the job: Either it works or it doesn't. Either the
>> city cops can talk directly to the county sheriffs or they can't.
>> Change to a different radio? Sure...just get a new radio...see item
>> number (1) above for the problem with that.
>
>Hmmm.... but if there ever was any career paths that the possibility of
>needing to communicate in a non-voice manner those professions just may
>be..... If a firefighter gets trapped in a building or cop has some type of
>situation where he may not be able to speak or something, he may be able to
>tap code out on the speaker.

Perhaps, but it wouldn't be all that likely that anyone hearing it
would recognize it as an attempt to communicate, let alone copy the
message...chances are the fire dispatcher isn't required to learn
Morse in order to qualify for the job.

Fortunately, there are other ways to accomplish the same task, that
being to alert other firefihters to the plight of the trapped
personnel. The fire department in Buffalo, NY equips members of its
interior teams with portable radios that have a "man down" button on
them. When said button is pressed (which isn't hard to do, it happens
very often by accident) it activates an alarm on the MDTs in the rigs.
The drill then is that all other comms stop at once and a headcount is
performed. It doesn't even have to be the MDT on the rig he or she is
assigned to - any MDT in range will initiate the alarm. Other
departments probably use that technology as well, I merely am aware of
this one since I live relatively near Buffalo.

73 DE John, KC2HMZ

1402. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 06:17:41 UTC
From: Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net>
Message-ID: <1127hv8pqsnlktq9t9pastiebnfd5k00t5@4ax.com>
Source record: 71393

On 14 Jul 2003 07:33:29 GMT, yodoc@aol.comnospam (Larry Roll K3LT)
wrote:

>In article <3qc1hvs7jo7mf19rut0on6hmsgln4d2ico@4ax.com>, Radio Amateur KC2HMZ
><kc2hmz@aa-mail.net> writes:
>
>>>So be it. In any case, the coming generation of New Age, Dumbed-Down,
>>>No-Coder hams
>>
>>That statement just convinced a few thousand people to try CW on its
>>own merits...NOT!
>
>John:
>
>No, it just gave them another in an already lengthy list of excuses to
>be lazy and not give it a try. They could care less about what I think of
>them -- or, should I say, if they were motivated to learn a useful
>communications skill, nothing I say could stop them from trying.
>
>>>aren't likely to seeking any kudos from me on their CW
>>>skills.
>>
>>They are, however, likely to seek refuge from your insulting rhetoric.
>
>Oh, you mean the truth.

That remains to be seen. The next generation of hams hasn't joined our
ranks yet. However, if you're truly concerned about getting said hams
to try CW so as to preserve its status as a viable means of
communication in the ARS, you might consider wording your message in a
less offensive manner. That way you might actually reach someone with
your message. As it is, you virtually guarantee a negative reaction to
your words. You'll never convince anybody that way.

>>> I would hope that any who learned the code and became proficient
>>>with it's use on-the-air, would do so for their own personal gratification
>>and
>>>to add that skill to their overall capability as a radio amateur.
>>
>>I hope so too, Larry, because with your apparent attitude towards
>>fellow hams, they sure as heck aren't going to be leqarning it so they
>>can put your call in the logbook.
>
>Or for any other reason.

Faced with the possibility of an uphill battle to preserve the
viability of CW in the ARS, you're surrendering and conceding defeat
even before the first shot has been fired?

>>>Don't
>>>worry -- our expectations of you are small.
>>
>>Why don't you quit beating around the bush and just ask her whether or
>>not size really matters?
>
>Because I couldn't care less about what Kim thinks about "size," or
>anything else, for that matter. All she is interested in is defending her
>lack of motivation to learn a useful communications skill like the
>Morse code.

Which she shouldn't need to defend in the first place. It's a free
country, and she's in it.

73 DE John, KC2HMZ

1403. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 06:17:42 UTC
From: Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net>
Message-ID: <fe27hv84fi5q5jmdvrorscbv4uh8f3k1f6@4ax.com>
Source record: 71394

On 14 Jul 2003 07:33:28 GMT, yodoc@aol.comnospam (Larry Roll K3LT)
wrote:

>In article <bqc1hvcttcd96ae8nrgfoll2t6f9bvmjmp@4ax.com>, Radio Amateur KC2HMZ
><kc2hmz@aa-mail.net> writes:
>
>>
>>>> You are not a
>>>> CW operator, so you are not even qualified to judge any "proof" offered.
>>
>>You are not a cow, Larry, therefore you are not even qualified to
>>judge whether McDonald's or Wendy's makes better cheeseburgers.
>
>There's an even better reason than that, John -- I don't eat cheeseburgers!

OK, roast beef sandwiches, then.

>>>> Those of us who are proficient CW operators with adequate on-the-air
>>>> experience have certainly had this fact proven to them to their
>>>>satisfaction,
>>
>>Hitler had the collective guilt of Jews, Jehovah's Witnesses, and
>>homosexuals proven to his satisfaction, too.
>
>I see. I am now being compared to Hitler because I believe in code
>testing. Typical NCTA argument -- and the kind of rhetoric that got me
>started in this debate about 13 years ago.

My intention was to point out that Hitler was wrong, even though he
was thoroughly convinced he was correct. No other comparison was
intended. In retrospect, however, given the negative connotation folks
generally attach to the mention of Hitler (entirely deserved given his
contributions to human history), perhaps the choice of analogy was a
poor one. Lemme try again: At one point in history, humanity's most
learned scholars had it proven to their satisfaction that the Earth
was the center of the universe. That is, until Copernicus came along.

73 DE John, KC2HMZ

1404. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 06:17:43 UTC
From: Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net>
Message-ID: <m737hvsr4fmn9mv5k8394u3md030ckm9q3@4ax.com>
Source record: 71395

On Mon, 14 Jul 2003 21:29:12 -0500, "Kim W5TIT" <fahgedit@nomail.net>
wrote:

>> Won't do him any good. Kim's married/taken and quite happy with her
>> mate, thank you very much.
>> >
>
>GRIN. Yep 14 years now. Uh, well, those reasons to begin with, anyway.
>The really number one reason is that I'm not that desperate for a man if it
>means Larry Roll... ;)

Now it's my turn to say ROTFLMAO.

73 DE John, KC2HMZ

1405. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 06:17:43 UTC
From: Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net>
Message-ID: <n937hvo6m79s158nrc38nrsfbfssh60q96@4ax.com>
Source record: 71396

On 14 Jul 2003 07:33:29 GMT, yodoc@aol.comnospam (Larry Roll K3LT)
wrote:

>>Don't look now, but as I type this, Charlotte is approaching. We may
>>get an object lesson here shortly after it makes landfall (not that I
>>or anyone else is hoping for that, except perhaps Larry who is shining
>>his straight key in anticipation).
>
>John:
>
>You think I'm "hoping" that a devastating hurricane will strike and perhaps
>take lives and destroy property? Just so I can use some freshly-polished
>straight key to send emergency traffic? I don't think so.

If that means you're noy hoping for disaster to stike (and not that
you simply have no intention of polishing your key first), then GOOD.

Also, thanks for not clubbing me over the head over the fact that I
called the current hurricane Charlotte when it's named Claudette. I
looked at the wrong list of hurricane names.

73 DE John, KC2HMZ

1406. Re: The Day has come....

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 06:17:44 UTC
From: Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net>
Message-ID: <ln37hv0c8js44q7irdfrv3um9b536p57d2@4ax.com>
Source record: 71397

On 14 Jul 2003 01:35:20 GMT, vshah101@aol.com (Vshah101) wrote:

>I would be willing to improve my skills in homebrewing, troubleshooting, APRS,
>VHF, direction finding, and other technical areas. However, the Hams in every
>club, of the several I've been to, are not interested in those areas.

I can't account for the lack of interest in these activities from the clubs in your area, but the club I'm active with has quite a bit of interest there, especially in VHF and direction finding. In fact, we run a transmitter hunt on a weekly basis during the summer. We don't do it in the winter because we don't want to be the reason for people driving around in snowstorms and getting killed while trying to have fun and learn a useful skill. This is Buffalo, after all..... :-)

>Its not a lack of resources. Its that Hams don't want to. My local club even
>has a Network Analyzer and a dedicated shack with radio setps, parts, cables,
>soldering iron, etc. They have the resources to do the technical activities.
>They just chose not to do that and to do contesting, antenna setups, and CW.

Most clubs seem to have a core of people who assume a leadership role in club activities. Most planning and execution of club activities gets done by that group of people. If said group does not perceive an interest in an activity from the rest of the membership, often they won't waste their time doing it...meaning that until enough people express an interest in something, it doesn't happen.

The solution would be to seek out others in the club who have the same or similar interests, creating a sort of special interest group within the club, and then suggest the idea to the club leaders with the numbers to show that there is interest in a topic. Demonstrating that the membership wants something done is the best way to get it to happen. The squeaky wheels get the grease. :-)

>And its not that I can't be bothered. I would actively contribute in those
>areas, if other Hams joined me.

On the other hand, sometimes all it takes is for one person to do something, and then others jump in and start to follow suit. This is called leading by example, and it works, unless you happen to be doing something that's obviously a bad idea. Your ideas seem good. Consider starting the ball rolling yourself and see who jumps on the bandwagon.

>Perhaps a change in attitude would benefit the ARS. Hams should have more than
>just a limited view of contesting, antennas, and CW. If Hams wanted to become
>good in many different areas, the ARS would benefit.

There are hams who detest contests and contesting. In fact, the same could be said for CW. Yet, there are also plentry who are very interested in those topics. As for antennas, every ham who wants to actually get on the air needs at least one, so it should really come as no surprise that it's an easy topic to get people interested in. At our club, the seminar on building J-pole antennas was the most popular meeting program of the just-completed club year. We actually built a copper pipe J-pole during the program, and one out of 450-ohm twinlead. Even guys who had been club members longer than I've been a ham were fascinated.

The bottom line is to keep in mind that one of the greatest strengths of any club lies in the diversity of its members' individual interests. There are probably others in the clubs in your area who share your interests. The trick is to identify them, and then get something started. Once you get the ball rolling it usually keeps rolling for quite a while.

73 DE John, KC2HMZ

1407. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 06:17:45 UTC
From: Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net>
Message-ID: <1357hv4tfto3oaqr7ma0tg2svus6f774j0@4ax.com>
Source record: 71398

On 14 Jul 2003 12:28:05 GMT, Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote:

>Did they never hear of the saying 'you'll catch more files with honey than
>with vinegar' ?

Bingo.

73 DE John, KC2HMZ

1408. Re: Picard vs Kirk, was Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 06:17:46 UTC
From: Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net>
Message-ID: <p857hvkdfjqhrhf0553ae10p4vrtrq17sn@4ax.com>
Source record: 71399

On Mon, 14 Jul 2003 11:33:14 GMT, "Bert Craig" <wa2si@arrl.netNOSPAM>
wrote:

>Kirk, McCoy, and Scott all copied Morse code when Sybock threw them in the
>brig in 'The Final Frontier.' BTW, Spock sent the code by tapping out "stand
>back" on the wall before he blew a hole in it.

Actually, Scotty was sending the Morse "stand back" while Kirk, Spock,
and McCoy "decoded" it from inside the brig. Then the wall blew in and
Scotty was standing there saying in his trademark brogue, "Well? What
are you all just standing around for? Do you not know a jailbreak when
you see one?"

73 DE John, KC2HMZ

1409. Re: Ham Radio In The Post-Code Testing Era

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 06:17:46 UTC
From: Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net>
Message-ID: <il57hvg03rgtqe7lc0ntegmv22t7qqgqpn@4ax.com>
Source record: 71400

On 14 Jul 2003 07:33:25 GMT, yodoc@aol.comnospam (Larry Roll K3LT)
wrote:

>In article <SzbQa.9690$Vx2.4101608@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com>, "Dee D. Flint"
><deehays@qix.net> writes:
>
>>Elimination of the code requirement may actually cause a loss in the ham
>>ranks, if not in numbers at least in activity. The elimination will
>>probably coincide with the early part of the bottom of the current sunspot
>>cycle. People will upgrade and quite a few will be so disappointed at the
>>poor activity that they will become quite inactive on HF and this
>>disappointment could spill over and affect their activity on VHF/UHF.
>>
>>Dee D. Flint, N8UZE
>
>A very cogent observation, Dee. The irony is, at the low side of a
>solar cycle, when the geomagnetic activity subsides along with the
>solar flux, the use of CW permits communication even though there
>isn't good enough propagation to pursue reliable SSB operation.
>Therefore, the one thing that could keep them active on-the-air --
>knowledge of the Morse code, won't be within their capability because
>they had no incentive to learn it.

I think it's worth mentioning here that the solar flares that cause
the geomagnetic storms that degrade HF propagation also trigger a
significant increase in auroral activity in the higher latitudes. This
provides an opportunity for ops on six meters. I've observed the
phenomenon before. Your're in New York. You point your beam north and
you start hearing somebody in Florida. You figure you're hearing him
off the back of the beam and turn it south to bring up the signal,
only to have it disappear.

Much of this activity happens on CW. Voice signals get distorted a lot
due to the effects of all the ionization in the aurora itself.

73 DE John, KC2HMZ

1410. Re: How Ugly Can One Creep Be?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 06:17:47 UTC
From: Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net>
Message-ID: <sf67hv85kba4u1neidgvk5ak0fvm1qqm9b@4ax.com>
Source record: 71401

On 15 Jul 2003 03:04:32 -0700, k4yz@aol.com (Steve Robeson, K4CAP)
wrote:

lenover21@aol.com (Len Over 21) wrote in message
news:<20030715002450.23745.00001147@mb-m22.aol.com>...
>
>> Get real. Any astronaut is required to perform many, many tasks as
>> part of their job...and that job is to be space crewfolk first, not "hams."
>> Getting a no-code tech ham license is an easy task for them...do it
>> once and a federal merit badge callsign is theirs to keep for a decade
>> plus two or a shuttle burns up on reentry...whichever comes first.

Oops...that's gonna getcha flamed.

An astronaut/ham's license is renewable for the life of the
astronaut/ham. So is any other ham's license. Once a ham becomes a
silent key, responsibility for licensing him or her passes to a higher
authority (who is a ham and has just bestowed the ultimate license
upgrade to the newly deceased - the privileges are unparallelled, but
the licensing requirements are rather steep - although no
demonstration of Morse proficiency is required, the written test is
reputed to be a real killer). However, the reference to shuttles
burning up on reentry was a poor choice of words.

73 DE John, KC2HMZ

1411. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 06:31:14 UTC
From: kelly@dvol.com
Message-ID: <d22b54c3.0307142231.48e30c3c@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71276

N2EY@AOL.COM (N2EY) wrote in message
news:<c2356669.0307140746.17a8595a@posting.google.com>...

> You may not be too fond of CW, and CW ops, but contrary to rumor we do
> not eat each other.

As if. You're obviously 'way overdue for a CQ WW CW or two James. See
my prior comments about curing virginity . .

> > well, why would you think that would
> > happen, unless there's a CW contest going on?
>
> Coupla possible reasons:
>
> 1) Propagation isn't so hot. (CW really does have an advantage over
> all commonly-used forms of analog 'phone in this regard)
> 2) There's a 'phone contest going on, and most of the 'phone ops are
> working the contest - on another band.
> 3) The 'phone bands become obnoxious enough that folks go to CW just
> to have a decent QSO.

Thank you for inviting me into this one.

I think it was last Thursday (Wednesday?)afternoon, no contests
anywhere and I'm lounging out under the monster maple tree which
supports my 20M Field Day dipole schlepping around the band with my
recently acquired el cheapo portable 100w wunderbox. It dawned on me
that I hadn't done any ssb with the thing up to that point and that I
should stir up an ssb contact or two for modulation checks, TX audio
gain vs. splatter, the usual. The phone band was a garbage pit, noise,
qrn, nobody home, flare = ON in a big way. SSB DX with 100w and a
dipole? Bwaaahaha! Not on yer life.

Finally I ran into a group of old fart 1x2s from the midwest with
decent signals on 14.188 yakking with a local, broke in and got my the
audio critques.

Having done that I spun the knob counterclockwise back down the band
and within ten minutes I'd beeped my way into logging an Estonian, a
deep Russian and a South African. The 9J2 got away from me becuse he'd
lit up the spots nets before I got there but I ain't done chasing him.

That's the way it is. That's the way it's always been. God bless all
you Morse crippled out there in radioland, less QRM for me.

> >
>

> 73 de Jim, N2EY

Yo Jim - The local was Alan Gray w3bv who spun the k3jh pole around on Royersford when I checked in. We yakked for the best part of an hour, he's been here, we shared a lotta giggles abt the lurks we still deal with.

1412. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 07:05:53 UTC
From: Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net>
Message-ID: <ci77hvo7ef5sifteoqkpi45gmrmhv3lk3s@4ax.com>
Source record: 71403

On Tue, 15 Jul 2003 20:47:40 -0400, "Bill Sohl"
<billsohl@mindspring.com> wrote:

>Assuming your hypothetical...
>IF the non-phone segment is being underused, then
>the CW users will likly lose bandwidth. BUT, if the non-phone
>segment is just as crowded with users, then there's
>no valid argument for phone expansion. The burden
>will be on the users of non-phone modes.

Many of whom will, ironically enough, be codeless hams running PSK31
or one of the other "sound card" modes.

73 DE John, KC2HMZ

1413. Re: Code a Deterrent to a Ham Ticket ??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 07:05:54 UTC
From: Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net>
Message-ID: <m487hvg5l35dd35k5dl5plapn56n9m6i03@4ax.com>
Source record: 71402

On 16 Jul 2003 03:02:10 GMT, Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote:

>I must get around to learning Latin one of these days

I'm tempted to compose a post comparing Latin to Morse and chastise you for not knowing it, concluding of course with the statement that since you don't know Latin you are not a "real" man and are less qualified than someone who knows Latin. I'm not going to do so, because I've never used Latin since graduating high school and have forgotten most of it, so I'm in no better shape with Len's statement in latin than you are.

Besides which, Latin is a dead language, while Morse at this point hasn't reached that stage...although it does seem to be running a slight fever lately.

73 DE John, KC2HMZ

1414. Re: Picard vs Kirk, was Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 07:05:54 UTC
From: Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net>
Message-ID: <ko97hv0vn0b0c5rc5pdciu8b5quv4h89ro@4ax.com>
Source record: 71404

On 15 Jul 2003 15:44:10 GMT, yodoc@aol.comnospam (Larry Roll K3LT)
wrote:

>Ah, so it was CQ and not SOS. It's been a long time since I've seen that
>episode, or any of the Star Trek original series. I sit corrected -- mainly on
>the porcelin appliance, since I'm "preparing" for a colonoscopy tomorrow
>morning!

That last bit of information is a bit more than really needed to be
shared with the rest of us, Larry, but I'll resist the temptation to
take the obvious shot...too easy.

I will say this...hope everything comes out alright. :-)

73 DE John, KC2HMZ

1415. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 07:06:43 UTC
From: Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net>
Message-ID: <2v97hvshjfars6pjpe9pgrv0er5oebhq51@4ax.com>
Source record: 71405

On Tue, 15 Jul 2003 00:08:16 -0400, "Ryan, KC8PMX"
<kc8pmx@diamondcs.net> wrote:

>>
>> 2. Most public safety professionals (by which I mean law enforcement,
>> fire supression, EMS, and SAR personnel) know precisely this about the
>> radios they use on the job: Either it works or it doesn't. Either the
>> city cops can talk directly to the county sheriffs or they can't.
>> Change to a different radio? Sure...just get a new radio...see item
>> number (1) above for the problem with that.
>
>Hmmm.... but if there ever was any career paths that the possibility of
>needing to communicate in a non-voice manner those professions just may
>be..... If a firefighter gets trapped in a building or cop has some type of
>situation where he may not be able to speak or something, he may be able to
>tap code out on the speaker.

Perhaps, but it wouldn't be all that likely that anyone hearing it
would recognize it as an attempt to communicate, let alone copy the
message...chances are the fire dispatcher isn't required to learn
Morse in order to qualify for the job.

Fortunately, there are other ways to accomplish the same task, that
being to alert other firefihters to the plight of the trapped
personnel. The fire department in Buffalo, NY equips members of its
interior teams with portable radios that have a "man down" button on
them. When said button is pressed (which isn't hard to do, it happens
very often by accident) it activates an alarm on the MDTs in the rigs.
The drill then is that all other comms stop at once and a headcount is
performed. It doesn't even have to be the MDT on the rig he or she is
assigned to - any MDT in range will initiate the alarm. Other
departments probably use that technology as well, I merely am aware of
this one since I live relatively near Buffalo.

73 DE John, KC2HMZ

1416. Re: Code a Deterrent to a Ham Ticket ??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 07:30:35 UTC
From: kelly@dvol.com
Message-ID: <d22b54c3.0307142330.351d45c5@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71277

"Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> wrote in message
news:<kwDQa.522$lL.58870@nnrp1.ptd.net>...
> "Brian Kelly" <kelly@dvol.com> wrote in message
> news:d22b54c3.0307140534.7d97a27e@posting.google.com...
> >
> > You haven't even started, the list of engineering feats pulled off by
> > engineers who are hams is endless. In every case I know about however
> > including those you cite they did what they did as professionals
> > working for money outside the ham bands, not as amateurs. The topic
> > on the table here is technical innovations which have advanced the
> > state of the art in the field of RF comms made by engineers working
> > within their roles as hams. Let's see your list of those. I'd be
> > particularly interested in your list of ham engineers who wouldn't
> > have made those contributions if they had to take any code tests.
>
> What about the fact that many of us engineers who have advanced the
> state of the art in the field of RF comms (while working for money
> outside the ham bands) BECAME engineers because we were first
> interested in radio/electronics by being introduced to ham radio?

No argument from me, ham radio has historically and obviously been an
EE hatchery going back to Marconi's days, 'snot even a discussion. But
I ask "Who have accrued the benefits of this phenomenon?" My
contention in this respect is that it's been by an overwhelming
majority the kids themselves who got into ham radio then became EEs as
a result who have benefitted most ($$$). A classic example of the
Amateur Service doing exactly what it's supposed to do to justify it's
existence. For once.

In my own case, having been a radio nerd back when radio was the about
the only high-tech game in town I had to decide between EE and ME
since in that timeframe I was also a gear and motorhead in addition to
being a beepist. I quite consiously opted *against* EE because I
didn't want to put myself into a situation where my job followed me
home into my hobby thus it was that I became an ME. Absolute fact and
it wasn't any more complicated than that. But my hobby has quite often
held me in good stead on le yob because I've quite often found myself
doing EE work on ME projects. I've nailed several gigs over the years
by virtue of being considered "multidiscipinary" by employers, thankew
ham radio for the contributons to my career.

Whatever . . .

Has *nothing* to do with engineers who did not come up this way and
are already engineers when they belatedly "discover" ham radio. And

will allegedly come up with "advances in the state of the art" once they enter the hobby without having to suffer any code tests. Like you claim will happen.

It's all bullshit. The last time any ham engineer or not actually advanced the state of the art in RF comms to any noticeble extent beyond that which the commercials and/or the gummint hadn't already done was probably done in the 1915 timeframe. If not spank me with an example.

Drive a stake in it and move on.

>
> Carl - wk3c

w3rv

1417. Re: Ham Radio In The Post-Code Testing Era

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 08:34:25 UTC
From: Dwight Stewart <stewart@say.net>
Message-ID: <BB3934D0.1ED20%stewart@say.net>
Source record: 71278

"Kim W5TIT" wrote:
>
> (snip)

Kim, I don't know what is going on with your newsgroup messages. Many of your messages are listed as no longer on my server very shortly after you post them (sometimes just one or two hours later). The messages are listed in my message list of this newsgroup, but I get an error ("message no longer on server") when I try to read them. For everyone else, I can read messages they posted many days ago.

Anyway, just wanted to let you know what is happening in case you post a reply to one of my messages and don't get a response. It's not that I'm trying to ignore you - I just can't read or reply to your quickly disappearing messages (I caught and replied to this one before it disappeared)

Dwight Stewart (W5NET)

http://www.qsl.net/w5net/

1418. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 09:15:25 UTC
From: Dwight Stewart <stewart@say.net>
Message-ID: <BB393E6D.1ED22%stewart@say.net>
Source record: 71279

"Dee D. Flint" wrote:
>
> Absolutely. First of all you have to select
> the rightr hammer for the job. Secondly if
> you are going to be hammering a lot, you need
> to know how to select a hammer with the proper
> weight and balance to maximize the effectivity
> of the hammer with a minimum of energy
> expenditure. Then there is an art to swinging
> the hammer. Beginners manage to hit a lot of
> fingers and hands.

You also need to know when and how to cuss properly when the hammer is not applied properly. Different situations mandate a difference response - a polite "ouch" when you don't want someone to hear such language to throwing the hammer into the next neighborhood as you employ a string of cuss words rash enough to make a sailor blush when it really hurts.

You can always tell when a neighborhood has a lot of people who like to build or work on things - it is amazing how many tools (of all types) can be seen flying around. Because of this, area officials should clearly re-zone some neighborhoods as "hard hat" areas.

Dwight Stewart (W5NET)

http://www.qsl.net/w5net/

1419. Claudette declared a Hurricane

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 09:30:04 UTC
From: Arnie Macy <kt4st@csam.net>
Message-ID: <bf0hjr$9i2on$1@ID-166180.news.uni-berlin.de>
Source record: 71280

Current storm map and latest advisory available at my web site:

http://www.qsl.net/kt4st/hurricane.htm

Arnie -
KT4ST

1420. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 09:35:07 UTC
From: Arnie Macy <kt4st@csam.net>
Message-ID: <bf0hta$9s3ll$1@ID-166180.news.uni-berlin.de>
Source record: 71281

"Kim W5TIT" wrote ...

And it seems to me that non-CW hams would be far superior to CW-hams, with things such as phone nets, QSOs, etc. Oh wait, I think you already said that. . . But, you know what? It doesn't even feel good feeling superior.

You make the presumption that we don't ever use phone, conduct QSO's, or belong to nets. Of course we do -- and many of us are just as good at those aspects of Ham radio as well.

Arnie -
KT4ST

1421. Re: Code a Deterrent to a Ham Ticket ??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 09:47:05 UTC
From: k4yz@aol.com
Message-ID: <5c01b95b.0307150147.57fe18a0@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71282

lenover21@aol.com (Len Over 21) wrote in message
news:<20030715020129.23406.00000835@mb-m27.aol.com>...
> In article <AZFQa.10074$Vx2.4368773@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com>, "Dee D. Flint"
> <deehays@qix.net> writes:
>
> >It depends on whether you consider colleges and universities as institutions
> >of higher learning or as job training schools. If the former then the
> >various non-degreee specific classes are appropriate. If the latter, then
> >they are not.
>
> Why do you keep on with this academic thing?

YOU, of ALL PEOPLE, have the temerity to ask a so blatantly
rhetorical question in light of your incessant bomabarding of this NG
with YOUR repetitive lying and spiteful bile?

Putz.

> US amateur radio is NOT an academic institution. The FCC is NOT an
> academic agency. Any federal radio operator's license is NOT a degree
> or certificate of learning. Geez.

Whatever it is, it is without you, and that's a GOOD thing.

Steve, K4YZ

1422. How Ugly Can One Creep Be?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 10:04:32 UTC
From: k4yz@aol.com
Message-ID: <5c01b95b.0307150204.3f0a1d38@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71283

lenover21@aol.com (Len Over 21) wrote in message
news:<20030715002450.23745.00001147@mb-m22.aol.com>...

> Get real. Any astronaut is required to perform many, many tasks as
> part of their job...and that job is to be space crewfolk first, not "hams."
> Getting a no-code tech ham license is an easy task for them...do it
> once and a federal merit badge callsign is theirs to keep for a decade
> plus two or a shuttle burns up on reentry...whichever comes first.

Leonard H Anderson, you are truly one of the most callous,
cowardly and unrepetantly ugly people to ever enter USENET or any
other public forum.

HOW DISGUSTING can one human being be...?!?!

What a piece of work. Truly deserving of every ugly epithet I
can think to "laud" you with and more. There hasn't been a prfanity
created to adequately "describe" just how cold and disgusting that
comment was.

"Scumbag" is an understatment. "Putz" only scratches the top.

You try to embellish your own "reputation" on the graves of
American KIA's, then you completely disgrace and humilate the graves
of seven men and women who, regardless of nationality, died what can
only be assumed to have been a horrific death in the pursuit of
science

What an utterly foul, irrelevent and truly puny shadow of a human
being you are. When YOUR death comes, I can only hope that, unlike
those seven brave souls, that it is long, lingering and painful, and
that you remain sufficiently aware of your circumstances to appreciate
it all.

Creep.

Steven J Robeson
Winchester, TN

1423. Re: Code a Deterrent to a Ham Ticket ??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 10:11:53 UTC
From: k4yz@aol.com
Message-ID: <5c01b95b.0307150211.5343c83c@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71284

lenover21@aol.com (Len Over 21) wrote in message
news:<20030715002452.23745.00001149@mb-m22.aol.com>...
> In article <bXVPa.1425$Bd5.445@fed1read01>, "Guessing" <Djorkland's
> Best@connectnet.net> writes:
>
> >I still maintain it is all a matter of achieve or cop out. Make excuses or
> >meet a challenge.
>
> Stuff it, sausage.

More "professional" conduct. I note that whoever "Guessing" was,
Lennie didn't let the lack of belittling adjectives prevent him from
digging right in on his own.

Yet another LennieRant dispelled.

> >Don't Drink and Drive, 3 strikes you are outta here -- Pass the Test --
> >pretty black and white to me.
>
> OK, you've struck out. Now getoutahere! Bye...

And ANOTHER LennieRant dispelled...the one wherein he denies
trying to control newsgroup content or participation.

Liar to the hilt. As always.

Steve, K4YZ

1424. Re: Smells like type acceptance

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 10:37:37 UTC
From: k4yz@aol.com
Message-ID: <5c01b95b.0307150237.be02357@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71285

k0hb@arrl.net (K0HB) wrote in message
news:<e79dbd9b.0307140945.358719a3@posting.google.com>...

> I was under the impression (apparently mistaken?) that a licensed
> amateur could possess any sort of equipment (commercial, homebrew,
> converted surplus) or whatever. I know of no rule against MODIFICATION
> of equipment, even if that modification permits operation outside the
> amateur bands....(SNIP AND CUT TO>>>

> However I note the FCC has required at least one licensed ham, Michael
> V. Swift, KG6QOB, to restore a rig to "original manufacturer's
> specifications".
>
> ("You are directed to have the transceiver returned to the original
> manufacturer's specifications by reinstalling the jumper wire which
> the cutting or removal of permits operation outside the amateur bands.
> The jumper wire must be repaired or installed, and encapsulated with
> epoxy or similar material to preclude future modification. After the
> repair is completed you are directed to bring the transceiver to this
> office so that the repair can be confirmed and related technical
> measurements can be made.

> While I understand the reason for the action (malicious interference
> and false distress signals on marine frequencies), it strikes me that
> this particular remedy is not supported by the law, and might set a
> precedent for de facto "type acceptance" in the Amateur Radio service.
>
> What say, ye lawyerly types?

Obviously not a lawyer, but my read on this was that the FCC is
giving him a chance to keep his radios, avoid the nasty fine that
COULD have gone along with this, and sends a very loud signal to
anyone else so inclined to not abuse the privilege.

Should the USCG elect to seek restitution for whatever SAR forces
they may have sortied upon receipt of his "distress" call, can you
imagine the cost? Just the cost of an hour's worth of fuel, crew
salaries, etc?

I think he got off very lightly, the embarrassment alone probably
(hopefully) enough to disuade others from doing it. Of course there
are always those "Burton's" among us...

73

Steve, K4YZ

1425. Re: CW Requirement Abolished

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 10:59:22 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307150259.e6ab35@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71286

"Phil Kane" <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop> wrote in message
news:<cuvyxnansvbet.hi17jd6.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>...
> On 14 Jul 2003 10:45:34 -0700, Brian wrote:
>
> >> The simplest overall approach is to simply leave the rest of the classes
> >> alone except for dropping the code requirement. This requires the least
> >> amount of rule changes and paperwork changes.
>
> >Why take the path of least resistant?
>
> Because that's what today's amateur radio service rulemakers at the
> FCC are brainwashed to do.....
>
> >Why not align the license classes and priveleges into something that
> >makes sense?
>
> I refuse to answer invoking the protection of the Fifth Amendment.

Chuckle

1426. Re: Picard vs Kirk, was Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 11:16:00 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307150316.673dffd2@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71287

n2ey@aol.com (N2EY) wrote in message
news:<20030714122225.24390.00001114@mb-m19.aol.com>...
> In article <beu4di$2c8j$1@adenine.netfront.net>, "Kim W5TIT"
> <fahgedit@nomail.net> writes:
>
> >> Apparently Kirk did know the Morse code, since he was able to copy the
> >> "SOS" being sent by antique space ship from Earth full of the genetically
> >> enhanced people in suspended animation in "Space Seed."
> >>
> >> 73 de Larry, K3LT
> >> A Treker, not a "Trekkie"
> >>
> >>
> >
> >OK. There you have it. End of debate. Larry has just stated that someone
> >who knows the sending of SOS knows "the Morse code."
> >
> Except that the sleeper ship was sending "CQ", not "SOS".

Larry on a mountainside rescuing a hiker and his wife. The hiker has
fallen and broken his leg, compound fracture. His wife is screaming.
As night falls, Larry pulls out his 2m HT and, because this is a
life-threatening emergency, calls "CQ CQ CQ de K3LT."

Ops normal.

1427. Re: Code a Deterrent to a Ham Ticket ??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 12:45:32 UTC
From: kelly@dvol.com
Message-ID: <d22b54c3.0307150445.5e45f291@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71289

"Kim W5TIT" <fahgedit@nomail.net> wrote in message
news:<bevq5j$v7p@library2.airnews.net>...
> "Brian Kelly" <kelly@dvol.com> wrote in message
> news:d22b54c3.0307141543.56d10adc@posting.google.com...
>
>
> By the way, isn't stating that NCTAs "have been claiming forever that
> eliminating the code tests for HF access. . ." rolling us all into one
> "neat" little package?

I wrote "TO THE the NCTAs who have been claiming forever that
eliminating the code tests . . . ".

>
> Kim W5TIT

w3rv

1428. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 12:50:56 UTC
From: "Ryan, KC8PMX" <kc8pmx@diamondcs.net>
Message-ID: <bf0u39$92ho8$6@ID-189073.news.uni-berlin.de>
Source record: 71295

Possibly a better comparison of some of the personalities in this newsgroup
might be closer to Frank Burns (reference M*A*S*H)

--
Ryan, KC8PMX
FF1-FF2-MFR-(pending NREMT-B!)
--. --- -.. ... .- -. --. . .-.. ... .- .-. . ..-. .. .-. . ..-.
.. --. .... - . .-. ...
> You apparently didn't see the movie, didn't get it, or have forgotten.
>
> 1) Forest Gump was (mentally) "slow"
> (in an effort to be politically correct :-)
>
> 2) His successes were essentially a(n improbable) series of
> "dumb luck" episodes.
>
> 3) He did, however, have a good and kind heart and always
> treated people with respect.
>
> Too bad you ACT LIKE you only meet the first two criteria ...
>
> I withdraw my comparison.
>
> Carl - wk3c
>

1429. Re: Ham Radio In The Post-Code Testing Era

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 13:20:27 UTC
From: JJ <radiobuff0@mailcity.moc>
Message-ID: <3F13FF9B.60706@mailcity.moc>
Source record: 71242

Larry Roll K3LT wrote:

> Dee D.:
>
> Very interesting point. And, of course, 100% true. I would add that the one
> thing that gets prospective hams to learn the Morse code is the requirement
> to be tested for Morse proficiency in order to achieve upgraded HF privileges.
> How many New Age No-Code Extras do you think you can "sell" on the
> concept of learning the Morse code, just on the basis of it's operational
> characteristics or the fact that it's "fun" to do? Keep in mind, they can
> yakk on HF phone on any band and frequency they want, and with
> maximum allowable power. They will have legitimate, full-privilege General-
> or Extra-class licenses, without no requirement for code testing at any
> speed. So, how many do you think you can convince to try code and
> get them up to 20 WPM and become regular CW operators?

Those who for whatever reason, develop an interest in CW will
learn and use it. For many, CW will not be of any interest and
nothing wrong with that. You may think CW is "fun" but I am sure
there are things that other people consider "fun" that you would
not. Not everyone has the same tastes, just because you think
something is great does not make it so for everyone else.

1430. Re: Smells like type acceptance

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 13:34:58 UTC
From: JJ <radiobuff0@mailcity.moc>
Message-ID: <3F140302.20402@mailcity.moc>
Source record: 71247

Larry Roll K3LT wrote:

>
> Jim/Hansl:
>
> The FCC has always been very incremental in it's enforcement policies.
> First warning is usually satisfied by a reply stating that the offending
> action has ceased, with the promise that it will not recur. Subsequent
> offenses usually start the suspension, equipment seizure, revocation,
> and monetary forfeiture ball rolling against the offender. This fairly
> light-duty corrective action would seem to be consistent with the FCC's
> usual modus operandi. It is more cost-efficient to get an offending licensee
> to comply with the regulations than it is to drag him through the
> administrative process which could ultimately result in loss of license,
> fines, and criminal convictions. The threat of more severe action
> is usually sufficient.
>
> I'm sure Phil Kane will shed some light on this, if he hasn't already.

Tuning up on a frequency you are not license for and yaking, or
causing some interference is one thing, but sending a false
distress signal is another. Such action causes agencies to go into
emergency mode, all kinds of taxpayers money is spent, and even
other lives may be put at some risk for such stupidity. They
should have thrown the book at him.

1431. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 13:39:59 UTC
From: k4yz@aol.com
Message-ID: <5c01b95b.0307150539.183b2a09@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71296

brianburke@juno.com (Brian) wrote in message
news:<f45722ac.0307150248.6e1d185f@posting.google.com>...
> N2EY@AOL.COM (N2EY) wrote in message
news:<c2356669.0307141321.285a9750@posting.google.com>...

> > You have claimed here and elsewhere to have operated /T5 about a
> > decade ago. But you provided no details, even when directly asked. So
> > any reasonable person has cause to be skeptical.
>
> Lemme think this through.
>
> After you and several minions have performed an exhaustive search
> concerning my operation in Somalia, and having turned up nothing, you
> want me to corroborate my own operation so that you'll be less
> skeptical?
>
> Ha! That's a good one.
>
> Go ahead and believe what you want to believe. You will anyway
> regardless of anything I could say.

You've said enough. You made a complete fool of yourself, and
even after provided several "outs", you continue to try and "defend"
the foolishness that you yourself promulgated.

You're pegged, Brain...right along with your "buddy"
Lennie...(the same creep who defiles American combat KIA's and NASA
Astronauts...some "company" you keep)

Why not take this one bit of advice...??? Just stop answering
any posts vis-a-vis your alleged "T5" operation. Let it go away. Not
one independent thread of evidence "supporting" your allegations has
manifested, and your incessant attempts to prop them up makes you look
all-the-more idiotic in the process. What ever aire of validity you
may have once enjoyed is long gone. You're already dug-in deep and
the hole can only get deeper.

Steve, K4YZ

1432. Re: Why don't Real Hams you face the facts?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 13:40:03 UTC
From: JJ <radiobuff0@mailcity.moc>
Message-ID: <3F140433.3080307@mailcity.moc>
Source record: 71248
Cross-posted to: uk.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.boatanchors,rec.radio.amateur.policy

citizensband wrote:
> All the garbage about how you should even be allowed to operate a CB, unless
> you are able to build your own equipment.

Huh? Where did anyone say that? I musta missed it.

1433. Re: Smells like type acceptance

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 13:53:39 UTC
From: k0hb@arrl.net
Message-ID: <e79dbd9b.0307150553.7df771f6@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71297

k4yz@aol.com (Steve Robeson, K4CAP) wrote

>
> Obviously not a lawyer, but my read on this was that the FCC is
> giving him a chance to keep his radios, avoid the nasty fine that
> COULD have gone along with this, and sends a very loud signal to
> anyone else so inclined to not abuse the privilege.
>

My concern is NOT with the severity of his penalty (I think it was pathetically lenient) but with the chilling effect it could have on tinkering and experimenting by amateurs who apparently must now fear that FCC can require them to put their equipment back into factory-fresh configuration.

I don't have a single peice of equipment which I have not "improved" from it's original schematic. Frankly, I thought the FCC encouraged such experimentation. This incident suggests just the opposite and I'm surprised that ARRL isn't screaming bloody murder.

73, de Hans, K0HB

1434. Re: Code a Deterrent to a Ham Ticket ??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 14:25:16 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu>
Message-ID: <3F140ECC.4000709@psu.edu>
Source record: 71298

Phil Kane wrote:
> On 14 Jul 2003 17:31:44 GMT, Alun Palmer wrote:
>
>
>>And learning history in an EE degree somehow helped you to do that???
>
>
> It taught me to think. It taught me that we live in a culture, not
> on a circuit board. It taught me not appear as an ignoramus before
> non-technical folk.

Well put. I can spot a one track person a mile away.

> At a very intensive (i.e. tough to get into and tough to stay in)
> engineering school, not only did we have to take two semesters of
> "American and World Civilization" in freshman year, which disguised
> a course in Cultural Anthropology which we all hated, and two
> semesters of "American and World Literature" in junior year, a
> required "Humanities" sequence which we all regarded as a waste of
> our valuable nerd time and geek energy (and to add insult to injury
> taught by the same professor as the freshman year course), we also
> had to take a course in General Economics, which I wished I had paid
> more attention to because until this day the subject still remains
> mumbo-jumbo to me. At least Atomic Physics (taught by one of the
> Manhattan Project physicists) which also seemed like mumbo-jumbo
> finally made sense when sometime after I took the course I finally
> figured it out with the help of my brother who is also a ham and has
> a Masters degree in Physics but hasn't worked in that field for 35
> years.

> To further broaden my background, while I was in engineering graduate
> school at one university, I was attending another university studying
> Jewish history, philosophy, liturgy, Hebrew language, and culture,
> subjects I had "kissed off" in my younger years. Was I forced to?
> Not by the school involved (it wasn't a degree program), but by the
> need to be a well-educated person in my community.
>
> I can almost say the same for my law school (doctorate level)
> education. Some of the courses seemed like a waste of time....but
> in practice I find that the background that I got from the "unnecessary"
> specialty courses was really necessary for the proper practice of my
> legal specialty.
>
> Substitute "the humanities" for the string of courses I cited above, and
> they are still necesary for one to be a well-rounded and well-educated

> person. One can't "figure out" humanities - either one learns it or one
> doesn't.

All of the pieces fit together to make the whole person. I have used bits and pieces of some pretty obscure things I have learned, even if it just to give a historical aspect to what I may be arguing for. For this I have used history, literature, even art. No knowledge is wasted.

- Mike KB3EIA -

1435. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 14:29:31 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307150629.24a028f@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71299

"Phil Kane" <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop> wrote in message
news:<cuvyxnansvbet.hhvdkfi.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>...
> On 11 Jul 2003 09:55:05 -0700, Brian wrote:
>
> >> This whole flap has been based on the "need" for the FCC to bail away
> >> from the labor (cost) associated with governing the code tests,
> >> dealing with waivers, the VEs on code test issues, etc. and nothing
> >> more.
> >
> >Do you have an FCC policy letter stating that?
>
> (a) Every FCC-watcher in the last 15 years knows that from public
> statements made by top brass (especially Reed Hundt) about
> cost-cutting.
>
> (b) There was an internal policy memo circulated to staff talking
> about the need to privatize as many functions as possible in order
> to cut agency spending. This was not made public and is not
> available under FOIA because it dealt strictly with internal
> management issues. I did not retain a copy of same (because to do
> so would have been illegal).
>
> (c) Every FCC-watcher in the last 15 years recognizes that in every
> "privitization" move by the FCC - or else they should be in some
> other line of work.

Ah, I see. "Everybody knows..."

1436. Re: Code a Deterrent to a Ham Ticket ??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 14:38:34 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307150638.3026103b@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71300

kelly@dvol.com (Brian Kelly) wrote in message
news:<d22b54c3.0307142330.351d45c5@posting.google.com>...
> "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> wrote in message
news:<kwDQa.522$lL.58870@nnrp1.ptd.net>...
> > "Brian Kelly" <kelly@dvol.com> wrote in message
> > news:d22b54c3.0307140534.7d97a27e@posting.google.com...
> > >
> > > You haven't even started, the list of engineering feats pulled off by
> > > engineers who are hams is endless. In every case I know about however
> > > including those you cite they did what they did as professionals
> > > working for money outside the ham bands, not as amateurs. The topic
> > > on the table here is technical innovations which have advanced the
> > > state of the art in the field of RF comms made by engineers working
> > > within their roles as hams. Let's see your list of those. I'd be
> > > particularly interested in your list of ham engineers who wouldn't
> > > have made those contributions if they had to take any code tests.
> > >
> > What about the fact that many of us engineers who have advanced the
> > state of the art in the field of RF comms (while working for money
> > outside the ham bands) BECAME engineers because we were first
> > interested in radio/electronics by being introduced to ham radio?
> >
> No argument from me, ham radio has historically and obviously been an
> EE hatchery going back to Marconi's days, 'snot even a discussion. But
> I ask "Who have accrued the benefits of this phenomenon?" My
> contention in this respect is that it's been by an overwhelming
> majority the kids themselves who got into ham radio then became EEs as
> a result who have benefitted most ($$$). A classic example of the
> Amateur Service doing exactly what it's supposed to do to justify it's
> existence. For once.

You say it has been so since Marconi, now you say "for once."

Which is it?

> In my own case, having been a radio nerd back when radio was the about
> the only high-tech game in town I had to decide between EE and ME
> since in that timeframe I was also a gear and motorhead in addition to
> being a beepist.

You might want to run the term "beepist" past Ed and Jim. They don't
take kindly to street names given to radio-telegraph operators.

I quite consiously opted *against* EE because I
> didn't want to put myself into a situation where my job followed me
> home into my hobby thus it was that I became an ME. Absolute fact and

> it wasn't any more complicated than that. But my hobby has quite often
> held me in good stead on le yob because I've quite often found myself
> doing EE work on ME projects. I've nailed several gigs over the years
> by virtue of being considered "multidiscipinary" by employers, thankew
> ham radio for the contributons to my career.

Hmmm. Then there was the discussion about not putting "ham radio" in
a resume. Speak to Jim.

> Whatever . . .
>
> Has *nothing* to do with engineers who did not come up this way and
> are already engineers when they belatedly "discover" ham radio. And
> will allegedly come up with "advances in the state of the art" once
> they enter the hobby without having to suffer any code tests. Like you
> claim will happen.

State your accomplishments in advancing the state of the art in
amateur radio, other than trying to get me to put up an antenna in
your back yard.

> It's all bullshit. The last time any ham engineer or not actually
> advanced the state of the art in RF comms to any noticeble extent
> beyond that which the commercials and/or the gummint hadn't already
> done was probably done in the 1915 timeframe. If not spank me with an
> example.

So the ARRL history books are lying to us? Speak to Jim.

> Drive a stake in it and move on.
>
> w3rv

Too much Buffy, I see.

73, bb

1437. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 14:41:38 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307150641.63bf6e79@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71301

"Arnie Macy" <kt4st@csam.net> wrote in message
news:<bf0hta$9s3ll$1@ID-166180.news.uni-berlin.de>...
> "Kim W5TIT" wrote ...
>
> And it seems to me that non-CW hams would be far superior to CW-hams, with
> things such as phone nets, QSOs, etc. Oh wait, I think you already said
> that. . . But, you know what? It doesn't even feel good feeling superior.
> ---
>
> You make the presumption that we don't ever use phone, conduct QSO's, or
> belong to nets. Of course we do -- and many of us are just as good at those
> aspects of Ham radio as well.
>
> Arnie -
> KT4ST

"Gee, now where did I leave my microphone?"

1438. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 14:42:36 UTC
From: BH <radiobillx@xgbronline.com>
Message-ID: <3F1412DC.9090906@xgbronline.com>
Source record: 71369

lk wrote:
> "Phil Kane" <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop> wrote in message
> news:cuvyxnansvbet.hhw0e9o.pminews@netnews.comcast.net...
>
>
>> Don't get me wrong, Cecil - you read my input to the Restructuring
>> Docket and you know that I was in favor of eliminating the code test.
>
>
> <begin quote>
>
> COMMENTS SUBMITTED BY PHILIP M. KANE
>
> MANUAL MORSE CODE TESTING

>
> 14. At the present stage in the development of communications, those
> early-year requirements no longer are valid and Manual Morse Code is
> considered an obsolete method of communication. Amateur operators are no
> longer advised of problems "on the air" by governmental and commercial
> operators, and indeed the amateur radio service is the only such service
> still using Manual Morse Code for communications.

Heavens!! Did I actually read above that someone else also
suggests that Manual Morse Code is consider obsolete?

1439. Marconi site

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 14:43:13 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu>
Message-ID: <3F141301.2030908@psu.edu>
Source record: 71302

I'm heading up to Cape Cod on Vacation in a couple weeks.

Has anyone been to the Marconi site? If so, is it interesting, that is, more than just a plaque?

- mike KB3EIA -

1440. Re: Code a Deterrent to a Ham Ticket ??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 14:54:15 UTC
From: Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93B96EE222337elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>
Source record: 71303

Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net> wrote in
news:3F137635.20806@adelphia.net:

> Alun Palmer wrote:
>> "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net> wrote in
>> news:AZFQa.10074$Vx2.4368773@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com:
>>
>>
>>>"Alun Palmer" <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote in message
>>>news:Xns93B7EF604DBA7elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4...
>>>
>>>>"Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net> wrote in
>>>>news:PSbQa.9695$Vx2.4103647@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com:
>>>>
>>>>
>>>>>"Bill Sohl" <billsohl@mindspring.com> wrote in message
>>>>>news:beqmpo$bo4$1@slb6.atl.mindspring.net...
>>>>>
>>>>>>"Guessing" <Guessing@connectnet.net> wrote in message
>>>>>>news:kTWPa.1427$Bd5.928@fed1read01...
>>>>>>
>>>>>>>"Alun Palmer" <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote in message
>>>>>>>news:Xns93B67B0FCD2E0elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4...
>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>"Guessing" <Guessing@connectnet.net> wrote in
>>>>>>>>news:bXVPa.1425$Bd5.445@fed1read01:
>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>Ask a lawyer about that one. Hey I want to be a BSEE, why do I
>>>>>>>have to take History classes ????
>>>>>>
>>>>>>You don't have to take history classes in some schools
>>>>>>to get a BSEE.
>>>>>>
>>>>>
>>>>>Broaden the category to Socio-Humanistic electives or whatever
>>>>>equivalent term that your college uses and you will find that you do
>>>>>have to take a certain amount of them. And everyone regardless of
>>>>>major has to take English even though they should already be
>>>>>proficient at that before they get there. You have to take quite a
>>>>>few "unnecessary" courses in college to get a degree in any field.
>>>>>
>>>>>Dee D. Flint, N8UZE
>>>>>
>>>>>

>>>>
>>>>I'm against that too. BTW, I got my EE degree in England, and you
>>>>don't have to go through any of that wholly irrelevant stuff. No
>>>>English, no social studies of any kind, no chemistry (which I
>>>>understand is oftem required over here).
>>>
>>>It depends on whether you consider colleges and universities as
>>>institutions of higher learning or as job training schools. If the
>>>former then the various non-degreee specific classes are appropriate.
>>>If the latter, then they are not.
>>>
>>>Dee D. Flint, N8UZE
>>>
>>>
>>
>>
>> I beleive in free choice. If someone wants to study a broad programme
>> they can, but I don't beleive in forcing people to study things they
>> don't want to, at least not beyond the age of 16, and even then only
>> to avoid illiteracy and innumeracy.
>
> Ahh, now your starting to qualify yourself and are no longer pure!
>
> Why should someone have to learn ANYTHING they don't want to. If a
> person wants to remain illiterate, then so be it. Why should children
> be forced to go to school if they don't want to. Why should I have to
> take any training whatsoever, just call myself an engineer.
>
>
>> My own interests are not atall narrow, but they are eclectic. They
>> include poetry, archaeology and languages, for example. If, however, a
>> poetry class were to be compulsory in an EE curriculum, I feel
>> strongly that it would be wrong. You can't force people to become
>> well-rounded. Force feeding is a poor sort of education.
>
>
>> I do not beleive that it is necessary to make people study unwanted
>> classes to qualify as an institution of higher learning, more that it
>> disqualifies the college.
>
> You must be related to our friend Vipul! At least you think alike.
>
> - Mike KB3EIA -
>
>

Well, he's clearly Indian, and I'm British, so it wouldn't surprise me if
we share some views in common and don't buy into the received wisdom of
the US of A.

1441. Re: Code a Deterrent to a Ham Ticket ??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 15:07:34 UTC
From: Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93B9712473F0Eelektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>
Source record: 71304

"Phil Kane" <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop> wrote in
news:cuvyxnansvbet.hi178f5.pminews@netnews.comcast.net:

> On 14 Jul 2003 17:31:44 GMT, Alun Palmer wrote:
>
>>And learning history in an EE degree somehow helped you to do that???
>
> It taught me to think. It taught me that we live in a culture, not
> on a circuit board.

That hardly needs formal education. Besides, didn't you do history in high
school?

> It taught me not appear as an ignoramus before
> non-technical folk.
>

Aha, so it's useful in cocktail parties!

> At a very intensive (i.e. tough to get into and tough to stay in)
> engineering school, not only did we have to take two semesters of
> "American and World Civilization" in freshman year, which disguised
> a course in Cultural Anthropology which we all hated, and two
> semesters of "American and World Literature" in junior year, a
> required "Humanities" sequence which we all regarded as a waste of
> our valuable nerd time and geek energy (and to add insult to injury
> taught by the same professor as the freshman year course), we also
> had to take a course in General Economics, which I wished I had paid
> more attention to because until this day the subject still remains
> mumbo-jumbo to me. At least Atomic Physics (taught by one of the
> Manhattan Project physicists) which also seemed like mumbo-jumbo
> finally made sense when sometime after I took the course I finally
> figured it out with the help of my brother who is also a ham and has
> a Masters degree in Physics but hasn't worked in that field for 35
> years.
>

I graduated from Loughborough University, which is also quite hard to get
into and stay in. We did have to do Economics and Atomic Physics, but I
don't put those in the same category as arts subjects.

> To further broaden my background, while I was in engineering graduate
> school at one university, I was attending another university studying
> Jewish history, philosophy, liturgy, Hebrew language, and culture,
> subjects I had "kissed off" in my younger years. Was I forced to?
> Not by the school involved (it wasn't a degree program), but by the

> need to be a well-educated person in my community.
>
> I can almost say the same for my law school (doctorate level)

It used to be an LLB, as I'm sure you know.

> education. Some of the courses seemed like a waste of time....but
> in practice I find that the background that I got from the
> "unnecessary" specialty courses was really necessary for the proper
> practice of my legal specialty.

I reckon you must be a patent attorney, Phil. If so, that is a major
understatement. I'm a patent agent, BTW.

>
> Substitute "the humanities" for the string of courses I cited above,
> and they are still necesary for one to be a well-rounded and
> well-educated person. One can't "figure out" humanities - either one
> learns it or one doesn't.
>
> --
> 73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane
>
> From a Clearing in the Silicon Forest
> Beaverton (Washington County) Oregon
>
>

I guess by your definition I'm not a well-rounded or well-educated person.
The USPTO reckoned my EE degree was good enough, though.

73 de Alun, N3KIP

(Reg. No. 47,838)

1442. Re: Code a Deterrent to a Ham Ticket ??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 15:09:41 UTC
From: Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93B97180FBCA7elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>
Source record: 71305

lenover21@aol.com (Len Over 21) wrote in
news:20030715002449.23745.00001146@mb-m22.aol.com:

> In article <Xns93B7EF604DBA7elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>, Alun Palmer
> <elektros@yahoo.com> writes:
>
>>I'm against that too. BTW, I got my EE degree in England, and you don't
>>have to go through any of that wholly irrelevant stuff. No English, no
>>social studies of any kind, no chemistry (which I understand is oftem
>>required over here).
>
> Alun, California state undergraduate requirements in the 1960s had
> two semesters of American History. Considering our history, like
from
> the 1776 breakaway, that isn't comparable to what you had to do in
> the UK. :-) :-) :-)
>
> I don't know why there is such a fervor of the PCTAs to equate an
> academic degree with an amateur radio license class that requires
> a demonstrated skill at morsemanship. Maybe the PCTA have a need
> to stay with the King Kode rulers of the ARS kingdom? :-)
>
> LHA
>

I don't beleive either academic degrees or ham licences should require
unnecessary stuff, that's all.

1443. Re: I'm gonna get you all

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 15:10:50 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307150710.7b111c12@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71306

kelly@dvol.com (Brian Kelly) wrote in message
news:<d22b54c3.0307141601.7eb90ef3@posting.google.com>...
> "LA Davies" <lloyd_vfp@dalek.com> wrote in message news:<3f12e823@shknews01>...
> > "Steve Robeson, K4CAP" <k4yz@aol.com> wrote in message
> > news:5c01b95b.0307140147.2366beb4@posting.google.com...
> > > "LA Davies" <lloyd_vfp@dalek.com> wrote in message
> news:<3f1246ce@shknews01>...
> > > > You quit making fun of me, for my anti-code. I will have my code-free
> > > > extra. Then you will be sorry.......
> > >
> > > Wrong, Your Scumminess...you already make us sorry...
> > >
> > > Steve, K4YZ
> >
> > You will exalt me as a savior of Ham Radio. Be thankful that soon, I will
> > be on the air, and thousands of my no-code brothers! We will command the
> > ham bands forever! We will show what a QSO is! Death to the Code! We have
> > agents in the ARRL, and soon will pettion the have the removed as a eye sore
> > to the hobby! You will pay 10 fold for the mental agony of making us have
> > to a side seat to being on HF.
> >
> > I'm watching you........
>
>
> You're the best example I've run into yet which supports the rationale
> for justifying psychiatric exams before anybody can buy a two-way
> radio.
>
> Lemmee know when ya get on HF Lloyd, I'll meet ya there, any mode, any
> band . . .
>
>
> >
> > Lloyd Davies, N0VFP
> > Surpreme No-coder
>
> w3rv

Oh, geez! Is this how 14.313 got started?

Kelley, why not let a smidgen of your higher education shine through sometime?

1444. Re: Code a Deterrent to a Ham Ticket ??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 15:19:03 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu>
Message-ID: <3F141B67.1020809@psu.edu>
Source record: 71307

Alun Palmer wrote:
> Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net> wrote in
<some snippage>

Alun Palmer wrote:

>>>I do not beleive that it is necessary to make people study unwanted
>>>classes to qualify as an institution of higher learning, more that it
>>>disqualifies the college.
>>
>> You must be related to our friend Vipul! At least you think alike.
>>
>> - Mike KB3EIA -

>
> Well, he's clearly Indian, and I'm British, so it wouldn't surprise me if
> we share some views in common and don't buy into the received wisdom of
> the US of A.

Come on, Alun. Let's not go all nationalistic on us here.

Can you predict what you will make use of in your career? Right now, I
am making full use of my art classes, my technical classes, my
careerlong professional development, and all the other classes I took,
even though some seemed irrelevant at the time.

- Mike KB3EIA -

1445. Re: Code a Deterrent to a Ham Ticket ??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 15:25:11 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu>
Message-ID: <3F141CD7.2080508@psu.edu>
Source record: 71308

Alun Palmer wrote:

>
> I don't beleive either academic degrees or ham licences should require
> unnecessary stuff, that's all.

Tell me what shouldn't be taught.

- Mike KB3EIA -

1446. Re: Smells like type acceptance

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 15:38:22 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com>
Message-ID: <OdVQa.639$lL.71469@nnrp1.ptd.net>
Source record: 71309

"K0HB" <k0hb@arrl.net> wrote in message
news:e79dbd9b.0307150553.7df771f6@posting.google.com...
> k4yz@aol.com (Steve Robeson, K4CAP) wrote
>
> >
> > Obviously not a lawyer, but my read on this was that the FCC is
> > giving him a chance to keep his radios, avoid the nasty fine that
> > COULD have gone along with this, and sends a very loud signal to
> > anyone else so inclined to not abuse the privilege.
> >
>
> My concern is NOT with the severity of his penalty (I think it was
> pathetically lenient) but with the chilling effect it could have on
> tinkering and experimenting by amateurs who apparently must now fear
> that FCC can require them to put their equipment back into
> factory-fresh configuration.
>
> I don't have a single peice of equipment which I have not "improved"
> from it's original schematic. Frankly, I thought the FCC encouraged
> such experimentation. This incident suggests just the opposite and
> I'm surprised that ARRL isn't screaming bloody murder.
>
> 73, de Hans, K0HB

Hans, et al,

I seriously doubt that the FCC intends to discourage experimentation
and improvement of our rigs (whether home-built or store-bought).

IMHO, there is a big difference between modifying your rig to improve
it and "opening it up" to transmit out of band *for the purpose of using
it to create interference to other services where equipment must be
type accepted*.

It seems that, in this case, that is exactly what the individual in question
did, so I personally think that the FCC action requiring him to undo
the mods, that were done with the apparent purpose of enabling illegal
operation, is not inappropriate.

However, I also agree with your view that, as a sole remedy, this action
was pathetically lenient.

Carl - wk3c

1447. Re: Picard vs Kirk, was Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 15:44:09 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030715114409.23745.00001155@mb-m22.aol.com>
Source record: 71311

In article <beu4di$2c8j$1@adenine.netfront.net>, "Kim W5TIT"
<fahgedit@nomail.net> writes:

>OK. There you have it. End of debate. Larry has just stated that someone
>who knows the sending of SOS knows "the Morse code."
>
>Kim W5TIT

Only someone with a dumbed-down agenda would think that, Kim.

73 de Larry, K3LT

1448. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 15:44:10 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030715114410.23745.00001157@mb-m22.aol.com>
Source record: 71313

In article <beu4iu$2cde$1@adenine.netfront.net>, "Kim W5TIT"
<fahgedit@nomail.net> writes:

>
>"Larry Roll K3LT" <yodoc@aol.comnospam> wrote in message
>news:20030714033328.12501.00000880@mb-m04.aol.com...
>>
>> Kim is in no danger of getting "lip service" from me! In any case, she's
>> a married woman, and your inuendoes aren't showing any respect for
>> that, John. At least I'm willing to give her the benefit of the doubt in
>> that regard, and keep my comments focused on her postings regarding
>> amateur radio.
>>
>> 73 de Larry, K3LT
>>
>
>Since when, Larry. And, be careful because I'll post a whole stream of
>posts wherein you stray far, far away from ham radio...
>
>Kim W5TIT

Kim:

All I can say is, I'm not suprised by your typically ungracious remark.
Apparently my effort was in vain, but that's my fault -- I should have
known better!

73 de Larry, K3LT

1449. Re: Picard vs Kirk, was Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 15:44:10 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030715114410.23745.00001156@mb-m22.aol.com>
Source record: 71315

In article <20030714122225.24390.00001114@mb-m19.aol.com>, n2ey@aol.com (N2EY) writes:

>>OK. There you have it. End of debate. Larry has just stated that someone
>>who knows the sending of SOS knows "the Morse code."
>>
>Except that the sleeper ship was sending "CQ", not "SOS". Which may actually
>have been a form of inside joke, because one of the pet peeves of many was
>the
>too-long CQ with no breaks to listen.

Jim:

Ah, so it was CQ and not SOS. It's been a long time since I've seen that episode, or any of the Star Trek original series. I sit corrected -- mainly on the porcelin appliance, since I'm "preparing" for a colonoscopy tomorrow morning!

73 de Larry, K3LT

1450. Re: I'm gonna get you all

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 15:44:11 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030715114411.23745.00001158@mb-m22.aol.com>
Source record: 71310

In article <3f1246ce@shknews01>, "LA Davies" <lloyd_vfp@dalek.com> writes:

>
>You quit making fun of me, for my anti-code. I will have my code-free
>extra. Then you will be sorry.......
>

For some reason, I have no doubt about that whatsoever!

73 de Larry, K3LT

1451. Re: Ham Radio In The Post-Code Testing Era

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 15:44:11 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030715114411.23745.00001159@mb-m22.aol.com>
Source record: 71316

In article <3F12B69A.24B5BDED@att.net>, Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net> writes:

>Th[e] hobby is in sad shape and is being held up like Atlas holding the world
>by
>hams who have taken a code test. When all you have left is the Loyd Davies,
>well I
>doubt that statement even needs finishing.

Dick:

In any case, it will be quite interesting to watch the developments of the next few years in the life of the ARS. All of the technical advancement that was promised throughout the code testing debate will either suddenly come into being, or will be notable by it's absence. There may, indeed, be a handful of new hams with professional technical qualifications who would finally obtain a license -- but what of all the others who simply have the desire to matriculate from the 11-meter band and be legally able to use higher power and spin a VFO knob? Are their contributions going to save our spectrum from re-allocation to commercial interests? Will they expand emergency communications capability to an extent which will cause federal, state, and local bureaucracies to eliminate any and all regulatory restrictions on the operation of an amateur radio station? Or will they just cause a lot of QRM for a while, become discouraged, and revert to inactivity? Oh well, as that ancient Chinese curse goes, "May you live in interesting times." Those times are just about to begin.

73 de Larry, K3LT

1452. Re: Ham Radio In The Post-Code Testing Era

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 15:44:12 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030715114412.23745.00001160@mb-m22.aol.com>
Source record: 71314

In article <CUBQa.507$lL.58269@nnrp1.ptd.net>, "Carl R. Stevenson"
<wk3cqth@wk3c.com> writes:

>
>"Dick Carroll" <dickc58@att.net> wrote in message
>news:3F12B69A.24B5BDED@att.net...
>> Tha hobby is in sad shape and is being held up like Atlas holding the
>world by
>> hams who have taken a code test.
>
>Er, Dick ... you over-inflated, Morse-prowess-based ego REALLY shows
>in the above comment.
>
>First, I don't believe that "Tha hobby is in sad shape ..."
>
>Second, if it *were* it would be largely because of the narrow-minded,
>backward, egotistical sort of thinking that you express above.
>
>Carl - wk3c

Carl:

So, what do you think will be holding up the ARS in the future?

73 de Larry, K3LT

1453. Re: Ham Radio In The Post-Code Testing Era

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 15:44:13 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030715114413.23745.00001161@mb-m22.aol.com>
Source record: 71317

In article <f45722ac.0307141249.6554f7f9@posting.google.com>,
brianburke@juno.com (Brian) writes:

>> A very cogent observation, Dee. The irony is, at the low side of a
>> solar cycle, when the geomagnetic activity subsides along with the
>> solar flux, the use of CW permits communication even though there
>> isn't good enough propagation to pursue reliable SSB operation.
>> Therefore, the one thing that could keep them active on-the-air --
>> knowledge of the Morse code, won't be within their capability because
>> they had no incentive to learn it.
>>
>> 73 de Larry, K3LT
>
>Gee Larry, isn't that incentive enough? Or do you need a government
>incentive to make something happen?

Brian:

No, I sincerely do not believe that this is "incentive enough." It certainly
didn't cut any ice with me, during the period of my life from age 14 to
age 28 when I longed to be a licensed radio amateur, but couldn't be
bothered to learn the Morse code. The thing that made me start beeping
was the "incentive" to get on the air at all -- in any mode, and then start
yakking into a microphone as soon as I was able. The irony is, I soon
discovered that CW was fun and a challenge, and sitting and waiting my
turn to yak was a waste of valuable time.

I think I'm pretty safe in saying that it was the code testing requirement
that caused hams to learn the code -- not any innate love or appreciation
for the mode.

73 de Larry, K3LT

1454. Re: Ham Radio In The Post-Code Testing Era

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 15:44:14 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030715114414.23745.00001162@mb-m22.aol.com>
Source record: 71312

In article <c2356669.0307141318.325696f4@posting.google.com>, N2EY@AOL.COM (N2EY) writes:

>I say the total number of US hams will grow to 700,000 in about a
>year, 710,000 in two years, and then the growth will slow down to at
>best 5,000 per year.
>
>Or:
>
>700,000 after 1 year
>710,000 after 2 years
>715,000 after 3 years
>720,000 after 4 years
>
>Etc.
>
>(based on a starting point of about 688,000)
>
>Or to put it another way:
>
>Growth of ~12,000 the first year
>Growth of ~10,000 the second year
>Growth of ~5,000 the third and following years.
>
>Current growth is about 3,000 per year.
>
>
>> Keep in mind
>> that at this stage of the discussion, I'm just trying to establish
>reasonable
>> parameters -- so let's all weigh in and try to arrive at a consensus as to
>> what any future growth could be. Then we can commit to our numbers
>> and see who gets it right -- or at least close.
>
>I hope my predicted numbers are too low.
>
>73 de Jim, N2EY

Jim:

Your predictions seem to be right in line with my own expectations. However, as you say, there are a lot of variables that cannot be accounted for with any predictable certainty. I agree that there will be a great deal of upgrading activity, particularly in the first three years. I wonder how the FCC will deal with all the upgrades, since

their overall goal seems to be to reduce the administrative burden imposed by the ARS?

73 de Larry, K3LT

1455. Re: Ham Radio In The Post-Code Testing Era

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 15:59:39 UTC
From: Floyd Davidson <floyd@barrow.com>
Message-ID: <878yqz3hn8.fld@barrow.com>
Source record: 71318

yodoc@aol.comnospam (Larry Roll K3LT) wrote:
>"Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> writes:
>>"Dick Carroll" <dickc58@att.net> wrote:
>>> Tha hobby is in sad shape and is being held up like Atlas holding the world by
>>> hams who have taken a code test.
>>
>>Er, Dick ... you over-inflated, Morse-prowess-based ego REALLY shows
>>in the above comment.
>>
>>First, I don't believe that "Tha hobby is in sad shape ..."
>>
>>Second, if it *were* it would be largely because of the narrow-minded,
>>backward, egotistical sort of thinking that you express above.
>>
>>Carl - wk3c
>
>Carl:
>
>So, what do you think will be holding up the ARS in the future?

Hams who have not taken a code test.

--
Floyd L. Davidson <http://web.newsguy.com/floyd_davidson>
Ukpeagvik (Barrow, Alaska) floyd@barrow.com

1456. Re: Aero Mobile .52 Simplex Request

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 16:09:43 UTC
From: Jim Weir <jim@rst-engr.com>
Message-ID: <9k98hvod10ph5vd422dje4nqlcab0itahf@4ax.com>
Source record: 71319
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy

k4yz@aol.com (Steve Robeson, K4CAP)
shared these priceless pearls of wisdom:

->
-> A straight tail 182A, Jim...?!?! Is it a "182" or a Skylane, and
->do you have it estored to original colors/condition...?!?! I'd love
->to be able to go this year!

It is a straight tail Skylane. Clyde Cessna on his best day with a wind at his back couldn't have put out one this pretty from Wichita. Light blue with dark blue trim, gray "Classic Buick" upholstery, full IFR panel with Garmin 265 Color GPS, Kenwood 241 plumbed into the audio panel, antennas hidden in the wing tips...

->
-> Safe flight and following wnds...

Thank you, sir. And to you also.

Jim

Jim Weir, VP Eng. RST Eng. WX6RST
A&P, CFI, and other good alphabet soup

1457. Re: Smells like type acceptance

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 16:14:17 UTC
From: Jim Weir <jim@rst-engr.com>
Message-ID: <s0a8hvoj3tsqtt9dnfsg61mfgom1982njn@4ax.com>
Source record: 71320

Would you be so kind as to either (a) repost it here or (b) give me a title and
a probable group to google or deja it?

Jim

"Phil Kane" <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
shared these priceless pearls of wisdom:

-> Also note that I used the term "type certified". "Type acceptance"
-> is no longer an FCC procedure - I think that I posted a tutorial on
-> this a short while ago (perhaps in another group).

Jim Weir, VP Eng. RST Eng. WX6RST
A&P, CFI, and other good alphabet soup

1458. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 16:25:05 UTC
From: N2EY@AOL.COM
Message-ID: <c2356669.0307150825.6a670095@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71321

brianburke@juno.com (Brian) wrote in message
news:<f45722ac.0307150248.6e1d185f@posting.google.com>...
> N2EY@AOL.COM (N2EY) wrote in message
news:<c2356669.0307141321.285a9750@posting.google.com>...
> > brianburke@juno.com (Brian) wrote in message
news:<f45722ac.0307140445.2718e3c2@posting.google.com>...
> > > n2ey@aol.com (N2EY) wrote in message
news:<20030712063002.00871.00000622@mb-m17.aol.com>...
> > > > In article <f45722ac.0307110432.434f720b@posting.google.com>,
> > > > brianburke@juno.com (Brian) writes:
> > > >
> > > > >n2ey@aol.com (N2EY) wrote in message
> > > > >news:<20030710182227.02197.00001170@mb-m12.aol.com>...
> > > > >> In article <f45722ac.0307100834.6218fbc1@posting.google.com>,
> > > > >> brianburke@juno.com (Brian) writes:
> > > > >>
> > > > >> >Still no citation from Arnie concerning his claim that NCI is on
> > > > >> >record for less technical exams.
> > > > >>
> > > > >> Still no answer from you concerning these questions about your alleged /T5
> > > > >> operation:
> > > > >>
> > > > >> What callsign was used?
> > > > >> What rigs and antennas were used?
> > > > >> Who did the equipment belong to?
> > > > >> What amateur bands and modes were used?
> > > > >> What countries and continents were worked?
> > > > >> How were the QSLs delivered?
> > > > >
> > > > >Why is it alleged?
> > > > >
> > > > Because you haven't provided any information about or confirmation of your
> > > > alleged operation.
> > >
> > > Then how do you know about it?
> >
> > You have claimed here and elsewhere to have operated /T5 about a
> > decade ago. But you provided no details, even when directly asked. So
> > any reasonable person has cause to be skeptical.
>
> Lemme think this through.
>
> After you and several minions

I don't have any "minions".

> have performed an exhaustive search
> concerning my operation in Somalia, and having turned up nothing, you
> want me to corroborate my own operation so that you'll be less
> skeptical?

Nope.

I and some others have asked some basic, simple, straightforward
questions about your alleged /T5 operations. You have repeatedly
avoided answering any of them.

> Ha! That's a good one.

> Go ahead and believe what you want to believe. You will anyway
> regardless of anything I could say.
>
Why don't you just answer the questions?

1459. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 17:05:48 UTC
From: N2EY@AOL.COM
Message-ID: <c2356669.0307150905.598693d@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71325

"Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> wrote in message
news:<AsDQa.521$lL.58870@nnrp1.ptd.net>...
> "N2EY" <n2ey@aol.com> wrote in message
> news:20030714142202.02627.00000066@mb-m02.aol.com...
> > In article <rTxQa.454$lL.55425@nnrp1.ptd.net>, "Carl R. Stevenson"
> > >there is nothing "magical" about Morse
> > >and the insistence on using "wetware" instead of software to do the
> > >decoding is an anomaly of ham radio.
> >
> > And you say you're not against the use of the mode, just the test, Carl?
> ;-)
>
> That's correct... I am NOT against the use of the mode.

Maybe. But the way you write about the mode makes me wonder. For
example, when you call those who use the mode "beepers" and other
disparaging names, a different image is projected by you.

> Just pointing
> out the fact that there are better modulation/coding techniques than OOK
> Morse ...

Ah, see, there you go. "Better modulation/coding techniques than OOK
Morse", with no qualifiers as to how they are "better".

It's like saying that French is a "better" language than English, or
that football is a "better" sport than baseball. Many English speakers
and baseball fans are going to see such things as put-downs. Even if
you don't mean them to be.

> that does NOT mean that I mind/care/object to others CHOOSING
> to use OOK Morse ...

Yet you wrote:

"there is nothing "magical" about Morse and the insistence on using
"wetware" instead of software to do the decoding is an anomaly of ham
radio."

and

"This "do it the hard way, rather than the smart way" approach to
things
that is held by so many hams leads to stagation, backwardness, etc."

and

"can be done, with proper modulation and coding"

"How ridiculous!!!!!!!"

All in reference to some other hams' choice of Morse for EME work. On frequencies for which there hasn't been a Morse test for over a dozen years.

>DON'T rely on cobbling together a Morse rig
>from scraps and running it from a generator powered by a hamster running
>on a wheel.

> only that I am disseminating some facts that the more
> "hard-core" Morse enthusiasts don't like disseminated because they fly in
> the face of the "Morse Myths" (like "Morse will get through were nothing
> else will.")

There you go again. I'm about as hard-core a Morse enthusiast as you will ever come across, yet have you ever seen me write "Morse will get through were nothing else will" ? I don't think so.

What you may have seen me write is something like is "Sometimes Morse will get through when nothing else available will" or "Sometimes Morse will get through when analog voice modes won't" and other true statements.

> > >This "do it the hard way, rather than the smart way" approach to things
> > >that is held by so many hams leads to stagation, backwardness, etc.
> >
> > And you say you're not against the use of the mode, just the test, Carl?
> ;-)
>
> See above ...

Yes. When you describe someone's choise of mode as "the hard way" and "ridiculous!!!!!", it becomes difficult to accept that you don't "mind/care/object to others CHOOSING to use OOK Morse ..."
>
> > >For example, EME can be done, with proper modulation and coding
> > >with much less power/antenna gain than with OOK Morse ...
> >
> > Have you actually DONE it, Carl? Not just a paper design - an actual
> > station, and actual QSOs?
>
> No, I personally haven't ... yet ... I've been working on other things. But
> the fact that *I* haven't personally done it yet doesn't mean it's not
> factual.

Yet you ridicule those who do it other ways. You say it can be done "better", but you haven't done it, which doesn't do much for your credibility among other hams, nor convince them of the rightness of your methods.

The way to make your point is NOT to put down the "traditionalists", but to lead the way by actually doing what you say is possible.

Imagine two stations with <100 watts output and single Yagis
conducting reliable EME. Imagine EME WAS between such stations.
Imagine articles in QST, QEX and other ham publications describing how
it's done and what great fun it is.

It's the difference between a positive attitude and a negative one.

> (I am not so hung up on myself that "my way" and "what I've done" are the
> ONLY ways that things can/should be done.)

Sure you are, Carl. For example, you insist that the only correct way
for the future of amateur radio is without any form of code testing,
regardless of what the majority wants. That's insisting on "your way".

As far as "what you've done", it's important to realize that most
people aren't going to want to spend their time and money doing
something the way you suggest
when you haven't done it yourself, *and* you call the way they do it
"ridiculous!!!!!".
>
> > Why does it bother you if some unnamed folks don't see things your way? If
> > you can do "better", go ahead.
>
> What "bothers me" is that some folks deny the fact that there ARE better
> ways than OOK Morse (apparently in an attempt to bolster their "real ham"
> and "everyone MUST know Morse" viewpoints)

That's because your statement is too general. You don't define what
you mean by "better" in any way. And you don't seem to accept that
Morse is better in some ways, while other modes are better in other
ways.

If you can do "better", go ahead. Define how your way is "better",
then go do it. Otherwise it sounds like "don't do what I do, do what I
say"...

That's how things change in amateur radio - somebody actually goes out
and does
it, and shows the way.

Build and publicize a system that will let hams work EME inexpensively
with
small antennas, low power and easily-duplicated equipment/software.
Pretty soon
those unnamed "traditionalists" will be completely outnumbered.

Do it, write it up and submit it to QST, QEX, CQ, Worldradio,
etc. They will love it. Look at the amount of ink PSK-31 has gotten.

But somebody (G3PLX) had to actually make it work, first. Did he go
around saying Morse and Baudot and ASCII RTTY were "ridiculous"? I
don't think so.

73 de Jim, N2EY

1460. Rowland FM Broadcast Fine Upheld

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 17:22:28 UTC
From: Keith <kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net>
Message-ID: <bf1d8k01pr4@enews3.newsguy.com>
Source record: 71326

From: http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/DOC-236551A1.pdf

FEDERAL DISTRICT COURT ORDERS CIVIL JUDGMENT AGAINST RICHARD I. ROWLAND FOR UNLICENSED RADIO OPERATION Washington, D.C. -

Today, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) announced that, in the United States Middle District of Florida, Orlando Division, United States District Judge, Honorable Gregory A. Presnell, granted judgment in favor of the United States to collect a civil penalty against Defendant Richard I. Rowland. The court ordered judgment against Rowland in the amount of $10,000 plus costs. The judgment is the result of an investigation that began in May of 2000. The Commission s Tampa, Florida Field Office received a complaint of an unlicensed broadcast station operating in the Longwood, Florida area. Commission agents determined that Rowland operated an unlicensed radio station on the frequency 97.1 MHz from a Longwood, Florida address on numerous dates in the year 2000. Rowland s unlicensed radio operation led to the seizure by U.S. Marshals and Commission agents of his radio station equipment in 2001. In addition, the Enforcement Bureau imposed a $10,000 monetary forfeiture on Rowland for multiple violations of operating an unlicensed FM radio facility, in violation of Title 47, United States Code, Section 301. After Rowland refused to pay the forfeiture, the Commission filed suit for collection through the United States Attorney in federal district court. The case was brought by the United States Attorney s Office, Middle District of Florida, Orlando Division. The operation of an unlicensed broadcast station is a violation of Section 301 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended. Operators of unlicensed stations may be subject to civil monetary forfeitures of up to $11,000 per single violation or per day of a continuing violation not to exceed $87,500 for continuing violations. In addition, unlicensed operators may be subject to criminal sanctions, including a maximum $10,000 fine and up to one year imprisonment for a first offense. - FCC - Enforcement Bureau Contact: Lisa M. Fowlkes at (202) 418-7450 / TTY 1(888) 835-5322

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1461. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 18:24:11 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com>
Message-ID: <fFXQa.659$lL.72906@nnrp1.ptd.net>
Source record: 71327

"N2EY" <N2EY@AOL.COM> wrote in message
news:c2356669.0307150905.598693d@posting.google.com...
> "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> wrote in message
news:<AsDQa.521$lL.58870@nnrp1.ptd.net>...
> > "N2EY" <n2ey@aol.com> wrote in message
> > news:20030714142202.02627.00000066@mb-m02.aol.com...
> > > In article <rTxQa.454$lL.55425@nnrp1.ptd.net>, "Carl R. Stevenson"
> > > >there is nothing "magical" about Morse
> > > >and the insistence on using "wetware" instead of software to do the
> > > >decoding is an anomaly of ham radio.
> > >
> > > And you say you're not against the use of the mode, just the test,
Carl?
> > ;-)
> >
> > That's correct... I am NOT against the use of the mode.
>
> Maybe. But the way you write about the mode makes me wonder. For
> example, when you call those who use the mode "beepers" and other
> disparaging names, a different image is projected by you.
>
> > Just pointing
> > out the fact that there are better modulation/coding techniques than OOK
> > Morse ...
>
> Ah, see, there you go. "Better modulation/coding techniques than OOK
> Morse", with no qualifiers as to how they are "better".

OK ... "Better" in terms of weak signal performance, data throughput,
and reliability (robustness in the face of channel impariments and lack
of operator error in decoding).

Does that satisfy you?

> > that does NOT mean that I mind/care/object to others CHOOSING
> > to use OOK Morse ...
>
> Yet you wrote:
>
> "there is nothing "magical" about Morse and the insistence on using
> "wetware" instead of software to do the decoding is an anomaly of ham
> radio."

There is nothing "magical" about Morse ... with the exception of the
(mis)use of the term "magical" in the nostalgia sense. (That doesn't

mean it's "bad" ... just that it has no magical, mystical properties ...
nor does any other mode, for that matter, it's just a matter of physics.)

> and
>
> "This "do it the hard way, rather than the smart way" approach to
> things
> that is held by so many hams leads to stagation, backwardness, etc."

I maintain that the statement is true. Note I said "so many hams" ... not
ALL hams.

> > only that I am disseminating some facts that the more
> > "hard-core" Morse enthusiasts don't like disseminated because they fly
in
> > the face of the "Morse Myths" (like "Morse will get through were nothing
> > else will.")
>
> There you go again. I'm about as hard-core a Morse enthusiast as you
> will ever come across, yet have you ever seen me write "Morse will get
> through were nothing else will" ? I don't think so.

I know you're a hard-core Morse enthusiast, but you're not as narrow-minded
about it as SOME (I did limit the comment to SOME) ... and I don't see you
as having a "religious zeal" or "I'm superior" attitude ... to your credit.

> Yes. When you describe someone's choise of mode as "the hard way" and
> "ridiculous!!!!!", it becomes difficult to accept that you don't
> "mind/care/object to others CHOOSING to use OOK Morse ..."

Take me at my word ... I was talking about fanatical attitudes, not the
norm.

[more on EME when I have something to report ... this summer is
intended for some serious antenna work ... winter should bring some
progress on other projects that work demands have kept me from
longer than I had hoped]

> > (I am not so hung up on myself that "my way" and "what I've done" are
the
> > ONLY ways that things can/should be done.)
>
> Sure you are, Carl. For example, you insist that the only correct way
> for the future of amateur radio is without any form of code testing,
> regardless of what the majority wants. That's insisting on "your way".

1) I believe I am right. YMMV
2) I am not at all convinced that "the majority wants" something other
than what I am advocating.

> > What "bothers me" is that some folks deny the fact that there ARE better
> > ways than OOK Morse (apparently in an attempt to bolster their "real
ham"

> > and "everyone MUST know Morse" viewpoints)
>
> That's because your statement is too general. You don't define what
> you mean by "better" in any way. And you don't seem to accept that
> Morse is better in some ways, while other modes are better in other
> ways.

I've attempted to define "better" better above :-)

Carl - wk3c

1462. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 18:54:55 UTC
From: kelly@dvol.com
Message-ID: <d22b54c3.0307151054.31cbbc27@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71332

"Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> wrote in message
news:<rFDQa.523$lL.58869@nnrp1.ptd.net>...
> "Brian Kelly" <kelly@dvol.com> wrote in message

> > Carl check me here but wasn't it you who advocated the abandonment of
> > all mode setasides in order to be able to run wall-to-wall spread
> > spectrum on 20M?
>
> No ... I have pointed out that most countries of the world do not have
> "by-mode" sub-band allocations in their amateur regulations and it doesn't
> seem to cause any real problem.

Not the point and most of us were well aware of the differences in
band/mode edges.

> I also (as did Gary Coffman, independently)

'nother sweetheart . . .

> postulate a strawman design
> (but something feasible, never the less) for a system that, in the 150 kHz
> of CW/data sub-band on 20m could support a very large number of
> 20 wpm Morse-equivalent QSOs with virtually no interference.
> That was immediately rejected by Morse fanatics,

What's this frigging "Morse fanatic" nonsense? I'm certainly no "Morse
fanatic", I probably spend as much time on an annualized basis with a
mic in my mouth as I do running CW. I use Morse and I support the use
of and testing for Morse.

This particular non-fanatic immediately spotted the fallacies and
impossibilities in your posts on the topic as they relate to any mode
which occupies an entire ham band and is overlaid/underlaid on narrow
modes particularly under weak signal condx. This is not fanaticism.
This is the same reaction some hugely overwheming majority of the
active hams today would reject on smell or sight. Including the
technically savvy amongst us. More like *particularly* the technically
savvy.

> who said something
> like:
> "We don't want no stinking keyboard mode." (My response was to
> make Morse I/O a user interface option. Still rejected.)
> "The fun of it is digging the weak ones out of the noise." (My response
> was, "You want channel impairments? No problem. I can program
> all sorts of simulated channel impairments into the system to make copying
> as hard as you want ... without having to trash the underlying, reliable

> communications system." Still rejected.)

Exactly and none of it flew then and it never will. The big apparent dent in your mindset is that where you come from logic rules all. Not an unusual problem one runs into in linear thinkers like engineers many of whom are well known for both their technical brillance *and* their, shall we say, ocialization "issues".

If logic drove everything we chose to do Carl nobody in their right minds would get married let alone have kids. But we do get married and we do have kids. Thus it also is with 99.99% of all hams. Hell, when ya get right down to it getting into ham radio is illogical for several reasons I can toss out. But we do it anyway, right?

You don't have to worry yourself about writing any simulators, sophisticated contest simulator programs have been around for years, all the predicatble parameters can be adjusted to suit the intensity of the pileups, QSB, QRN, code speeds, whacky callsigns, helluva lotta fun to play with. They also serve a very valuable role as contest logger and computer station control traininmg wheels. In the end they're neat electronic ping-pong games but IT AIN'T FRIGGING RADIO. Nobody is gonna go play electronic ping-pong so that you and Coffman can play band edge to band edge.

If you don't get it's your problem. But you actually do get it dontcha strawman?

> Some folks just WANT to do things the hard way and want to insist
> that others should be similarly constrained.

What "hard way"?? Morse on the air? You jest.

There are instances where it would have been a lot easier for me to get from here to there by driving on the sidewalk but I'm "constained" from doing that. Damned good thing too eh?

> transmit data reliably over transcontinental distances ... with power
> outputs on the order of 10 mW ... as an "underlay" to existing services that don't even notice that they are there.

Times how many stations?

QRPP PSK31 has done the same tricks. But PSK doesn't clobber the whole band, doesn't require the development of new equipment, didn't require a radical R&O to get on the air and can be done for the cost of some audio cables at most ham stations.

I notice that TAPR has given up trying to get spread spectrum on the air. Nobody in TAPR cares enough about SS to work thru the bugs. There's a loud statement about ham SS.

> But I have always said that I would not like to see the CW/data sub-bands
> (whether by rule or by gentleman's agreement) completely over-run with SSB.

>
> Carl - wk3c

w3rv

1463. Re: Smells like type acceptance

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 18:56:34 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030715145634.23745.00001163@mb-m22.aol.com>
Source record: 71341

In article <c2356669.0307141344.60dadc58@posting.google.com>, N2EY@AOL.COM (N2EY) writes:

>> While I understand the reason for the action (malicious interference
>> and false distress signals on marine frequencies), it strikes me that
>> this particular remedy is not supported by the law, and might set a
>> precedent for de facto "type acceptance" in the Amateur Radio service.
>>
>> What say, ye lawyerly types?
>
>Well, I'm no lawyer, but here goes.
>
>Check QRZ.com - the not-too-swift Mr. Swift is a raw newbie. His
>Technician license is dated May 1, and the violations cited are for
>May 15. Couldn't keep his nose clean for two weeks.
>
>Sounds like The Commission decided to go a easy because he's a newbie,
>and to save themselves a lot of work. We have almost no info on this
>person - young, old, rich, poor, whatever. Maybe there was a plea
>bargain, such as 'fix the radio so it won't go out of band and we'll
>let you keep the radio and your license.' Maybe it wasn't his radio,
>but on loan from someone else.
>
>Or maybe he's an engineer working on Broadband over Power
>Lines......;-)
>
>There are precedents for all kinds of things if the licensee and FCC
>'voluntarily' agree to them. For example, some time back a ham under
>investigation for interference had his license (General, as I recall)
>'modified' by FCC so that he was only allowed to operate on HF CW! I
>think this compromise was worked out because it would be a lot easier
>for the FCC than the full revocation/nonrenewal game. Plus the guy had
>never committed any violations while using CW. (Yes, he did use the
>mode!)
>
>Of course most of the above is speculation as to FCC's actions.
>
>--
>
>As far as I'm concerned, false distress calls should not be treated
>lightly. If it were up to me, and the charges could be proved, the
>person(s) responsible would have no license, no radios, and much
>thinner wallets. But it's not up to me.
>

>73 de Jim, N2EY

Jim/Hansl:

The FCC has always been very incremental in it's enforcement policies. First warning is usually satisfied by a reply stating that the offending action has ceased, with the promise that it will not recur. Subsequent offenses usually start the suspension, equipment seizure, revocation, and monetary forfeiture ball rolling against the offender. This fairly light-duty corrective action would seem to be consistent with the FCC's usual modus operandi. It is more cost-efficient to get an offending licensee to comply with the regulations than it is to drag him through the administrative process which could ultimately result in loss of license, fines, and criminal convictions. The threat of more severe action is usually sufficient.

I'm sure Phil Kane will shed some light on this, if he hasn't already.

73 de Larry, K3LT

1464. Re: Marconi site

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 18:56:35 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030715145635.23745.00001164@mb-m22.aol.com>
Source record: 71333

In article <3F141301.2030908@psu.edu>, Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu> writes:

>Has anyone been to the Marconi site? If so, is it interesting, that is,
>more than just a plaque?

Mike:

I was there in the late 60's on a family vacation. There is more than a plaque. There is a museum, and I believe one of the towers is still there. That's all I remember.

I did a quick Google search, check out: www.marconiusa.org.

73 de Larry, K3LT

1465. Re: ARRL plan, coming to fruition?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 18:56:36 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030715145636.23745.00001166@mb-m22.aol.com>
Source record: 71335

In article <vh6d2ni8aju0d7@corp.supernews.com>, No Dummy Loads <N@e.mail>
writes:

>The League won't stand in the way of anything if it will allow dumbing down
>the hobby, and now their plans are further moving forward. Pretty soon
>one won't even need to take a written test for a license. The League would
>never propose this openly, but they won't object when someone else does.
>
>Hey League BOD: Thank you for dumbing down the hobby assholes. You were to
>work to make things better, not worse! New definition for the ARRL
>handbook: Dummy load: A bunch of hams in the back of a pickup truck.

Correction: A bunch of Post-Restructuring, Post-WRC03 hams...

73 de Larry, K3LT

1466. Re: How Ugly Can One Creep Be?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 18:56:36 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030715145636.23745.00001165@mb-m22.aol.com>
Source record: 71339

In article <5c01b95b.0307150204.3f0a1d38@posting.google.com>, k4yz@aol.com (Steve Robeson, K4CAP) writes:

>> Get real. Any astronaut is required to perform many, many tasks as
>> part of their job...and that job is to be space crewfolk first, not
>"hams."
>> Getting a no-code tech ham license is an easy task for them...do it
>> once and a federal merit badge callsign is theirs to keep for a decade
>> plus two or a shuttle burns up on reentry...whichever comes first.
>
> Leonard H Anderson, you are truly one of the most callous,
>cowardly and unrepetantly ugly people to ever enter USENET or any
>other public forum.

Lennie:

That WAS totally uncalled for. Your present and future credibility: ZERO.

> HOW DISGUSTING can one human being be...?!?!

Steve:

Unfortunately, I think our Lennie has just set a new threshold on "disgusting."

> What a piece of work. Truly deserving of every ugly epithet I
>can think to "laud" you with and more. There hasn't been a prfanity
>created to adequately "describe" just how cold and disgusting that
>comment was.

None that can be posted here, anyway.

> "Scumbag" is an understatment. "Putz" only scratches the top.
>
> You try to embellish your own "reputation" on the graves of
>American KIA's, then you completely disgrace and humilate the graves
>of seven men and women who, regardless of nationality, died what can
>only be assumed to have been a horrific death in the pursuit of
>science
>
> What an utterly foul, irrelevent and truly puny shadow of a human
>being you are. When YOUR death comes, I can only hope that, unlike
>those seven brave souls, that it is long, lingering and painful, and
>that you remain sufficiently aware of your circumstances to appreciate
>it all.

We don't know that the deaths of the Columbia (or Challenge) crews wasn't long, lingering, and painful. They may have been well conscious long

enough to know they were doomed, and had nothing to do to prevent it. Unfortunately, wishing the same on Lennie won't do, either. Lennie has proven himself to be beyond contempt. Don't fall into the same pit he did.

73 de Larry, K3LT

1467. Re: Picard vs Kirk, was Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 18:56:37 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030715145637.23745.00001168@mb-m22.aol.com>
Source record: 71334

In article <f45722ac.0307150316.673dffd2@posting.google.com>,
brianburke@juno.com (Brian) writes:

>
>Larry on a mountainside rescuing a hiker and his wife. The hiker has
>fallen and broken his leg, compound fracture. His wife is screaming.
>As night falls, Larry pulls out his 2m HT and, because this is a
>life-threatening emergency, calls "CQ CQ CQ de K3LT."
>
>Ops normal.

Brian:

I thought it was me with a QRP HF CW rig and YOU with the HT -- 200
miles from the nearest repeater! I'm sure that the frantic XYL's screaming
would get a response before you did with your HT!

73 de Larry, K3LT

1468. Re: 1x2 Calls--automatic when upgrading to Extra?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 18:56:37 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030715145637.23745.00001167@mb-m22.aol.com>
Source record: 71336

In article <cuvyxnansvbet.hi0tw81.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>, "Phil Kane"
<Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop> writes:

>
>>Of course, you'd still have the option of "stealing" a 1x2 from
>>out of your call area, but I consider that dirty pool.
>
> I consider that "OK". So does the FCC.
>
> You're outvoted 2-1.

Phil:

I'd assume that I'm outvoted by way more than that! I just feel sorry
for all those poor hams out there in the less-populated call districts
who can't obtain a 1x2 or 1x3 Vanity call because they've all been
scarfed up by greedy out-of-district hams exercising their "rights."
I guess I was fortunate to get mine before all the 3-land calls were
stolen away! Of course, I could have asked for AL7LT, or KH6LT,
but I figured that those calls belong to someone who lives in either
Alaska or Hawaii. I've had to deny Delaware QSL cards to a few
Vanity Hams who did, indeed, go for "offshore" prefixes while residing
in the CONUS. I sent theirs back, of course.

73 de Larry, K3LT
Dover, Delaware (U.S. Third Call District)

1469. Re: Code a Deterrent to a Ham Ticket ??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 18:56:38 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030715145638.23745.00001169@mb-m22.aol.com>
Source record: 71337

In article <Xns93B8E4DFDC2F9elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>, Alun Palmer
<elektros@yahoo.com> writes:

>I beleive in free choice. If someone wants to study a broad programme they
>can, but I don't beleive in forcing people to study things they don't want
>to, at least not beyond the age of 16, and even then only to avoid
>illiteracy and innumeracy.

Alun:

Perhaps there would be fewer illiterate, innumerate, and indigent people
in this world if they WERE pushed to learn more and gain useful skills.

>My own interests are not atall narrow, but they are eclectic. They include
>poetry, archaeology and languages, for example. If, however, a poetry
>class were to be compulsory in an EE curriculum, I feel strongly that it
>would be wrong. You can't force people to become well-rounded. Force
>feeding is a poor sort of education.

So, you don't believe that a well-rounded background in the Arts and
Humanities creates people who are better able to think for themselves?
This attitude probably explains why Great Britain is welfare state about
to be crushed under the weight of it's enormous, dependant underclass.

>I do not beleive that it is necessary to make people study unwanted
>classes to qualify as an institution of higher learning, more that it
>disqualifies the college.

Well, if you want to ensure that there is an endless supply of crude,
intellectually impotent people in the world, I can understand why you
may think that way. You should run for a seat as a Labour Party MP.
You seem to have the right qualifications.

73 de Larry, K3LT
Ex: G0LYW

1470. Re: Code a Deterrent to a Ham Ticket ??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 18:56:39 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030715145639.23745.00001170@mb-m22.aol.com>
Source record: 71340

In article <bevq5j$v7p@library2.airnews.net>, "Kim W5TIT" <fahgedit@nomail.net>
writes:

>> It's a very fair & appropriate question as a rhetorical response to
>> the NCTAs who have been claiming forever that eliminating the code
>> tests for HF access will result in a new influx of technically astute
>> engineers. Bilge. Who will put their expertise to work and come up
>> with "advances in the state of the art" now that they won't have to
>> jump thru the "code test hoops". More bilge and you know that as well
>> as I do.
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>> > > w3rv
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>> > Kim W5TIT
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>> w3rv
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>
>Well, if you're going to use what appears to be an honest question to lash
>out at whomever it is you are targeting, please forgive the confusion on my
>part. I didn't realize you were being rhetorical to the NCTAs.

Kim:

You were confused because, as usual, you were reading for the purpose
of finding something negative to react to, as opposed to objectively
evaluating what was said.

>By the way, isn't stating that NCTAs "have been claiming forever that
>eliminating the code tests for HF access. . ." rolling us all into one
>"neat" little package?

No -- Brian (that's MISTER Kelly to you, little girl!) was merely stating the
facts about what the NCTA have promised what would happen when code
testing was taken "out of the way" of all the eager young geniuses who
are going to save ham radio from our present state of technical insolvency.

>I don't think people who'd like to see an end to CW
>testing all think alike at all.

Neither do I. I only go after the ones who whine about it.

>Have you ever seen me accuse you of being
>like Larry or Dick? They are two PCTAs and you are a PCTA also.

You just don't like Dick and myself because we won't pander to your inane, childish, and illogical parroting of what other people say, or to your callsign which Mr. Hollingsworth himself said has the potential to take the ARS "...one step closer to extinction." IOW, you're just fine with anyone who strokes your horrendous ego.

>We all have our own opinions about why we think something is a good idea.

And unlike yours, most of those opinions are being made by people with genuine operating experience. Sorry about the truth, Kim -- I know it hurts you, but I'm not going to look at a pile of crap on the floor and call it a bowl of cherries.

73 de Larry, K3LT

1471. Re: Ham Radio In The Post-Code Testing Era

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 18:56:40 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030715145640.23745.00001171@mb-m22.aol.com>
Source record: 71338

In article <whGQa.10083$Vx2.4372441@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com>, "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net> writes:

>Actually the fact that other services don't use it very much is a strong
>argument to require hams to learn it. This is the place to preserve the
>skill in case of need and to prevent this capability from becoming a lost
>art. Plus of course the fact that quite a few hams do use it.
>
>Dee D. Flint, N8UZE
>

Dee D.:

Very interesting point. And, of course, 100% true. I would add that the one thing that gets prospective hams to learn the Morse code is the requirement to be tested for Morse proficiency in order to achieve upgraded HF privileges. How many New Age No-Code Extras do you think you can "sell" on the concept of learning the Morse code, just on the basis of it's operational characteristics or the fact that it's "fun" to do? Keep in mind, they can yakk on HF phone on any band and frequency they want, and with maximum allowable power. They will have legitimate, full-privilege General- or Extra-class licenses, without no requirement for code testing at any speed. So, how many do you think you can convince to try code and get them up to 20 WPM and become regular CW operators?

I know that for 14 years, nobody could "sell" it to me at any price. I'm just glad that one fine day I was able to be convinced that being a ham was worth enough to me to make the efford to learn and gain useful proficiency in this particular communications skill.

I predict that in a future ARS with no code testing, getting new hams to become CW operators will be a daunting, if not impossible, task.

73 de Larry, K3LT

1472. Re: 1x2 Calls--automatic when upgrading to Extra?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 19:08:53 UTC
From: Robert Casey <wa2ise@ix.netcom.com>
Message-ID: <3F145145.7080706@ix.netcom.com>
Source record: 71342

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>I guess I was fortunate to get mine before all the 3-land calls were
>stolen away! Of course, I could have asked for AL7LT, or KH6LT,
>but I figured that those calls belong to someone who lives in either
>Alaska or Hawaii.
>
Strangely enough, IIRC, the FCC wouldn't let you have those Alaskan or
Hawaiian calls.
Or a Puerto Rican callsign.

1473. Re: Code a Deterrent to a Ham Ticket ??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 19:19:26 UTC
From: kelly@dvol.com
Message-ID: <d22b54c3.0307151119.6f8566ec@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71343

Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote in message
news:<Xns93B8E4DFDC2F9elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>...

> I beleive in free choice. If someone wants to study a broad programme they
> can, but I don't beleive in forcing people to study things they don't want
> to, at least not beyond the age of 16, and even then only to avoid
> illiteracy and innumeracy.
>
> My own interests are not atall narrow, but they are eclectic. They include
> poetry, archaeology and languages, for example. If, however, a poetry
> class were to be compulsory in an EE curriculum, I feel strongly that it
> would be wrong. You can't force people to become well-rounded. Force
> feeding is a poor sort of education.
>
> I do not beleive that it is necessary to make people study unwanted
> classes to qualify as an institution of higher learning, more that it
> disqualifies the college.

I'll believe that when the U.K approach to technical professional
education programs is better that the U.S. approaches when U.K.
technological leadership comes even close to the U.S. on a per capita
or on any other basis.

w3rv

1474. Re: 1x2 Calls--automatic when upgrading to Extra?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 19:31:07 UTC
From: Jack Twilley <jmt+usenet@twilley.org>
Message-ID: <86vfu3poxw.fsf@duchess.twilley.org>
Source record: 71344

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Hash: SHA1

>>>>> "Larry" == Larry Roll <yodoc@aol.comnospam> writes:

Larry> I've had to deny Delaware QSL cards to a few Vanity Hams who
Larry> did, indeed, go for "offshore" prefixes while residing in the
Larry> CONUS. I sent theirs back, of course.

Out of curiosity, would you deny QSL cards to amateurs who chose not
to change their addresses when they changed call districts?

Larry> 73 de Larry, K3LT Dover, Delaware (U.S. Third Call District)

Jack.
- --
Jack Twilley
jmt at twilley dot org
http colon slash slash www dot twilley dot org slash tilde jmt slash
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Version: GnuPG v1.2.2 (FreeBSD)

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K5/XGvxeE7zBXd1jKGIjhKQ=
=aOr/
-----END PGP SIGNATURE-----
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1475. Re: Picard vs Kirk, was Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 19:48:38 UTC
From: lenover21@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030715154838.02197.00001250@mb-m12.aol.com>
Source record: 71350

In article <20030715114410.23745.00001156@mb-m22.aol.com>, yodoc@aol.comnospam (Larry Roll K3LT) writes:

>Ah, so it was CQ and not SOS. It's been a long time since I've seen that >episode, or any of the Star Trek original series. I sit corrected -- mainly on >the porcelin appliance, since I'm "preparing" for a colonoscopy tomorrow >morning!

Let us know if the doctors find your brain, okay? :-)

LHA

1476. Re: Smells like type acceptance

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 19:48:39 UTC
From: lenover21@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030715154839.02197.00001251@mb-m12.aol.com>
Source record: 71348

In article <e79dbd9b.0307150553.7df771f6@posting.google.com>, k0hb@arrl.net (K0HB) writes:

>I don't have a single peice of equipment which I have not "improved"
>from it's original schematic. Frankly, I thought the FCC encouraged
>such experimentation. This incident suggests just the opposite and
>I'm surprised that ARRL isn't screaming bloody murder.

ARRL knows what is best for the US ARS.

Or was it K0HB that knows what is best for the US ARS?

Does the FCC "encourage such experimentation?" I don't think so.
I read Part 97 as giving radio amateurs the option of doing so. Can't find any brochures or pamplets from the FCC ramping up the joys of experimentation at all. Maybe that was "Electric Radio?"

LHA

1477. Re: How Ugly Can One Creep Be?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 19:48:40 UTC
From: lenover21@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030715154840.02197.00001252@mb-m12.aol.com>
Source record: 71203

In article <5c01b95b.0307150204.3f0a1d38@posting.google.com>, k4yz@aol.com (Steamy the Garbage Man) wrote in a fit of distemper:

>lenover21@aol.com (Len Over 21) wrote in message
>news:<20030715002450.23745.00001147@mb-m22.aol.com>...
>
>> Get real. Any astronaut is required to perform many, many tasks as
>> part of their job...and that job is to be space crewfolk first, not
"hams."
>> Getting a no-code tech ham license is an easy task for them...do it
>> once and a federal merit badge callsign is theirs to keep for a decade
>> plus two or a shuttle burns up on reentry...whichever comes first.
>
> Leonard H Anderson, you are truly one of the most callous,
>cowardly and unrepetantly ugly people to ever enter USENET or any
>other public forum.

Gosh, you'd better write AOL post-haste and have me banished!

> HOW DISGUSTING can one human being be...?!?!

Now now, quit looking in the mirror when posting, okay?

> What a piece of work. Truly deserving of every ugly epithet I
>can think to "laud" you with and more. There hasn't been a prfanity
>created to adequately "describe" just how cold and disgusting that
>comment was.

Go for it, garbageman. Exhaust your entire collection of epithets
and cursewords. It may do you good psychologically...you surely
aren't getting any professional help on your distemper tantrums.

> "Scumbag" is an understatment. "Putz" only scratches the top.

Oy gevalt! Dey got a shtetl in TN? :-)

> You try to embellish your own "reputation" on the graves of
>American KIA's, then you completely disgrace and humilate the graves
>of seven men and women who, regardless of nationality, died what can
>only be assumed to have been a horrific death in the pursuit of
>science

Tsk, tsk, tsk. No end to your hatred and disgust, is there?

> What an utterly foul, irrelevent and truly puny shadow of a human
>being you are. When YOUR death comes, I can only hope that, unlike
>those seven brave souls, that it is long, lingering and painful, and
>that you remain sufficiently aware of your circumstances to appreciate

>it all.
>
> Creep.

There ya go, Dr. Killgore, ER hero and role-model for medical professionals the world over!

You MUST learn not to stick your hand in the Sharps box so much.

You should take up a nice, restful hobby...maybe stamp collecting. You can always lick stamps whenever you want...you can't lick your newsgroup opponents with curses and wishes for death.

Remember that "9 ounces" works both ways...ready on the left? Ready on the right? Ready on the firing line? You have 20 seconds.

Now take those meds like a good patient...

LHA

1478. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 19:48:41 UTC
From: lenover21@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030715154841.02197.00001253@mb-m12.aol.com>
Source record: 71202

In article <5c01b95b.0307150539.183b2a09@posting.google.com>, k4yz@aol.com (Steamy, the ACE of CAP) wastes bandwidth with:

>brianburke@juno.com (Brian) wrote in message
>news:<f45722ac.0307150248.6e1d185f@posting.google.com>...
>> N2EY@AOL.COM (N2EY) wrote in message
>news:<c2356669.0307141321.285a9750@posting.google.com>...
>
>> > You have claimed here and elsewhere to have operated /T5 about a
>> > decade ago. But you provided no details, even when directly asked. So
>> > any reasonable person has cause to be skeptical.
>>
>> Lemme think this through.
>>
>> After you and several minions have performed an exhaustive search
>> concerning my operation in Somalia, and having turned up nothing, you
>> want me to corroborate my own operation so that you'll be less
>> skeptical?
>>
>> Ha! That's a good one.
>>
>> Go ahead and believe what you want to believe. You will anyway
>> regardless of anything I could say.
>
> You've said enough. You made a complete fool of yourself, and
>even after provided several "outs", you continue to try and "defend"
>the foolishness that you yourself promulgated.
>
> You're pegged, Brain...right along with your "buddy"
>Lennie...(the same creep who defiles American combat KIA's and NASA
>Astronauts...some "company" you keep)
>
> Why not take this one bit of advice...??? Just stop answering
>any posts vis-a-vis your alleged "T5" operation. Let it go away. Not
>one independent thread of evidence "supporting" your allegations has
>manifested, and your incessant attempts to prop them up makes you look
>all-the-more idiotic in the process. What ever aire of validity you
>may have once enjoyed is long gone. You're already dug-in deep and
>the hole can only get deeper.

Poor baby...just can't take his mood meds on time...

LHA

1479. Re: Ham Radio In The Post-Code Testing Era

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 19:48:41 UTC
From: lenover21@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030715154841.02197.00001254@mb-m12.aol.com>
Source record: 71345

In article <20030715114413.23745.00001161@mb-m22.aol.com>, yodoc@aol.comnospam (Larry Roll K3LT) writes:

>I think I'm pretty safe in saying that it was the code testing requirement
>that caused hams to learn the code -- not any innate love or appreciation
>for the mode.

NO! Say it isn't so, mighty morseman!

"Morse code gets through when everything else does." - B.B.

LHA

1480. Re: Ham Radio In The Post-Code Testing Era

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 19:48:42 UTC
From: lenover21@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030715154842.02197.00001255@mb-m12.aol.com>
Source record: 71346

In article <20030715114412.23745.00001160@mb-m22.aol.com>, yodoc@aol.comnospam (Larry Roll K3LT) writes:

>So, what do you think will be holding up the ARS in the future?

Walkers, wheelchairs, and gurneys? :-)

LHA

1481. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 19:48:44 UTC
From: lenover21@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030715154844.02197.00001256@mb-m12.aol.com>
Source record: 71347

In article <bf0hta$9s3ll$1@ID-166180.news.uni-berlin.de>, "Arnie Macy" <kt4st@csam.net> writes:

>You make the presumption that we don't ever use phone, conduct QSO's, or >belong to nets. Of course we do -- and many of us are just as good at those >aspects of Ham radio as well.

You are a Morseman, strong, resolute, able to leap tall pileups in a single CQ. There is nothing you cannot do as an amateur.

There, did I pat you on your aspect as you wanted? :-)

LHA

1482. Re: Code a Deterrent to a Ham Ticket ??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 19:48:46 UTC
From: lenover21@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030715154846.02197.00001257@mb-m12.aol.com>
Source record: 71201

In article <Xns93B97180FBCA7elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>, Alun Palmer
<elektros@yahoo.com> writes:

>I don't beleive either academic degrees or ham licences should require
>unnecessary stuff, that's all.

I agree with you...but that is unacceptible behavior in front of the Group
engaged in Group Think. Such as in here among the PCTAs. :-)

"Academic standards," i.e., the courses required to pass for a degree,
are NOT subject to debate as are US federal laws. As far as I know,
that is true in the UK. Academics set them according to what the
academics think is "necessary" for Their purposes. One of the
"necessities" is to keep their jobs at nice colleges and universities
where they can have a sort of "rule" over students, write nice initials
after their names (or in front), and have a measure of respect by not
having to go out and really work for their income. Academic institutions
keep the respect and titles in everyone's mind by constantly promoting
themselves as intellectual organizations...as if there were no other
intellectuals in the world but them. Shrug.

US amateur radio is sometimes thought of in the same way by a few.
ARRL uses constant self-promotion of itself in the same way as the
academic institutions. In the case of ARRL it is really survival to do so.
If ARRL runs out of income, it ceases to exist. Membership and product
sales are very important to their survival. In their survival efforts, ARRL
often gets too involved with itself to notice that it is promoting just what
a
minority in US ARS want to promote. For a very long time that has been
the "requirement" of tested morse code skills to achieve a license grant.

Why did they keep on with that code test thing for so long? My take is
that they bought into the requirement when young and their seniors got
their licenses that way. "They know what is best for the ARS" and all
that sort of thing. :-) That's a self-propagating idea, coupled with
belonging to a fraternal organization (extremely important to some),
keeps the "necessity" alive. The first hams HAD to use OOK CW
because that was the only way in the low-tech days of beginning radio.
Okay, so they stayed with it and were still at it when tubes (valves)
were first available. As old-timers they had some respect from new-
comers who thought they would learn by example. Eventually those
newcomers stayed with ham radio and beeping and, through mostly
longevity, became old-timers themselves. It's axiomatic that many
old-timers cherish the skills of their youth, nostalgia, etc., because
that is safe, secure, and doesn't require any extra effort on their part.

Enter ARRL and the 20-year reign of St. Hiram and the emergence of ARRL as the top national membership organization in the USA. To keep ARRL solvent, they published things they thought would be of interest to US hams. [they know what is best for hams...] Old-timers at ARRL rule over their fiefdoms and the BoD made the decisions. The OLD ways ruled because the old-timers wanted it that way. That came across in print, the major media of idea propagation among US hams of WW2 and earlier days. Printed media is not ephemeral, it stays unchanged as long as the paper holds up, all the words and data as-is for a very long time. Such is a "reference." Amateurs of the late 30s onward couldn't get much from radio-electronics industry texts since that larger (and growing larger) part of the world radio activity was beginning to dismiss amateur technological efforts.

So, in the post-WW2 era, there were old-timers who emulated their long-timers of their youth who, in turn, emulated their long-timers, etc., and morse code was hailed as the primary skill among amateurs. ARRL promoted that unceasingly. ARRL was ruled primarily by old-timers. Ham radio was all about working DX on HF with CW. Do morse and you were "good," don't love morse and you were "bad." If you didn't love and respect your elders, the morsemen in control, you were almost blacklisted.

Problem was that radio and all its offspring had an explosive growth that began in WW2 days. That growth curve increased exponentially with the arrival of working transistors, then integrated circuits. Things got complicated! Few old-time amateurs bothered to get into solid-state because it was "new"...and the old tube things of their youth was safe, secure knowledge they didn't have to learn. Affluence among the white US males allowed purchasing ready-made equipment and, eventually, most never bothered to learn the innards of their expensive boxes. They memorized the sales pitches and used those among themselves to show their "knowledge."

By the start of the Incentive Licensing plan, the time was ripe for the many generations old-timers to demonstrate their seniority through Titles and "proper status within the community." Highly important to them, of course, and to the ARRL BoD of the time and ARRL lobbied the FCC for it. FCC said "okay" and that was that...they had enough to do with all the other radio services. Now there was bona fide titled royalty within the US ARS and those who needed it could now claim "superiority" through federal testing! Marvelous for them. Not so good for newcomers, though.

What all the titled royal amateurs neglected was that there were now many more non-amateurs who had achieved extensive experience in radio and electronics and had communicated nationally/internationally without having a ham license or even had to learn/use morse codes. US ARS was now big enough and ARRL prominent enough that they could all continue their cozy positive-feedback way to keep all the OLD standards and practices as they were...except they now did it with ready-built solid-state equipment. Self-proclaimed mastership of radio went with the Titles...royalty is seldom without such things. ARRL and

its core membership were building technological and societal walls around the US ARS. The cry was to maintain the status quo.

By the 1980s times were indeed changing. Enough folks were pissed off at the code requirement and could get their voices heard at the FCC, past the traditional ARRL-dominated lobbying there. The FCC listened, even in the pre-Internet days. The sixth tier in the byzantine melange of license classes resulted, no code test needed. Horrors! cried the old-timer morsemen! Such cannot be! They are unbelievers in the might of morse! The Morse Test must continue! Heretics! No-coders are filth, unfit to associate with us mighty morsemen of the high frequencies! HF belongs to morsemen, get thee to the land of the lost above 30 MHz! The hue and cry was similar to the 1958 days of Class D CB creation.

So it went up until WRC-03. The IARU had (finally) seen the light to end S25.5 years before, but ARRL refused to budge. [they always know what is best for US ARS] ARRL took a "neutral" stance to present a PC image to the world. [at least they didn't go to war to capture the Weapons of Morse Destruction...:-)]

Now we've got a whole bunch of PCTAs hollering about "obey the law, take the morse test!" They know what is best for US ARS. They say so and all must believe them, lest they catch us after class and beat us up. All must believe them because they are mighty morsemen, strong, resolute, and with more pride and ego than any Iraqi dictator. Their word is the unwritten law. Morsemen rule...but their statues are starting to be toppled. The wrecking crews are arriving.

A very sick transit, Gloria Mundi. :-)

LHA

1483. Re: Code a Deterrent to a Ham Ticket ??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 19:48:48 UTC
From: lenover21@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030715154848.02197.00001258@mb-m12.aol.com>
Source record: 71204

In article <f45722ac.0307150638.3026103b@posting.google.com>,
brianburke@juno.com (Brian) writes:

>kelly@dvol.com (Brian Kelly) wrote in message
>news:<d22b54c3.0307142330.351d45c5@posting.google.com>...
>> "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> wrote in message
>news:<kwDQa.522$lL.58870@nnrp1.ptd.net>...
>> > "Brian Kelly" <kelly@dvol.com> wrote in message
>> > news:d22b54c3.0307140534.7d97a27e@posting.google.com...
>> > >
>> > > You haven't even started, the list of engineering feats pulled off by
>> > > engineers who are hams is endless. In every case I know about however
>> > > including those you cite they did what they did as professionals
>> > > working for money outside the ham bands, not as amateurs. The topic
>> > > on the table here is technical innovations which have advanced the
>> > > state of the art in the field of RF comms made by engineers working
>> > > within their roles as hams. Let's see your list of those. I'd be
>> > > particularly interested in your list of ham engineers who wouldn't
>> > > have made those contributions if they had to take any code tests.
>> >
>> > What about the fact that many of us engineers who have advanced the
>> > state of the art in the field of RF comms (while working for money
>> > outside the ham bands) BECAME engineers because we were first
>> > interested in radio/electronics by being introduced to ham radio?
>>
>> No argument from me, ham radio has historically and obviously been an
>> EE hatchery going back to Marconi's days, 'snot even a discussion. But
>> I ask "Who have accrued the benefits of this phenomenon?" My
>> contention in this respect is that it's been by an overwhelming
>> majority the kids themselves who got into ham radio then became EEs as
>> a result who have benefitted most ($$$). A classic example of the
>> Amateur Service doing exactly what it's supposed to do to justify it's
>> existence. For once.
>
>You say it has been so since Marconi, now you say "for once."
>
>Which is it?

The world radio-electronics community recognizes Marconi and Popov
as the first to prove radio as a communications medium. That was in
1896. The first actual installation of the Morse-Vail Telegraph System
for wired landline communications was done in 1844.

Marconi was a shrewd and aggressive entrepreneur back two turns of
the century ago. Not one who, as amateurs are supposed to be, would

not hesitate to ask for pecuniary interest for his efforts. Gugie did a
LOT of asking and made several such bundles of money.

>> In my own case, having been a radio nerd back when radio was the about
>> the only high-tech game in town I had to decide between EE and ME
>> since in that timeframe I was also a gear and motorhead in addition to
>> being a beepist.
>
>You might want to run the term "beepist" past Ed and Jim. They don't
>take kindly to street names given to radio-telegraph operators.

Ya, dose got dere own 'hoods!' :-)

>> I quite consiously opted *against* EE because I
>> didn't want to put myself into a situation where my job followed me
>> home into my hobby thus it was that I became an ME. Absolute fact and
>> it wasn't any more complicated than that. But my hobby has quite often
>> held me in good stead on le yob because I've quite often found myself
>> doing EE work on ME projects. I've nailed several gigs over the years
>> by virtue of being considered "multidiscipinary" by employers, thankew
>> ham radio for the contributons to my career.
>
>Hmmm. Then there was the discussion about not putting "ham radio" in
>a resume. Speak to Jim.

Reverend Jim has yet to say where his resume landed. :-)

>> Has *nothing* to do with engineers who did not come up this way and
>> are already engineers when they belatedly "discover" ham radio. And
>> will allegedly come up with "advances in the state of the art" once
>> they enter the hobby without having to suffer any code tests. Like you
>> claim will happen.
>
>State your accomplishments in advancing the state of the art in
>amateur radio, other than trying to get me to put up an antenna in
>your back yard.

Kellie is getting on in years, may need physical help to put up his
antennas.

Now, if he laid that antenna on his many claims for "26 patents" he
might get a few feet above ground level. :-)

>> It's all bullshit. The last time any ham engineer or not actually
>> advanced the state of the art in RF comms to any noticeble extent
>> beyond that which the commercials and/or the gummint hadn't already
>> done was probably done in the 1915 timeframe. If not spank me with an
>> example.
>
>So the ARRL history books are lying to us? Speak to Jim.

Dan Tayloe should spank Kellie. Tayloe did damn good with that
innovation of a CMOS switch as a direct-conversion receiver mixer.

He has a patent application on it.

>> Drive a stake in it and move on.
>>
>> w3rv
>
>Too much Buffy, I see.

"Buffy" got cancelled. :-)

1484. Re: Code a Deterrent to a Ham Ticket ??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 19:48:49 UTC
From: lenover21@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030715154849.02197.00001260@mb-m12.aol.com>
Source record: 71205

In article <5c01b95b.0307150147.57fe18a0@posting.google.com>, k4yz@aol.com (Steamy, Ace of the CAP) threw out this smelly bit of garbage:

>lenover21@aol.com (Len Over 21) wrote in message
>news:<20030715020129.23406.00000835@mb-m27.aol.com>...
>> In article <AZFQa.10074$Vx2.4368773@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com>, "Dee D.
>Flint"
>> <deehays@qix.net> writes:
>>
>> >It depends on whether you consider colleges and universities as
>institutions
>> >of higher learning or as job training schools. If the former then the
>> >various non-degreee specific classes are appropriate. If the latter, then
>> >they are not.
>>
>> Why do you keep on with this academic thing?
>
> YOU, of ALL PEOPLE, have the temerity to ask a so blatantly
>rhetorical question in light of your incessant bomabarding of this NG
>with YOUR repetitive lying and spiteful bile?
>
> Putz.

Tsk, tsk, tsk...you are off your medications again? :-)

>> US amateur radio is NOT an academic institution. The FCC is NOT an
>> academic agency. Any federal radio operator's license is NOT a degree
>> or certificate of learning. Geez.
>
> Whatever it is, it is without you, and that's a GOOD thing.

More tsks...must have been kicked out of the Anger Management class, too!

LHA

1485. Re: Code a Deterrent to a Ham Ticket ??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 19:48:49 UTC
From: lenover21@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030715154849.02197.00001259@mb-m12.aol.com>
Source record: 71349

In article <5c01b95b.0307150211.5343c83c@posting.google.com>, k4yz@aol.com (Steamy, Ace of the CAP) tossed out another can of garbage:

> More "professional" conduct. I note that whoever "Guessing" was,
>Lennie didn't let the lack of belittling adjectives prevent him from
>digging right in on his own.
>
> Yet another LennieRant dispelled.

Hmmm...medical science needs to come up with longer-lived anti-hate medications. Either that or Steamy has been filching the wrong meds from the hospital med room.

> And ANOTHER LennieRant dispelled...the one wherein he denies
>trying to control newsgroup content or participation.
>
> Liar to the hilt. As always.

Poor baby, stuck your hand in the "Sharps" again, did you? :-)

Get some mental help, Steamy.

1486. Re: Ham Radio In The Post-Code Testing Era

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 19:55:53 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com>
Message-ID: <d%YQa.674$lL.73657@nnrp1.ptd.net>
Source record: 71206

"Larry Roll K3LT" <yodoc@aol.comnospam> wrote in message
news:20030715114412.23745.00001160@mb-m22.aol.com...
> In article <CUBQa.507$lL.58269@nnrp1.ptd.net>, "Carl R. Stevenson"
> <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> writes:
>
> >
> >"Dick Carroll" <dickc58@att.net> wrote in message
> >news:3F12B69A.24B5BDED@att.net...
> >> Tha hobby is in sad shape and is being held up like Atlas holding the
> >world by
> >> hams who have taken a code test.
> >
> >Er, Dick ... you over-inflated, Morse-prowess-based ego REALLY shows
> >in the above comment.
> >
> >First, I don't believe that "Tha hobby is in sad shape ..."
> >
> >Second, if it *were* it would be largely because of the narrow-minded,
> >backward, egotistical sort of thinking that you express above.
> >
> >Carl - wk3c
>
> Carl:
>
> So, what do you think will be holding up the ARS in the future?

The same thing that has actually held it up all along ... the majority
of good hams without attitude problems that detract from the service,
the work they do in technical, public service, and other ham pursuits,
and (I believe) an influx of "new blood" ... some younger, I hope, so
that our demographics improve for the future, and some more techically
inclined who can elmer, develop new things, etc.

Having taken a code test has nothing to do with these things.

Carl - wk3c

>
> 73 de Larry, K3LT
>

1487. Re: 1x2 Calls--automatic when upgrading to Extra?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 19:57:40 UTC
From: Scott Unit 69 <scott_unit_69@yahoo.moc>
Message-ID: <3F145CB4.E334804@yahoo.moc>
Source record: 71207

> Out of curiosity, would you deny QSL cards to amateurs who chose not
> to change their addresses when they changed call districts?

Only if they're codeless.

1488. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 20:07:47 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com>
Message-ID: <naZQa.677$lL.73743@nnrp1.ptd.net>
Source record: 71208

"Brian Kelly" <kelly@dvol.com> wrote in message
news:d22b54c3.0307151054.31cbbc27@posting.google.com...
> "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> wrote in message
news:<rFDQa.523$lL.58869@nnrp1.ptd.net>...
> > "Brian Kelly" <kelly@dvol.com> wrote in message
>
> > > Carl check me here but wasn't it you who advocated the abandonment of
> > > all mode setasides in order to be able to run wall-to-wall spread
> > > spectrum on 20M?
> >
> > No ... I have pointed out that most countries of the world do not have
> > "by-mode" sub-band allocations in their amateur regulations and it
doesn't
> > seem to cause any real problem.
>
> Not the point and most of us were well aware of the differences in
> band/mode edges.
>
> > I also (as did Gary Coffman, independently)
>
> 'nother sweetheart . . .

I don't know about "sweetheart" ... but Gary is a good ham
and quite technically astute from my observation.
I wish he was still around here ...

> > postulate a strawman design
> > (but something feasible, never the less) for a system that, in the 150
kHz
> > of CW/data sub-band on 20m could support a very large number of
> > 20 wpm Morse-equivalent QSOs with virtually no interference.
> > That was immediately rejected by Morse fanatics,
>
> What's this frigging "Morse fanatic" nonsense? I'm certainly no "Morse
> fanatic", I probably spend as much time on an annualized basis with a
> mic in my mouth as I do running CW. I use Morse and I support the use
> of and testing for Morse.
>
> This particular non-fanatic immediately spotted the fallacies and
> impossibilities in your posts on the topic as they relate to any mode
> which occupies an entire ham band and is overlaid/underlaid on narrow
> modes particularly under weak signal condx. This is not fanaticism.
> This is the same reaction some hugely overwheming majority of the
> active hams today would reject on smell or sight. Including the
> technically savvy amongst us. More like *particularly* the technically

> savvy.

The "strawman designs" that Gary and I postulated did NOT contemplate
the use of SS across the whole band as an "underlay." The modulation was
completely different, with a fair amount of coding.

> > who said something
> > like:
> > "We don't want no stinking keyboard mode." (My response was to
> > make Morse I/O a user interface option. Still rejected.)
> > "The fun of it is digging the weak ones out of the noise." (My response
> > was, "You want channel impairments? No problem. I can program
> > all sorts of simulated channel impairments into the system to make
copying
> > as hard as you want ... without having to trash the underlying, reliable
> > communications system." Still rejected.)
>
> Exactly and none of it flew then and it never will.

Why? ... if it looks to the user EXACTLY as "traditional Morse" one would
not be able to tell the difference (and therefore should have no logical,
rational
reason for rejecting it). The idea is that the "challenge" that some relish
can be
provided, as I said, without "trashing" the underlying, reliable
communications
system.

> You don't have to worry yourself about writing any simulators,
> sophisticated contest simulator programs have been around for years,
> all the predicatble parameters can be adjusted to suit the intensity
> of the pileups, QSB, QRN, code speeds, whacky callsigns, helluva lotta
> fun to play with. They also serve a very valuable role as contest
> logger and computer station control traininmg wheels. In the end
> they're neat electronic ping-pong games but IT AIN'T FRIGGING RADIO.
> Nobody is gonna go play electronic ping-pong so that you and Coffman
> can play band edge to band edge.

I *was* talking about RADIO ... a system that would communicate over
distances via radio ... just more reliably ... and THEN adding the
impariments
("challenge") at the receiving end to satisfy those who "like to dig the
weak
ones out of the noise/QRM."

> > transmit data reliably over transcontinental distances ... with power
> > outputs on the order of 10 mW ... as an "underlay" to existing services
that don't even notice that they are there.
>
> Times how many stations?

Quite a few, but to be honest I don't know the exact number (and if I did, I couldn't say).

> QRPP PSK31 has done the same tricks. But PSK doesn't clobber the whole
> band, doesn't require the development of new equipment, didn't require
> a radical R&O to get on the air and can be done for the cost of some
> audio cables at most ham stations.
>
> I notice that TAPR has given up trying to get spread spectrum on the
> air. Nobody in TAPR cares enough about SS to work thru the bugs.
> There's a loud statement about ham SS.

IMHO, TAPR's SS effort was doomed from the start by being overly complex.

Carl - wk3c

1489. Re: How Ugly Can One Creep Be?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 20:49:08 UTC
From: lenover21@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030715164908.20198.00000805@mb-m14.aol.com>
Source record: 71209

In article <20030715145636.23745.00001165@mb-m22.aol.com>, yodoc@aol.comnospam
(Extra class Paratransit Operator Sir Larry Roll)
scribbled in a vain attempt at syncophancy:

>In article <5c01b95b.0307150204.3f0a1d38@posting.google.com>, k4yz@aol.com
>(Steamy Garbageman) writes:
>
>>> Get real. Any astronaut is required to perform many, many tasks as
>>> part of their job...and that job is to be space crewfolk first, not
"hams."
>>> Getting a no-code tech ham license is an easy task for them...do it
>>> once and a federal merit badge callsign is theirs to keep for a decade
>>> plus two or a shuttle burns up on reentry...whichever comes first.
>>
>> Leonard H Anderson, you are truly one of the most callous,
>>cowardly and unrepetantly ugly people to ever enter USENET or any
>>other public forum.
>
>Lennie:
>
>That WAS totally uncalled for. Your present and future credibility: ZERO.

Poor baby. You don't understand that ALL astronauts have faced that
possibility since manned spaceflight began. That is the unfortunate
REALITY of present-day manned spaceflight.

Well, we know that you can't stand reality.

>> HOW DISGUSTING can one human being be...?!?!
>
>Steve:
>
>Unfortunately, I think our Lennie has just set a new threshold on
>"disgusting."

Yes, failure to love, cherish, honor and obey morse code is terms
for contempt by you, Roll. No problem.

If you see a chance to slam a no-coder by standing on the garbage-
man's shoulders, go for it! [and you did!]

>> What a piece of work. Truly deserving of every ugly epithet I
>>can think to "laud" you with and more. There hasn't been a prfanity
>>created to adequately "describe" just how cold and disgusting that
>>comment was.
>

>None that can be posted here, anyway.

Why not? Is the mighty morseman offended by those who do not
love, cherish, honor and obey morse code?

If thine eye offend thee, cast it out.

>We don't know that the deaths of the Columbia (or Challenge) crews wasn't
>long, lingering, and painful. They may have been well conscious long
>enough to know they were doomed, and had nothing to do to prevent it.
>Unfortunately, wishing the same on Lennie won't do, either. Lennie has
>proven himself to be beyond contempt. Don't fall into the same pit he did.

Roll, you large bag of fat wind, you've never worked on ANY space
project, NEVER shook hands with any astronaut and look them in the
eye (I did...John Young is a nice, quiet sort, not very tall...Bob Crippen
is taller, more outgoing...both rode the air-drop Enterprize as well as
the first STS manned spaceflight). They understood the risks they
were taking. By STS 51J the press and public had colored your
thinking such that spaceflight was all just a safe, jolly jaunt in space.
You've never known anything about manned spaceflight so you project
your fantasies as if they were final judgement. You know NOTHING
about any high-tech human endeavor.

You want very much to "identify" with things you've never participated
in, talk about it like you were really "there" but you never were. You've
never done any military 24/7 radio communications nor any civilian
professional radio communications and you feel "superior" in both
morals and ethics over all "no-coders."

If you want to be a syncophant to the Garbageman, go right ahead.
When anyone wants an ideal role-model for the US Amateur Extra
radio amateur, they can always go to you or the Garbageman. :-)

LHA

1490. Re: Ham Radio In The Post-Code Testing Era

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 21:11:02 UTC
From: Dan/W4NTI <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com>
Message-ID: <bf1qhjpnn1@slb6.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 71210

"Dwight Stewart" <stewart@say.net> wrote in message
news:BB3934D0.1ED20%stewart@say.net...
> "Kim W5TIT" wrote:
> >
> > (snip)
>
>
> Kim, I don't know what is going on with your newsgroup messages. Many of
> your messages are listed as no longer on my server very shortly after you
> post them (sometimes just one or two hours later). The messages are listed
> in my message list of this newsgroup, but I get an error ("message no
longer
> on server") when I try to read them. For everyone else, I can read
messages
> they posted many days ago.
>
> Anyway, just wanted to let you know what is happening in case you post a
> reply to one of my messages and don't get a response. It's not that I'm
> trying to ignore you - I just can't read or reply to your quickly
> disappearing messages (I caught and replied to this one before it
> disappeared)
>
>
> Dwight Stewart (W5NET)
>
> http://www.qsl.net/w5net/
>

I had my witches coven put a curse on her.

Dan/W4NTI

1491. Re: Ham Radio In The Post-Code Testing Era

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 21:13:55 UTC
From: Dan/W4NTI <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com>
Message-ID: <bf1qn0$2sv$1@slb6.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 71211

"Larry Roll K3LT" <yodoc@aol.comnospam> wrote in message
news:20030715114411.23745.00001159@mb-m22.aol.com...
> In article <3F12B69A.24B5BDED@att.net>, Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net>
writes:
>
> >Th[e] hobby is in sad shape and is being held up like Atlas holding the
world
> >by
> >hams who have taken a code test. When all you have left is the Loyd
Davies,
> >well I
> >doubt that statement even needs finishing.
>
> Dick:
>
> In any case, it will be quite interesting to watch the developments of the
> next few years in the life of the ARS. All of the technical advancement
> that was promised throughout the code testing debate will either suddenly
> come into being, or will be notable by it's absence. There may, indeed,
> be a handful of new hams with professional technical qualifications who
> would finally obtain a license -- but what of all the others who simply
have
> the desire to matriculate from the 11-meter band and be legally able to
> use higher power and spin a VFO knob? Are their contributions going
> to save our spectrum from re-allocation to commercial interests? Will
> they expand emergency communications capability to an extent which
> will cause federal, state, and local bureaucracies to eliminate any and
> all regulatory restrictions on the operation of an amateur radio station?
> Or will they just cause a lot of QRM for a while, become discouraged,
> and revert to inactivity? Oh well, as that ancient Chinese curse goes,
> "May you live in interesting times." Those times are just about to begin.
>
> 73 de Larry, K3LT
>

All of which will go away immediatly. Just as soon as the BPL is turned on
in your neighborhood. Bye by ham radio.

That is what we should be bitching and moaning about. Not code vs no code.
Get a grip people. If BPL is fired up you have no HF SPECTRUM.

Now back to the biggest and most useless debate ever.

Dan/W4NTI

1492. Re: Code a Deterrent to a Ham Ticket ??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 21:45:00 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307151345.40f6e001@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71212

Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote in message
news:<Xns93B96EE222337elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>...

> Well, he's clearly Indian, and I'm British, so it wouldn't surprise me if
> we share some views in common and don't buy into the received wisdom of
> the US of A.

Alun, what a curious statement. What does being Indian and British,
and not American, that allows you to have some views in common?

Brian

1493. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 21:48:56 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307151348.55e25db7@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71213

"Arnie Macy" <kt4st@csam.net> wrote in message
news:<beqh5m$7puv2$1@ID-166180.news.uni-berlin.de>...
> "Alun Palmer" wrote ...
>
> How do you know they are not here? Do you really know what each of us
> majored in? I really don't think so.
> ---
>
> The numbers speak louder than any person -- or the lack thereof. See how
> easy that was?
>
> Arnie -

Speak to Jim. He posts every month about the rising numbers of amateurs.

Do you have any other theories?

Brian

1494. Re: 1x2 Calls--automatic when upgrading to Extra?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 21:55:24 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307151355.141d5b6@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71214

"Phil Kane" <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop> wrote in message
news:<cuvyxnansvbet.hi0tw81.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>...
> On 13 Jul 2003 06:48:10 GMT, Larry Roll K3LT wrote:
>
> >Of course, you'd still have the option of "stealing" a 1x2 from
> >out of your call area, but I consider that dirty pool.
>
> I consider that "OK". So does the FCC.
>
> You're outvoted 2-1.

See KH2D re: Guam Callsigns

1495. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 22:12:44 UTC
From: "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net>
Message-ID: <w%_Qa.10482$Vx2.4557815@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com>
Source record: 71215

"Radio Amateur KC2HMZ" <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net> wrote in message
news:o6t5hvk4jgskln6tovlutvcfpa05e4kmd1@4ax.com...
> On Mon, 14 Jul 2003 01:09:43 GMT, "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net>
> wrote:
>
>
> >Studying the propagation before, during, and after the contest indicated
> >that the best results would occur on CW.
>
> If the deck was thus stacked against the SSB stations from the
> beginning, then the results should come as no surprise. Nevertheless,
> the phone stations did, in fact, still manage to make contacts.
>
> >The experience of our club bore
> >that out. Our SSB stations tried both tactics, i.e. camping on a
frequency
> >to run stations and hunting and pouncing. Productivity was quite low on
> >SSB. It picked up the second afternoon but was not good. Our CW
stations
> >also used both tactics and produced a high number of QSOs both ways
> >throughout the event.
> >
> >I operated both SSB and CW modes for our club. Despite the fact that I
am
> >NOT an experienced CW contester and that my CW ability is rather weak,
even
> >I made far more contacts on CW even though I spent much more time on SSB.
>
> Do you attribute this to band conditions or to something else?

No doubt about it, the band conditions were the determining factor.

Dee D. Flint, N8UZE

1496. Re: Ham Radio In The Post-Code Testing Era

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 22:24:07 UTC
From: "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net>
Message-ID: <ba%Qa.10487$Vx2.4559493@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com>
Source record: 71216

"Ryan, KC8PMX" <kc8pmx@diamondcs.net> wrote in message
news:bf0u2m$92ho8$3@ID-189073.news.uni-berlin.de...
>
> "Larry Roll K3LT" <yodoc@aol.comnospam> wrote in message
> news:20030713024811.23406.00000818@mb-m27.aol.com...
> >
> > Now that it seems as though code testing will finally be abolished in
the
> > ARS, let's amuse ourselves with a bit of speculation as to what this
will
> > mean in terms of future growth in the numbers of licensed amateur radio
> > operators in the United States. What do you think will happen? How
> > much growth do you think will occur, and how fast?
>
> We may have an initial inrush of some newbies in the onset, but it will
> flatten back out to where it is about right now is my prediction. Its
from
> a "marketing" standpoint. The hobby just is not promoted like it should
or
> could be. Once us existing licensee's hit up our friends and family, that
> is usually it. (kinda sounds a bit like Amway!)

Actually the biggest problem is lack of activity by the current hams. If we take the figure of 600,000+ hams and calculate the number of QSOs per day if each one had one QSO per YEAR (assume it takes two hams for a qso), thats 300,000 exchanges per year or nearly 1000 per day. That would keep the bands pretty busy. But instead we hear the same people over and over on the VHF and HF frequencies. We have 150 members or so in our club and I only hear about a dozen on the repeater regularly. It's the same dozen that do VHF simplex and SSB. We need to get those already licensed more involved.

Dee D. Flint, N8UZE

1497. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 22:26:32 UTC
From: "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net>
Message-ID: <sc%Qa.10489$Vx2.4559971@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com>
Source record: 71217

"Ryan, KC8PMX" <kc8pmx@diamondcs.net> wrote in message
news:bf0u2s$92ho8$4@ID-189073.news.uni-berlin.de...
> How about a different parallel?? Drivers licenses! How many here have
> earned ALL endorsements/license classes for their drivers license? i.e.
> motorcycle operators permit etc.
>
> Those that haven't must just be lazy too eh?

Not a valid comparison the way you put it. If the person isn't interested in the privileges, it doesn't mean he is lazy for not getting the endorsement. It's the person who wants the privileges and isn't willing to get the endorsement that would be considered lazy.

Dee D. Flint, N8UZE

1498. Re: Smells like type acceptance

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 22:35:57 UTC
From: "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net>
Message-ID: <hl%Qa.10491$Vx2.4560921@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com>
Source record: 71218

"K0HB" <k0hb@arrl.net> wrote in message
news:e79dbd9b.0307150553.7df771f6@posting.google.com...
> k4yz@aol.com (Steve Robeson, K4CAP) wrote
>
> >
> > Obviously not a lawyer, but my read on this was that the FCC is
> > giving him a chance to keep his radios, avoid the nasty fine that
> > COULD have gone along with this, and sends a very loud signal to
> > anyone else so inclined to not abuse the privilege.
> >
>
> My concern is NOT with the severity of his penalty (I think it was
> pathetically lenient) but with the chilling effect it could have on
> tinkering and experimenting by amateurs who apparently must now fear
> that FCC can require them to put their equipment back into
> factory-fresh configuration.

I do not think it will have any effect on tinkering or experimenting. The reason that he was ordered to do this was because after the mod, he deliberately violated the regulations governing the amateur radio service by transmitting out of band etc.

>
> I don't have a single peice of equipment which I have not "improved"
> from it's original schematic. Frankly, I thought the FCC encouraged
> such experimentation. This incident suggests just the opposite and
> I'm surprised that ARRL isn't screaming bloody murder.

Yes the FCC and ARRL do encourage this experimentation. But remember that the offender was committing some rather serious violations of the regulations. The FCC can modify the operator/station license in almost anyway they see fit when someone has committed such violations. The ARRL would have no reason to scream bloody murder about the guy's penalty.

Dee D. Flint, N8UZE

1499. Re: Code a Deterrent to a Ham Ticket ??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 22:39:11 UTC
From: "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net>
Message-ID: <jo%Qa.10493$Vx2.4561802@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com>
Source record: 71219

"Alun Palmer" <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote in message
news:Xns93B97180FBCA7elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4...
> lenover21@aol.com (Len Over 21) wrote in
> news:20030715002449.23745.00001146@mb-m22.aol.com:
>
> > In article <Xns93B7EF604DBA7elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>, Alun Palmer
> > <elektros@yahoo.com> writes:
> >
> >>I'm against that too. BTW, I got my EE degree in England, and you don't
> >>have to go through any of that wholly irrelevant stuff. No English, no
> >>social studies of any kind, no chemistry (which I understand is oftem
> >>required over here).
> >
> > Alun, California state undergraduate requirements in the 1960s had
> > two semesters of American History. Considering our history, like
> from
> > the 1776 breakaway, that isn't comparable to what you had to do in
> > the UK. :-) :-) :-)
> >
> > I don't know why there is such a fervor of the PCTAs to equate an
> > academic degree with an amateur radio license class that requires
> > a demonstrated skill at morsemanship. Maybe the PCTA have a need
> > to stay with the King Kode rulers of the ARS kingdom? :-)
> >
> > LHA
> >
>
> I don't beleive either academic degrees or ham licences should require
> unnecessary stuff, that's all.

Since there is no way to predict where your future interests may lie, it's
impossible to say unequivocally what is unnecessary stuff.

Dee D. Flint, N8UZE

1500. Why don't Real Hams you face the facts?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 22:44:44 UTC
From: citizensband <citizensband@ntlworld.com>
Message-ID: <by%Qa.1761$0g3.126929@newsfep1-win.server.ntli.net>
Source record: 71220
Cross-posted to: uk.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.boatanchors,rec.radio.amateur.policy

All the garbage about how you should even be allowed to operate a CB, unless you are able to build your own equipment. Real Hams will never be able to build a rig that even comes close to what's available off the shelf these days. Most people can't even be bothered, have no interest or don't have the time to build rigs anymore. Boatanchors should be used for exactly that, anchoring boats!

Time to stop whinging, and face the facts...Real Technology has overtaken you all!

tox

1501. Re: Why don't Real Hams you face the facts?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 22:56:05 UTC
From: Bob Rinaldi <w1cny@comcast.net>
Message-ID: <9E%Qa.59725$wk6.13632@rwcrnsc52.ops.asp.att.net>
Source record: 71221
Cross-posted to: uk.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.boatanchors,rec.radio.amateur.policy

too bad spelling hasn't

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www.w1cny.com/w1cny-1
"citizensband" <citizensband@ntlworld.com> wrote in message
news:by%Qa.1761$0g3.126929@newsfep1-win.server.ntli.net...
> All the garbage about how you should even be allowed to operate a CB,
unless
> you are able to build your own equipment. Real Hams will never be able
to
> build a rig that even comes close to what's available off the shelf
these
> days. Most people can't even be bothered, have no interest or don't
have the
> time to build rigs anymore. Boatanchors should be used for exactly
that,
> anchoring boats!
>
> Time to stop whinging, and face the facts...Real Technology has
overtaken
> you all!
>
> tox
>
>

1502. Re: Why don't Real Hams you face the facts?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 23:01:58 UTC
From: citizensband <citizensband@ntlworld.com>
Message-ID: <PJ%Qa.1784$0g3.129991@newsfep1-win.server.ntli.net>
Source record: 71222
Cross-posted to: uk.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.boatanchors,rec.radio.amateur.policy

"Bob Rinaldi" <w1cny@comcast.net> wrote in message
news:9E%Qa.59725$wk6.13632@rwcrnsc52.ops.asp.att.net...
> too bad spelling hasn't
>
> --
> --------
Or in your case, top-posting!

HTH
tox

1503. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 23:06:11 UTC
From: k4yz@aol.com
Message-ID: <5c01b95b.0307151506.3f790806@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71223

brianburke@juno.com (Brian) wrote in message
news:<f45722ac.0307150629.24a028f@posting.google.com>...
> "Phil Kane" <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop> wrote in message
news:<cuvyxnansvbet.hhvdkfi.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>...

> > (c) Every FCC-watcher in the last 15 years recognizes that in every
> > "privitization" move by the FCC - or else they should be in some
> > other line of work.
>
> Ah, I see. "Everybody knows..."

"(c) Every FCC-watcher..." (SNIP)

Was there a problem with the parameters he set, Brain? I
understood them perfectly.

Steve, K4YZ

1504. Re: I'm gonna get you all

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 23:07:28 UTC
From: kelly@dvol.com
Message-ID: <d22b54c3.0307151507.2e020907@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71224

brianburke@juno.com (Brian) wrote in message
news:<f45722ac.0307150710.7b111c12@posting.google.com>...
> kelly@dvol.com (Brian Kelly) wrote in message
news:<d22b54c3.0307141601.7eb90ef3@posting.google.com>...
> > "LA Davies" <lloyd_vfp@dalek.com> wrote in message news:<3f12e823@shknews01>...
> > > "Steve Robeson, K4CAP" <k4yz@aol.com> wrote in message
> > > news:5c01b95b.0307140147.2366beb4@posting.google.com...
> > > > "LA Davies" <lloyd_vfp@dalek.com> wrote in message
> news:<3f1246ce@shknews01>...
> > > > > You quit making fun of me, for my anti-code. I will have my code-free
> > > > > extra. Then you will be sorry.......
> > > >
> > > > Wrong, Your Scumminess...you already make us sorry...
> > > >
> > > > Steve, K4YZ
> > >
> > > You will exalt me as a savior of Ham Radio. Be thankful that soon, I will
> > > be on the air, and thousands of my no-code brothers! We will command the
> > > ham bands forever! We will show what a QSO is! Death to the Code! We have
> > > agents in the ARRL, and soon will pettion the have the removed as a eye sore
> > > to the hobby! You will pay 10 fold for the mental agony of making us have
> > > to a side seat to being on HF.
> > >
> > > I'm watching you........
> >
> >
> > You're the best example I've run into yet which supports the rationale
> > for justifying psychiatric exams before anybody can buy a two-way
> > radio.
> >
> > Lemmee know when ya get on HF Lloyd, I'll meet ya there, any mode, any
> > band . . .
> >
> >
> > >
> > > Lloyd Davies, N0VFP
> > > Surpreme No-coder
> >
> > w3rv
>
> Oh, geez! Is this how 14.313 got started?
>
> Kelley, why not let a smidgen of your higher education shine through sometime?

Go to your room and read the Antenna Book again.

1505. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 23:10:02 UTC
From: "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net>
Message-ID: <eR%Qa.10494$Vx2.4567771@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com>
Source record: 71225

"Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> wrote in message
news:fFXQa.659$lL.72906@nnrp1.ptd.net...
> "N2EY" <N2EY@AOL.COM> wrote in message
> news:c2356669.0307150905.598693d@posting.google.com...
> > "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> wrote in message
> news:<AsDQa.521$lL.58870@nnrp1.ptd.net>...
> > > "N2EY" <n2ey@aol.com> wrote in message
> > > news:20030714142202.02627.00000066@mb-m02.aol.com...
> > > > In article <rTxQa.454$lL.55425@nnrp1.ptd.net>, "Carl R. Stevenson"
> > > > >there is nothing "magical" about Morse
> > > > >and the insistence on using "wetware" instead of software to do the
> > > > >decoding is an anomaly of ham radio.
> > > >
> > > > And you say you're not against the use of the mode, just the test,
> Carl?
> > > ;-)
> > >
> > > That's correct... I am NOT against the use of the mode.
> >
> > Maybe. But the way you write about the mode makes me wonder. For
> > example, when you call those who use the mode "beepers" and other
> > disparaging names, a different image is projected by you.
> >
> > > Just pointing
> > > out the fact that there are better modulation/coding techniques than
OOK
> > > Morse ...
> >
> > Ah, see, there you go. "Better modulation/coding techniques than OOK
> > Morse", with no qualifiers as to how they are "better".
>
> OK ... "Better" in terms of weak signal performance, data throughput,
> and reliability (robustness in the face of channel impariments and lack
> of operator error in decoding).
>
> Does that satisfy you?

Actually no it doesn't as each mode has conditions under which it excels.
You need to more precisely define the conditions and specify which mode you
are talking about.

Dee D. Flint, N8UZE

1506. Re: Ham Radio In The Post-Code Testing Era

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 23:15:09 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307151515.6522cb95@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71226

"Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net> wrote in message
news:<whGQa.10083$Vx2.4372441@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com>...
> "N2EY" <n2ey@aol.com> wrote in message
> news:20030714060138.04207.00001581@mb-m01.aol.com...
> > In article <BB37CF4A.1EB1E%stewart@say.net>, Dwight Stewart
> <stewart@say.net>
> > writes:
> >
> > >Instead, both seem to be saying code is no longer a necessary
> > >radio skill since so few radio operators outside ham radio use it today.
> >
> > That's another argument entirely.
> >
> > Of course hams DO use Morse code quite a lot. It's a mystery why what is
> done
> > in other radio services should count more than what hams do, when it comes
> to
> > figuring out the requirements for an amateur license.
> >
> > >This position relates to the basis and purpose of Amateur Radio (97.1a,
> > >97.1c, and 97.1d).
> > >
> > Opinions vary.
>
> Actually the fact that other services don't use it very much is a strong
> argument to require hams to learn it. This is the place to preserve the
> skill in case of need and to prevent this capability from becoming a lost
> art.

The Radio Lost Art Preservation Society? Should we include "Anachronysm?"

> Plus of course the fact that quite a few hams do use it.

And so it is preserved without government incentive.

> Dee D. Flint, N8UZE

bb

1507. Re: Why don't Real Hams you face the facts?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 23:17:45 UTC
From: Trolls suck <TrollsSuck@hotmail.com>
Message-ID: <d9441c50f3915800c6e38941b6acc866@news.meganetnews.com>
Source record: 71229
Cross-posted to: uk.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.boatanchors,rec.radio.amateur.policy

Trolls suck. Ignore them.

SO in that light....

Is radio a great hobby? I sure think so. How about you?

TS

1508. Re: Ham Radio In The Post-Code Testing Era

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 23:21:12 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307151521.6812a53f@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71227

yodoc@aol.comnospam (Larry Roll K3LT) wrote in message
news:<20030715114413.23745.00001161@mb-m22.aol.com>...
> In article <f45722ac.0307141249.6554f7f9@posting.google.com>,
> brianburke@juno.com (Brian) writes:
>
> >> A very cogent observation, Dee. The irony is, at the low side of a
> >> solar cycle, when the geomagnetic activity subsides along with the
> >> solar flux, the use of CW permits communication even though there
> >> isn't good enough propagation to pursue reliable SSB operation.
> >> Therefore, the one thing that could keep them active on-the-air --
> >> knowledge of the Morse code, won't be within their capability because
> >> they had no incentive to learn it.
> >>
> >> 73 de Larry, K3LT
> >
> >Gee Larry, isn't that incentive enough? Or do you need a government
> >incentive to make something happen?
>
> Brian:
>
> No, I sincerely do not believe that this is "incentive enough." It certainly
> didn't cut any ice with me, during the period of my life from age 14 to
> age 28 when I longed to be a licensed radio amateur, but couldn't be
> bothered to learn the Morse code. The thing that made me start beeping
> was the "incentive" to get on the air at all -- in any mode, and then start
> yakking into a microphone as soon as I was able. The irony is, I soon
> discovered that CW was fun and a challenge, and sitting and waiting my
> turn to yak was a waste of valuable time.

Yet by learning Morse as a requirement to yak, you were still not
convinced that it was fun. How long did you spend in each amateur
grade?

> I think I'm pretty safe in saying that it was the code testing requirement
> that caused hams to learn the code -- not any innate love or appreciation
> for the mode.
>
> 73 de Larry, K3LT

Nor the ultimate utility of "always getting thru."

What will it take to get people to use Morse?

1509. Re: Ham Radio In The Post-Code Testing Era

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 23:22:13 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307151522.57acbf60@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71228

lenover21@aol.com (Len Over 21) wrote in message
news:<20030715002446.23745.00001142@mb-m22.aol.com>...
> In article <3F12B69A.24B5BDED@att.net>, Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net> writes:
>
> >Tha hobby is in sad shape and is being held up like Atlas holding the world by
> >hams who have taken a code test.
>
> Too bad Ayn Rand didn't write about ham radio...shrug... :-)
>
> LHA

She wrote about railroads, and by extension, telegraphy.

1510. Re: Why don't Real Hams you face the facts?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 23:22:36 UTC
From: Phil Witt <pwitt@wcov.com>
Message-ID: <6039hvcsa4h41mmg4tj8trvhb868io8rt1@4ax.com>
Source record: 71230
Cross-posted to: uk.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.boatanchors,rec.radio.amateur.policy

On Tue, 15 Jul 2003 23:44:44 +0100, "citizensband"
<citizensband@ntlworld.com> wrote:

>Time to stop whinging, and face the facts...Real Technology has overtaken
>you all!

You poor troll. Don't you have anything to sell or auction? And, on
the chance that you really are a CBer, did we not make it simple
enough for you to get a ham license. The requirements are so minimal
now that a two year old could get a ticket. You ought to try it.

1511. Re: Picard vs Kirk, was Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 23:26:22 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307151526.574d0f1b@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71231

yodoc@aol.comnospam (Larry Roll K3LT) wrote in message
news:<20030715145637.23745.00001168@mb-m22.aol.com>...
> In article <f45722ac.0307150316.673dffd2@posting.google.com>,
> brianburke@juno.com (Brian) writes:
>
> >
> >Larry on a mountainside rescuing a hiker and his wife. The hiker has
> >fallen and broken his leg, compound fracture. His wife is screaming.
> >As night falls, Larry pulls out his 2m HT and, because this is a
> >life-threatening emergency, calls "CQ CQ CQ de K3LT."
> >
> >Ops normal.
>
> Brian:
>
> I thought it was me with a QRP HF CW rig and YOU with the HT -- 200
> miles from the nearest repeater! I'm sure that the frantic XYL's screaming
> would get a response before you did with your HT!
>
> 73 de Larry, K3LT

CQ vs SOS?

1512. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 23:35:16 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307151535.315b8a9@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71232

N2EY@AOL.COM (N2EY) wrote in message
news:<c2356669.0307150825.6a670095@posting.google.com>...
> brianburke@juno.com (Brian) wrote in message
news:<f45722ac.0307150248.6e1d185f@posting.google.com>...
> > N2EY@AOL.COM (N2EY) wrote in message
news:<c2356669.0307141321.285a9750@posting.google.com>...
> > > brianburke@juno.com (Brian) wrote in message
news:<f45722ac.0307140445.2718e3c2@posting.google.com>...
> > > > n2ey@aol.com (N2EY) wrote in message
news:<20030712063002.00871.00000622@mb-m17.aol.com>...
> > > > > In article <f45722ac.0307110432.434f720b@posting.google.com>,
> > > > > brianburke@juno.com (Brian) writes:
> > > > >
> > > > > >n2ey@aol.com (N2EY) wrote in message
> > > > > >news:<20030710182227.02197.00001170@mb-m12.aol.com>...
> > > > > >> In article <f45722ac.0307100834.6218fbc1@posting.google.com>,
> > > > > >> brianburke@juno.com (Brian) writes:
> > > > > >>
> > > > > >> >Still no citation from Arnie concerning his claim that NCI is on
> > > > > >> >record for less technical exams.
> > > > > >>
> > > > > >> Still no answer from you concerning these questions about your alleged /T5
> > > > > >> operation:
> > > > > >>
> > > > > >> What callsign was used?
> > > > > >> What rigs and antennas were used?
> > > > > >> Who did the equipment belong to?
> > > > > >> What amateur bands and modes were used?
> > > > > >> What countries and continents were worked?
> > > > > >> How were the QSLs delivered?
> > > > > >
> > > > > >Why is it alleged?
> > > > > >
> > > > > Because you haven't provided any information about or confirmation of your
> > > > > alleged operation.
> > > > >
> > > > Then how do you know about it?
> > > >
> > > You have claimed here and elsewhere to have operated /T5 about a
> > > decade ago. But you provided no details, even when directly asked. So
> > > any reasonable person has cause to be skeptical.
> > >
> > Lemme think this through.
> >

> > After you and several minions
>
> I don't have any "minions".

Perhaps they were bunions.

> > have performed an exhaustive search
> > concerning my operation in Somalia, and having turned up nothing, you
> > want me to corroborate my own operation so that you'll be less
> > skeptical?
>
> Nope.
>
> I and some others have asked some basic, simple, straightforward
> questions about your alleged /T5 operations.

After having exhausted all other venues.

You have repeatedly
> avoided answering any of them.

Yes, that is correct. But if you do your research you'll find I have
stated much of what you asked in previous posts to rrap. Get to work.

> > Ha! That's a good one.
>
> > Go ahead and believe what you want to believe. You will anyway
> > regardless of anything I could say.
> >
> Why don't you just answer the questions?

How is it that you didn't believe me then, but you're willing to
believe me now? I just don't get it.

To be honest, I don't think there is any answer that will satisfy you.

Brian

1513. Re: Why don't Real Hams you face the facts?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 23:42:09 UTC
From: Dan/W4NTI <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com>
Message-ID: <bf23cu$6ra$1@slb6.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 71233
Cross-posted to: uk.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.boatanchors,rec.radio.amateur.policy

"Phil Witt" <pwitt@wcov.com> wrote in message
news:6039hvcsa4h41mmg4tj8trvhb868io8rt1@4ax.com...
> On Tue, 15 Jul 2003 23:44:44 +0100, "citizensband"
> <citizensband@ntlworld.com> wrote:
>
> >Time to stop whinging, and face the facts...Real Technology has overtaken
> >you all!
>
> You poor troll. Don't you have anything to sell or auction? And, on
> the chance that you really are a CBer, did we not make it simple
> enough for you to get a ham license. The requirements are so minimal
> now that a two year old could get a ticket. You ought to try it.

I doubt he is old enough yet...hi

Dan/W4NTI

1514. Re: Why don't Real Hams you face the facts?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 23:52:49 UTC
From: Opara Kvijji <me@there.com>
Message-ID: <6G0Ra.5496$104.444953@news20.bellglobal.com>
Source record: 71235
Cross-posted to: uk.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.boatanchors,rec.radio.amateur.policy

Yes, I agree!! Furthermore, I think, IMHO, that that is what this newsgroup should continue to be about---the exchange of valuable information and the education of those less versed but definitely interested ones (people like me) in the ways of the firebottle. People who are intelligent enough to be interested in 50 year old (or more), 50 lb. (or more) pieces of radio equipment usually are intelligent enough to refrain from senseless flaming. Those with more neanderthal sloping foreheads are the ones who seem to knock what we do. There's ideas to be shared, and tips to be learned in keeping these fine old pieces of gear WORKING!!

> Is radio a great hobby? I sure think so. How about you?

1515. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-15 23:53:15 UTC
From: kelly@dvol.com
Message-ID: <d22b54c3.0307151553.520db25d@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71234

N2EY@AOL.COM (N2EY) wrote in message
news:<c2356669.0307141407.3073b19f@posting.google.com>...
> kelly@dvol.com (Brian Kelly) wrote in message
news:<d22b54c3.0307140753.70c9bfad@posting.google.com>...
> > "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> wrote in message
news:<2XdQa.337$lL.27733@nnrp1.ptd.net>...
>

> > Carl check me here but wasn't it you who advocated the abandonment of
> > all mode setasides in order to be able to run wall-to-wall spread
> > spectrum on 20M?
>
> Read that sentence carefully:
>
> "I *personally* would hate to see the digital/CW sub-bands overrun by
> SSB."
>
> Spread spectrum isn't SSB.

Yeah, I saw it and passed. There's just so much a body has time to
"handle". SS is OK on the HF ham bands but BPL is bad. Beats me.

> The rallying cry I recall hearing was "no setasides for legacy
> modes"...

What the hell is the definition of a "legacy mode" anyway?

> The discussion you recall, Brian, was an exchange between Carl and
> either KE3Z or W1RFI (halfheimer moment has me mixing them up, but I
> think it was Jon) here some years back. IIRC, Carl thought that HF
> DSSS (direct-sequence spread spectrum) could be overlaid atop, say, 15
> meters. His opponent pointed out that even a QRP station with a simple
> antenna would lay down an increased noise level to "narrow-band" users
> for miles around if that were allowed.

Ayup.

> Some basics:
>
> Suppose Amateur A operates a 100 watt 15 meter SSB rig into a decent
> vertical.

As an aside there is no such thing as a "decent" vertical if used
above 40M.

> Let's say he is S9+20 dB or louder over, say, a 5 mile
> radius, and his signal is 2.5 kHz wide. That is, a 2.5 kHz wide rx

> picks up almost all of the signal Amateur A transmits. (Does anybody
> see anything amiss with the above numbers?)

Nope.

> Now suppose Amateur A switches to DSSS and spreads that same 100 watts
> over 250 kHz of the band. For mathematical simplicity, let's assume
> the power is equally distributed over the 250 kHz, though in reality
> it will drop off towards the edges and be highest in the center. A 2.5
> kHz receiver will now intercept only 1% of that DSSS signal, because
> it is 100 times wider than the rx passband. So the DSSS signal sounds
> like noise, but its level is 20 db lower - S9. If Amateur A drops his
> power to 1 watt, the noise will drop 20 dB more - to about S6.

OR, in the cw setasides where 4-500 Hz filters are commonly used the
received energy from SS signals would be reduced by 80% vs. the case
with the 2.5 Khz ssb filter. Still ridiculous.

> So we have an S6 noise level within the above area over 250 kHz of the
> band from ONE station running 1 watt.

Who sez they would only run one watt and how many of 'em on the air
simultaneously would it take to (fill in the blank).

> Spread the signal over the
> entire band instead of 250 kHzand the noise level drops less than 3
> dB. How much weak-signal DX you gonna work with an S5 noise level over
> the entire band?

Zilch. I routinely work stations which don't even flick my
oversensitive zero-inertia S-meter into the first LED segment.
Whatzzat if you believe S-meters, an Sï¿½?? 25-30 dB weaker than the SS
signal?

> Note also that if propagation is decent, it's not unusual to hear
> S9+20 dB signals from 100-watt-and-simple-antenna stations hundreds or
> thousands of miles away. What if each one of those signals dumped its
> own S5+ noise level on you, even though they were running 1W out?

The band would be rendered useless for the hordes by anybody running
SS and that's why it ain't never gonna happen in our lifetimes.

>
> 73 de Jim, N2EY

w3rv

1516. Re: Code a Deterrent to a Ham Ticket ??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-16 00:27:58 UTC
From: Guessin <Guessin@connectnet.net>
Message-ID: <i_0Ra.593$ff.529@fed1read01>
Source record: 71236

a.. About this outburst from Len Over 21 below:
a..
a.. Ad hominem - attacking the arguer and not the argument. Personal attacks
on your opponent are an admission of intellectual bankruptcy.
a..
a.. He has only one point on his compass (himself), has never seen the rest
of the 359 degrees
a..
a.. There is a mirror 3 feet in front of him --- Used the "I did this"
words -- 10 times. Not evidence AT ALL. Nor is a majority opinion --
evidence.
a..
a.. Suggested reading "How To Debate" URL:
http://www.truthtree.com/debates.shtml

"Len Over 21" <lenover21@aol.com> wrote in message
news:20030715002454.23745.00001150@mb-m22.aol.com...
> In article <QWCPa.913$Bd5.644@fed1read01>, "Guessing"
<Guessing@connectnet.net>
> writes:
>
> >> Someone squawked
> >> As an engineer myself, I can verfiy that lots of engineers have told me
> >> exactly that. Whether they would get a licence once code testing is
> >> abolished might be another matter.
> >
> >Nonsense and a big copout
>
> Bullshit anonymous one. You can't be more wrong.
>
> >If you want a BS/MS/PHD Degree -- pass the tests
>
> I passed the BS tests. But, academic degrees are NOT set by any
> federal laws, cannot be changed outside of the academic community.
>
> >Want a driver license -- take a test
>
> I took my first one in 1950 in Illinois. But, state laws are
debateable AND
> changeable by law.
>
> >Want a job - take a drug test and physical exam and perhaps a
professional
> >test

>
> Plenty of jobs out there, not all of them require "drug tests." The
> physical
> examination for insurance purposes, NOT for all jobs.
>
> >Want insurance -- take a physical exam
>
> Not always needed. I've never had to get a physical exam for car
> insurance...nor house insurance. :-)
>
> >Want to be an apprentice (JourneyPerson) -- take the test
>
> Long before I got my degree I was a working electronics design
> engineer. No "unions" in electronics engineering. :-)
>
> >Want to advance in the Military -- take the test
>
> In my 4 years of active duty in the US Army, I went from E-1 to E-5 in
> two and a half years WITHOUT ANY FORMAL TESTS.
>
> >Pass the Bar (Legal that is) Pass Da Test
>
> I've passed many bars. A few I even walked into and got served.
>
> >Nurses CPR for sure and maybe ACLS Tests
>
> Steamy, are you trolling again? Mess up your Anger Management
> class again?
>
> >Sobriety Test -- Try to dodge this one
>
> I've never been in Dodge. I once rode in a Dodge. I'm sober as a
judge
> and right now I judge you to be some kind of trolling putzim.
>
> >Want an HF Ham license -- take the code and Technical/Rules et al test
> >Otherwise we have CB and FRS. And one who listens on these bands ought to
be
> >totally inspired to get a Ham Ticket !!!
>
> Tsk, tsk, tsk, I was legally ON HF the first time in 1953 and didn't
have to
> get my first FCC radio license until 1956.
>
> >Simple as that.
>
> You ARE "simple," simple one.
>
> >Anyone who used the code as an excuse for not becoming a ham, just wasn't
> >serious about it.

>
> Awwww...got your feelings hurt by NCTAs? :-) :-)
>
> >If 10 to 17 year olds can do it, why can't an engineer or any other
college
> >grad ???
>
> One can brainwash pre-18 teeners a LOT easier than older folks. :-)
>
> >Did any of those "Engineers" get a No-Code Tech license ??
> >Didn't think so !!
>
> I'm only on a "good friends" basis with three US radio amateurs. All
of
> them became licensed well before the "no-code" OR technician licenses
> came into being.
>
> Were you born in Newington or were you brainwashed as a child?
>
> LHA

1517. Re: Smells like type acceptance

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-16 00:42:38 UTC
From: kelly@dvol.com
Message-ID: <d22b54c3.0307151642.4a8046e4@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71237

"Phil Kane" <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop> wrote in message
news:<cuvyxnansvbet.hi1l8pe.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>...
>
> Another scenario is that this transceiver includes an FCC type
> certified receiver, and even though there may not be any out-of-band
> operation, the use of a non-certified receiver when one is required
> to be certified is a separate violation. There is a procedure for
> one-of-a-kind amateur equipment self-certification, but if it is
> a commercial piece of gear that is required to be certified, it must
> be a mod approved ny the manufacturer.

Wait a minnit here, I sense a hidden bag of worms. You did a nice job with explaining the type acceptance and type certification complexities a short time ago.

You explained that type certifcation of ham xcvrs is based on rcvr spurious emissions supression requirements. All well and good so far. Maybe I missed it but I did not pick up on they fact that hams can't mod their rcvrs unless the mod designs are factory approved. This is news to me and raises a flag.

We all know that rcvr mods are and have been routine ever since Hector was a pup. There are innumerable websites stuffed with how-to-do-it instructions for making all sorts of rcvr mods and there are mod kits for sale for just about every ham HF xcvr out there today. I seriously doubt that Yeasu for instance puts any assets into "approving" Joe Slobotnik's latest circuit mod for boosting the performace of say FT-1000MPs in some way. Nor have I ever seen any warnings in the websites which refer to the consequences of ham-developed mods beyond the usual possiblity of voiding manufacturer's warranties if one futzes with the innards with a soldering iron.

Are you saying that if I install any of these types of mods in my Yaesu xcvr I'm in violation?? If yes then we have one *helluva* lotta violators roaming the bands, thousands of us.

w3rv

1518. Re: Why don't Real Hams you face the facts?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-16 00:46:55 UTC
From: kludge@panix.com
Message-ID: <bf279vdf1@panix2.panix.com>
Source record: 71238
Cross-posted to: uk.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.boatanchors,rec.radio.amateur.policy

citizensband <citizensband@ntlworld.com> wrote:
>All the garbage about how you should even be allowed to operate a CB, unless
>you are able to build your own equipment. Real Hams will never be able to
>build a rig that even comes close to what's available off the shelf these
>days. Most people can't even be bothered, have no interest or don't have the
>time to build rigs anymore. Boatanchors should be used for exactly that,
>anchoring boats!

Actually, the neat thing is that current technology makes homebrewing
more fun than ever! I can now build one hell of a nice receiver using
DSP technology and doing most of the IF processing in the digital domain,
using off the shelf stuff. And I can get performance that beats anything
on the shelf right now.

What I want right now, though, is a PLL on a chip that will take a simple
BCD or binary encoded frequency, and produce an unmodulated carrier. I
would be surprised if someone hasn't built something like that already
using one of those Sanyo mask-programmed microprocessors with the PLL on
the chip like a lot of CBs use today. Doesn't have to be a PLL, it could
be DDS too, but I want a single chip synthesizer that will tune 160 through
10 meters continuously and I'd like to avoid the microprocessor interface.

>Time to stop whinging, and face the facts...Real Technology has overtaken
>you all!

Whinging? I'm not winging, I'm having a great time! Real technology
makes this a great time to be a ham.
--scott
--
"C'est un Nagra. C'est suisse, et tres, tres precis."

1519. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-16 00:47:40 UTC
From: Bill Sohl <billsohl@mindspring.com>
Message-ID: <bf27hj$4ka$1@slb3.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 71239

"Mike Coslo" <mcoslo@adelphia.net> wrote in message
news:3F1374A8.7080102@adelphia.net...
> Bill Sohl wrote:
> > "Mike Coslo" <mjc5@psu.edu> wrote in message
> > news:3F12B710.6040807@psu.edu...
> >
> >>Dick Carroll wrote:
> >>
> >>>Bill Sohl wrote:
> >>>
> >>>
> >>>
> >>>>"Dick Carroll" <dickc58@att.net> wrote in message
> >>>>news:3F10DD72.2D94F213@att.net...
> >>>>
> >>>>
> >>>>>Bill Sohl wrote:
> >>>>>
> >>>>>You
> >>>>>are (IMHO) clearly not up to the task of recruiting new hams
> >>>>>by proactively advocating CW use.
> >>>>>
> >>>>>Just as I would have skipped learning the code if it hadn't been a
> >>>>>licensing requirement, too.
> >>>>
> >>>>So much for your advocacy of morse to new hams.
> >>>>You made my point.
> >>>
> >>>
> >>>Bill you have been quite consistant about missing the entire point.
When
> >>
> > there is no
> >
> >>>code test
> >>>most hams won't learn Morse code. I know that taxes you not a bit, so
> >>
> > that means that
> >
> >>>you don't
> >>>care whether or not hams will be losing it as a viable mode. Which
shows
> >>
> > how

> >
> >>>shortsighted you
> >>>are, right along with the rest of NCI. And yes, FCC too. Of course they
> >>
> > have far
> >
> >>>bigger fish to fry
> >>>than to worry about a trivial detail involving the ARS. The least time
> >>
> > they must
> >
> >>>spend on ARS issues the better for them, whatever the end result.
> >>
> >>
> >>I don't think there is any point missed at all. I think that those who
> >>oppose the test know very well that elimination of the test will
> >>eventually eliminate use.
> >
> >
> > Strange that there are many things people do which are
> > long past relative to modern needs (archery, old cars,
> > etc.) without any testing needed to continue interest
> > in and to bring newcomers to the interest. IF morse
> > dies without testing then that's a sad commentary on
> > "how great it is" as promoted by PCTAs in this newsgroup.
>
> Because there is the difference between a cheerful anachronism, and what
> will eventually be considered a waste of bandwidth.
>
> I can keep an old car in my garage without affecting anyone.but
> bandwidth is another matter. But let us look at this scenario. Say 15
> years from now, there will be s aizable number of hams who have never
> used a paddle or key. There will be new hams taking up CW, but without
> an incentive, like a Morse code test, that number will likely fall
> somehat percentage wise (it has to if the No-coders are correct in that
> good hams are kept off the air by the code test)
>
> So these hams look at the bandplans: "Wow! just look at 80 meters. Fully
> half the bandplan is dedicated to stuff other than SSB! It's unfair that
> they should have all that bandwidth." And a bandwidth grab begins......
> Doesn't matter that there are still CW users out there. "And heck, they
> are always bragging about how little bandwidth they use, so only give
> them a minimum abount if anything."

Mike,

Assuming your hypothetical...
IF the non-phone segment is being underused, then
the CW users will likly lose bandwidth. BUT, if the non-phone
segment is just as crowded with users, then there's
no valid argument for phone expansion. The burden

will be on the users of non-phone modes.

Cheers,
Bill K2UNK

1520. Re: Why don't Real Hams you face the facts?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-16 00:59:35 UTC
From: Opara Kvijji <me@there.com>
Message-ID: <sE1Ra.5540$104.458632@news20.bellglobal.com>
Source record: 71244
Cross-posted to: uk.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.boatanchors,rec.radio.amateur.policy

I must say, that sounds very impressive, although I really do doubt that he understood all that......or is that the intent?

> Actually, the neat thing is that current technology makes homebrewing
> more fun than ever! I can now build one hell of a nice receiver using
> DSP technology and doing most of the IF processing in the digital domain,
> using off the shelf stuff. And I can get performance that beats anything
> on the shelf right now.
>
> What I want right now, though, is a PLL on a chip that will take a simple
> BCD or binary encoded frequency, and produce an unmodulated carrier. I
> would be surprised if someone hasn't built something like that already
> using one of those Sanyo mask-programmed microprocessors with the PLL on
> the chip like a lot of CBs use today. Doesn't have to be a PLL, it could
> be DDS too, but I want a single chip synthesizer that will tune 160 through
> 10 meters continuously and I'd like to avoid the microprocessor interface.
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> >Time to stop whinging, and face the facts...Real Technology has overtaken
> >you all!
>
> Whinging? I'm not winging, I'm having a great time! Real technology
> makes this a great time to be a ham.
> --scott
> --
> "C'est un Nagra. C'est suisse, et tres, tres precis."

1521. Re: Code a Deterrent to a Ham Ticket ??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-16 01:06:45 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307151706.3e0090b5@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71240

lenover21@aol.com (Len Over 21) wrote in message
news:<20030715154848.02197.00001258@mb-m12.aol.com>...
> In article <f45722ac.0307150638.3026103b@posting.google.com>,
> brianburke@juno.com (Brian) writes:
>
> >kelly@dvol.com (Brian Kelly) wrote in message
> >news:<d22b54c3.0307142330.351d45c5@posting.google.com>...

> >> Drive a stake in it and move on.
> >>
> >> w3rv
> >
> >Too much Buffy, I see.
>
> "Buffy" got cancelled. :-)

So did the Morse Code exam, which is why all the sour grapes. ;^)

1522. Re: Ham Radio In The Post-Code Testing Era

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-16 01:15:29 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307151715.58971405@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71241

lenover21@aol.com (Len Over 21) wrote in message
news:<20030715154841.02197.00001254@mb-m12.aol.com>...
> In article <20030715114413.23745.00001161@mb-m22.aol.com>, yodoc@aol.comnospam
> (Larry Roll K3LT) writes:
>
> >I think I'm pretty safe in saying that it was the code testing requirement
> >that caused hams to learn the code -- not any innate love or appreciation
> >for the mode.
>
> NO! Say it isn't so, mighty morseman!
>
> "Morse code gets through when everything else does." - B.B.
>
> LHA

Here's another gem: It doesn't seem that long ago when Alan Greenspan
was putting the brakes on the economy.

1523. Re: Ham Radio In The Post-Code Testing Era

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-16 01:23:53 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307151723.bc07c10@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71243

"Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> wrote in message
news:<d%YQa.674$lL.73657@nnrp1.ptd.net>...
> "Larry Roll K3LT" <yodoc@aol.comnospam> wrote in message
> news:20030715114412.23745.00001160@mb-m22.aol.com...
> > In article <CUBQa.507$lL.58269@nnrp1.ptd.net>, "Carl R. Stevenson"
> > <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> writes:
> >
> > >
> > >"Dick Carroll" <dickc58@att.net> wrote in message
> > >news:3F12B69A.24B5BDED@att.net...
> > >> Tha hobby is in sad shape and is being held up like Atlas holding the
> world by
> > >> hams who have taken a code test.
> > >
> > >Er, Dick ... you over-inflated, Morse-prowess-based ego REALLY shows
> > >in the above comment.
> > >
> > >First, I don't believe that "Tha hobby is in sad shape ..."
> > >
> > >Second, if it *were* it would be largely because of the narrow-minded,
> > >backward, egotistical sort of thinking that you express above.
> > >
> > >Carl - wk3c
> >
> > Carl:
> >
> > So, what do you think will be holding up the ARS in the future?
>
> The same thing that has actually held it up all along ... the majority
> of good hams without attitude problems that detract from the service,
> the work they do in technical, public service, and other ham pursuits,
> and (I believe) an influx of "new blood" ... some younger, I hope, so
> that our demographics improve for the future, and some more techically
> inclined who can elmer, develop new things, etc.
>
> Having taken a code test has nothing to do with these things.
>
> Carl - wk3c

Carl, isn't it odd that the code exam proponents are the first to
predict gloom and doom, some even willing to work for the demise of
the service? Yet it is those that haved worked to have code exam
eliminated are the most optimistic about the service. There is
something else at work here than the mere code exam.

Spock would say, "Captain, I find it quite illogical..."

1524. Re: Ham Radio In The Post-Code Testing Era

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-16 01:23:55 UTC
From: Jack Hamilton <jfh@acm.org>
Message-ID: <m8a9hvglv7rdeu79a978qbt9bvjm4vqgs9@4ax.com>
Source record: 71250

lenover21@aol.com (Len Over 21) wrote:

>In article <20030715114413.23745.00001161@mb-m22.aol.com>, yodoc@aol.comnospam
>(Larry Roll K3LT) writes:
>
>>I think I'm pretty safe in saying that it was the code testing requirement
>>that caused hams to learn the code -- not any innate love or appreciation
>>for the mode.
>
> NO! Say it isn't so, mighty morseman!
>
> "Morse code gets through when everything else does." - B.B.

Hasn't that been disproved?

--
Jack Hamilton
jfh@acm.org

If men are to wait for liberty until they become wise and good in slavery,
they may indeed wait for ever.
- Lord MacCaulay

1525. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-16 01:28:45 UTC
From: "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net>
Message-ID: <hT1Ra.10526$Vx2.4587491@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com>
Source record: 71245

"Bill Sohl" <billsohl@mindspring.com> wrote in message
news:bf27hj$4ka$1@slb3.atl.mindspring.net...
>
> Assuming your hypothetical...
> IF the non-phone segment is being underused, then
> the CW users will likly lose bandwidth. BUT, if the non-phone
> segment is just as crowded with users, then there's
> no valid argument for phone expansion. The burden
> will be on the users of non-phone modes.
>

Despite the fact that the non-phone segment is not under utilized, the phone people are already crying for the non-phone segment. This cry will continue to grow. Why should the burden of proof fall on the users of the non-phone modes?

Dee D. Flint, N8UZE

1526. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-16 01:34:03 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307151734.36d0124@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71246

N2EY@AOL.COM (N2EY) wrote in message
news:<c2356669.0307150905.598693d@posting.google.com>...
> "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> wrote in message
news:<AsDQa.521$lL.58870@nnrp1.ptd.net>...
> > "N2EY" <n2ey@aol.com> wrote in message
> > news:20030714142202.02627.00000066@mb-m02.aol.com...
> > > In article <rTxQa.454$lL.55425@nnrp1.ptd.net>, "Carl R. Stevenson"
> > > >there is nothing "magical" about Morse
> > > >and the insistence on using "wetware" instead of software to do the
> > > >decoding is an anomaly of ham radio.
> > >
> > > And you say you're not against the use of the mode, just the test, Carl?
> > ;-)
> >
> > That's correct... I am NOT against the use of the mode.
>
> Maybe. But the way you write about the mode makes me wonder. For
> example, when you call those who use the mode "beepers" and other
> disparaging names, a different image is projected by you.

Kelley refers to himself as a "beepist." Is Kelley against Morse/CW use?

Brian

1527. Re: Claudette declared a Hurricane

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-16 01:43:05 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307151743.36ab0391@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71249

"Arnie Macy" <kt4st@csam.net> wrote in message
news:<bf0hjr$9i2on$1@ID-166180.news.uni-berlin.de>...
> Current storm map and latest advisory available at my web site:
>
> http://www.qsl.net/kt4st/hurricane.htm
>
> Arnie -
> KT4ST

Arnie, if you're going to offer this kind of "public service" you might want to update it once in a while. Brian

1528. Re: Why don't Real Hams you face the facts?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-16 01:57:55 UTC
From: warren weber <hiview@worldnet.att.net>
Message-ID: <Di2Ra.56385$0v4.3843617@bgtnsc04-news.ops.worldnet.att.net>
Source record: 71351
Cross-posted to: uk.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.boatanchors,rec.radio.amateur.policy

What's wrong with top posting? This way you don't need to read the garbage.

"citizensband" <citizensband@ntlworld.com> wrote in message
news:PJ%Qa.1784$0g3.129991@newsfep1-win.server.ntli.net...
>
> "Bob Rinaldi" <w1cny@comcast.net> wrote in message
> news:9E%Qa.59725$wk6.13632@rwcrnsc52.ops.asp.att.net...
> > too bad spelling hasn't
> >
> > --
> > --------
> Or in your case, top-posting!
>
> HTH
> tox
>
>

1529. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-16 02:02:12 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bf2bmn$f2a$1@adenine.netfront.net>
Source record: 71352

"Radio Amateur KC2HMZ" <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net> wrote in message
news:1gt5hvkg0sfu55lshqh7sas4unc286e4ge@4ax.com...
> On Sun, 13 Jul 2003 22:15:05 -0500, "Kim W5TIT" <fahgedit@nomail.net>
> wrote:
>
> >"Radio Amateur KC2HMZ" <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net> wrote in message
> >news:ec71hv8ahlq568rc23q6l2acrl8nfe85uq@4ax.com...
> >>
> >> Kim - excellent post, I'm impressed.
> >>
> >
> >I'd rather you not be impressed, but thanks!
>
> You're entirely welcome. To explain my comment...so much of your
> participation in this NG seems to be wasted on sniping at Larry and
> Dick, that I was pleasantly surprised to read that particular post, in
> which you made a number of good points about emergency communications,
> even if you couldn't resist the occasional shot at the aforementioned
> two targets of opportunity. ;-)
>

Yeah, I remember when I first discovered there was "newsgroups" and then found this one. I thought to myself, "Self, this is great. Meet more hams and have great ham discussions." NOT. Pretty much the first exposure I had to anyone on the newsgroup was Larry Roll, with his obsession about my callsign...blah, blah, blah.

Then I learned that many of this newsgroup's participants can't have any kind of discussion without pulliing some kind of ego trip up out of their pants.

The long and short is that this newsgroup became a way for me to take the day's frustrations out and pretend that my targets were this boss, or that boss, or this co-worker or that co-worker...heh heh

> >
> >I've also been involved in emergency operations and procedures before
ever
> >being a ham, so it was a natural avocation.
>
> We share a common interest here...I always had an interest in public
> service and emergency services - so naturally, once I expanded my
> radio hobby activities to include amateur radio, I gravitated to the
> emergency/public service sector of the ARS at once.
>

I think the public service aspect is one of the greatest things about ham radio...although I'm not much involved any more. Around here, one spends more time dealing with political garbage than getting any real constructive stuff done. I wasn't in it just for the sake of getting out there and being in the middle of storms--I also wanted to see this area become really great and one to be looked up to.

> >
> >It concerns me that my post may have seemed to isolate CW as a
non-essential
> >in emergency/disaster communication. I did not mean to make it seem so,
if
> >I did.
>
> Well, more like you left it out because it wasn't germaine to the
> point you were trying to make. Having read previous posts where you
> demonstrated an understanding that one never discounts any valid means
> of communication in EmComm, I understood where you were coming from,
> so I took the liberty of putting back in what you left out.
>

Thank you. Not used to someone being able to read between the lines here...LOL

> >
> >I'll have to try and comment more later in the week when it's not time to
> >get to sleep!
>
> I look forward to it. I'm going to have to cut my own session short,
> in fact. In about an hour, our club's public service ops are doing the
> radio comms for a parade, and since I'm one of the two
> co-coordinators, I need to shut this computer off and get down to an
> entirely different sort of post. TTYL.
>
> 73 DE John, KC2HMZ
>

Know what? It's Tuesday and I'm still tired...

Kim W5TIT

Posted via news://freenews.netfront.net
Complaints to news@netfront.net

1530. Re: Picard vs Kirk, was Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-16 02:03:29 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bf2bp5$f4c$1@adenine.netfront.net>
Source record: 71353

"Ryan, KC8PMX" <kc8pmx@diamondcs.net> wrote in message
news:bf0u2i$92ho8$1@ID-189073.news.uni-berlin.de...
> I see it now Kim, the parallel that is..... Star Trek Geeks and Ham
radio!
> They both have conventions too!!!!!! :)
>

And have a propensity for anything "junk"? ROFLMAO!!!

Kim W5TIT

>
> Ryan KC8PMX
>
> > OK. There you have it. End of debate. Larry has just stated that
> someone
> > who knows the sending of SOS knows "the Morse code."
> >
> > Kim W5TIT
> >
> >
> > ---
> > Posted via news://freenews.netfront.net
> > Complaints to news@netfront.net
>
>

Posted via news://freenews.netfront.net
Complaints to news@netfront.net

1531. Re: ARRL plan, coming to fruition?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-16 02:03:48 UTC
From: "D. Stussy" <kd6lvw@bde-arc.ampr.org>
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.56.0307160201420.14868@kd6lvw.ampr.org>
Source record: 71354

On Mon, 14 Jul 2003, No Dummy Loads wrote:
> The League won't stand in the way of anything if it will allow dumbing down
> the hobby, and now their plans are further moving forward. Pretty soon
> one won't even need to take a written test for a license. The League would
> never propose this openly, but they won't object when someone else does.
>
> Hey League BOD: Thank you for dumbing down the hobby assholes. You were to
> work to make things better, not worse! New definition for the ARRL
> handbook: Dummy load: A bunch of hams in the back of a pickup truck.

I believe that the ARRL is more concerned with quantity than quality.

1532. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-16 02:04:21 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bf2bqp$f5k$1@adenine.netfront.net>
Source record: 71355

"Ryan, KC8PMX" <kc8pmx@diamondcs.net> wrote in message
news:bf0u2k$92ho8$2@ID-189073.news.uni-berlin.de...
> >
> > 2. Most public safety professionals (by which I mean law enforcement,
> > fire supression, EMS, and SAR personnel) know precisely this about the
> > radios they use on the job: Either it works or it doesn't. Either the
> > city cops can talk directly to the county sheriffs or they can't.
> > Change to a different radio? Sure...just get a new radio...see item
> > number (1) above for the problem with that.
>
> Hmmm.... but if there ever was any career paths that the possibility of
> needing to communicate in a non-voice manner those professions just may
> be..... If a firefighter gets trapped in a building or cop has some type
of
> situation where he may not be able to speak or something, he may be able
to
> tap code out on the speaker.
>
>
>
> --
> Ryan, KC8PMX
> FF1-FF2-MFR-(pending NREMT-B!)
> --. --- -.. ... .- -. --. . .-.. ... .- .-. . ..-. .. .-. . ..-.
> .. --. .... - . .-. ...
>
>

Wellllllllll, wouldn't just plain tapping get the attention, too?

Kim W5TIT

Posted via news://freenews.netfront.net
Complaints to news@netfront.net

1533. Re: Smells like type acceptance

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-16 02:07:10 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bf2c02$fe1$1@adenine.netfront.net>
Source record: 71356

"Phil Kane" <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop> wrote in message
news:cuvyxnansvbet.hi1n33i.pminews@netnews.comcast.net...
> On Mon, 14 Jul 2003 21:16:27 -0500, Kim W5TIT wrote:
>
> >It is my understanding that even amateur operators must have equipment
that
> >is "Type Accepted" by the FCC.
>
> You are greatly in error, Kim.
>
> >BUT, I do know that I've
> >heard discussions on the air whereby it is said to be illegal to own
> >"illegal" radios (those CBs that can transmit outside the legal limits of
CB
> >radio) and "foot warmers" (those that have been modified to be able to
work
> >outside the ham bands...like, one that was originally for 10M that now
works
> >well in the CB range, etc.).
>
> I wish that that was so, but it is not. It is a violation to use
> such equipment, and use is presumed as a matter of law when there is
> possession coupled with extrinsic evidence of contemporary violation
> of the type that would result from use of the device, but mere
> possession is not a violation (barring other factors).
>
> --
> 73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane
>
>

Ah...thanks for the clarification. I'd take your summary over most any
day...

Kim W5TIT

Posted via news://freenews.netfront.net
Complaints to news@netfront.net

1534. Re: Ham Radio In The Post-Code Testing Era

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-16 02:08:58 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bf2c3efge1@adenine.netfront.net>
Source record: 71357

"Dwight Stewart" <stewart@say.net> wrote in message
news:BB3934D0.1ED20%stewart@say.net...
> "Kim W5TIT" wrote:
> >
> > (snip)
>
>
> Kim, I don't know what is going on with your newsgroup messages. Many of
> your messages are listed as no longer on my server very shortly after you
> post them (sometimes just one or two hours later). The messages are listed
> in my message list of this newsgroup, but I get an error ("message no
longer
> on server") when I try to read them. For everyone else, I can read
messages
> they posted many days ago.
>
> Anyway, just wanted to let you know what is happening in case you post a
> reply to one of my messages and don't get a response. It's not that I'm
> trying to ignore you - I just can't read or reply to your quickly
> disappearing messages (I caught and replied to this one before it
> disappeared)
>
>
> Dwight Stewart (W5NET)
>
> http://www.qsl.net/w5net/
>

Wow, thanks for letting me know, Dwight!!! Larry must be in
withdrawal...I'll switch over to the other one!

Kim W5TIT

Posted via news://freenews.netfront.net
Complaints to news@netfront.net

1535. Re: Ham Radio In The Post-Code Testing Era

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-16 02:09:47 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bf2d5n$ki2@library1.airnews.net>
Source record: 71363

"Dwight Stewart" <stewart@say.net> wrote in message
news:BB3934D0.1ED20%stewart@say.net...
> "Kim W5TIT" wrote:
> >
> > (snip)
>
>
> Kim, I don't know what is going on with your newsgroup messages. Many of
> your messages are listed as no longer on my server very shortly after you
> post them (sometimes just one or two hours later). The messages are listed
> in my message list of this newsgroup, but I get an error ("message no
longer
> on server") when I try to read them. For everyone else, I can read
messages
> they posted many days ago.
>
> Anyway, just wanted to let you know what is happening in case you post a
> reply to one of my messages and don't get a response. It's not that I'm
> trying to ignore you - I just can't read or reply to your quickly
> disappearing messages (I caught and replied to this one before it
> disappeared)
>
>
> Dwight Stewart (W5NET)
>
> http://www.qsl.net/w5net/
>

There, how's that? :)

Kim W5TIT

1536. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-16 02:11:03 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bf2d5o$ki2@library1.airnews.net>
Source record: 71362

"Arnie Macy" <kt4st@csam.net> wrote in message
news:bf0hta$9s3ll$1@ID-166180.news.uni-berlin.de...
> "Kim W5TIT" wrote ...
>
> And it seems to me that non-CW hams would be far superior to CW-hams,
with
> things such as phone nets, QSOs, etc. Oh wait, I think you already said
> that. . . But, you know what? It doesn't even feel good feeling superior.
>

>
> You make the presumption that we don't ever use phone, conduct QSO's, or
> belong to nets. Of course we do -- and many of us are just as good at
those
> aspects of Ham radio as well.
>
> Arnie -
> KT4ST
>
>
>

Arnie, Arnie, Arnie....no I don't make the presumption at all. I was being sarcastic with my post... Uh, see the last line?

Kim W5TIT

1537. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-16 02:17:13 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bf2d5p$ki2@library1.airnews.net>
Source record: 71364

"Larry Roll K3LT" <yodoc@aol.comnospam> wrote in message
news:20030715114410.23745.00001157@mb-m22.aol.com...
> In article <beu4iu$2cde$1@adenine.netfront.net>, "Kim W5TIT"
> <fahgedit@nomail.net> writes:
>
> >
> >"Larry Roll K3LT" <yodoc@aol.comnospam> wrote in message
> >news:20030714033328.12501.00000880@mb-m04.aol.com...
> >>
> >> Kim is in no danger of getting "lip service" from me! In any case,
she's
> >> a married woman, and your inuendoes aren't showing any respect for
> >> that, John. At least I'm willing to give her the benefit of the doubt
in
> >> that regard, and keep my comments focused on her postings regarding
> >> amateur radio.
> >>
> >> 73 de Larry, K3LT
> >>
> >
> >Since when, Larry. And, be careful because I'll post a whole stream of
> >posts wherein you stray far, far away from ham radio...
> >
> >Kim W5TIT
>
> Kim:
>
> All I can say is, I'm not suprised by your typically ungracious remark.
> Apparently my effort was in vain, but that's my fault -- I should have
> known better!
>
> 73 de Larry, K3LT
>

Would you like me to post some examples of where you have not kept your
posts related to ham radio? Actually, you can look it up yourself.

Kim W5TIT

1538. Re: The Day has come....

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-16 02:18:38 UTC
From: EOD_M3@hotmail.com
Message-ID: <1a36ce62.0307151818.7884077b@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71358

"Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> wrote in message
news:<H0yQa.456$lL.55646@nnrp1.ptd.net>...
> That seems to be urban myth ... my youngest son is a Radioman in Navy
> EOD ... a special unit that's one notch below the SEALs ... NO Morse
> training.

EOD is not "one notch below the SEALs". That's like saying a running back is one notch below a wide-receiver. They have two different jobs. If you're talking about dealing with explosives, than the SEALs are one notch below EOD. If you're talking about killing people, then EOD is one notch below the SEALs. If you're talking about diving or parachuting, then their exactly the same. EOD school is twice as long as BUD/s. There are only 650 EOD techs versus over 3,000 SEALs. The ASVAB requirements for EOD are far higher than SEALs. Both groups are qualified in the exact same things. Neither is better then the other. They are similiar groups with different missions.

1539. Re: Why don't Real Hams you face the facts?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-16 02:22:20 UTC
From: Jim Hampton <aa2qa@frontiernet.net>
Message-ID: <wF2Ra.4490$_%5.3157@news02.roc.ny>
Source record: 71360
Cross-posted to: uk.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.boatanchors,rec.radio.amateur.policy

This could be interesting, Scott. I haven't been keeping close track of the DDS stuff, but a few years ago you could get devices that were clocked at 40 to 50 MHz with 32 bit math (frequency steps would be tiny). Of course, even at 50 MHz, 15 meters would be approaching the Nyquist frequency. More useful might be a lower frequency oscillator (in the 5 MHz region) and then a mixer to the desired frequency (of course you have to figure in the IF too). I'm curious if the DDS stuff might also have a quadrature output. That could be *most* interesting as I suspect a decent sound card could take your monaural voice and, with DSP, put that into quadrature audio (left and right channels in quadrature). That, plus DDS with quadrature outputs ... and I could see a direct conversion receiver with *real* selectivity and selectable sidebands. I'm sure the DSP could provide better quadrature relationships and maintain even responses between channels than a number of filters. With a method to equalize the amplitudes of both the DSP outputs into the mixers as well as equalizing amplitudes of the DDS outputs to the mixers - we might see unwanted sideband and carrier suppression equal to some of the best radios around. Do you know if any DDS chips supply both a sine and cosine (quadrature) output? Or is this pretty much standard?

73 from Rochester, NY
Jim AA2QA

"Scott Dorsey" <kludge@panix.com> wrote in message
news:bf279vdf1@panix2.panix.com...
>
> Actually, the neat thing is that current technology makes homebrewing
> more fun than ever! I can now build one hell of a nice receiver using
> DSP technology and doing most of the IF processing in the digital domain,
> using off the shelf stuff. And I can get performance that beats anything
> on the shelf right now.
>
> What I want right now, though, is a PLL on a chip that will take a simple
> BCD or binary encoded frequency, and produce an unmodulated carrier. I
> would be surprised if someone hasn't built something like that already
> using one of those Sanyo mask-programmed microprocessors with the PLL on
> the chip like a lot of CBs use today. Doesn't have to be a PLL, it could
> be DDS too, but I want a single chip synthesizer that will tune 160
through
> 10 meters continuously and I'd like to avoid the microprocessor interface.
>
> Whinging? I'm not winging, I'm having a great time! Real technology
> makes this a great time to be a ham.
> --scott
> --

> "C'est un Nagra. C'est suisse, et tres, tres precis."

Outgoing mail is certified Virus Free.
Checked by AVG anti-virus system (http://www.grisoft.com).
Version: 6.0.500 / Virus Database: 298 - Release Date: 7/10/03

1540. Re: Code a Deterrent to a Ham Ticket ??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-16 02:22:24 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
Message-ID: <3F14B6FD.70602@adelphia.net>
Source record: 71359

Brian wrote:

> Too much Buffy, I see.

Is that possible?

- Mike KB3EIA -

1541. Re: Code a Deterrent to a Ham Ticket ??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-16 02:27:51 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bf2d5q$ki2@library1.airnews.net>
Source record: 71361

"Larry Roll K3LT" <yodoc@aol.comnospam> wrote in message
news:20030715145639.23745.00001170@mb-m22.aol.com...
> In article <bevq5j$v7p@library2.airnews.net>, "Kim W5TIT"
<fahgedit@nomail.net>
> writes:
>
> >> It's a very fair & appropriate question as a rhetorical response to
> >> the NCTAs who have been claiming forever that eliminating the code
> >> tests for HF access will result in a new influx of technically astute
> >> engineers. Bilge. Who will put their expertise to work and come up
> >> with "advances in the state of the art" now that they won't have to
> >> jump thru the "code test hoops". More bilge and you know that as well
> >> as I do.
> >>
> >>
> >> > > w3rv
> >> >
> >> > Kim W5TIT
> >>
> >> w3rv
> >>
> >
> >Well, if you're going to use what appears to be an honest question to
lash
> >out at whomever it is you are targeting, please forgive the confusion on
my
> >part. I didn't realize you were being rhetorical to the NCTAs.
>
> Kim:
>
> You were confused because, as usual, you were reading for the purpose
> of finding something negative to react to, as opposed to objectively
> evaluating what was said.
>

Yeah, I was trying on your shoes for a change. Man, I took 'em off real
quick, too.

> >
> >By the way, isn't stating that NCTAs "have been claiming forever that
> >eliminating the code tests for HF access. . ." rolling us all into one
> >"neat" little package?
>
> No -- Brian (that's MISTER Kelly to you, little girl!) was merely stating
the

> facts about what the NCTA have promised what would happen when code
> testing was taken "out of the way" of all the eager young geniuses who
> are going to save ham radio from our present state of technical
insolvency.
>

No, I actually think Brian was stating things from the perspective of NCTAs
whom he knows said such things. Upon clarification from Brian, it doesn't
seem to me that Brian uses such a broad paintbrush as you usually do, Larry.

> >
> >I don't think people who'd like to see an end to CW
> >testing all think alike at all.
>
> Neither do I. I only go after the ones who whine about it.
>

You whine as much as anyone else may, Larry. More, in fact.

> >
> >Have you ever seen me accuse you of being
> >like Larry or Dick? They are two PCTAs and you are a PCTA also.
>
> You just don't like Dick and myself because we won't pander to your
> inane, childish, and illogical parroting of what other people say, or to
> your callsign which Mr. Hollingsworth himself said has the potential to
> take the ARS "...one step closer to extinction." IOW, you're just fine
> with anyone who strokes your horrendous ego.
>

One would first have to desire such attention from either of you. This one
does not. You just don't get that you are a mere speck of dust to me. An
irritating itch that I don't mind scratching once in a while. Let me put it
bluntly: I could not care less for any human than you, Larry.

> >
> >We all have our own opinions about why we think something is a good idea.
>
> And unlike yours, most of those opinions are being made by people with
> genuine operating experience. Sorry about the truth, Kim -- I know it
> hurts you, but I'm not going to look at a pile of crap on the floor and
call
> it a bowl of cherries.
>
> 73 de Larry, K3LT
>

No, the only thing that hurts, Larry, is knowing there are people just like
you all over the place.

Kim W5TIT

1542. Re: Ham Radio In The Post-Code Testing Era

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-16 02:29:43 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bf2d98$4an@library1.airnews.net>
Source record: 71365

"Dan/W4NTI" <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com> wrote in message
news:bf1qhjpnn1@slb6.atl.mindspring.net...
>
> "Dwight Stewart" <stewart@say.net> wrote in message
> news:BB3934D0.1ED20%stewart@say.net...
> > "Kim W5TIT" wrote:
> > >
> > > (snip)
> > >
> > >
> > Kim, I don't know what is going on with your newsgroup messages. Many
of
> > your messages are listed as no longer on my server very shortly after
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> > post them (sometimes just one or two hours later). The messages are
listed
> > in my message list of this newsgroup, but I get an error ("message no
> longer
> > on server") when I try to read them. For everyone else, I can read
> messages
> > they posted many days ago.
> >
> > Anyway, just wanted to let you know what is happening in case you post
a
> > reply to one of my messages and don't get a response. It's not that I'm
> > trying to ignore you - I just can't read or reply to your quickly
> > disappearing messages (I caught and replied to this one before it
> > disappeared)
> >
> >
> > Dwight Stewart (W5NET)
> >
> > http://www.qsl.net/w5net/
> >
>
> I had my witches coven put a curse on her.
>
> Dan/W4NTI
>
>

That would be witch's...

Kim W5TIT

1543. Re: Why don't you Real Trolls face the facts?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-16 02:35:06 UTC
From: "m.e.nickolas" <1@2.3>
Message-ID: <MPG.197e83da6115107498968a@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 71366
Cross-posted to: uk.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.boatanchors,rec.radio.amateur.policy

In article <by%Qa.1761$0g3.126929@newsfep1-win.server.ntli.net>,
citizensband@ntlworld.com says...
>snip

Low rent troll from the UK.

Probably has to go down to the shop
on the corner to have them change the
batteries on his wifes "personal appliances"...

1544. Re: Why don't Real Hams you face the facts?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-16 02:41:25 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com>
Message-ID: <pX2Ra.729$IL.78758@nnrp1.ptd.net>
Source record: 71367
Cross-posted to: uk.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.boatanchors,rec.radio.amateur.policy

"Jim Hampton" <aa2qa@frontiernet.net> wrote in message
news:wF2Ra.4490$_%5.3157@news02.roc.ny...
> This could be interesting, Scott. I haven't been keeping close track of
the
> DDS stuff, but a few years ago you could get devices that were clocked at
40
> to 50 MHz with 32 bit math (frequency steps would be tiny). Of course,
even
> at 50 MHz, 15 meters would be approaching the Nyquist frequency. More
> useful might be a lower frequency oscillator (in the 5 MHz region) and
then
> a mixer to the desired frequency (of course you have to figure in the IF
> too). I'm curious if the DDS stuff might also have a quadrature output.
> That could be *most* interesting as I suspect a decent sound card could
take
> your monaural voice and, with DSP, put that into quadrature audio (left
and
> right channels in quadrature). That, plus DDS with quadrature outputs ...
> and I could see a direct conversion receiver with *real* selectivity and
> selectable sidebands. I'm sure the DSP could provide better quadrature
> relationships and maintain even responses between channels than a number
of
> filters. With a method to equalize the amplitudes of both the DSP outputs
> into the mixers as well as equalizing amplitudes of the DDS outputs to the
> mixers - we might see unwanted sideband and carrier suppression equal to
> some of the best radios around. Do you know if any DDS chips supply both
a
> sine and cosine (quadrature) output? Or is this pretty much standard?
>
> 73 from Rochester, NY
> Jim AA2QA

Some of the newer DDS devices (check Analog Devices' website) are clocking
at up to 400MHz (maybe more by now, as I haven't looked in a few months).

Some provide quadrature outputs.

Some provide on-chip phase modulation and/or FSK.

There are also techniques using harmonic aliases that will allow a
relatively low
frequency DDS to effectively produce a higher frequency signal ...

Lots of interesting stuff in the data sheets and app notes.

73,
Carl - wk3c

1545. Re: Why don't Real Hams you face the facts?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-16 02:44:20 UTC
From: kludge@panix.com
Message-ID: <bf2e64fjp1@panix2.panix.com>
Source record: 71368
Cross-posted to: uk.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.boatanchors,rec.radio.amateur.policy

Opara Kvijji <me@there.com> wrote:
>I must say, that sounds very impressive, although I really do doubt that he
>understood all that......or is that the intent?

I dunno, if one person understands it and happens to have a source for PLLs,
I'll be happy.

It's true, though, that I can go to the trash bins down the street, and pick
up VCRs with wideband electronics that will carry from DC to 4 MHz, TV sets
with great digital tuner stages, really slick sweep amplifier stages that
can put out decent power across the whole HF band, and all kinds of nifty
stuff. People complain about technology today making homebrewing impossible,
but frankly I would have given my eyeteeth for this sort of salvage when
I was a kid.
--scott

--
"C'est un Nagra. C'est suisse, et tres, tres precis."

1546. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-16 02:49:54 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
Message-ID: <3F14BD58.3020407@adelphia.net>
Source record: 71370

Bill Sohl wrote:

> Assuming your hypothetical...
> IF the non-phone segment is being underused, then
> the CW users will likly lose bandwidth. BUT, if the non-phone
> segment is just as crowded with users, then there's
> no valid argument for phone expansion. The burden
> will be on the users of non-phone modes.

And right there you have it!

- Mike KB3EIA -

1547. Re: Smells like type acceptance

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-16 02:51:25 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030715225125.01315.00000908@mb-m18.aol.com>
Source record: 71372

In article <cuvyxnansvbet.hi1n33i.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>, "Phil Kane"
<Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop> writes:

>>It is my understanding that even amateur operators must have equipment that
>>is "Type Accepted" by the FCC.
>
> You are greatly in error, Kim.

Situation normal, Phil -- Situation normal!

73 de Larry, K3LT

1548. Re: Smells like type acceptance

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-16 02:51:26 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030715225126.01315.00000909@mb-m18.aol.com>
Source record: 71373

In article <e79dbd9b.0307150553.7df771f6@posting.google.com>, k0hb@arrl.net (K0HB) writes:

>My concern is NOT with the severity of his penalty (I think it was
>pathetically lenient) but with the chilling effect it could have on
>tinkering and experimenting by amateurs who apparently must now fear
>that FCC can require them to put their equipment back into
>factory-fresh configuration.
>
>I don't have a single peice of equipment which I have not "improved"
>from it's original schematic. Frankly, I thought the FCC encouraged
>such experimentation. This incident suggests just the opposite and
>I'm surprised that ARRL isn't screaming bloody murder.

Hansl:

I have no problem with the penalty imposed. If Mr. Swift complies, in the allotted time frame, he obviously would show that he is genuinely interested in keeping his license by complying with the regulations. I'm also sure that his visit to the FCC Field Office will include a thorough reading of the Riot Act, not to mention the Communications Act 1934. From that point on, if he re-offends, he's toast.

Requiring Mr. Swift to re-connect and encapsulate his jumper doesn't bother me one little bit. This never would have happened if he wasn't stupid enough to actually transmit on a Marine frequency with non-type accepted equipment -- and make false distress calls, to boot. He obviously got caught on his first offense, and for a first offender, this "punishment" is appropriate and adequate. BTW, I'm only assuming that the distress call did not initiate an expensive SAR response by the Coast Guard. Were that so, I'd also be handing him the bill for the costs involved, but that would be a DOT/Coast Guard action, not the FCC.

73 de Larry, K3LT

1549. Re: Code a Deterrent to a Ham Ticket ??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-16 02:51:33 UTC
From: Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93B9E87F52F28elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>
Source record: 71371

Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu> wrote in news:3F141B67.1020809@psu.edu:

> Alun Palmer wrote:
>> Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net> wrote in <some snippage>
>
> Alun Palmer wrote:
>
>>>>I do not beleive that it is necessary to make people study unwanted
>>>>classes to qualify as an institution of higher learning, more that it
>>>>disqualifies the college.
>>>
>>> You must be related to our friend Vipul! At least you think
>>> alike.
>>>
>>> - Mike KB3EIA -
>
>>
>> Well, he's clearly Indian, and I'm British, so it wouldn't surprise me
>> if we share some views in common and don't buy into the received
>> wisdom of the US of A.
>
> Come on, Alun. Let's not go all nationalistic on us here.
>
>
> Can you predict what you will make use of in your career? Right
> now, I
> am making full use of my art classes, my technical classes, my
> careerlong professional development, and all the other classes I took,
> even though some seemed irrelevant at the time.
>
>
> - Mike KB3EIA -
>
>

I have no beef against your EE degrees. Given that they are a whole year
longer than ours I'm sure you can afford to cover irrelevant stuff without
missing anything important. I just feel sorry for the poor students who
have to sit through it, that's all!

1550. Re: Code a Deterrent to a Ham Ticket ??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-16 02:52:11 UTC
From: Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93B9E89B2DCECelektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>
Source record: 71374

Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu> wrote in news:3F141CD7.2080508@psu.edu:

> Alun Palmer wrote:
>
>>
>> I don't beleive either academic degrees or ham licences should require
>> unnecessary stuff, that's all.
>
> Tell me what shouldn't be taught.
>
> - Mike KB3EIA -
>
>

I'm sure you can work it out

1551. Re: Code a Deterrent to a Ham Ticket ??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-16 02:54:47 UTC
From: Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93B9E90BD4B3Aelektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>
Source record: 71375

yodoc@aol.comnospam (Larry Roll K3LT) wrote in
news:20030715145638.23745.00001169@mb-m22.aol.com:

> In article <Xns93B8E4DFDC2F9elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>, Alun Palmer
> <elektros@yahoo.com> writes:
>
>>I beleive in free choice. If someone wants to study a broad programme
>>they can, but I don't beleive in forcing people to study things they
>>don't want to, at least not beyond the age of 16, and even then only to
>>avoid illiteracy and innumeracy.
>
> Alun:
>
> Perhaps there would be fewer illiterate, innumerate, and indigent
> people in this world if they WERE pushed to learn more and gain useful
> skills.
>
>>My own interests are not atall narrow, but they are eclectic. They
>>include poetry, archaeology and languages, for example. If, however, a
>>poetry class were to be compulsory in an EE curriculum, I feel strongly
>>that it would be wrong. You can't force people to become well-rounded.
>>Force feeding is a poor sort of education.
>
> So, you don't believe that a well-rounded background in the Arts and
> Humanities creates people who are better able to think for themselves?
> This attitude probably explains why Great Britain is welfare state
> about to be crushed under the weight of it's enormous, dependant
> underclass.
>
>>I do not beleive that it is necessary to make people study unwanted
>>classes to qualify as an institution of higher learning, more that it
>>disqualifies the college.
>
> Well, if you want to ensure that there is an endless supply of crude,
> intellectually impotent people in the world, I can understand why you
> may think that way. You should run for a seat as a Labour Party MP.
> You seem to have the right qualifications.
>
> 73 de Larry, K3LT
> Ex: G0LYW
>
>

I'll leave that to people who actually beleive in socialism.

73 de Alun, N3KIP, Ex-G8VUK, G0VUK

1552. Re: Why don't Real Hams you face the facts?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-16 02:55:34 UTC
From: Jim Hampton <aa2qa@frontiernet.net>
Message-ID: <G83Ra.4498$aS6.4119@news02.roc.ny>
Source record: 71376
Cross-posted to: uk.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.boatanchors,rec.radio.amateur.policy

Thanks for the tip, Carl. Geeze, Analog Devices. I should have remembered. It has been quite a few years since I worked in Materials Engineering and actually had a feel for the current state of the art. Heck, I was only off by a factor of 10 on that clock rate! 10 percent is one thing, but by a decade! :) LOL. Be grateful I didn't suggest wiring a bunch of 12AU7s together in flip flops. Hmmm ... where'd I put that core memory anyways? BTW, those 400 MHz devices are 10 cents per dozen, right? :)

I will check out the site, however; again, thanks for the tip.

73 from Rochester, NY
Jim AA2QA aka "trailing edge technology" :)

"Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> wrote in message news:pX2Ra.729$lL.78758@nnrp1.ptd.net...
>
>
> Some of the newer DDS devices (check Analog Devices' website) are clocking
> at up to 400MHz (maybe more by now, as I haven't looked in a few months).
>
> Some provide quadrature outputs.
>
> Some provide on-chip phase modulation and/or FSK.
>
> There are also techniques using harmonic aliases that will allow a
> relatively low
> frequency DDS to effectively produce a higher frequency signal ...
>
> Lots of interesting stuff in the data sheets and app notes.
>
> 73,
> Carl - wk3c
>

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Checked by AVG anti-virus system (http://www.grisoft.com).
Version: 6.0.501 / Virus Database: 299 - Release Date: 7/14/03

1553. Re: Code a Deterrent to a Ham Ticket ??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-16 02:56:19 UTC
From: Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93B9E94E7D9E1elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>
Source record: 71377

kelly@dvol.com (Brian Kelly) wrote in
news:d22b54c3.0307151119.6f8566ec@posting.google.com:

> Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote in message
> news:<Xns93B8E4DFDC2F9elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>...
>
>>
>> I beleive in free choice. If someone wants to study a broad programme
>> they can, but I don't beleive in forcing people to study things they
>> don't want to, at least not beyond the age of 16, and even then only
>> to avoid illiteracy and innumeracy.
>>
>> My own interests are not atall narrow, but they are eclectic. They
>> include poetry, archaeology and languages, for example. If, however, a
>> poetry class were to be compulsory in an EE curriculum, I feel
>> strongly that it would be wrong. You can't force people to become
>> well-rounded. Force feeding is a poor sort of education.
>>
>> I do not beleive that it is necessary to make people study unwanted
>> classes to qualify as an institution of higher learning, more that it
>> disqualifies the college.
>
> I'll believe that when the U.K approach to technical professional
> education programs is better that the U.S. approaches when U.K.
> technological leadership comes even close to the U.S. on a per capita
> or on any other basis.
>
> w3rv
>

Brian, I can't even understand that sentence. Can you try again?

1554. Re: Code a Deterrent to a Ham Ticket ??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-16 03:02:10 UTC
From: Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93B9EA4BAFDF1elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>
Source record: 71379

lenover21@aol.com (Len Over 21) wrote in
news:20030715154846.02197.00001257@mb-m12.aol.com:

> In article <Xns93B97180FBCA7elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>, Alun Palmer
> <elektros@yahoo.com> writes:
>
>>I don't beleive either academic degrees or ham licences should require
>>unnecessary stuff, that's all.
>
> I agree with you...but that is unacceptible behavior in front of the
> Group engaged in Group Think. Such as in here among the PCTAs. :-)
>
> "Academic standards," i.e., the courses required to pass for a
> degree, are NOT subject to debate as are US federal laws. As far as
> I know, that is true in the UK. Academics set them according to
> what the academics think is "necessary" for Their purposes. One of
> the "necessities" is to keep their jobs at nice colleges and
> universities where they can have a sort of "rule" over students,
> write nice initials after their names (or in front), and have a
> measure of respect by not having to go out and really work for their
> income. Academic institutions keep the respect and titles in
> everyone's mind by constantly promoting themselves as intellectual
> organizations...as if there were no other intellectuals in the world
> but them. Shrug.
>
> US amateur radio is sometimes thought of in the same way by a few.
> ARRL uses constant self-promotion of itself in the same way as the
> academic institutions. In the case of ARRL it is really survival to
> do so. If ARRL runs out of income, it ceases to exist. Membership
> and product sales are very important to their survival. In their
> survival efforts, ARRL often gets too involved with itself to notice
> that it is promoting just what
> a
> minority in US ARS want to promote. For a very long time that has
> been the "requirement" of tested morse code skills to achieve a
> license grant.
>
> Why did they keep on with that code test thing for so long? My take
> is that they bought into the requirement when young and their
> seniors got their licenses that way. "They know what is best for
> the ARS" and all that sort of thing. :-) That's a
> self-propagating idea, coupled with belonging to a fraternal
> organization (extremely important to some), keeps the "necessity"
> alive. The first hams HAD to use OOK CW because that was the only

> way in the low-tech days of beginning radio. Okay, so they stayed
> with it and were still at it when tubes (valves) were first
> available. As old-timers they had some respect from new- comers who
> thought they would learn by example. Eventually those newcomers
> stayed with ham radio and beeping and, through mostly longevity,
> became old-timers themselves. It's axiomatic that many old-timers
> cherish the skills of their youth, nostalgia, etc., because that is
> safe, secure, and doesn't require any extra effort on their part.
>
> Enter ARRL and the 20-year reign of St. Hiram and the emergence of
> ARRL as the top national membership organization in the USA. To
> keep ARRL solvent, they published things they thought would be of
> interest to US hams. [they know what is best for hams...]
> Old-timers at ARRL rule over their fiefdoms and the BoD made the
> decisions. The OLD ways ruled because the old-timers wanted it that
> way. That came across in print, the major media of idea propagation
> among US hams of WW2 and earlier days. Printed media is not
> ephemeral, it stays unchanged as long as the paper holds up, all the
> words and data as-is for a very long time. Such is a "reference."
> Amateurs of the late 30s onward couldn't get much from
> radio-electronics industry texts since that larger (and growing
> larger) part of the world radio activity was beginning to dismiss
> amateur technological efforts.
>
> So, in the post-WW2 era, there were old-timers who emulated their
> long-timers of their youth who, in turn, emulated their long-timers,
> etc., and morse code was hailed as the primary skill among amateurs.
> ARRL promoted that unceasingly. ARRL was ruled primarily by old-
> timers. Ham radio was all about working DX on HF with CW. Do morse
> and you were "good," don't love morse and you were "bad." If you
> didn't love and respect your elders, the morsemen in control, you
> were almost blacklisted.
>
> Problem was that radio and all its offspring had an explosive growth
> that began in WW2 days. That growth curve increased exponentially
> with the arrival of working transistors, then integrated circuits.
> Things got complicated! Few old-time amateurs bothered to get into
> solid-state because it was "new"...and the old tube things of their
> youth was safe, secure knowledge they didn't have to learn.
> Affluence among the white US males allowed purchasing ready-made
> equipment and, eventually, most never bothered to learn the innards
> of their expensive boxes. They memorized the sales pitches and used
> those among themselves to show their "knowledge."
>
> By the start of the Incentive Licensing plan, the time was ripe for
> the many generations old-timers to demonstrate their seniority
> through Titles and "proper status within the community." Highly
> important to them, of course, and to the ARRL BoD of the time and
> ARRL lobbied the FCC for
> it. FCC said "okay" and that was that...they had enough to do with

> all
> the other radio services. Now there was bona fide titled royalty
> within the US ARS and those who needed it could now claim
> "superiority" through federal testing! Marvelous for them. Not so
> good for newcomers, though.
>
> What all the titled royal amateurs neglected was that there were now
> many more non-amateurs who had achieved extensive experience in
> radio and electronics and had communicated
> nationally/internationally without having a ham license or even had
> to learn/use morse codes. US ARS was now big enough and ARRL
> prominent enough that they could all continue their cozy
> positive-feedback way to keep all the OLD standards and practices as
> they were...except they now did it with ready-built solid-state
> equipment. Self-proclaimed mastership of radio went with the
> Titles...royalty is seldom without such things. ARRL and its core
> membership were building technological and societal walls around the
> US ARS. The cry was to maintain the status quo.
>
> By the 1980s times were indeed changing. Enough folks were pissed
> off at the code requirement and could get their voices heard at the
> FCC, past the traditional ARRL-dominated lobbying there. The FCC
> listened, even in the pre-Internet days. The sixth tier in the
> byzantine melange of license classes resulted, no code test needed.
> Horrors! cried the old- timer morsemen! Such cannot be! They are
> unbelievers in the might of morse! The Morse Test must continue!
> Heretics! No-coders are filth, unfit to associate with us mighty
> morsemen of the high frequencies! HF belongs to morsemen, get thee
> to the land of the lost above 30 MHz! The hue and cry was similar to
> the 1958 days of Class D CB creation.
>
> So it went up until WRC-03. The IARU had (finally) seen the light
> to end S25.5 years before, but ARRL refused to budge. [they always
> know what is best for US ARS] ARRL took a "neutral" stance to
> present a PC image to the world. [at least they didn't go to war to
> capture the Weapons of Morse Destruction...:-)]
>
> Now we've got a whole bunch of PCTAs hollering about "obey the law,
> take the morse test!" They know what is best for US ARS. They say
> so and all must believe them, lest they catch us after class and
> beat us up. All must believe them because they are mighty morsemen,
> strong, resolute, and with more pride and ego than any Iraqi
> dictator. Their word is the unwritten law. Morsemen rule...but
> their statues are starting to be toppled. The wrecking crews are
> arriving.
>
> A very sick transit, Gloria Mundi. :-)
>
> LHA
>

I must get around to learning Latin one of these days

1555. Re: Marconi site

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-16 03:02:16 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
Message-ID: <3F14C055.9070404@adelphia.net>
Source record: 71378

Larry Roll K3LT wrote:
> In article <3F141301.2030908@psu.edu>, Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu> writes:
>
>
>>Has anyone been to the Marconi site? If so, is it interesting, that is,
>>more than just a plaque?
>
>
> Mike:
>
> I was there in the late 60's on a family vacation. There is more than a
> plaque. There is a museum, and I believe one of the towers is still
> there. That's all I remember.
>
> I did a quick Google search, check out: www.marconiusa.org.

Thanks, Larry Itt's gppd to get a first-hand report.

- Mike KB3EIA -

1556. Re: Code a Deterrent to a Ham Ticket ??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-16 03:04:30 UTC
From: Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93B9EAB176B85elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>
Source record: 71380

brianburke@juno.com (Brian) wrote in
news:f45722ac.0307151345.40f6e001@posting.google.com:

> Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote in message
> news:<Xns93B96EE222337elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>...
>
>> Well, he's clearly Indian, and I'm British, so it wouldn't surprise me
>> if we share some views in common and don't buy into the received
>> wisdom of the US of A.
>
> Alun, what a curious statement. What does being Indian and British,
> and not American, that allows you to have some views in common?
>
> Brian
>

Well who do you think ruled India during the Raj? I'm not proud of it, but
it does give us a certain common heritage.

1557. Re: Code a Deterrent to a Ham Ticket ??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-16 03:06:13 UTC
From: Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93B9EAFBF2E4Aelektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>
Source record: 71381

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"Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net> wrote in
news:jo%Qa.10493$Vx2.4561802@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com:

>
> "Alun Palmer" <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote in message
> news:Xns93B97180FBCA7elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4...
>> lenover21@aol.com (Len Over 21) wrote in
>> news:20030715002449.23745.00001146@mb-m22.aol.com:
>>
>> > In article <Xns93B7EF604DBA7elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>, Alun Palmer
>> > <elektros@yahoo.com> writes:
>> >
>> >>I'm against that too. BTW, I got my EE degree in England, and you
>> >>don't have to go through any of that wholly irrelevant stuff. No
>> >>English, no social studies of any kind, no chemistry (which I
>> >>understand is oftem required over here).
>> >
>> > Alun, California state undergraduate requirements in the 1960s
>> > had two semesters of American History. Considering our history,
>> > like from the 1776 breakaway, that isn't comparable to what you
>> > had to do in the UK. :-) :-) :-)
>> >
>> > I don't know why there is such a fervor of the PCTAs to equate an
>> > academic degree with an amateur radio license class that requires
>> > a demonstrated skill at morsemanship. Maybe the PCTA have a need
>> > to stay with the King Kode rulers of the ARS kingdom? :-)
>> >
>> > LHA
>> >
>>
>> I don't beleive either academic degrees or ham licences should require
>> unnecessary stuff, that's all.
>
> Since there is no way to predict where your future interests may lie,
> it's impossible to say unequivocally what is unnecessary stuff.
>
> Dee D. Flint, N8UZE
>
>

Well, here's an idea. Should you find later that you need to learn about
something, have you ever heard of books? I find them very useful.
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1558. Re: Ham Radio In The Post-Code Testing Era

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-16 03:16:36 UTC
From: Dwight Stewart <stewart@say.net>
Message-ID: <BB3A3BD3.1EDE4%stewart@say.net>
Source record: 71382

"Dan/W4NTI" wrote:
>
> "Dwight Stewart" wrote
>>
>> Kim, I don't know what is going on with your newsgroup
>> messages. (snip)
>
> I had my witches coven put a curse on her.

Something has sure happened. After I posted that message, I ran into three or four other messages posted by Kim that resulted in the same error message (all posted after the message I replied to). Very odd.

Dwight Stewart (W5NET)

http://www.qsl.net/w5net/

1559. Re: Ham Radio In The Post-Code Testing Era

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-16 03:22:41 UTC
From: Dwight Stewart <stewart@say.net>
Message-ID: <BB3A3D41.1EDE6%stewart@say.net>
Source record: 71383

"Kim W5TIT" wrote:

> "Dwight Stewart" wrote
>>
>> Kim, I don't know what is going on with
>> your newsgroup messages. (snip)
>
>
> There, how's that? :)

Well, I was able to read it. However, it has only been a little over an hour since you posted it. I'm going to mark the message as unread and try it again tomorrow to see if it is still on the server. I'll let you know what happens.

Dwight Stewart (W5NET)

http://www.qsl.net/w5net/

1560. Re: Ham Radio In The Post-Code Testing Era

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-16 03:39:16 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030715233916.01315.00000913@mb-m18.aol.com>
Source record: 71384

In article <d%YQa.674$lL.73657@nnrp1.ptd.net>, "Carl R. Stevenson"
<wk3cqth@wk3c.com> writes:

>> Carl:
>>
>> So, what do you think will be holding up the ARS in the future?
>
>The same thing that has actually held it up all along ... the majority
>of good hams without attitude problems that detract from the service,
>the work they do in technical, public service, and other ham pursuits,
>and (I believe) an influx of "new blood" ... some younger, I hope, so
>that our demographics improve for the future, and some more techically
>inclined who can elmer, develop new things, etc.
>
>Having taken a code test has nothing to do with these things.
>
>Carl - wk3c

Carl:

Why do you think taking a code test prevents these things from happening?

73 de Larry, K3LT

1561. Re: Ham Radio In The Post-Code Testing Era

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-16 03:39:17 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030715233917.01315.00000914@mb-m18.aol.com>
Source record: 71385

In article <bf1qn0$2sv$1@slb6.atl.mindspring.net>, "Dan/W4NTI"
<w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com> writes:

> If BPL is fired up you have no HF SPECTRUM.

Particularly if you're strictly a phone operator. Those of us who are
code-proficient will most likely be able to keep communicating
in CW with our 250 Hz notch filters engaged!

Anyone who thinks that BPL will be stopped in favor of amateur radio
is due for a rude awakening -- probably in the form of a very loud
buzzing noise on his favorite SSB net frequency! We'll also get our
chance to see whether PSK-31 really IS better than CW for "getting
through" under adverse conditions!

73 de Larry, K3LT

1562. Re: Ham Radio In The Post-Code Testing Era

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-16 03:39:18 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030715233918.01315.00000915@mb-m18.aol.com>
Source record: 71390

In article <f45722ac.0307151521.6812a53f@posting.google.com>,
brianburke@juno.com (Brian) writes:

>> Brian:
>>
>> No, I sincerely do not believe that this is "incentive enough." It
>certainly
>> didn't cut any ice with me, during the period of my life from age 14 to
>> age 28 when I longed to be a licensed radio amateur, but couldn't be
>> bothered to learn the Morse code. The thing that made me start beeping
>> was the "incentive" to get on the air at all -- in any mode, and then start
>> yakking into a microphone as soon as I was able. The irony is, I soon
>> discovered that CW was fun and a challenge, and sitting and waiting my
>> turn to yak was a waste of valuable time.
>
>Yet by learning Morse as a requirement to yak, you were still not
>convinced that it was fun. How long did you spend in each amateur
>grade?

Brian:

LOL -- my TIG for each license class was approximately 2 months as a Novice,
2 months as a Tech, 4 months as a General, 1 year as an Advanced, and the
rest of my life as an Extra (20 years so far as of Feb. '03). All these are
just
guesses, probably accurate to a few weeks or so, but I'd have to dig out my
old licenses to know for sure. Unfortunately, the only one I'm missing is my
old Novice ticket. I have it somewhere, but it's buried so deep in junque that
I haven't seen it since my Tech upgrade in 1981.

I probably did most of my phone operating as an Advanced, because it
was during that time that I had a mobile HF station in my '78 Plymouth
Horizon. However, I also did a LOT of mobile CW as well. I also operated
phone from Germany (two two-year tours) as an Extra, with a German
reciprocal license. But then again, CW operation outweighed phone by
at least 10 to 1. Phone is just too boring. When I'm copying CW, I'm
actively doing something besides listening to the same old crapola over
and over again -- even though what I'm copying IS the same old crapola!

>> I think I'm pretty safe in saying that it was the code testing requirement
>> that caused hams to learn the code -- not any innate love or appreciation
>> for the mode.
>>
>> 73 de Larry, K3LT
>
>Nor the ultimate utility of "always getting thru."

>
>What will it take to get people to use Morse?

I don't know. What would it take to get YOU to use it? For me, it took
a code testing requirement, which caused me to learn and use the code
in order to meet the requirement. You don't believe in the requirement, so
obviously, your mileage varies quite a bit. So tell us -- what would it take
to make you a regular CW operator with 20 WPM proficiency -- something
that I have no doubt you are capable of?

73 de Larry, K3LT

1563. Re: Ham Radio In The Post-Code Testing Era

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-16 03:39:19 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030715233919.01315.00000916@mb-m18.aol.com>
Source record: 71387

In article <3F13FF9B.60706@mailcity.moc>, JJ <radiobuff0@mailcity.moc> writes:

>> Very interesting point. And, of course, 100% true. I would add that the
>one
>> thing that gets prospective hams to learn the Morse code is the requirement
>> to be tested for Morse proficiency in order to achieve upgraded HF
>privileges.
>> How many New Age No-Code Extras do you think you can "sell" on the
>> concept of learning the Morse code, just on the basis of it's operational
>> characteristics or the fact that it's "fun" to do? Keep in mind, they can
>> yakk on HF phone on any band and frequency they want, and with
>> maximum allowable power. They will have legitimate, full-privilege
>General-
>> or Extra-class licenses, without no requirement for code testing at any
>> speed. So, how many do you think you can convince to try code and
>> get them up to 20 WPM and become regular CW operators?
>
>Those who for whatever reason, develop an interest in CW will
>learn and use it. For many, CW will not be of any interest and
>nothing wrong with that. You may think CW is "fun" but I am sure
>there are things that other people consider "fun" that you would
>not. Not everyone has the same tastes, just because you think
>something is great does not make it so for everyone else.

JJ:

The problem there is, nothing has convinced me of it's "greatness" as
much as Morse/CW has! And the only way I found that out is when
I endeavored to meet the *requirement* to be tested for Morse code
proficiency! This opportunity will now be lost forever among new radio
amateurs. The Morse code is not the kind of thing that attracts people
on its own merits, I'm afraid. At least, it wasn't that way with me.

73 de Larry, K3LT

1564. Re: Ham Radio In The Post-Code Testing Era

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-16 03:39:19 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030715233919.01315.00000917@mb-m18.aol.com>
Source record: 71389

In article <m8a9hvglv7rdeu79a978qbt9bvjm4vqgs9@4ax.com>, Jack Hamilton
<jfh@acm.org> writes:

>
>lenover21@aol.com (Len Over 21) wrote:
>
>>In article <20030715114413.23745.00001161@mb-m22.aol.com>,
>yodoc@aol.comnospam
>>(Larry Roll K3LT) writes:
>>
>>>I think I'm pretty safe in saying that it was the code testing requirement
>>>that caused hams to learn the code -- not any innate love or appreciation
>>>for the mode.
>>
>> NO! Say it isn't so, mighty morseman!
>>
>> "Morse code gets through when everything else does." - B.B.
>
>Hasn't that been disproved?

It hasn't been disproved to me, but then again, I have a lot of experience
using BOTH Morse/CW and a variety of digital modes, so I have seen for
myself that the saying "Morse gets through when everything else fails"
is apparently true. I have had many operating sessions when PSK-31
signals became useless, while I was still able to communicate in CW.
In fact, a lot of times, I've been able to identify PSK-31 signals only when
the CW ID came on after the station stopped sending! However, anyone
with an Anti-Morse/CW agenda will not be convinced of that.

73 de Larry, K3LT

1565. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-16 03:39:20 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030715233920.01315.00000918@mb-m18.aol.com>
Source record: 71386

In article <1gt5hvkg0sfu55lshqh7sas4unc286e4ge@4ax.com>, Radio Amateur KC2HMZ
<kc2hmz@aa-mail.net> writes:

>>"Radio Amateur KC2HMZ" <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net> wrote in message
>>news:ec71hv8ahlq568rc23q6l2acrl8nfe85uq@4ax.com...
>>>
>>> Kim - excellent post, I'm impressed.
>>>
>>
>>I'd rather you not be impressed, but thanks!
>
>You're entirely welcome. To explain my comment...so much of your
>participation in this NG seems to be wasted on sniping at Larry and
>Dick, that I was pleasantly surprised to read that particular post, in
>which you made a number of good points about emergency communications,
>even if you couldn't resist the occasional shot at the aforementioned
>two targets of opportunity. ;-)

You know what, John? Kim's posts would be a whole lot better if she
could resist the temptation to "take shots" at "targets of opportunity."
And, with all due respect, so could yours.

73 de Larry, K3LT

1566. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-16 03:39:20 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030715233920.01315.00000919@mb-m18.aol.com>
Source record: 71388

In article <bf2d5p$ki2@library1.airnews.net>, "Kim W5TIT" <fahgedit@nomail.net>
writes:

>> Kim:
>>
>> All I can say is, I'm not suprised by your typically ungracious remark.
>> Apparently my effort was in vain, but that's my fault -- I should have
>> known better!
>>
>> 73 de Larry, K3LT
>>
>
>Would you like me to post some examples of where you have not kept your
>posts related to ham radio? Actually, you can look it up yourself.
>
>Kim W5TIT

Kim:

I know what I've posted, both in the past and in the present. I have
repeatedly posted replies to your own posts in which I have attempted to
deal with you as an equal, as an adult. I have most recently attempted
to stifle a disrespectful remark made at your expense, and you have
seen fit to react to it in an ungracious and disparaging manner. You
obviously have no intention of ever emerging from your inane, childish,
immature mode of thought, and continue to persist in personal attacks
against those of us who are best able to challenge you, since you know
you aren't up to the task of debating us on our level.

Ordinarily, I would ask you to reflect on this and consider a reply, but
I have been repeatedly shown that that is too much to ask of you. I have
tried to treat you with respect, but if I do not receive equal consideration,
all that will happen is that you will continue to make a fool of yourself,
and I will continue to be the one pointing to the errors of your ways.

73 de Larry, K3LT

1567. Re: 1x2 Calls--automatic when upgrading to Extra?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-16 03:43:10 UTC
From: "Ryan, KC8PMX" <kc8pmx@diamondcs.net>
Message-ID: <bf42if$991is$5@ID-189073.news.uni-berlin.de>
Source record: 71445

Yeah.... I would love the vanity call of KF8IRE!!!!!!!!!!

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Ryan, KC8PMX
FF1-FF2-MFR-(pending NREMT-B!)
--. --- -.. ... .- -. --. . .-.. ... .- .-. . ..-. .. .-. . ..-.
.. --. .... - . .-. ...
"Robert Casey" <wa2ise@ix.netcom.com> wrote in message
news:3F145145.7080706@ix.netcom.com...
> >
> >
> >
> >I guess I was fortunate to get mine before all the 3-land calls were
> >stolen away! Of course, I could have asked for AL7LT, or KH6LT,
> >but I figured that those calls belong to someone who lives in either
> >Alaska or Hawaii.
> >
> Strangely enough, IIRC, the FCC wouldn't let you have those Alaskan or
> Hawaiian calls.
> Or a Puerto Rican callsign.
>

1568. Re: How Ugly Can One Creep Be?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-16 03:52:59 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030715235259.01315.00000920@mb-m18.aol.com>
Source record: 71391

In article <20030715164908.20198.00000805@mb-m14.aol.com>, lenover21@aol.com (Len Over 21) writes:

>>We don't know that the deaths of the Columbia (or Challenge) crews wasn't
>>long, lingering, and painful. They may have been well conscious long
>>enough to know they were doomed, and had nothing to do to prevent it.
>>Unfortunately, wishing the same on Lennie won't do, either. Lennie has
>>proven himself to be beyond contempt. Don't fall into the same pit he did.
>
> Roll, you large bag of fat wind, you've never worked on ANY space
> project, NEVER shook hands with any astronaut and look them in the
> eye (I did...John Young is a nice, quiet sort, not very tall...Bob Crippen
> is taller, more outgoing...both rode the air-drop Enterprize as well as
> the first STS manned spaceflight). They understood the risks they
> were taking. By STS 51J the press and public had colored your
> thinking such that spaceflight was all just a safe, jolly jaunt in space.
> You've never known anything about manned spaceflight so you project
> your fantasies as if they were final judgement. You know NOTHING
> about any high-tech human endeavor.
>
> You want very much to "identify" with things you've never participated
> in, talk about it like you were really "there" but you never were. You've
> never done any military 24/7 radio communications nor any civilian
> professional radio communications and you feel "superior" in both
> morals and ethics over all "no-coders."
>
> If you want to be a syncophant to the Garbageman, go right ahead.
> When anyone wants an ideal role-model for the US Amateur Extra
> radio amateur, they can always go to you or the Garbageman. :-)
>
> LHA

Lennie:

Uh huh. Tell you what. Next time you see a gen-u-wine astronaut in person, one who does have a ham license (Technician class or other), go ahead and tell him or her that he/she gets to keep it for a decade or so or until their shuttle burns up upon re-entry. Go ahead, do it. I'm sure that their reaction will be quite emotionally detached. However, they may be wondering why YOU, someone who has never travelled on a space vehicle, would make such a callous comment. I'm also sure that like Steve and myself, they would consider you to be beneath contempt for having made such a comment.

73 de Larry, K3LT

1569. Re: Ham Radio In The Post-Code Testing Era

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-16 03:54:29 UTC
From: "Ryan, KC8PMX" <kc8pmx@diamondcs.net>
Message-ID: <bf42ii$991is$6@ID-189073.news.uni-berlin.de>
Source record: 71446

> How many New Age No-Code Extras do you think you can "sell" on the
> concept of learning the Morse code, just on the basis of it's operational
> characteristics or the fact that it's "fun" to do?

(major snippage)

Larry:

"Fun" is merely a perspective.... other people find, for example, football
fun. Personally I can't stand football. As far as morse code as a skill,
that is a different debate. Fun is merely in the eye of the beholder.

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Ryan, KC8PMX
FF1-FF2-MFR-(pending NREMT-B!)
--. --- -.. ... .- -. --. . .-.. ... .- .-. . ..-. .. .-. . ..-.
.. --. .... - . .-. ...

1570. Re: Ham Radio In The Post-Code Testing Era

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-16 04:12:29 UTC
From: "Ryan, KC8PMX" <kc8pmx@diamondcs.net>
Message-ID: <bf42ij$991is$7@ID-189073.news.uni-berlin.de>
Source record: 71447

I would have to agree with that statement in its basic form.

I would also add and feel pretty safe in saying that some of those people that were required to learn the code, some may have learned it as a requirement for the license set forth and might care for it, and some might have turned out loving it like yourself.

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Ryan, KC8PMX
FF1-FF2-MFR-(pending NREMT-B!)
--. --- -.. ... .- -. --. . .-.. ... .- .-. . ..-. .. .-. . ..-.
.. --. .... - . .-. ...
>
> I think I'm pretty safe in saying that it was the code testing requirement
> that caused hams to learn the code -- not any innate love or appreciation
> for the mode.
>
> 73 de Larry, K3LT
>

1571. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-16 04:18:30 UTC
From: "Ryan, KC8PMX" <kc8pmx@diamondcs.net>
Message-ID: <bf42ik$991is$8@ID-189073.news.uni-berlin.de>
Source record: 71448

Now let's look at that phrase "pool of trained radio operators" Dee. The
vagueness of that can create some issues, such as what type of training???

Being able to handle message traffic, would be an extremely important detail
in training IMHO. How many people can formulate a formal messagegram??
Even though I am one of those low-life codefree techs, I still can.

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Ryan, KC8PMX
FF1-FF2-MFR-(pending NREMT-B!)
--. --- -.. ... .- -. --. . .-.. ... .- .-. . ..-. .. .-. . ..-.
.. --. .... - . .-. ...
> > Except that ham radio is not mission critical for most of us. If
> > conditions are poor on HF SSB, I can just QSY to a repeater, or read a
> > book or watch TV, for that matter.
>
> One reason that we are able to justify ourselves to the government is that
> part of our mission as hams is to be a "pool of trained radio operators."
> So since I want ham radio to continue to be allowed, I consider it mission
> critical to be familiar with the various modes whether or not I like them.
>
> Dee D. Flint, N8UZE
>

1572. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-16 04:24:30 UTC
From: "Ryan, KC8PMX" <kc8pmx@diamondcs.net>
Message-ID: <bf42il$991is$9@ID-189073.news.uni-berlin.de>
Source record: 71449

I don't think anyone, unless they have a crystal ball, will know the answer to that one. You guys down there around the Detroit metro area have Detroit Edison, correct?? Up here it is Consumers Energy and the long standing joke is "What is blue and white, and sleeps three??" "A Consumers Energy truck!!!!!"

Take out one good substation or main feed line (ones in the thousands of volts range) up here, and that area is gonna be out of power for DAYS! Lighting a fire under the crews butts is the main focus to get them to finish the job. From a past experience on a fire call, we waited for over 6 hours one time "babysitting" a powerline across a major roadway and the excuse was something to the effect that they had to take their lunch/dinner hour.

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Ryan, KC8PMX
FF1-FF2-MFR-(pending NREMT-B!)
--. --- -.. ... .- -. --. . .-.. ... .- .-. . ..-. .. .-. . ..-.
.. --. .... - . .-. ...
>
> Ok show me the calculation that predicts the duration of a power outage.
> Then we'll all know how many generators to have and how much gasoline to
> stockpile.
>
> Dee D. Flint, N8UZE
>

1573. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-16 04:31:26 UTC
From: "Ryan, KC8PMX" <kc8pmx@diamondcs.net>
Message-ID: <bf42in$991is$10@ID-189073.news.uni-berlin.de>
Source record: 71450

Well, a generator with at least 20-30 gallons of gas would be a good start. Storage of that much gas may be a different issue though. I wonder if there are any generators for the general residential public out there that could run on propane?? One could use one of those 500 gallon "pigs" and have that last a looooonnnnggggg time.

A different direction could also be using, like mentioned below, car/truck power! I have dual batteries in my pickup truck and a hi-amp alternator, and have (2) 750+ watt DC-AC inverters mounted under the hood. As long as the truck can idle on a full gas tank, I have quite a bit of both DC and AC power from that vehicle.

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Ryan, KC8PMX
FF1-FF2-MFR-(pending NREMT-B!)
--. --- -.. ... .- -. --. . .-.. ... .- .-. . ..-. .. .-. . ..-.
.. --. .... - . .-. ...
> Well, how about a car battery installed in a car, which, with several
> gallons of gas in the tank,
> running to keep the battery charged. One could accept donations of more
> gas siponed from
> other volunteer cars if necessary..... The car could act as the shack
> if the weather's lousy.
>

1574. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-16 04:35:39 UTC
From: "Ryan, KC8PMX" <kc8pmx@diamondcs.net>
Message-ID: <bf42io$991is$11@ID-189073.news.uni-berlin.de>
Source record: 71451

Only if morse code is "so valuable" as some claim it to be here, then it should be a problem eh? If it is so damned valuable, all radio services should have to learn it.

(And believe it or not, it happens alot more often than 1 in 10,000,000.)

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Ryan, KC8PMX
FF1-FF2-MFR-(pending NREMT-B!)
--. --- -.. ... .- -. --. . .-.. ... .- .-. . ..-. .. .-. . ..-.
.. --. .... - . .-. ...
> So you recommend that all firefighters and policemen be required
> to learn code for that one in 10 million incidences where this
> might happen?
>

1575. Re: Picard vs Kirk, was Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-16 04:38:53 UTC
From: "Ryan, KC8PMX" <kc8pmx@diamondcs.net>
Message-ID: <bf42iq$991is$12@ID-189073.news.uni-berlin.de>
Source record: 71452

Damn Larry,

If that doesn't get "flamed" here, I would be surprised. Kinda "studying"
for that exam eh?? Just kidding.

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Ryan, KC8PMX
FF1-FF2-MFR-(pending NREMT-B!)
--. --- -.. ... .- -. --. . .-.. ... .- .-. . ..-. .. .-. . ..-.
.. --. .... - . .-. ...
Jim:
>
I sit corrected -- mainly on
> the porcelin appliance, since I'm "preparing" for a colonoscopy tomorrow
> morning!
>
> 73 de Larry, K3LT
>

1576. Re: Smells like type acceptance

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-16 04:41:18 UTC
From: "Ryan, KC8PMX" <kc8pmx@diamondcs.net>
Message-ID: <bf42ir$991is$13@ID-189073.news.uni-berlin.de>
Source record: 71453

And my question would be, "How the hell are they gonna know if I built 1 or
20 within years time?"

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Ryan, KC8PMX
FF1-FF2-MFR-(pending NREMT-B!)
--. --- -.. ... .- -. --. . .-.. ... .- .-. . ..-. .. .-. . ..-.
.. --. .... - . .-. ...
"Ed Ellers" <edellers@mis.net> wrote in message
news:71LQa.55239$OZ2.9806@rwcrnsc54...
> Robert Casey <wa2ise@ix.netcom.com> wrote:
>
> "As I understamd it, hams may modify for their own use radio equipment and
> use it on any ham band their license is good for. Even modify a CB radio
to
> work in the ten meter band. Or modify a linear to operate in ten meters.
> But no more than 5 copies of any particular model in a year."
>
> That limit -- and the type acceptance requirement -- only applies to power
> amplifiers operating below 144 MHz, as per 97.315. Note that the limit
for
> homebrewing (or modification) is *one* unit per year of a given model, not
> five. The other requirement for FCC approval for amateur gear is in the
> receiver section, which must meet the same Part 15 requirements as any
> receiver for a given band or bands.
>
>

1577. Re: Why don't Real Hams you face the facts?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-16 07:14:19 UTC
From: Whinging Courier <markonusenetTAKEITAWAY@yahoo.co.uk>
Message-ID: <MPG.197f0ba26de1241a98984c@news.cis.dfn.de>
Source record: 71406
Cross-posted to: uk.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.boatanchors,rec.radio.amateur.policy

In uk.radio.amateur, warren weber said:

>What's wrong with top posting? This way you don't need to read the garbage.

Buy a wheel mouse.

1578. Re: Why don't Real Hams you face the facts?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-16 07:19:43 UTC
From: Whinging Courier <markonusenetTAKEITAWAY@yahoo.co.uk>
Message-ID: <MPG.197f0ce6d0f1a7f98984e@news.cis.dfn.de>
Source record: 71407
Cross-posted to: uk.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.boatanchors,rec.radio.amateur.policy

In uk.radio.amateur, warren weber said:

>What's wrong with top posting? This way you don't need to read the garbage.

Buy a wheel mouse.

1579. Re: Why don't Real Hams you face the facts?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-16 07:33:20 UTC
From: citizensband <citizensband@ntlworld.com>
Message-ID: <fd7Ra.29$bi.11@newsfep3-gui.server.ntli.net>
Source record: 71408
Cross-posted to: uk.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.boatanchors,rec.radio.amateur.policy

"Ged" <Ged60@morpheous.fsnet.co.uk> wrote in message
news:YPQVkyHSsIF$Ewvz@morpheous.fsnet.co.uk...
> In message <by%Qa.1761$0g3.126929@newsfep1-win.server.ntli.net>,
> citizensband <citizensband@ntlworld.com> writes
> >All the garbage about how you should even be allowed to operate a CB,
unless
> >you are able to build your own equipment. Real Hams will never be able to
> >build a rig that even comes close to what's available off the shelf these
> >days. Most people can't even be bothered, have no interest or don't have
the
> >time to build rigs anymore. Boatanchors should be used for exactly that,
> >anchoring boats!
> >
> >Time to stop whinging, and face the facts...Real Technology has overtaken
> >you all!
> >
> >tox
> >
> >
>
> Spoken like a true brain-dead CB-er.
> --
> Ged

Spoken like a brain-dead 'alleged' Ham, who thinks radio revolves around a soldering iron...it doesn't anymore. Things are changing, look what has happened to the Morse assessment! Even the RSGB have had the good sense to move into the twenty first century!

HTH
tox

1580. Re: Why don't you Real Trolls face the facts?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-16 07:44:41 UTC
From: citizensband <citizensband@ntlworld.com>
Message-ID: <Sn7Ra.31$bi.28@newsfep3-gui.server.ntli.net>
Source record: 71409
Cross-posted to: uk.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.boatanchors,rec.radio.amateur.policy

"m.e.nickolas" <1@2.3> wrote in message
news:MPG.197e83da6115107498968a@netnews.comcast.net...
> In article <by%Qa.1761$0g3.126929@newsfep1-win.server.ntli.net>,
> citizensband@ntlworld.com says...
> >snip
>
> Low rent troll from the UK.
>
> Probably has to go down to the shop
> on the corner to have them change the
> batteries on his wifes "personal appliances"...
>

Err, whatever happened to the special relationship we're supposed to have
with the USA?

1581. Re: Why don't Real Hams you face the facts?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-16 07:52:58 UTC
From: Airy R Bean <SPAM@trap>
Message-ID: <3f150694$1_1@mk-nntp-1.news.uk.worldonline.com>
Source record: 71410
Cross-posted to: uk.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.boatanchors,rec.radio.amateur.policy

Even with a wheel mouse, you don't need to read the garbage.

However, a wheel mouse would seem to be the answer for those
who make the silly fuss - the arrogant bottom-posters - would it not?

Whinging Courier <markonusenetTAKEITAWAY@yahoo.co.uk> wrote in message
news:MPG.197f0ce6d0f1a7f98984e@news.cis.dfn.de...
> In uk.radio.amateur, warren weber said:
> >What's wrong with top posting? This way you don't need to read the
garbage.
> Buy a wheel mouse.

1582. Re: Why don't Real Hams you face the facts?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-16 08:07:01 UTC
From: Frank Turner-Smith G3VKI <g3vki@ntlworld.com>
Message-ID: <DI7Ra.10251$ju6.197621@newsfep4-glfd.server.ntli.net>
Source record: 71411
Cross-posted to: uk.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.boatanchors,rec.radio.amateur.policy

"Airy R Bean" <SPAM@trap> wrote in message
news:3f150694$1_1@mk-nntp-1.news.uk.worldonline.com...
> Even with a wheel mouse, you don't need to read the garbage.
>
> However, a wheel mouse would seem to be the answer for those
> who make the silly fuss - the arrogant bottom-posters - would it not?
>
http://tinyurl.com/h2yf

1583. Re: Why don't Real Hams you face the facts?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-16 09:03:18 UTC
From: neverchecked2468@yahoo.co.uk
Message-ID: <c188bc09.0307160103.218b3088@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71412
Cross-posted to: uk.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.boatanchors,rec.radio.amateur.policy

"warren weber" <hiview@worldnet.att.net> wrote in message
news:<Di2Ra.56385$0v4.3843617@bgtnsc04-news.ops.worldnet.att.net>...
> What's wrong with top posting? This way you don't need to read the garbage.

Why not snip the garbage out? Shift+pageDown to select it all, delete ..
it's done.
Saves bandwidth, server space, makes life easier for everyone.

1584. Re: Why don't Real Hams you face the facts?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-16 09:13:24 UTC
From: donut <none@none.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93BA16319C3ADdonut@216.102.43.227>
Source record: 71413
Cross-posted to: uk.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.boatanchors,rec.radio.amateur.policy

"citizensband" <citizensband@ntlworld.com> wrote in
news:by%Qa.1761$0g3.126929@newsfep1-win.server.ntli.net:

> All the garbage about how you should even be allowed to operate a CB,
> unless you are able to build your own equipment. Real Hams will never
> be able to build a rig that even comes close to what's available off
> the shelf these days. Most people can't even be bothered, have no
> interest or don't have the time to build rigs anymore. Boatanchors
> should be used for exactly that, anchoring boats!
>
> Time to stop whinging, and face the facts...Real Technology has
> overtaken you all!
>
> tox
>
>

Breaker breaker 1-9... anybody copy L'Enfant Provocateur?

http://www.winternet.com/~mikelr/flame11.html

1585. Re: Smells like type acceptance

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-16 10:22:10 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030716062210.01315.00000931@mb-m18.aol.com>
Source record: 71414

In article <3F1386A2.9050407@mailcity.moc>, JJ <radiobuff0@mailcity.moc>
writes:

>How is someone going
>to put their homebrew equipment back into factory-fresh configuration?
>
All of my homebrew equipment is in factory-fresh configuration. It's all
exactly the way the factory says it should be.

73 de Jim, N2EY

1586. Re: Why don't Real Hams you face the facts?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-16 10:44:14 UTC
From: citizensband <citizensband@ntlworld.com>
Message-ID: <c0aRa.2973$X16.35576@newsfep1-win.server.ntli.net>
Source record: 71415
Cross-posted to: uk.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.boatanchors,rec.radio.amateur.policy

"Airy R Bean" <SPAM@trap> wrote in message
news:3f150694$1_1@mk-nntp-1.news.uk.worldonline.com...
> Even with a wheel mouse, you don't need to read the garbage.
>
> However, a wheel mouse would seem to be the answer for those
> who make the silly fuss - the arrogant bottom-posters - would it not?
>

The vast majority of Real Hams, stick to the protocol of bottom posting.
There are those, of course, who are incapable...such as yourself!

If you require some assistance on how to post correctly, do let me know.

HTH
tox

1587. Re: Ham Radio In The Post-Code Testing Era

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-16 12:10:57 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307160410.5304d939@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71416

Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net> wrote in message
news:<il57hvg03rgtqe7lc0ntegmv22t7qqgqpn@4ax.com>...
> On 14 Jul 2003 07:33:25 GMT, yodoc@aol.comnospam (Larry Roll K3LT)
> wrote:
>
> >In article <SzbQa.9690$Vx2.4101608@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com>, "Dee D. Flint"
> ><deehays@qix.net> writes:
> >
> >>Elimination of the code requirement may actually cause a loss in the ham
> >>ranks, if not in numbers at least in activity. The elimination will
> >>probably coincide with the early part of the bottom of the current sunspot
> >>cycle. People will upgrade and quite a few will be so disappointed at the
> >>poor activity that they will become quite inactive on HF and this
> >>disappointment could spill over and affect their activity on VHF/UHF.
> >>
> >>Dee D. Flint, N8UZE
> >
> >A very cogent observation, Dee. The irony is, at the low side of a
> >solar cycle, when the geomagnetic activity subsides along with the
> >solar flux, the use of CW permits communication even though there
> >isn't good enough propagation to pursue reliable SSB operation.
> >Therefore, the one thing that could keep them active on-the-air --
> >knowledge of the Morse code, won't be within their capability because
> >they had no incentive to learn it.
>
> I think it's worth mentioning here that the solar flares that cause
> the geomagnetic storms that degrade HF propagation also trigger a
> significant increase in auroral activity in the higher latitudes. This
> provides an opportunity for ops on six meters. I've observed the
> phenomenon before. Your're in New York. You point your beam north and
> you start hearing somebody in Florida. You figure you're hearing him
> off the back of the beam and turn it south to bring up the signal,
> only to have it disappear.
>
> Much of this activity happens on CW. Voice signals get distorted a lot
> due to the effects of all the ionization in the aurora itself.
>
> 73 DE John, KC2HMZ

John, though 6M is worth mentioning, it isn't HF and these guys don't
care. Its all about using fast CW on HF (to them). Brian

1588. Re: Ham Radio In The Post-Code Testing Era

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-16 12:12:07 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307160412.5c88afc8@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71417

Jack Hamilton <jfh@acm.org> wrote in message
news:<m8a9hvglv7rdeu79a978qbt9bvjm4vqgs9@4ax.com>...
> lenover21@aol.com (Len Over 21) wrote:
>
> >In article <20030715114413.23745.00001161@mb-m22.aol.com>, yodoc@aol.comnospam
> >(Larry Roll K3LT) writes:
> >
> >>I think I'm pretty safe in saying that it was the code testing requirement
> >>that caused hams to learn the code -- not any innate love or appreciation
> >>for the mode.
> >
> > NO! Say it isn't so, mighty morseman!
> >
> > "Morse code gets through when everything else does." - B.B.
>
> Hasn't that been disproved?

Jack, its a play on words. Read it again, please.

Brian

1589. Re: Ham Radio In The Post-Code Testing Era

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-16 12:15:11 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307160415.5fb38456@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71418

yodoc@aol.comnospam (Larry Roll K3LT) wrote in message
news:<20030715233918.01315.00000915@mb-m18.aol.com>...

> So tell us -- what would it take
> to make you a regular CW operator with 20 WPM proficiency -- something
> that I have no doubt you are capable of?
>
> 73 de Larry, K3LT

A better training system and loads of time (as in: retirement).

73, Brian

1590. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-16 12:19:39 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307160419.5e6e62c5@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71419

Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net> wrote in message
news:<1357hv4tfto3oaqr7ma0tg2svus6f774j0@4ax.com>...
> On 14 Jul 2003 12:28:05 GMT, Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote:
>
> >Did they never hear of the saying 'you'll catch more files with honey than
> >with vinegar' ?
>
> Bingo.
>
> 73 DE John, KC2HMZ

DICK probably emulates a different fly bait. I've seen piles of dung
being buzzed by flies. Lots of flies.

1591. Re: Smells like type acceptance

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-16 12:22:19 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030716082219.00871.00000675@mb-m17.aol.com>
Source record: 71420

In article <e79dbd9b.0307150553.7df771f6@posting.google.com>, k0hb@arrl.net (K0HB) writes:

>k4yz@aol.com (Steve Robeson, K4CAP) wrote
>
>>
>> Obviously not a lawyer, but my read on this was that the FCC is
>> giving him a chance to keep his radios, avoid the nasty fine that
>> COULD have gone along with this, and sends a very loud signal to
>> anyone else so inclined to not abuse the privilege.
>>
>
>My concern is NOT with the severity of his penalty (I think it was
>pathetically lenient) but with the chilling effect it could have on
>tinkering and experimenting by amateurs who apparently must now fear
>that FCC can require them to put their equipment back into
>factory-fresh configuration.

Hans,

Step back a minute and look at what this newbie actually did.

He allegedly cut a wire in a manufactured piece of amateur equipment so that he could *illegally* transmit on frequencies he was *not* authorized to use.
>
>I don't have a single peice of equipment which I have not "improved"
>from it's original schematic.

Neither do I. However, neither have I modified any equipment so that I could *illegally* transmit on frequencies I am *not* authorized to use.

>Frankly, I thought the FCC encouraged
>such experimentation.

Not when the end result is *illegal* transmission on frequencies the "tinkerer" is *not* authorized to use.

And to make it all that much worse, he transmits false distress calls on a marine freq.

>This incident suggests just the opposite and
>I'm surprised that ARRL isn't screaming bloody murder.

I'm glad the ARRL is keeping quiet. This guy gives ham radio a black eye. You wanna defend his "right" to modify his rig to a bunch of emergency personnel who scrambled to answer the phony distress calls?

I do NOT want one cent of my dues, or one second of ARRL personnel's time, spent defending the modification of amateur equipment for *illegal* transmission on frequencies hams are *not* authorized to use.

73 de Jim, N2EY

1592. Re: Code a Deterrent to a Ham Ticket ??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-16 12:23:30 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307160423.4c43b7c0@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71421

Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote in message
news:<Xns93B9EAB176B85elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>...
> brianburke@juno.com (Brian) wrote in
> news:f45722ac.0307151345.40f6e001@posting.google.com:
>
> > Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote in message
> > news:<Xns93B96EE222337elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>...
> >
> >> Well, he's clearly Indian, and I'm British, so it wouldn't surprise me
> >> if we share some views in common and don't buy into the received
> >> wisdom of the US of A.
> >
> > Alun, what a curious statement. What does being Indian and British,
> > and not American, that allows you to have some views in common?
> >
> > Brian
> >
>
> Well who do you think ruled India during the Raj? I'm not proud of it, but
> it does give us a certain common heritage.

Who do you think may have rules America prior to our independance?

1593. Re: How Ugly Can One Creep Be?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-16 12:42:41 UTC
From: k4yz@aol.com
Message-ID: <5c01b95b.0307160442.1ac8b50c@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71422

lenover21@aol.com (Len Over 21) wrote in message
news:<20030715164908.20198.00000805@mb-m14.aol.com>...
> In article <20030715145636.23745.00001165@mb-m22.aol.com>, yodoc@aol.comnospam
> (Extra class Paratransit Operator Sir Larry Roll)
> scribbled in a vain attempt at syncophancy:
>
> >In article <5c01b95b.0307150204.3f0a1d38@posting.google.com>, k4yz@aol.com
> >(Steamy Garbageman) writes:
> >
> >>> Get real. Any astronaut is required to perform many, many tasks as
> >>> part of their job...and that job is to be space crewfolk first, not
> "hams."
> >>> Getting a no-code tech ham license is an easy task for them...do it
> >>> once and a federal merit badge callsign is theirs to keep for a decade
> >>> plus two or a shuttle burns up on reentry...whichever comes first.
> >>
> >> Leonard H Anderson, you are truly one of the most callous,
> >>cowardly and unrepetantly ugly people to ever enter USENET or any
> >>other public forum.
> >
> >Lennie:
> >
> >That WAS totally uncalled for. Your present and future credibility: ZERO.
>
> Poor baby. You don't understand that ALL astronauts have faced that
> possibility since manned spaceflight began. That is the unfortunate
> REALITY of present-day manned spaceflight.
>
> Well, we know that you can't stand reality.

THIS is reality: You're the singularly most disgusting scumbag I
have ever had the misfortune of "meeting". You're callous, selfish,
and most of all one hateful shell of a human being.

> >> HOW DISGUSTING can one human being be...?!?!
> >
> >Steve:
> >
> >Unfortunately, I think our Lennie has just set a new threshold on
> >"disgusting."
>
> Yes, failure to love, cherish, honor and obey morse code is terms
> for contempt by you, Roll. No problem.

No, Scumbag, don't een TRY to shift this to anything even
remorely tied to Amateur Radio, let alone Morse Code. This is about
how UGLY and SCURRILOUS one person can get.

> If you see a chance to slam a no-coder by standing on the garbage-
> man's shoulders, go for it! [and you did!]
>
> >> What a piece of work. Truly deserving of every ugly epithet I
> >>can think to "laud" you with and more. There hasn't been a prfanity
> >>created to adequately "describe" just how cold and disgusting that
> >>comment was.
> >
> >None that can be posted here, anyway.
>
> Why not? Is the mighty morseman offended by those who do not
> love, cherish, honor and obey morse code?

This isn't about Morse Code, Scumbag. It's about the callousness
of your "reentry" comments.

> If thine eye offend thee, cast it out.

You shouldn't tempt me, Scumbag.

> >We don't know that the deaths of the Columbia (or Challenge) crews wasn't
> >long, lingering, and painful. They may have been well conscious long
> >enough to know they were doomed, and had nothing to do to prevent it.
> >Unfortunately, wishing the same on Lennie won't do, either. Lennie has
> >proven himself to be beyond contempt. Don't fall into the same pit he did.
>
> Roll, you large bag of fat wind, you've never worked on ANY space
> project, NEVER shook hands with any astronaut and look them in the
> eye (I did...John Young is a nice, quiet sort, not very tall...Bob Crippen
> is taller, more outgoing...both rode the air-drop Enterprize as well as
> the first STS manned spaceflight).

I got ya beat by a handful, including one Senator Astronaut.

> They understood the risks they
> were taking. By STS 51J the press and public had colored your
> thinking such that spaceflight was all just a safe, jolly jaunt in space.
> You've never known anything about manned spaceflight so you project
> your fantasies as if they were final judgement. You know NOTHING
> about any high-tech human endeavor.

So that allows you to make such heinous comments? You "shook
hands" with some astronauts and swept the floors for a couple of space
contractors, now you have carte blanche to be sadistic at their
expense?

> You want very much to "identify" with things you've never participated
> in, talk about it like you were really "there" but you never were. You've
> never done any military 24/7 radio communications nor any civilian
> professional radio communications and you feel "superior" in both

> morals and ethics over all "no-coders."
>
> If you want to be a syncophant to the Garbageman, go right ahead.
> When anyone wants an ideal role-model for the US Amateur Extra
> radio amateur, they can always go to you or the Garbageman. :-)

Nice try, SCUMBAG. This was the event that will bury any chance
you ever had of being accepted in ANY Amateur Radio venue.

Get your correspondence course shrink wife to explain it to you.

Steve Robeson

1594. Re: How Ugly Can One Creep Be?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-16 12:48:23 UTC
From: k4yz@aol.com
Message-ID: <5c01b95b.0307160448.303d2c5@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71423

Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net> wrote in message
news:<sf67hv85kba4u1neidgvk5ak0fvm1qqm9b@4ax.com>...

> However, the reference to shuttles
> burning up on reentry was a poor choice of words.

You have to understand the liar behind the postings, John.
Leonard H Anderson is one of the most prolific, hateful, spite-filled
pathological liars to ever darken USENET.

That he can even consider, let alone publish, the hateful and
just plain mean-spirited trash he just let out and then try to
"justify" it in some Morse Code related rhetoric is absoulety
shameful.

I thought his attempts to embellish his Army "career" record by
assosciating himself with Soldiers who died 3 years before he was even
sworn in was disgusting.

Lennie puts the "scum" in scumbag, that's for sure.

73

Steve, K4YZ

1595. Re: Ham Radio In The Post-Code Testing Era

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-16 13:15:24 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com>
Message-ID: <MdcRa.762$lL.84098@nnrp1.ptd.net>
Source record: 71424

"Larry Roll K3LT" <yodoc@aol.comnospam> wrote in message
news:20030715233916.01315.00000913@mb-m18.aol.com...
> In article <d%YQa.674$lL.73657@nnrp1.ptd.net>, "Carl R. Stevenson"
> <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> writes:
>
> >> Carl:
> >>
> >> So, what do you think will be holding up the ARS in the future?
> >
> >The same thing that has actually held it up all along ... the majority
> >of good hams without attitude problems that detract from the service,
> >the work they do in technical, public service, and other ham pursuits,
> >and (I believe) an influx of "new blood" ... some younger, I hope, so
> >that our demographics improve for the future, and some more techically
> >inclined who can elmer, develop new things, etc.
> >
> >Having taken a code test has nothing to do with these things.
> >
> >Carl - wk3c
>
> Carl:
>
> Why do you think taking a code test prevents these things from happening?
>
> 73 de Larry, K3LT
>

Personal experience with colleagues and other anecdotal evidence.

The way that you, Dick, and *some* others look down your noses
at folks who aren't interested in code and object to unnecessary
"hurdles" sure doesn't help to bring new folks into ham radio either.

Carl - wk3c

1596. Re: Ham Radio In The Post-Code Testing Era

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-16 13:16:35 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com>
Message-ID: <TecRa.763$IL.84198@nnrp1.ptd.net>
Source record: 71425

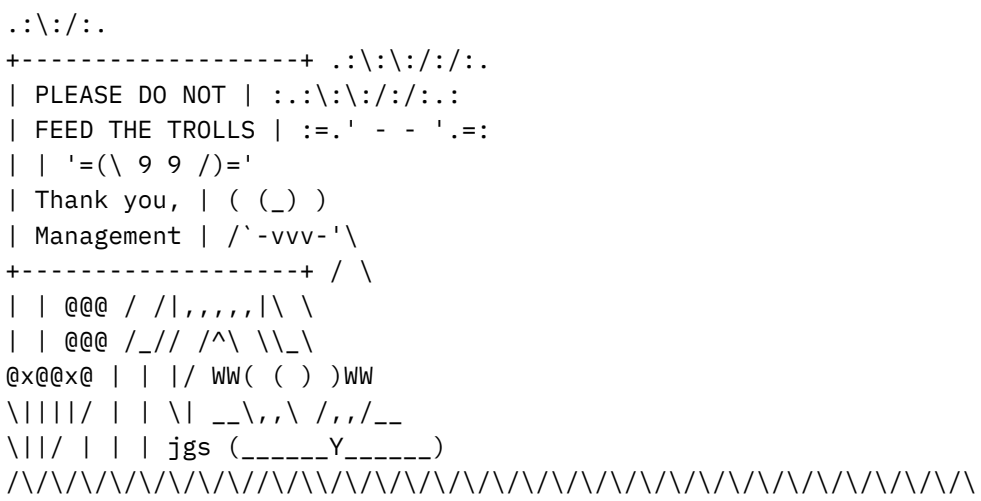
"Larry Roll K3LT" <yodoc@aol.comnospam> wrote in message
news:20030715233917.01315.00000914@mb-m18.aol.com...
> In article <bf1qn0$2sv$1@slb6.atl.mindspring.net>, "Dan/W4NTI"
> <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com> writes:
>
> > If BPL is fired up you have no HF SPECTRUM.
>
> Particularly if you're strictly a phone operator. Those of us who are
> code-proficient will most likely be able to keep communicating
> in CW with our 250 Hz notch filters engaged!

Larry, why do you believe that a *notch* filter at 250 Hz will help
to deal with wideband noise?

Carl - wk3c.

1597. Re: Why don't Real Hams you face the facts?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-16 13:25:15 UTC
From: "R. Scott" <washingtonham@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <3F15523B.493EE0D9@yahoo.com>
Source record: 71436
Cross-posted to: uk.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.boatanchors,rec.radio.amateur.policy



1598. Re: How Ugly Can One Creep Be?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-16 13:30:16 UTC
From: k4yz@aol.com
Message-ID: <5c01b95b.0307160530.42798dca@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71427

yodoc@aol.comnospam (Larry Roll K3LT) wrote in message
news:<20030715145636.23745.00001165@mb-m22.aol.com>...

> Steve:
>
> Unfortunately, I think our Lennie has just set a new threshold on "disgusting."

To say the least. This creep makes me nauseous.

> > What a piece of work. Truly deserving of every ugly epithet I
> >can think to "laud" you with and more. There hasn't been a prfanity
> >created to adequately "describe" just how cold and disgusting that
> >comment was.
>
> None that can be posted here, anyway.

I could, but I won't. Scumbag and putz will have to do.
>
> > "Scumbag" is an understatment. "Putz" only scratches the top.
> >
> > You try to embellish your own "reputation" on the graves of
> >American KIA's, then you completely disgrace and humilate the graves
> >of seven men and women who, regardless of nationality, died what can
> >only be assumed to have been a horrific death in the pursuit of
> >science
> >
> > What an utterly foul, irrelevent and truly puny shadow of a human
> >being you are. When YOUR death comes, I can only hope that, unlike
> >those seven brave souls, that it is long, lingering and painful, and
> >that you remain sufficiently aware of your circumstances to appreciate
> >it all.
>
> We don't know that the deaths of the Columbia (or Challenge) crews wasn't
> long, lingering, and painful. They may have been well conscious long
> enough to know they were doomed, and had nothing to do to prevent it.
> Unfortunately, wishing the same on Lennie won't do, either. Lennie has
> proven himself to be beyond contempt. Don't fall into the same pit he did.

I imagine that except for the sudden bullet to the brain we all
have some brief moment when we realize that "this is it".

I can't even begin to imagine what it must have been
like...strapped in, fire all around and knowing it was all ovr but the
dying.

How ANY human being with a shred of decency could have made the disgusting, callous and thoughtless comment Lennie did is beyond me.

What a creep.

73

Steve, K4YZ

1599. Re: Ham Radio In The Post-Code Testing Era

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-16 13:31:14 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com>
Message-ID: <CscRa.767$IL.84290@nnrp1.ptd.net>
Source record: 71426

"Larry Roll K3LT" <yodoc@aol.comnospam> wrote in message
news:20030715233918.01315.00000915@mb-m18.aol.com...
> In article <f45722ac.0307151521.6812a53f@posting.google.com>,
> brianburke@juno.com (Brian) writes:
>
> I probably did most of my phone operating as an Advanced, because it
> was during that time that I had a mobile HF station in my '78 Plymouth
> Horizon. However, I also did a LOT of mobile CW as well. I also operated
> phone from Germany (two two-year tours) as an Extra, with a German
> reciprocal license. But then again, CW operation outweighed phone by
> at least 10 to 1. Phone is just too boring. When I'm copying CW, I'm
> actively doing something besides listening to the same old crapola over
> and over again -- even though what I'm copying IS the same old crapola!

Larry, if it's "the same old (boring) crapola," why don't you sell your
gear, let your license lapse (or surrender it for cancellation) and find
an avocation that's not boring?

[someone else asked the following question ... it reallly doesn't matter
who]
> >What will it take to get people to use Morse?
>
> I don't know. What would it take to get YOU to use it? For me, it took
> a code testing requirement, which caused me to learn and use the code
> in order to meet the requirement.

Larry ... you admit that you wouldn't have learned Morse if you had not been
(effectively) forced to ... you happened to decide that you liked it
afterwards.
Many folks that have followed the same path NEVER liked Morse and put
the key in the drawer (or sold it, or gave it away) after passing the Morse
test to get the privs they REALLY wanted, never to use Morse again.

>You don't believe in the requirement, so
> obviously, your mileage varies quite a bit. So tell us -- what would it
take
> to make you a regular CW operator with 20 WPM proficiency -- something
> that I have no doubt you are capable of?

As you well know, I also don't believe in the requirement.

I know that many PCTAs here doubt my claim, but early on while constrained
to CW on the novice bands, I actually got to the point where I could carry
on
a QSO (more or less in my head for std. QSO stuff, writing down details for
the log) at something close to 20 wpm. Once I upgraded to Tech and got

involved in VHF/UHF repeaters, packet, etc. I lost interest and never went back to Morse.

Could *I* become proficient at 20 wpm ... certainly, with enough use and practice. Do I *care* to? The answer is obviously "No."

There is essentially nothing that could make me interested in becoming "a regular CW operator with 20 wpm proficiency."

Does this make me a "lesser/2nd class ham?" I certainly don't believe so, Larry, any more than I believe that the fact that I have every reason to believe that I am more technically competent than you makes me "superior in all respects" to you. You, however, believe that your Morse ability makes you "superior to all no-code hams." (You've said that over and over here, along with all sorts of disparaging remarks about no-code hams.)

Why don't you try treating hams who have gotten their licenses (or upgraded) under the new rules with the same respect that you'd like to be treated with?
(I promise you, it won't kill you. :-)

Carl - wk3c

1600. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-16 13:42:35 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com>
Message-ID: <fDcRa.768$lL.84480@nnrp1.ptd.net>
Source record: 71428

"Mike Coslo" <mcoslo@adelphia.net> wrote in message
news:3F14BD58.3020407@adelphia.net...
> Bill Sohl wrote:
>
> > Assuming your hypothetical...
> > IF the non-phone segment is being underused, then
> > the CW users will likly lose bandwidth. BUT, if the non-phone
> > segment is just as crowded with users, then there's
> > no valid argument for phone expansion. The burden
> > will be on the users of non-phone modes.
>
>
> And right there you have it!
>
> - Mike KB3EIA -
>

Mike,

Don't read Bill's comments above as "NCI Policy" or "NCI Goals/Agenda" ...
that's
simply not the case.

Bill's just stating the obvious. (And since what CW fans refer to as "the
CW
bands" are actually the "non-SSB/phone, CW/narrowband digital modes bands,"
the occupancy thereof that Bill refers to need not be solely CW users, but
users
of other digital modes as well.

Collectively, they (CW and digital users) need to "use it or lose it" in a
long-term,
practical sense (even ARRL says "use it or lose it" ... see Dave Sumner's
recent
column on the new channels near 5 MHz). That, I am sure, is what Bill meant
when he said "The burden will be on the users of non-phone modes."

HOWEVER, phone band expansion is NOT an NCI agenda ... the ARRL has,
though, asked the FCC in the past to expand the phone bands by "refarming"
the Novice bands ... and, if the FCC were to see that roughly half of our HF
bands were grossly underutilized, they might, of their own volition, decide
to
do some "refarming" in the form of phone band expansion.

As I have said over and over, I would NOT favor/support phone band expansion
at the expense of the CW/digital portions of the bands.

Carl - wk3c

1601. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-16 13:44:10 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com>
Message-ID: <KEcRa.769$IL.84568@nnrp1.ptd.net>
Source record: 71429

"Larry Roll K3LT" <yodoc@aol.comnospam> wrote in message
news:20030715233920.01315.00000918@mb-m18.aol.com...
>
> You know what, John? Kim's posts would be a whole lot better if she
> could resist the temptation to "take shots" at "targets of opportunity."
> And, with all due respect, so could yours.

Pot calls kettle black.

Carl - wk3c

(and yes, I will admit that from time to time when emotions run high
and debate gets contentious, I fall into the same trap, though I have
been trying to resist)

1602. Re: Why don't Real Hams you face the facts?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-16 13:47:34 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com>
Message-ID: <WHcRa.771$lL.84612@nnrp1.ptd.net>
Source record: 71430
Cross-posted to: uk.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.boatanchors,rec.radio.amateur.policy

"Jim Hampton" <aa2qa@frontiernet.net> wrote in message
news:G83Ra.4498$aS6.4119@news02.roc.ny...
> Thanks for the tip, Carl. Geeze, Analog Devices. I should have
remembered.
> It has been quite a few years since I worked in Materials Engineering and
> actually had a feel for the current state of the art. Heck, I was only
off
> by a factor of 10 on that clock rate! 10 percent is one thing, but by a
> decade! :) LOL. Be grateful I didn't suggest wiring a bunch of 12AU7s
> together in flip flops. Hmmm ... where'd I put that core memory anyways?
> BTW, those 400 MHz devices are 10 cents per dozen, right? :)

IIRC, they are not $1.95, but they are not hundreds of dollars, either ...
seems to me that the range is generally from about 5 - 50 bucks, depending
on device, quantity, etc.

> I will check out the site, however; again, thanks for the tip.

ur wlcm es 73,
Carl - wk3c

1603. Re: Smells like type acceptance

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-16 13:50:37 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com>
Message-ID: <NKcRa.772$IL.84524@nnrp1.ptd.net>
Source record: 71431

I agree with Jim 100% on this one ...

Carl - wk3c

"N2EY" <n2ey@aol.com> wrote in message
news:20030716082219.00871.00000675@mb-m17.aol.com...
> In article <e79dbd9b.0307150553.7df771f6@posting.google.com>,
k0hb@arrl.net
> (K0HB) writes:
>
> >k4yz@aol.com (Steve Robeson, K4CAP) wrote
> >
> >>
> >> Obviously not a lawyer, but my read on this was that the FCC is
> >> giving him a chance to keep his radios, avoid the nasty fine that
> >> COULD have gone along with this, and sends a very loud signal to
> >> anyone else so inclined to not abuse the privilege.
> >>
> >
> >My concern is NOT with the severity of his penalty (I think it was
> >pathetically lenient) but with the chilling effect it could have on
> >tinkering and experimenting by amateurs who apparently must now fear
> >that FCC can require them to put their equipment back into
> >factory-fresh configuration.
>
> Hans,
>
> Step back a minute and look at what this newbie actually did.
>
> He allegedly cut a wire in a manufactured piece of amateur equipment so
that he
> could *illegally* transmit on frequencies he was *not* authorized to use.
> >
> >I don't have a single peice of equipment which I have not "improved"
> >from it's original schematic.
>
> Neither do I. However, neither have I modified any equipment so that I
could
> *illegally* transmit on frequencies I am *not* authorized to use.
>
> >Frankly, I thought the FCC encouraged
> >such experimentation.
>
> Not when the end result is *illegal* transmission on frequencies the
"tinkerer"

> is *not* authorized to use.
>
> And to make it all that much worse, he transmits false distress calls on a
> marine freq.
>
> >This incident suggests just the opposite and
> >I'm surprised that ARRL isn't screaming bloody murder.
>
> I'm glad the ARRL is keeping quiet. This guy gives ham radio a black eye.
You
> wanna defend his "right" to modify his rig to a bunch of emergency
personnel
> who scrambled to answer the phony distress calls?
>
> I do NOT want one cent of my dues, or one second of ARRL personnel's time,
> spent defending the modification of amateur equipment for *illegal*
> transmission on frequencies hams are *not* authorized to use.
>
> 73 de Jim, N2EY

1604. Re: Code a Deterrent to a Ham Ticket ??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-16 14:01:47 UTC
From: kelly@dvol.com
Message-ID: <d22b54c3.0307160601.5f248524@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71433

Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote in message
news:<Xns93B9E94E7D9E1elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>...
> kelly@dvol.com (Brian Kelly) wrote in
> news:d22b54c3.0307151119.6f8566ec@posting.google.com:
>

> >> I do not beleive that it is necessary to make people study unwanted
> >> classes to qualify as an institution of higher learning, more that it
> >> disqualifies the college.
> >
> > I'll believe that when the U.K approach to technical professional
> > education programs is better that the U.S. approaches when U.K.
> > technological leadership comes even close to the U.S. on a per capita
> > or on any other basis.
> >
> > w3rv
> >
>
> Brian, I can't even understand that sentence. Can you try again?

I screwed that one to the wall good din I? It was late. The Scotch was
lousy.

Don't duck the bullet Alun, I don't have to try again, you bloody well
know what I mean.

God help science, engineering and western civilization the day
American universities don't have license to pound at least some
modicum of literacy into the thick skulls of the geeklets.

w3rv

1605. Re: ARRL plan, coming to fruition?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-16 14:02:02 UTC
From: joe's grill <vulture@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <3f15583c$1@snipnews.snip.net>
Source record: 71432

"No Dummy Loads" <N@e.mail> wrote in message
news:vh6d2ni8aju0d7@corp.supernews.com...

(snip)

This one gets a solid s-9 on the troll-o meter

1606. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-16 14:08:56 UTC
From: Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93BA673229F3Eelektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>
Source record: 71434

"Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> wrote in
news:fDcRa.768$lL.84480@nnrp1.ptd.net:

>
> "Mike Coslo" <mcoslo@adelphia.net> wrote in message
> news:3F14BD58.3020407@adelphia.net...
>> Bill Sohl wrote:
>>
>> > Assuming your hypothetical...
>> > IF the non-phone segment is being underused, then
>> > the CW users will likly lose bandwidth. BUT, if the non-phone
>> > segment is just as crowded with users, then there's
>> > no valid argument for phone expansion. The burden will be on the
>> > users of non-phone modes.
>>
>>
>> And right there you have it!
>>
>> - Mike KB3EIA -
>>
>
> Mike,
>
> Don't read Bill's comments above as "NCI Policy" or "NCI Goals/Agenda"
> ... that's
> simply not the case.
>
> Bill's just stating the obvious. (And since what CW fans refer to as
> "the CW
> bands" are actually the "non-SSB/phone, CW/narrowband digital modes
> bands," the occupancy thereof that Bill refers to need not be solely
> CW users, but users
> of other digital modes as well.
>
> Collectively, they (CW and digital users) need to "use it or lose it"
> in a long-term,
> practical sense (even ARRL says "use it or lose it" ... see Dave
> Sumner's recent
> column on the new channels near 5 MHz). That, I am sure, is what Bill
> meant when he said "The burden will be on the users of non-phone
> modes."
>
> HOWEVER, phone band expansion is NOT an NCI agenda ... the ARRL has,
> though, asked the FCC in the past to expand the phone bands by

> "refarming" the Novice bands ... and, if the FCC were to see that
> roughly half of our HF bands were grossly underutilized, they might, of
> their own volition, decide to
> do some "refarming" in the form of phone band expansion.
>
> As I have said over and over, I would NOT favor/support phone band
> expansion at the expense of the CW/digital portions of the bands.
>
> Carl - wk3c
>

I would, though, but I have no connection with NCI

Bringing the phone subbands in line with other countries in Region 2 would
be sufficient

1607. Re: Code a Deterrent to a Ham Ticket ??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-16 14:11:17 UTC
From: Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93BA6798B32C0elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>
Source record: 71435

brianburke@juno.com (Brian) wrote in
news:f45722ac.0307160423.4c43b7c0@posting.google.com:

> Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote in message
> news:<Xns93B9EAB176B85elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>...
>> brianburke@juno.com (Brian) wrote in
>> news:f45722ac.0307151345.40f6e001@posting.google.com:
>>
>> > Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote in message
>> > news:<Xns93B96EE222337elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>...
>> >
>> >> Well, he's clearly Indian, and I'm British, so it wouldn't surprise
>> >> me if we share some views in common and don't buy into the received
>> >> wisdom of the US of A.
>> >
>> > Alun, what a curious statement. What does being Indian and British,
>> > and not American, that allows you to have some views in common?
>> >
>> > Brian
>> >
>>
>> Well who do you think ruled India during the Raj? I'm not proud of it,
>> but it does give us a certain common heritage.
>
> Who do you think may have rules America prior to our independance?
>

This is true too.

1608. Re: Why don't Real Hams you face the facts?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-16 14:28:16 UTC
From: JJ <radiobuff0@mailcity.moc>
Message-ID: <3F156100.2060807@mailcity.moc>
Source record: 71557
Cross-posted to: uk.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.boatanchors,rec.radio.amateur.policy

Why don't you go back to yelling
"aaaaaaaauuuuuuuuddddddddiiiiiiiiooooooo" into your power mic on
channel 19.

citizensband wrote:
> "Airy R Bean" <SPAM@trap> wrote in message
> news:3f150694$1_1@mk-nntp-1.news.uk.worldonline.com...
>
>>Even with a wheel mouse, you don't need to read the garbage.
>>
>>However, a wheel mouse would seem to be the answer for those
>>who make the silly fuss - the arrogant bottom-posters - would it not?
>>
>
>
> The vast majority of Real Hams, stick to the protocol of bottom posting.
> There are those, of course, who are incapable...such as yourself!
>
> If you require some assistance on how to post correctly, do let me know.
>
> HTH
> tox
>
>

1609. Re: Code a Deterrent to a Ham Ticket ??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-16 14:28:18 UTC
From: Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93BA6A7AF213Delektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>
Source record: 71437

kelly@dvol.com (Brian Kelly) wrote in
news:d22b54c3.0307160601.5f248524@posting.google.com:

> Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote in message
> news:<Xns93B9E94E7D9E1elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>...
>> kelly@dvol.com (Brian Kelly) wrote in
>> news:d22b54c3.0307151119.6f8566ec@posting.google.com:
>>
>
>> >> I do not beleive that it is necessary to make people study unwanted
>> >> classes to qualify as an institution of higher learning, more that
>> >> it disqualifies the college.
>> >
>> > I'll believe that when the U.K approach to technical professional
>> > education programs is better that the U.S. approaches when U.K.
>> > technological leadership comes even close to the U.S. on a per
>> > capita or on any other basis.
>> >
>> > w3rv
>> >
>>
>> Brian, I can't even understand that sentence. Can you try again?
>
> I screwed that one to the wall good din I? It was late. The Scotch was
> lousy.
>
> Don't duck the bullet Alun, I don't have to try again, you bloody well
> know what I mean.

I had to read it a few times. I think the reason for poor performance in
UK engineering has nothing to do with the quality of UK engineers and
everything to do with the culture of UK companies, in which the engineers
are not in charge, but instead the accountants are. And this is not
because we don't study business subjects (we do), or because we don't do
English or History or 'Western Civilisation' in college (the accountants
don't either).

As I understand it (and I freely admit there are gaps in my knowledge of
your system), you can get a 4-year degree over here with 120 (?) semester-
hours of credit, and maybe only half of it has to be in your major (?).
When I sat down and tried to calculate it (from old timetables, since
there are no hours on my transcript, only grades) my 3-year UK degree
included about 150 semester-hours of classroom time, of which about 120
semester hours was in engineering subjects, the rest being things like
economics, finance, mathematics, etc.

>
> God help science, engineering and western civilization the day
> American universities don't have license to pound at least some
> modicum of literacy into the thick skulls of the geeklets.
>
> w3rv
>

Perhaps that is more of a comment on your high schools than your colleges?

1610. Re: Marconi site

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-16 14:30:43 UTC
From: kf6vyh@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030716103043.09680.00000006@mb-m11.aol.com>
Source record: 71438

The antenna farm at the N. Cal is Marconi site is going to be taken down by the natiional park service.

1611. Re: ARRL plan, coming to fruition?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-16 14:33:19 UTC
From: kf6vyh@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030716103319.09680.00000007@mb-m11.aol.com>
Source record: 71439

How about 20 over nine on the s meter

1612. Re: Picard vs Kirk, was Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-16 15:57:34 UTC
From: Bert Craig <wa2si@arrl.netNOSPAM>
Message-ID: <OBeRa.628$7O.619@nwrdny01.gnilink.net>
Source record: 71440

"Radio Amateur KC2HMZ" <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net> wrote in message
news:p857hvkdfjqhrhf0553ae10p4vrtrq17sn@4ax.com...
> On Mon, 14 Jul 2003 11:33:14 GMT, "Bert Craig" <wa2si@arrl.netNOSPAM>
> wrote:
>
>
> >Kirk, McCoy, and Scott all copied Morse code when Sybock threw them in
the
> >brig in 'The Final Frontier.' BTW, Spock sent the code by tapping out
"stand
> >back" on the wall before he blew a hole in it.
>
> Actually, Scotty was sending the Morse "stand back" while Kirk, Spock,
> and McCoy "decoded" it from inside the brig. Then the wall blew in and
> Scotty was standing there saying in his trademark brogue, "Well? What
> are you all just standing around for? Do you not know a jailbreak when
> you see one?"
>
> 73 DE John, KC2HMZ

Quite correct, John...and still LOL. Great scene, thanks for the correction.

--
73 de Bert
WA2SI

1613. Re: Ham Radio In The Post-Code Testing Era

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-16 16:21:18 UTC
From: Dan/W4NTI <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com>
Message-ID: <bf3tua$5s0$1@slb9.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 71441

"Kim W5TIT" <fahgedit@nomail.net> wrote in message
news:bf2d98$4an@library1.airnews.net...
> "Dan/W4NTI" <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com> wrote in message
> news:bf1qhjpnn1@slb6.atl.mindspring.net...
> >
> > "Dwight Stewart" <stewart@say.net> wrote in message
> > news:BB3934D0.1ED20%stewart@say.net...
> > > "Kim W5TIT" wrote:
> > > >
> > > > (snip)
> > >
> > >
> > > Kim, I don't know what is going on with your newsgroup messages.
Many
> of
> > > your messages are listed as no longer on my server very shortly after
> you
> > > post them (sometimes just one or two hours later). The messages are
> listed
> > > in my message list of this newsgroup, but I get an error ("message no
> > longer
> > > on server") when I try to read them. For everyone else, I can read
> > messages
> > > they posted many days ago.
> > >
> > > Anyway, just wanted to let you know what is happening in case you
post
> a
> > > reply to one of my messages and don't get a response. It's not that
I'm
> > > trying to ignore you - I just can't read or reply to your quickly
> > > disappearing messages (I caught and replied to this one before it
> > > disappeared)
> > >
> > >
> > > Dwight Stewart (W5NET)
> > >
> > > http://www.qsl.net/w5net/
> > >
> >
> > I had my witches coven put a curse on her.
> >
> > Dan/W4NTI
> >

> >
>
> That would be witch's...
>
> Kim W5TIT
>
>

Not so in Alabama....we talk with a slur and a drawl. Something you Texans can't quite get...you know with all that blue coat activity during the war for Southern independence...hi.

Dan/W4NTI

1614. Re: Smells like type acceptance

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-16 16:45:02 UTC
From: Scott Unit 69 <scott_unit_69@yahoo.moc>
Message-ID: <3F15810E.17451962@yahoo.moc>
Source record: 71442

> I agree with Jim 100% on this one ...

Me, too. He should have been hung by his 'nads.

1615. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-16 16:54:49 UTC
From: N2EY@AOL.COM
Message-ID: <c2356669.0307160854.174170e3@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71443

"Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> wrote in message
news:<fFXQa.659$lL.72906@nnrp1.ptd.net>...
> "N2EY" <N2EY@AOL.COM> wrote in message
> news:c2356669.0307150905.598693d@posting.google.com...
> > "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> wrote in message
> news:<AsDQa.521$lL.58870@nnrp1.ptd.net>...
> > > "N2EY" <n2ey@aol.com> wrote in message
> > > news:20030714142202.02627.00000066@mb-m02.aol.com...
> > > > In article <rTxQa.454$lL.55425@nnrp1.ptd.net>, "Carl R. Stevenson"
> > > > >there is nothing "magical" about Morse
> > > > >and the insistence on using "wetware" instead of software to do the
> > > > >decoding is an anomaly of ham radio.
> > > >
> > > > And you say you're not against the use of the mode, just the test,
> Carl?
> > > ;-)
> > >
> > > That's correct... I am NOT against the use of the mode.
> >
> > Maybe. But the way you write about the mode makes me wonder. For
> > example, when you call those who use the mode "beepers" and other
> > disparaging names, a different image is projected by you.
> >
> > > Just pointing
> > > out the fact that there are better modulation/coding techniques than OOK
> > > Morse ...
> >
> > Ah, see, there you go. "Better modulation/coding techniques than OOK
> > Morse", with no qualifiers as to how they are "better".
>
> OK ... "Better" in terms of weak signal performance, data throughput,
> and reliability (robustness in the face of channel impariments and lack
> of operator error in decoding).
>
> Does that satisfy you?

Not really. How about this:

"There exist some 'digital' modes other than OOK Morse which
outperform OOK Morse in various performance measures such as (but not
limited to) weak signal performance, data throughput, robustness in
the face of certain channel impairments, and lack of decoding error,
though not necessarily all at the same time. OOK Morse will outperform
all other 'digital' modes now in use in equipment simplicity and
adaptability to human operator encoding and decoding by non-visual

means. OOK Morse will also outperform some other 'digital' modes in
various performance measures such as (but not limited to) weak signal
performance, data throughput, robustness in the face of certain
channel impairments, and operator-detected data errors."
>
IOW, it all depends on what criteria you use for "better". Morse is
better for some things, while other 'digital' modes are better for
other things. Or perhaps we should say that Morse is better in some
way, while other 'digital' modes are better in other ways.

For example, look at PSK-31. Uses very little bandwidth, has some
error detection/correction, very good weak-signal performance in the
face of Gaussian noise. OTOH, it requires a very stable transmitter
and receiver, and is usually implemented by means of a
soundcard-equipped PC, greatly increasing equipment power consumption
and complexity. PSK-31 is also susceptible to phase distortion and
noise, both in the equipment and the transmission channel. (This is
one reason why it is sometimes possible to 'hear' a PSK-31 signal but
the decoder cannot decode the received signal).

Other 'digital' modes have their own strengths and weaknesses.

> > > that does NOT mean that I mind/care/object to others CHOOSING
> > > to use OOK Morse ...
> >
> > Yet you wrote:
> >
> > "there is nothing "magical" about Morse and the insistence on using
> > "wetware" instead of software to do the decoding is an anomaly of ham
> > radio."
>
> There is nothing "magical" about Morse ...

Sure there is - it's fun for hundreds of thousands of hams all over
the world. But of course that fact alone is no reason to have test for
it.

You're missing some of the main motivations of most radio amateurs,
Carl - they see radio as fun, as an end in itself, as "magic". That
"magic" is not limited to Morse code, of course. But take away the
"magic" and you take away the motivation for most hams.

Maybe "There is nothing "magical" about Morse" for YOU, but for
others, there is.

> with the exception of the
> (mis)use of the term "magical" in the nostalgia sense. (That doesn't
> mean it's "bad" ... just that it has no magical, mystical properties ...
> nor does any other mode, for that matter, it's just a matter of physics.)

You're missing the motivational forest for the reductionist trees,
Carl.

Consider an analogy - why do people bother to learn how to play
musical instruments anymore, and pay serious sums of money for
instruments and lessons, when almost any music and instrument can be
synthesized much more easily? Why do orchestras still exist, and why
do people go to concerts, when so many excellent recordings exist,
more are being produced every day, sound reproduction quality is
excellent and the whole thing can be synthesized by feeding the sheet
music into a computer anyway?

The answer is simple - people want to experience the "magic" of live
perfomance by human beings.

Or consider this: Why are there so many different type fonts? It's
understandable that there be different sizes of type in, say, a
newspaper, but why does ever wordprocessor allow such a wide range of
choices of what the letters and numbers look like? Does the meaning of
a word change if it's printed in Arial Bold instead of Times New
Roman?

> > and
> >
> > "This "do it the hard way, rather than the smart way" approach to
> > things
> > that is held by so many hams leads to stagation, backwardness, etc."
>
> I maintain that the statement is true.

It's your opinion, nothing more. Is the marathon "stagnated and
backward" because it's done "the hard way"? After all, it would be so
much easier on roller skates. How about swimming - why won't they
allow the use of flippers in swimming competitions?

If you say those things aren't "technical", just look at Indy-car
racing. All sorts of limitations on what can be entered into
competition on that circuit.

> Note I said "so many hams" ... not ALL hams.

I did. "so many hams" implies that there are a lot of them.
>
> > > only that I am disseminating some facts that the more
> > > "hard-core" Morse enthusiasts don't like disseminated because they fly
> in
> > > the face of the "Morse Myths" (like "Morse will get through were nothing
> > > else will.")
> >
> > There you go again. I'm about as hard-core a Morse enthusiast as you
> > will ever come across, yet have you ever seen me write "Morse will get
> > through were nothing else will" ? I don't think so.
>
> I know you're a hard-core Morse enthusiast, but you're not as narrow-minded
> about it as SOME (I did limit the comment to SOME) ... and I don't see you
> as having a "religious zeal" or "I'm superior" attitude ... to your credit.

Then I'm a living disproof of your statement.

> > Yes. When you describe someone's choise of mode as "the hard way" and
> > "ridiculous!!!!!", it becomes difficult to accept that you don't
> > "mind/care/object to others CHOOSING to use OOK Morse ..."
>
> Take me at my word ... I was talking about fanatical attitudes, not the
> norm.

Who defines what is 'fanatical'? Many would say that the insistence on
total removal of code testing is 'fanatical', given the extremely
basic nature of Element 1 and the many training methods now available.

And the fact is that you were ridiculing others' choice of mode for a
particular use, while not being able to demonstrate a 'better' way.
>
> [more on EME when I have something to report ... this summer is
> intended for some serious antenna work ... winter should bring some
> progress on other projects that work demands have kept me from
> longer than I had hoped]

OK, fine. Let us know when you have something working. Please note
that the challenge is to develop a system that is easy and inexpensive
for most hams to implement. For example, it should not take 'serious
antenna work' for such a system. A single Yagi or small dish on a
polar mount with an inexpensive rotator/indicator is what's needed,
with all parts readily available. Just a suggestion if you want the
system to ever be widely accepted.
>
> > > (I am not so hung up on myself that "my way" and "what I've done" are
> > > the
> > > ONLY ways that things can/should be done.)
> >
> > Sure you are, Carl. For example, you insist that the only correct way
> > for the future of amateur radio is without any form of code testing,
> > regardless of what the majority wants. That's insisting on "your way".
>
> 1) I believe I am right. YMMV

But you INSIST on your way (no code test of any kind for any amateur
license anywhere) as the only way.

> 2) I am not at all convinced that "the majority wants" something other
> than what I am advocating.

Look at the comments to 98-143. The MAJORITY of those who bothered to
comment wanted two or more code test speeds, and no "sunset clause".
That is very, very different from what you advocate.

There hasn't been an effective poll or survey of what the amateur
community wants in the code-test area in many, many years. So nobody
really knows. But when it mattered, the majority of those who
expressed an opinion disagreed with you.

I think FCC knows this and will bypass any NPRM, NOI or other
rulemaking method that allows public commentary, and will simply dump
Element 1 by MO&O as soon as they can do so legally. One little
sentence, something like 'Credit for Element 1 is hereby granted to
all applicants for and holders of an amateur radio license of any
class'. Poof, bye bye code test, game over, thank you for playing.
>
> > > What "bothers me" is that some folks deny the fact that there ARE better
> > > ways than OOK Morse (apparently in an attempt to bolster their "real
> > > ham" and "everyone MUST know Morse" viewpoints)
> >
> > That's because your statement is too general. You don't define what
> > you mean by "better" in any way. And you don't seem to accept that
> > Morse is better in some ways, while other modes are better in other
> > ways.
>
> I've attempted to define "better" better above :-)

Your new definition is somewhat better but still far too general. And
you still don't mention the fact that Morse is better in some ways,
while other modes are better in other ways.

Good luck with the EME system.

73 de Jim, N2EY

1616. Re: Picard vs Kirk, was Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-16 17:01:09 UTC
From: N2EY@AOL.COM
Message-ID: <c2356669.0307160901.121de1bc@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71444

yodoc@aol.comnospam (Larry Roll K3LT) wrote in message
news:<20030715114410.23745.00001156@mb-m22.aol.com>...
> In article <20030714122225.24390.00001114@mb-m19.aol.com>, n2ey@aol.com (N2EY)
> writes:
>
> >>OK. There you have it. End of debate. Larry has just stated that someone
> >>who knows the sending of SOS knows "the Morse code."
> >>
> >Except that the sleeper ship was sending "CQ", not "SOS". Which may actually
> >have been a form of inside joke, because one of the pet peeves of many was
> >the
> >too-long CQ with no breaks to listen.
>
> Jim:
>
> Ah, so it was CQ and not SOS.

Yep. Uhura reads it aloud, and Kirk says he's reading it too.

> It's been a long time since I've seen that
> episode, or any of the Star Trek original series.

Some pretty good ones and some real scenery-chewing. Oddly enough,
Shatner's finest Star Trek moment was on Saturday Night Live.

> I sit corrected -- mainly on
> the porcelin appliance, since I'm "preparing" for a colonoscopy tomorrow
> morning!

ahh, the pungent tang of Fleet's Phospho-Soda. Good luck on the
"up-periscope" procedure. I dunno if you've had one before, my first
was in March.

73 de Jim, N2EY

1617. Re: Picard vs Kirk, was Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-16 17:30:48 UTC
From: JJ <radiobuff0@mailcity.moc>
Message-ID: <3F158BC8.9000208@mailcity.moc>
Source record: 71506

Larry Roll K3LT wrote:

> It's a lot better these days -- the instrument is
> flexible, and they sedate you before the procedure.

Oh man! That straight piece of pipe they used to use was terrible.

1618. Re: Why don't Real Hams you face the facts?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-16 18:59:10 UTC
From: selcal_pkearn_selcal@selcal.eircom.selcal.co.uk.net
Message-ID: <3f15a022.919898@news1.eircom.net>
Source record: 71454
Cross-posted to: uk.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.boatanchors,rec.radio.amateur.policy

On Tue, 15 Jul 2003 23:44:44 +0100, "citizensband"
<citizensband@ntlworld.com> wrote:

>Time to stop whinging, and face the facts...Real Technology has overtaken
>you all!

oh ?

i thought it was about the person behind the mic (key / camera)
and that persons permission to self-train in the art of
communications.

never did i think that AMATEUR RADIO was about technology.

1619. Re: Why don't Real Hams you face the facts?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-16 19:05:26 UTC
From: selcal_pkearn_selcal@selcal.eircom.selcal.co.uk.net
Message-ID: <3f15a1a5.1306857@news1.eircom.net>
Source record: 71455
Cross-posted to: uk.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.boatanchors,rec.radio.amateur.policy

On 16 Jul 2003 18:53:15 GMT, Leigh <news_nospam@leighs.org> wrote:

>.....and a true example of home-built radio was heard on 80m CW a week or
>so ago - a Russian with homemade equipment that rasped CW more than broke
>the carrier and was a wide signal.
>
>Sort of knocks the 'build your own' case for Gareth into a cocked hat - not
>easy to work or even work out who or where he was.

thats the classic eastern european sound of homemade gear.

that and the tone that starts high and goes low as the dah dah dah
is sent.

dont worry, you get used to it.

1620. Re: Code a Deterrent to a Ham Ticket ??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-16 19:20:12 UTC
From: Dave Heil <k8mn@earthlink.net>
Message-ID: <3F15A60E.C045F52E@earthlink.net>
Source record: 71456

Alun Palmer wrote:
>
> Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net> wrote in
> news:3F137635.20806@adelphia.net:

> > You must be related to our friend Vipul! At least you think alike.
> >
> > - Mike KB3EIA -
> >
> >
>
> Well, he's clearly Indian,

That isn't clear at all.

> and I'm British, so it wouldn't surprise me if
> we share some views in common and don't buy into the received wisdom > of the US of A.

That wouldn't surprise me either but both of you seem to prefer feeding
at the American trough.

Dave K8MN

1621. Re: Why don't Real Hams you face the facts?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-16 19:21:42 UTC
From: citizensband <citizensband@ntlworld.com>
Message-ID: <XGhRa.1097$cA2.120622@newsfep2-gui.server.ntli.net>
Source record: 71457
Cross-posted to: uk.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.boatanchors,rec.radio.amateur.policy

"zpk_12wpm" <selcal_pkearn_selcal@selcal.eircom.selcal.co.uk.net> wrote in
message news:3f15a022.919898@news1.eircom.net...
> On Tue, 15 Jul 2003 23:44:44 +0100, "citizensband"
> <citizensband@ntlworld.com> wrote:
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> >you all!
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> and that persons permission to self-train in the art of
> communications.
>
>
> never did i think that AMATEUR RADIO was about technology.
>

No ZPK, you think that AMATEUR RADIO is "solely" about Morse. Just like
Ged, you bang on about it relentlessly!

HTH
tox

1622. Re: Why don't Real Hams you face the facts?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-16 19:32:35 UTC
From: kludge@panix.com
Message-ID: <bf498j$277$1@panix2.panix.com>
Source record: 71458
Cross-posted to: uk.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.boatanchors,rec.radio.amateur.policy

Jim Hampton <aa2qa@frontiernet.net> wrote:
>Thanks for the tip, Carl. Geeze, Analog Devices. I should have remembered.
>It has been quite a few years since I worked in Materials Engineering and
>actually had a feel for the current state of the art. Heck, I was only off
>by a factor of 10 on that clock rate! 10 percent is one thing, but by a
>decade! :) LOL. Be grateful I didn't suggest wiring a bunch of 12AU7s
>together in flip flops. Hmmm ... where'd I put that core memory anyways?
>BTW, those 400 MHz devices are 10 cents per dozen, right? :)

All of the AD synthesizers I have seen have a microprocessor interface,
where they basically memory-map into a processor. I'd rather have something
I can directly address.

I could probably pull out a 68HC11 to control the thing if I absolutely had
to, but I'd rather have something I can just latch a BCD input into.
--scott

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"C'est un Nagra. C'est suisse, et tres, tres precis."

1623. Re: Why don't Real Hams you face the facts?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-16 19:42:26 UTC
From: Andy in Fink <jungleandy@hotmail.com>
Message-ID: <CUhRa.57702$0v4.3910500@bgtnsc04-news.ops.worldnet.att.net>
Source record: 71459
Cross-posted to: uk.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.boatanchors,rec.radio.amateur.policy

Some of us have ALWAYS built our own equipment. That's why
some of us became "hams" --- so we could test it out.....

Alas, most today are appliance operators. I can't, personally, see any
thrill at all in spending 2K for a rig designed and built by strangers, and
spending a month reading the manual learning how to use it...

Still, there's room in the hobby for all of us.

And, in fact, there's a whole lot of us that have more degrees and
licenses than can fit on a good sized wall.

Enjoy whatever facet of it you choose....

Andy W4OAH

1624. Re: Smells like type acceptance

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-16 19:54:57 UTC
From: Dave Heil <k8mn@earthlink.net>
Message-ID: <3F15AD8B.6E0DD154@earthlink.net>
Source record: 71460

Len Over 21 wrote:
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> In article <e79dbd9b.0307150553.7df771f6@posting.google.com>, k0hb@arrl.net
> (K0HB) writes:
>
> >I don't have a single peice of equipment which I have not "improved"
> >from it's original schematic. Frankly, I thought the FCC encouraged
> >such experimentation. This incident suggests just the opposite and
> >I'm surprised that ARRL isn't screaming bloody murder.
>
> ARRL knows what is best for the US ARS.
>
> Or was it K0HB that knows what is best for the US ARS?
>
> Does the FCC "encourage such experimentation?" I don't think so.
> I read Part 97 as giving radio amateurs the option of doing so. Can't
> find any brochures or pamplets from the FCC ramping up the joys of
> experimentation at all. Maybe that was "Electric Radio?"

It might be that the ARRL knows what is best for amateur radio.
There's a good chance that Hans knows what is best for amateur radio.
I don't know of a soul who believes that you know what is best for
amateur radio. You aren't involved in any capacity.

The FCC rules giving the option to modify equipment certainly lends
itself to the view that the Commission does not discourage such action.
Your interpretation may differ but it really doesn't matter.

Dave K8MN

1625. The "trained pool of operators" argument - debunked

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-16 19:59:18 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com>
Message-ID: <q8iRa.808$lL.87391@nnrp1.ptd.net>
Source record: 71461

"Ryan, KC8PMX" <kc8pmx@diamondcs.net> wrote in message
news:bf42ik$991is$8@ID-189073.news.uni-berlin.de...
> Now let's look at that phrase "pool of trained radio operators" Dee. The
> vagueness of that can create some issues, such as what type of training???

To clarify any "vagueness" that may exist in some folks' minds ...

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From the FCC's Report and Order in WT Docket No. 98-143:

(at para. 30)
"We are persuaded that because the amateur service is fundamentally a
technical service,
the emphasis on Morse code proficiency as a licensing requirement does not
comport with
the basis and purpose of the service. We note, moreover, that the design of
modern
communications systems, including personal communication services,
satellite, fiber optic,
and high definition television systems, are based on digital communication
technologies.
We also note that no communication system has been designed in many years
that depends
on hand-keyed telegraphy or the ability to receive messages in Morse code by
ear. In
contrast, modern communication systems are designed to be automated systems.
Given the
changes that have occurred in communications in the last fifty years, we
believe that reducing
the emphasis on telegraphy proficiency as a licensing requirement will allow
the amateur service
to, as it has in the past, attract technically inclined persons,
particularly the youth of our country,
and encourage them to learn and to prepare themselves in the areas where the
United States
needs expertise."

(and at para. 31)
"
We also find unconvincing the argument that telegraphy proficiency is one
way to keep amateur

radio operators ready to be of service in an emergency. In this regard, we
note that most

emergency communication today is performed using either voice, data, or video modes. We

also note that most amateur radio operators who choose to provide emergency communication

do so, according to the amateur radio press, using voice or digital modes of communication, in

part, because information can be exchanged much faster using these other modes of

communication. Further, we note that in traditional emergency services, such as police, fire,

and rescue, there is no requirement that emergency service personnel hold amateur radio licenses

or any other license that requires telegraphy proficiency. We conclude, therefore, that telegraphy

proficiency is not a significant factor in determining an individual's ability to provide or be prepared

to provide emergency communications."

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So, you can see, in the FCC's own words, in their view, the "trained pool of operators"
thing has essentially nothing to do with Morse, but, rather, with technical and operating
skills in the modes that are PREDOMINANTLY used in comtemporary emergency communications.

> Being able to handle message traffic, would be an extremely important detail
> in training IMHO.

Much message traffic is handled via voice or digital modes ... those that still
pass NTS traffic (or emergency traffic, for that matter) in CW almost invariably
do so as a matter of personal preference, NOT out of necessity.

> How many people can formulate a formal messagegram??
> Even though I am one of those low-life codefree techs, I still can.

So can I ... but I have found that in real-world emergency communications there is little demand for formal radiograms ...

Carl - wk3c

1626. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-16 20:33:52 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com>
Message-ID: <QEiRa.812$lL.87627@nnrp1.ptd.net>
Source record: 71462

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"N2EY" <N2EY@AOL.COM> wrote in message
news:c2356669.0307160854.174170e3@posting.google.com...
> "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> wrote in message
news:<fFXQa.659$lL.72906@nnrp1.ptd.net>...
> > "N2EY" <N2EY@AOL.COM> wrote in message
> > news:c2356669.0307150905.598693d@posting.google.com...
> > > "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> wrote in message
> > news:<AsDQa.521$lL.58870@nnrp1.ptd.net>...
> > > > "N2EY" <n2ey@aol.com> wrote in message
> > > > news:20030714142202.02627.00000066@mb-m02.aol.com...
> > > > > In article <rTxQa.454$lL.55425@nnrp1.ptd.net>, "Carl R. Stevenson"
> > > > > >there is nothing "magical" about Morse
> > > > > >and the insistence on using "wetware" instead of software to do
the
> > > > > >decoding is an anomaly of ham radio.
> > > > > >
> > > > > And you say you're not against the use of the mode, just the test,
> > Carl?
> > > > > ;-)
> > > > >
> > > > That's correct... I am NOT against the use of the mode.
> > > >
> > > Maybe. But the way you write about the mode makes me wonder. For
> > > example, when you call those who use the mode "beepers" and other
> > > disparaging names, a different image is projected by you.
> > >
> > > > Just pointing
> > > > out the fact that there are better modulation/coding techniques than
OOK
> > > > Morse ...
> > >
> > > Ah, see, there you go. "Better modulation/coding techniques than OOK
> > > Morse", with no qualifiers as to how they are "better".
> >
> > OK ... "Better" in terms of weak signal performance, data throughput,
> > and reliability (robustness in the face of channel impariments and lack
> > of operator error in decoding).
> >
> > Does that satisfy you?
>
> Not really. How about this:
>
> "There exist some 'digital' modes other than OOK Morse which
> outperform OOK Morse in various performance measures such as (but not
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> limited to) weak signal performance, data throughput, robustness in
> the face of certain channel impairments, and lack of decoding error,
> though not necessarily all at the same time.

For some digital modes, I would leave out the "though not necessarily all at the same time" qualifier.

> OOK Morse will outperform
> all other 'digital' modes now in use in equipment simplicity

So what? Equipment simplicity is a non-starter ... with today's level of integration, with gates so cheap, there is NO logical reason to insist that a 1 transistor TX is "better" than a TX with an IC or several ICs in it ... and the TX is invariably simpler than the RX ... the RX for FSK, for example can be as simple as one for OOK CW (maybe simpler).

> and
> adaptability to human operator encoding and decoding by non-visual
> means.

Again, so what? The "human error factor" is, I am quite sure larger than the probability of a well-coded digital signal being decoded in error ... and many FEC schemes will "flag" a decoding error if the coding can't correct it ...

To me, this goes PURELY to the "I like to do it myself." personal preference for Morse ... I don't deny anyone's right to choose that preference, but I simply don't see it as bolstering some sort of "advantage" for Morse.

> OOK Morse will also outperform some other 'digital' modes in
> various performance measures such as (but not limited to) weak signal
> performance, data throughput, robustness in the face of certain
> channel impairments,

Which ones will it outperform? As has been elaborated, even simple BFSK, at the same information transfer rates, has about a 9 dB weak signal advantage over OOK Morse (technical fact based in the math and physics of modulation theory ...) Additionally, as I have pointed out, at the same data rate as, say a 13-20 wpm Morse signal, a human operator could learn to decode the FSK tone shifts by ear (some have reportedly done it, but I don't have references to examples).

> and operator-detected data errors."

I'll put my money on a good FEC system over a human operator in bad signal conditions any day ... I've seen HF modems that were so robust you could unhook the antenna cable for 20-30 seconds and the system would not drop a single character ... that's how much coding and interleaving was being employed. And, again, with today's level of integration, such a device takes an IC or two ... what's the big deal about that?

> IOW, it all depends on what criteria you use for "better". Morse is
> better for some things, while other 'digital' modes are better for
> other things. Or perhaps we should say that Morse is better in some
> way, while other 'digital' modes are better in other ways.
>
> For example, look at PSK-31. Uses very little bandwidth, has some
> error detection/correction, very good weak-signal performance in the
> face of Gaussian noise. OTOH, it requires a very stable transmitter
> and receiver, and is usually implemented by means of a
> soundcard-equipped PC, greatly increasing equipment power consumption
> and complexity.

Again, I don't buy the arguments about "complexity" ... because of the
low cost of high integration and the inherent reliablilty of such gear.
Power consumption is something that one plans for in one's emergency
preparedness planning ... all of my gear runs from 12VDC and I have
substantial batteries (and the means to charge them for a LONG time
without mains power). I plan to install a propane powered generator
here at the house as well, eventually. With the 1000 gallon propane
tank, and two vehicles as well, I figure I could keep my station batteries,
the notebook computers, etc. charged for months.

> PSK-31 is also susceptible to phase distortion and
> noise, both in the equipment and the transmission channel. (This is
> one reason why it is sometimes possible to 'hear' a PSK-31 signal but
> the decoder cannot decode the received signal).

PSK-31 has some interesting attributes, but, with all due respect to its
inventor, it is certainly not the "be all and end all" of digital
communications.
(nor do I belive the inventor ever intended it to be ...)

> Other 'digital' modes have their own strengths and weaknesses.
>
> > > > that does NOT mean that I mind/care/object to others CHOOSING
> > > > to use OOK Morse ...
> > >
> > > Yet you wrote:
> > >
> > > "there is nothing "magical" about Morse and the insistence on using
> > > "wetware" instead of software to do the decoding is an anomaly of ham
> > > radio."
> >
> > There is nothing "magical" about Morse ...
>
> Sure there is - it's fun for hundreds of thousands of hams all over
> the world. But of course that fact alone is no reason to have test for
> it.

You're using "magical" like Disneyworld uses it ... as a way of saying
that something is entertaining, fun, and has its own "draw" for some
people.

I'm talking about "magical" in the sense of "having special powers to
do things beyond the ordinary." There is nothing "magical" about Morse
in that sense.

> You're missing some of the main motivations of most radio amateurs,
> Carl - they see radio as fun, as an end in itself, as "magic". That
> "magic" is not limited to Morse code, of course. But take away the
> "magic" and you take away the motivation for most hams.
>
> Maybe "There is nothing "magical" about Morse" for YOU, but for
> others, there is.

See above ...

> > with the exception of the
> > (mis)use of the term "magical" in the nostalgia sense. (That doesn't
> > mean it's "bad" ... just that it has no magical, mystical properties ...
> > nor does any other mode, for that matter, it's just a matter of
physics.)
>
> You're missing the motivational forest for the reductionist trees,
> Carl.

No, I'm being REALISTIC that there is nothing magical (in the
practical sense) about Morse. (That STILL doesn't mean that
I have any desire to eliminate its use ... I DON'T. I just want
it to be viewed for what it really is ... one mode, whose value
is primarily entertainment/nostalgia and which doesn't deserve
a separate pass/fail test that keeps one from getting an HF license.

[snipped repetitive argments about what constitutes "magic"
and what doesn't]

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> > intended for some serious antenna work ... winter should bring some
> > progress on other projects that work demands have kept me from
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> for most hams to implement. For example, it should not take 'serious
> antenna work' for such a system. A single Yagi or small dish on a
> polar mount with an inexpensive rotator/indicator is what's needed,
> with all parts readily available. Just a suggestion if you want the
> system to ever be widely accepted.

I believe that I have a good grasp of what would be required for
an EME system to gain widespread use ... when I spoke of serious
antenna work above, I was talking about the task of installing at
least one (and preferably two) tower(s) and multiple antenna systems
before winter precludes further work (this is going to be hard, based
on my work travel committments, but I'm REALLY going to work
hard on getting at least one tower and associated antennas up.

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> > > > ONLY ways that things can/should be done.)
> > >
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> That is very, very different from what you advocate.
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> There hasn't been an effective poll or survey of what the amateur
> community wants in the code-test area in many, many years. So nobody
> really knows. But when it mattered, the majority of those who
> expressed an opinion disagreed with you.

The call was pretty close ... and I am confident that with the
continuing influx of no-code techs and the large number of
folks who have been able to upgrade without jumping through
the unnecessary 13/20 wpm code "hoop," that the tide has
inevitably swung well in the direction that I advocate.
(But, as I and others have previously said, the decision should
NOT be based on a popularity contest in the community of
incumbents, but should, rather, be based on the sound judgement
of the FCC as to what's regulatorily necessary and good for the
future of ham radio.)

Carl - wk3c

1627. Re: Why don't Real Hams you face the facts?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-16 20:39:10 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com>
Message-ID: <OJiRa.813$IL.87500@nnrp1.ptd.net>
Source record: 71463
Cross-posted to: uk.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.boatanchors,rec.radio.amateur.policy

"Scott Dorsey" <kludge@panix.com> wrote in message
news:bf498j$277$1@panix2.panix.com...
> Jim Hampton <aa2qa@frontiernet.net> wrote:
> >Thanks for the tip, Carl. Geeze, Analog Devices. I should have
remembered.
> >It has been quite a few years since I worked in Materials Engineering and
> >actually had a feel for the current state of the art. Heck, I was only
off
> >by a factor of 10 on that clock rate! 10 percent is one thing, but by a
> >decade! :) LOL. Be grateful I didn't suggest wiring a bunch of 12AU7s
> >together in flip flops. Hmmm ... where'd I put that core memory anyways?
> >BTW, those 400 MHz devices are 10 cents per dozen, right? :)
>
> All of the AD synthesizers I have seen have a microprocessor interface,
> where they basically memory-map into a processor. I'd rather have
something
> I can directly address.
>
> I could probably pull out a 68HC11 to control the thing if I absolutely
had
> to, but I'd rather have something I can just latch a BCD input into.
> --scott

Modern DDS devices would require too many pins on the device for
cheap packages unless they used some sort of serial communications
or a modest pin count multiplexed bus.

I doubt that you will find anything useful with a straight binary or BCD
input because the devices need too many bits loaded into them to set
up all of the internal functions/registers.

Carl - wkc3

1628. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-16 20:51:08 UTC
From: kelly@dvol.com
Message-ID: <d22b54c3.0307161251.1c3e5f56@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71464

"Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> wrote in message
news:<naZQa.677$lL.73743@nnrp1.ptd.net>...
> "Brian Kelly" <kelly@dvol.com> wrote in message
> The "strawman designs" that Gary and I postulated did NOT contemplate
> the use of SS across the whole band as an "underlay." The modulation was
> completely different, with a fair amount of coding.

That's not my recollection at all but for absolute certain any type of
HF SS would require some bandwidth far in excess of the bandwidths
currently permissable under the regs or acceptable by the users of the
so-called legacy modes on HF. The inherent bandwidth characteristic of
SS has made it destructively non-compatible with the modes currently
in use in HF ham bands. Ain't gonna happen in our lifetimes, ham HF SS
is a non-sequiter.

> > > all sorts of simulated channel impairments into the system to make
> copying
> > > as hard as you want ... without having to trash the underlying, reliable
> > > communications system." Still rejected.)
> >
> > Exactly and none of it flew then and it never will.
>
> Why? ... if it looks to the user EXACTLY as "traditional Morse" one would
> not be able to tell the difference (and therefore should have no logical,
> rational
> reason for rejecting it).

Your term IF is the Achilles heel of your whole argument. We've been
down this road, i.e., the problem with logical/rational being the
primanry drivers in ham radio. Ham radio is not a commercial service
where logic is the driver. The standard issue ham is into ham radio
for it's recreational value and the rest flows from there.

> > they're neat electronic ping-pong games but IT AIN'T FRIGGING RADIO.
> > Nobody is gonna go play electronic ping-pong so that you and Coffman
> > can play band edge to band edge.
>
> I *was* talking about RADIO ... a system that would communicate over
> distances via radio ... just more reliably ... and THEN adding the
> impariments
> ("challenge") at the receiving end to satisfy those who "like to dig the
> weak
> ones out of the noise/QRM."

Then you better find a like-minded programmer who has extensive
real-world actual experience with weak-signal DXing and contesting CW

and otherwise to write the code. You sure as hell are not qualified to
do that.

You're snapping around the edges of needing AI to pull off any such
code. We all know how easy that is (?!). IBM has a well-funded crew of
their comp sci & math geniuses and a mainfarme dedicated to
periodically trying to beat one human chess player's brain. And chess
is just a two-dimensional board game with rigid rules of play which
allows large chunks of time to make the decisions on each move. HF CW
contesting in particular has more dimensions than I can even start to
count and decsions are routinely made several times a second. Just for
openers. How ya gonna do it Carl? A bit of C++ and VB in a ham shack
PC? Yeah, right. Not even a decent pipe dream.

> > > transmit data reliably over transcontinental distances ... with power
> > > outputs on the order of 10 mW ... as an "underlay" to existing services
> that don't even notice that they are there.
> >
> > Times how many stations?
>
> Quite a few, but to be honest I don't know the exact number (and if I
> did, I couldn't say).

Bullet = Ducked

> > I notice that TAPR has given up trying to get spread spectrum on the
> > air. Nobody in TAPR cares enough about SS to work thru the bugs.
> > There's a loud statement about ham SS.
>
> IMHO, TAPR's SS effort was doomed from the start by being overly
> complex.

You're pretty good at that yourself.

> Carl - wk3c

w3rv

1629. Re: Smells like type acceptance

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-16 20:55:44 UTC
From: N2EY@AOL.COM
Message-ID: <c2356669.0307161255.65390cca@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71465

I agree with Carl 100% on this one.

73 de Jim, N2EY

"Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> wrote in message
news:<OdVQa.639$lL.71469@nnrp1.ptd.net>...
> "K0HB" <k0hb@arrl.net> wrote in message
> news:e79dbd9b.0307150553.7df771f6@posting.google.com...
> > k4yz@aol.com (Steve Robeson, K4CAP) wrote
> >
> > >
> > > Obviously not a lawyer, but my read on this was that the FCC is
> > > giving him a chance to keep his radios, avoid the nasty fine that
> > > COULD have gone along with this, and sends a very loud signal to
> > > anyone else so inclined to not abuse the privilege.
> > >
> >
> > My concern is NOT with the severity of his penalty (I think it was
> > pathetically lenient) but with the chilling effect it could have on
> > tinkering and experimenting by amateurs who apparently must now fear
> > that FCC can require them to put their equipment back into
> > factory-fresh configuration.
> >
> > I don't have a single peice of equipment which I have not "improved"
> > from it's original schematic. Frankly, I thought the FCC encouraged
> > such experimentation. This incident suggests just the opposite and
> > I'm surprised that ARRL isn't screaming bloody murder.
> >
> > 73, de Hans, K0HB
>
> Hans, et al,
>
> I seriously doubt that the FCC intends to discourage experimentation
> and improvement of our rigs (whether home-built or store-bought).
>
> IMHO, there is a big difference between modifying your rig to improve
> it and "opening it up" to transmit out of band *for the purpose of using
> it to create interference to other services where equipment must be
> type accepted*.
>
> It seems that, in this case, that is exactly what the individual in question
> did, so I personally think that the FCC action requiring him to undo
> the mods, that were done with the apparent purpose of enabling illegal
> operation, is not inappropriate.
>

> However, I also agree with your view that, as a sole remedy, this action
> was pathetically lenient.
>
> Carl - wk3c

1630. Re: Picard vs Kirk, was Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-16 21:00:06 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307161300.43ffc178@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71466

yodoc@aol.comnospam (Larry Roll K3LT) wrote in message
news:<20030715114410.23745.00001156@mb-m22.aol.com>...
> In article <20030714122225.24390.00001114@mb-m19.aol.com>, n2ey@aol.com (N2EY)
> writes:
>
> >>OK. There you have it. End of debate. Larry has just stated that someone
> >>who knows the sending of SOS knows "the Morse code."
> >>
> >Except that the sleeper ship was sending "CQ", not "SOS". Which may actually
> >have been a form of inside joke, because one of the pet peeves of many was
> >the
> >too-long CQ with no breaks to listen.
>
> Jim:
>
> Ah, so it was CQ and not SOS. It's been a long time since I've seen that
> episode, or any of the Star Trek original series. I sit corrected -- mainly on
> the porcelin appliance, since I'm "preparing" for a colonoscopy tomorrow
> morning!
>
> 73 de Larry, K3LT

I think they'll find what the rest of us already knew. ;^)

But seriously, hope it goes well and you check OK.

Brian

1631. Re: ARS License Numbers

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-16 21:05:59 UTC
From: N2EY@AOL.COM
Message-ID: <c2356669.0307161305.72c8a991@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71467

These are the number of unexpired FCC ARS
licenses held by individuals on the dates listed:

As of May 14, 2000:

Novice - 49,329
Tech - 205,394
Tech Plus - 128,860
General - 112,677
Advanced - 99,782
Extra - 78,750
Total - 674,792

As of July 15, 2003:

Novice - 33,662 (decrease of 15,667)
Technician - 257,319 (increase of 51,925)
Technician Plus - 67,055 (decrease of 61,805)
General - 141,181 (increase of 28,605)
Advanced - 83,239 (decrease of 16,590)
Extra - 104,301 (increase of 25,551)
Total - 686,861 (increase of 12,069)

73 de Jim, N2EY

1632. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-16 21:12:01 UTC
From: N2EY@AOL.COM
Message-ID: <c2356669.0307161312.4a81237b@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71468

brianburke@juno.com (Brian) wrote in message
news:<f45722ac.0307151734.36d0124@posting.google.com>...
> N2EY@AOL.COM (N2EY) wrote in message
news:<c2356669.0307150905.598693d@posting.google.com>...
> > "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> wrote in message
news:<AsDQa.521$lL.58870@nnrp1.ptd.net>...
> > > "N2EY" <n2ey@aol.com> wrote in message
> > > news:20030714142202.02627.00000066@mb-m02.aol.com...
> > > > In article <rTxQa.454$lL.55425@nnrp1.ptd.net>, "Carl R. Stevenson"
> > > > >there is nothing "magical" about Morse
> > > > >and the insistence on using "wetware" instead of software to do the
> > > > >decoding is an anomaly of ham radio.
> > > >
> > > > And you say you're not against the use of the mode, just the test, Carl?
> > > ;-)
> > >
> > > That's correct... I am NOT against the use of the mode.
> >
> > Maybe. But the way you write about the mode makes me wonder. For
> > example, when you call those who use the mode "beepers" and other
> > disparaging names, a different image is projected by you.
>
> Kelley refers to himself as a "beepist."

Where? You are mistaken. AC6XG hasn't posted here in quite some time,
and I've never seen him refer to himself that way.

> Is Kelley against Morse/CW use?

Nope. I've worked AC6XG at least twice, both times on CW. Once was on
Field Day (20 CW) and the other on the rrap net on 7037 kHz.

1633. Re: ARS License Numbers

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-16 21:12:47 UTC
From: Scott Unit 69 <scott_unit_69@yahoo.moc>
Message-ID: <3F15BFCF.57A51D9B@yahoo.moc>
Source record: 71469

> As of July 15, 2003:
> Technician - 257,319 (increase of 51,925)

It would have been 51,922 if I hadn't dragged 2 others with me...

1634. Re: Why don't Real Hams you face the facts?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-16 21:57:22 UTC
From: selcal_pkearn_selcal@selcal.eircom.selcal.co.uk.net
Message-ID: <3f15c993.1156183@news1.eircom.net>
Source record: 71470
Cross-posted to: uk.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.boatanchors,rec.radio.amateur.policy

On Wed, 16 Jul 2003 20:21:42 +0100, "citizensband"
<citizensband@ntlworld.com> wrote:

>> i thought it was about the person behind the mic (key / camera)
==== ======
>>
>
>No ZPK, you think that AMATEUR RADIO is "solely" about Morse. Just like

read my posting again tox ol' boy.

i know that the ptt on the mic can be used to initate a cw
transmission but tell me...how do you send cw with a camera ?

(anticipating suggestion like:
write out the dits and dahs and hold the card up)

This is what WRC2003 has done for us.

QUOTE advanced CBer with an Amateur Licence. ENQUOTE

neverchecked2468@yahoo.co.uk
14 Jul 2003

1635. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-16 22:21:09 UTC
From: "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net>
Message-ID: <pdkRa.10785$Vx2.4714748@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com>
Source record: 71471

"Radio Amateur KC2HMZ" <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net> wrote in message
news:fe27hv84fi5q5jmdvrorscbv4uh8f3k1f6@4ax.com...
> On 14 Jul 2003 07:33:28 GMT, yodoc@aol.comnospam (Larry Roll K3LT)
> wrote:
>
> [snip] Lemme try again: At one point in history, humanity's most
> learned scholars had it proven to their satisfaction that the Earth
> was the center of the universe. That is, until Copernicus came along.
>
> 73 DE John, KC2HMZ
>

Copernicus still thought the earth was the center of the universe and he came up with an elaborate mathematical system to explain the apparent motion of the planets in the sky including the "retrograde" motion.

It was Galileo who showed that the earth was not the center when he spotted the moons of Jupiter and determined that they orbited that body and not the Earth.

Dee D. Flint, N8UZE

1636. Re: How Ugly Can One Creep Be?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-16 22:24:01 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307161424.69183820@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71472

k4yz@aol.com (Steve Robeson, K4CAP) wrote in message
news:<5c01b95b.0307160530.42798dca@posting.google.com>...
> yodoc@aol.comnospam (Larry Roll K3LT) wrote in message
news:<20030715145636.23745.00001165@mb-m22.aol.com>...
>
> > Steve:
> >
> > Unfortunately, I think our Lennie has just set a new threshold on "disgusting."
>
> To say the least. This creep makes me nauseous.

There can be no doubt that you experience psychosomatic illness when
you expose yourself to Len's comments. Your reactions are quite
severe. It would be prudent to stop reading them.

Brian

1637. Re: Why don't Real Hams you face the facts?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-16 22:27:41 UTC
From: 26cab40@freeuk.com
Message-ID: <47e914d9.0307161427.6b580676@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71473
Cross-posted to: uk.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.boatanchors,rec.radio.amateur.policy

> thats the classic eastern european sound of homemade gear.
>
> that and the tone that starts high and goes low as the dah dah dah
> is sent.
>
> dont worry, you get used to it.

We thought it was the sound of your head deflating after the Atlantic crossing.

1638. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-16 22:28:10 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307161428.29a63b1c@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71474

k4yz@aol.com (Steve Robeson, K4CAP) wrote in message
news:<5c01b95b.0307151506.3f790806@posting.google.com>...
> brianburke@juno.com (Brian) wrote in message
news:<f45722ac.0307150629.24a028f@posting.google.com>...
> > "Phil Kane" <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop> wrote in message
news:<cuvyxnansvbet.hhvdkfi.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>...
>
> > > (c) Every FCC-watcher in the last 15 years recognizes that in every
> > > "privitization" move by the FCC - or else they should be in some
> > > other line of work.
> >
> > Ah, I see. "Everybody knows..."
>
> "(c) Every FCC-watcher..." (SNIP)
>
> Was there a problem with the parameters he set, Brain? I
> understood them perfectly.
>
> Steve, K4YZ

Steve, what can I say? You are an exceptional individual. Some would
say extraordinary, unique, even special.

1639. Re: Why don't Real Hams you face the facts?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-16 22:38:22 UTC
From: kludge@panix.com
Message-ID: <bf4k4u$2ih$1@panix2.panix.com>
Source record: 71478
Cross-posted to: uk.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.boatanchors,rec.radio.amateur.policy

Carl R. Stevenson <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> wrote:
>> --scott
>
>Modern DDS devices would require too many pins on the device for
>cheap packages unless they used some sort of serial communications
>or a modest pin count multiplexed bus.
>
>I doubt that you will find anything useful with a straight binary or BCD
>input because the devices need too many bits loaded into them to set
>up all of the internal functions/registers.

Right. I am looking for something that might best be implemented as
an ASIC somewhere, in that it would be a special-purpose sine wave
synthesizer rather than a general purpose DDS device.
--scott
--
"C'est un Nagra. C'est suisse, et tres, tres precis."

1640. Re: Code a Deterrent to a Ham Ticket ??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-16 22:47:33 UTC
From: "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net>
Message-ID: <9CkRa.10788$Vx2.4718151@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com>
Source record: 71475

"Alun Palmer" <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote in message
news:Xns93BA6A7AF213Delektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4...
> kelly@dvol.com (Brian Kelly) wrote in
> news:d22b54c3.0307160601.5f248524@posting.google.com:
>
> I had to read it a few times. I think the reason for poor performance in
> UK engineering has nothing to do with the quality of UK engineers and
> everything to do with the culture of UK companies, in which the engineers
> are not in charge, but instead the accountants are. And this is not
> because we don't study business subjects (we do), or because we don't do
> English or History or 'Western Civilisation' in college (the accountants
> don't either).
>
>

Guess what. US business are run by the accountants too.

Dee D. Flint, N8UZE

1641. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-16 22:57:47 UTC
From: "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net>
Message-ID: <LLkRa.10790$Vx2.4719020@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com>
Source record: 71476

"Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> wrote in message
news:QEiRa.812$lL.87627@nnrp1.ptd.net...
>
> (But, as I and others have previously said, the decision should
> NOT be based on a popularity contest in the community of
> incumbents, but should, rather, be based on the sound judgement
> of the FCC as to what's regulatorily necessary and good for the
> future of ham radio.)
>
>

The FCC is not all that qualified to judge what is good for the future of ham radio. Many of the staff are not involved in ham radio. They are a government body whose purpose is to regulate the various radio services so that they can coexist. There purpose is not to maintain ham radio or decide what is good for it.

Dee D. Flint, N8UZE

1642. Re: How Ugly Can One Creep Be?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-16 23:05:39 UTC
From: k4yz@aol.com
Message-ID: <5c01b95b.0307161505.104be0e8@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71477

lenover21@aol.com (Len Over 21) wrote in message
news:<20030715154840.02197.00001252@mb-m12.aol.com>...
> In article <5c01b95b.0307150204.3f0a1d38@posting.google.com>, k4yz@aol.com
> (Steamy the Garbage Man) wrote in a fit of distemper:

"Distemper"..?!?! That's cute.

> >lenover21@aol.com (Len Over 21) wrote in message
> >news:<20030715002450.23745.00001147@mb-m22.aol.com>...
> >
> >> Get real. Any astronaut is required to perform many, many tasks as
> >> part of their job...and that job is to be space crewfolk first, not
> "hams."
> >> Getting a no-code tech ham license is an easy task for them...do it
> >> once and a federal merit badge callsign is theirs to keep for a decade
> >> plus two or a shuttle burns up on reentry...whichever comes first.
> >
> > Leonard H Anderson, you are truly one of the most callous,
> >cowardly and unrepetantly ugly people to ever enter USENET or any
> >other public forum.
>
> Gosh, you'd better write AOL post-haste and have me banished!

If it would work, I would. I am not as low-down as you, Lennie,
and I can bear up far more graciously than you can to examination.

> > HOW DISGUSTING can one human being be...?!?!
>
> Now now, quit looking in the mirror when posting, okay?

I am not the one who needs to hide behind KIA's or make vile
comments about American Astronauts, Scumbag...That's YOUR schtick.

> > What a piece of work. Truly deserving of every ugly epithet I
> >can think to "laud" you with and more. There hasn't been a prfanity
> >created to adequately "describe" just how cold and disgusting that
> >comment was.
>
> Go for it, garbageman. Exhaust your entire collection of epithets
> and cursewords. It may do you good psychologically...you surely
> aren't getting any professional help on your distemper tantrums.

I am not the one who needs them, Lennie. How's your
correspondence school trained wife take this...Living with a creep who
hides behind skirts and lies?

> > "Scumbag" is an understatment. "Putz" only scratches the top.
>
> Oy gevalt! Dey got a shtetl in TN? :-)
>
> > You try to embellish your own "reputation" on the graves of
> >American KIA's, then you completely disgrace and humilate the graves
> >of seven men and women who, regardless of nationality, died what can
> >only be assumed to have been a horrific death in the pursuit of
> >science
>
> Tsk, tsk, tsk. No end to your hatred and disgust, is there?

For you? No. It's an embarrasment to me as a Veteran to have creeps like you who can use the Constitution as a cloak for such behaviour. That you can further abuse it to defile the memory of those seven brave souls who died on Columbia is horrific.

> > What an utterly foul, irrelevent and truly puny shadow of a human
> >being you are. When YOUR death comes, I can only hope that, unlike
> >those seven brave souls, that it is long, lingering and painful, and
> >that you remain sufficiently aware of your circumstances to appreciate
> >it all.
> >
> > Creep.
>
> There ya go, Dr. Killgore, ER hero and role-model for medical
> professionals the world over!
>
> You MUST learn not to stick your hand in the Sharps box so much.
>
> You should take up a nice, restful hobby...maybe stamp collecting.
> You can always lick stamps whenever you want...you can't lick your
> newsgroup opponents with curses and wishes for death.
>
> Remember that "9 ounces" works both ways...ready on the left?
> Ready on the right? Ready on the firing line? You have 20 seconds.
>
> Now take those meds like a good patient...

Nice try...still comes way short of the mark. Your die is cast, Lennie, and it says "LOSER" all over it.

Get shrinky-poo to give you an hour of couch time tonight, if she can stand the stench.

> LHA

(L)ying (H)am-baiting (A)ntagonist.

Steve Robeson

1643. Re: Claudette declared a Hurricane

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-16 23:42:16 UTC
From: Arnie Macy <kt4st@csam.net>
Message-ID: <bf4nv4$b3a91$1@ID-166180.news.uni-berlin.de>
Source record: 71481

"Brian" wrote ...

Arnie, if you're going to offer this kind of "public service" you might want to update it once in a while.

Brian,

I've updated my site twice a day for every day of the storm since it was a tropical depression. I decided to post it to this group because the storm was within the 24hr strike zone and the path error was down to about 30%. At that point, no great change in predicted direction or speed was going to take place. If you took the time to look at the date and time of my post and the date and time of the advisory, you would have noticed that it was issued at 5 am EDT and I posted it 30 minutes later. (I'd say that's pretty timely) The NHC only updates the storm about every seven hours, and even though I can download the data directly from the NHC computers at any time, they *only* update the map data and advisories that are *new*. That would have been around 11 AM (when I was at work) -- The storm hit land within that time period, then quickly returned to Tropical Storm status and the NHC advisories ended. At that point there wasn't a need to update it further. When the next tropical depression forms and is threatening to develop into a Tropical Storm, come back to my site and you will see these regular updates for the map and advisories about twice a day.

Arnie -
KT4ST

1644. Re: Hammie told: "Get Your Addy Right" by FCC!

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-16 23:43:17 UTC
From: Moparholic@hotmailnospam.com
Message-ID: <20030716194317.167$x1@newsreader.com>
Source record: 71480
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.policy

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Moparholic@hotmailnospam.com wrote:
> Moparholic@hotmailnospam.com wrote:
> > Moparholic@hotmailnospam.com wrote:
> > > avoobner2002@yahoo.com (Aaron H. Voobner) wrote:
> > > Riley H. has a good track record of
> > > > following up on such complaints, check the Rain Report if you wish
> > > > confirmation of this.
> > > >
> > > Is that the same rain report n8wwm was busted out on?
> > >
> > Did you leave again, Aaron?
> >
> I see you're still here,Aaron. What's your opinion of doug adair
> n8wwm getting ratted out on the rain report?
>
I forgot to cross post it to a ham group.

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GO# 40
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http://NewsReader.Com/
50 GB/Month
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1645. Re: Why don't you Real Trolls face the facts?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-16 23:44:56 UTC
From: "m.e.nickolas" <1@2.3>
Message-ID: <MPG.197fad827068213898968c@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 71482
Cross-posted to: uk.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.boatanchors,rec.radio.amateur.policy

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In article <Sn7Ra.31$bi.28@newsfep3-gui.server.ntli.net>,
citizensband@ntlworld.com says...
>
> "m.e.nickolas" <1@2.3> wrote in message
> news:MPG.197e83da6115107498968a@netnews.comcast.net...
> > In article <by%Qa.1761$0g3.126929@newsfep1-win.server.ntli.net>,
> > citizensband@ntlworld.com says...
> > >snip
> >
> > Low rent troll from the UK.
> >
> > Probably has to go down to the shop
> > on the corner to have them change the
> > batteries on his wifes "personal appliances"...
> >
>
> Err, whatever happened to the special relationship we're supposed to have
> with the USA?
>
>
>
>
>
Nice troll. But it's got no real legs... You're
going to have to mutate it into some kind of
deal like
Demand the French coordinate all sw frequencies for the
entire northern hemisphere....

Maybe cook some EU being the future of all things ,,,

men
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1646. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-16 23:45:23 UTC
From: Arnie Macy <kt4st@csam.net>
Message-ID: <bf4o4v$b93kh$1@ID-166180.news.uni-berlin.de>
Source record: 71483

"Kim W5TIT" wrote ....

Arnie, Arnie, Arnie....no I don't make the presumption at all. I was being sarcastic with my post... Uh, see the last line?

Ohhhh. sarcasm -- I get it now. :-))

Arnie -

1647. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-16 23:48:18 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com>
Message-ID: <6vlRa.826$IL.89423@nnrp1.ptd.net>
Source record: 71479

"Brian Kelly" <kelly@dvol.com> wrote in message
news:d22b54c3.0307161251.1c3e5f56@posting.google.com...
>
> Then you better find a like-minded programmer who has extensive
> real-world actual experience with weak-signal DXing and contesting CW
> and otherwise to write the code. You sure as hell are not qualified to
> do that.

Gee ... I have no idea how you have the faintest clue (hint: you don't)
about my ability to write code ...

> You're snapping around the edges of needing AI to pull off any such
> code.

Horsepuckey ... no "AI" needed ... just a mix of conventional
control code and DSP ... (things I've done in the course of my career)

>We all know how easy that is (?!). IBM has a well-funded crew of
> their comp sci & math geniuses and a mainfarme dedicated to
> periodically trying to beat one human chess player's brain. And chess
> is just a two-dimensional board game with rigid rules of play which
> allows large chunks of time to make the decisions on each move. HF CW
> contesting in particular has more dimensions than I can even start to
> count and decsions are routinely made several times a second.

I wasn't talking about automating contest operation ... simply allowing
programmable channel impariments at the receive end to make "reception"
as difficult as one wants, despite the fact that the underlying
communications
system is very reliable and robust.

> Just for
> openers. How ya gonna do it Carl? A bit of C++ and VB in a ham shack
> PC? Yeah, right. Not even a decent pipe dream.

Actually, one of my 2.6GHz P4s with 512 MB of RAM can do some
fairly respectable signal processing ... and many sound cards have DSP
capabilities ... though at the time the strawman was proposed, PCs were
much slower and sound cards were less sophisticated, so I was contemplating
a dedicated DSP chip for the heavier signal processing.

>
> > > > transmit data reliably over transcontinental distances ... with
power
> > > > outputs on the order of 10 mW ... as an "underlay" to existing
services
> > that don't even notice that they are there.

> > >
> > > Times how many stations?
> >
> > Quite a few, but to be honest I don't know the exact number (and if I
> > did, I couldn't say).
>
> Bullet = Ducked

No ... legitimate reasons for not divulging more details ... there are
limits
and I don't think I'd like jail :-)

> > > I notice that TAPR has given up trying to get spread spectrum on the
> > > air. Nobody in TAPR cares enough about SS to work thru the bugs.
> > > There's a loud statement about ham SS.
> >
> > IMHO, TAPR's SS effort was doomed from the start by being overly
> > complex.
>
> You're pretty good at that yourself.

Actually, I was principal architect of a real, working, commercially
mass-produced
FHSS system ... conceived of, simulated, designed (and have several patents
on)
the modem. ADAPTIVE FHSS, with Reed-Solomon FEC with interleaving across
codewords (not that I really think you know what THAT means, but some will),
and
a number of other interesting features ... the WHOLE thing was much simpler
than the
TAPR FHSS project, and the total BOM (Bill of Materials) for TWO complete
transceivers was such that the two transceiver system could RETAIL for
$49.95 ...
I have one at home ... and I have a radio module from the prototypes as
another
souvenier ...

Carl - wk3c

1648. Re: ARS License Numbers

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-16 23:57:24 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com>
Message-ID: <EDIRa.828$IL.89647@nnrp1.ptd.net>
Source record: 71484

"N2EY" <N2EY@AOL.COM> wrote in message
news:c2356669.0307161305.72c8a991@posting.google.com...
> These are the number of unexpired FCC ARS
> licenses held by individuals on the dates listed:
>
> As of May 14, 2000:
>
> Novice - 49,329
> Tech - 205,394
> Tech Plus - 128,860
> General - 112,677
> Advanced - 99,782
> Extra - 78,750
> Total - 674,792
>
>
> As of July 15, 2003:
>
> Novice - 33,662 (decrease of 15,667)
decrease due to upgrades,plus attrition

> Technician - 257,319 (increase of 51,925)
new licensees, plus tech+ renewed as tech

> Technician Plus - 67,055 (decrease of 61,805)
decrease due to upgrades, plus tech+ renewed as tech, plus (perhaps slight
attrition)

> General - 141,181 (increase of 28,605)
upgrades, plus new licensees who made it on the first pass

> Advanced - 83,239 (decrease of 16,590)
upgrades, plus slight attrition

> Extra - 104,301 (increase of 25,551)
upgrades, plus new licensees who made it on the first pass

> Total - 686,861 (increase of 12,069)

About 4k total growth per year ...

Still slower growth than desirable by a long shot ... eliminating Morse
testing will help, but more needs to be done to promote ham radio
to those <40-50 years old if we want long-term survival ... I'll be
53 in October and I'm in the youngest quartile as far as I can estimate.

Carl - wk3c

1649. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-16 23:59:36 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com>
Message-ID: <IFIRa.829$IL.89373@nnrp1.ptd.net>
Source record: 71485

"N2EY" <N2EY@AOL.COM> wrote in message
news:c2356669.0307161312.4a81237b@posting.google.com...
> Nope. I've worked AC6XG at least twice, both times on CW. Once was on
> Field Day (20 CW) and the other on the rrap net on 7037 kHz.

The rrap net on 7030 kHz???

Is that where you PCTAs send "secret messages," safe from the
prying eyes/ears of the no-coders??? :-)

Sheesh ...

Carl - wk3c

1650. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-17 00:04:51 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com>
Message-ID: <DKlRa.831$lL.89766@nnrp1.ptd.net>
Source record: 71486

"Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net> wrote in message
news:LLkRa.10790$Vx2.4719020@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com...
>
> "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> wrote in message
> news:QEiRa.812$lL.87627@nnrp1.ptd.net...
> >
> > (But, as I and others have previously said, the decision should
> > NOT be based on a popularity contest in the community of
> > incumbents, but should, rather, be based on the sound judgement
> > of the FCC as to what's regulatorily necessary and good for the
> > future of ham radio.)
> >
> >
>
> The FCC is not all that qualified to judge what is good for the future of
> ham radio.

The FCC is the expert agency on radiocommuncations matters.

> Many of the staff are not involved in ham radio.

Many of the staff, including at least some of those in WTB who
administer Part 97, are long-time Extras (some even operate Morse
as their primary, preferred mode ... but they seem to be smart enough
to realize that jamming it down everyone's throats isn't good for the future
of ham radio)

> They are a
> government body whose purpose is to regulate the various radio services so
> that they can coexist.

That is a simple statement of fact.

> There purpose is not to maintain ham radio or decide what is good for it.

"There" (try "their") purpose is to administer ham radio in accordance with
some fundmental principles about what the basis and purpose of the amateur
radio service exists for ... see Part 97.1 of the FCC's rules and Article 25
(newly revised, effective July 05, 2003) of the ITU Radio Regulations.

Carl - wk3c

1651. Re: Smells like type acceptance

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-17 00:22:37 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030716202237.23307.00001403@mb-m29.aol.com>
Source record: 71487

In article <d22b54c3.0307151642.4a8046e4@posting.google.com>, kelly@dvol.com (Brian Kelly) writes:

>Are you saying that if I install any of these types of mods in my
>Yaesu xcvr I'm in violation??

Sure - if the mod causes the xcvr to exceed FCC allowable limits as described in Part 15.

73 de Jim, N2EY

1652. Re: Smells like type acceptance

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-17 00:22:38 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030716202238.23307.00001404@mb-m29.aol.com>
Source record: 71488

In article <3F15810E.17451962@yahoo.moc>, Scott Unit 69
<scott_unit_69@yahoo.moc> writes:

>> I agree with Jim 100% on this one ...
>
>Me, too. He should have been hung by his 'nads.

I don't think even Riley has that authority...;-(

One interesting thing about that case is what we don't know. For example, we don't know hold old Swift is, or whether the rescue agencies were fooled or not, whether he suffers from some sort of problem besides ignorance of the rules, lack of common sense and extreme stupidity.

Would be good to know the whole story. Usually there's more to these things than is apparent at first. Take the case of the ham who called for help on a police freq with his modded HT and wound up surrendering the thing. It was demonstrated that he could have hit at least two repeaters and dialed 911 via autopatch from the site where he called the police on *their* frequency.

73 de Jim, N2EY

1653. Re: Picard vs Kirk, was Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-17 00:44:02 UTC
From: lenover21@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030716204402.04554.00001107@mb-m20.aol.com>
Source record: 71489

In article <bf42iq$991is$12@ID-189073.news.uni-berlin.de>, "Ryan, KC8PMX"
<kc8pmx@diamondcs.net> writes:

>If that doesn't get "flamed" here, I would be surprised. Kinda "studying"
>for that exam eh?? Just kidding.

He had to study for his blood test... :-)

LHA

1654. Re: How Ugly Can One Creep Be?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-17 00:44:04 UTC
From: lenover21@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030716204404.04554.00001108@mb-m20.aol.com>
Source record: 71498

In article <sf67hv85kba4u1neidgvk5ak0fvm1qqm9b@4ax.com>, Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net> writes:

>An astronaut/ham's license is renewable for the life of the
>astronaut/ham. So is any other ham's license. Once a ham becomes a
>silent key, responsibility for licensing him or her passes to a higher
>authority (who is a ham and has just bestowed the ultimate license
>upgrade to the newly deceased - the privileges are unparallelled, but
>the licensing requirements are rather steep - although no
>demonstration of Morse proficiency is required, the written test is
>reputed to be a real killer). However, the reference to shuttles
>burning up on reentry was a poor choice of words.

As to your last sentence, John, you would be right only in discounting certain individuals in here.

This thread got started by one who is obsessed with throwing any kind of garbage at myself for the slightest reason...or as manufactured garbage through the use of inference, misdirection, or outright malicious quoting out of context.

As one who has been IN the aerospace industry and actually worked ON spaceflight hardware (including man-rated), I'm in the category of ardent fans of the overall effort and certain honor the men and women who have been chosen as astronauts...and cosmonauts.

A problem with the ordinary public is that they consider space flight "safe," just like a long plane ride. It is most definitely NOT so. Every single manned flight is a high-risk activity. That it has appeared safe for many successful flights is due largely to thousands of non-astronauts who did the engineering, design, fabrication of the vehicles and payloads. The public is largely ignorant of them...at best only knowing the ones around consoles at the MSFC Mission Control room.

Still, each and every space flight is not without risk today. The tragedy of Columbia proved that very unfortunately. Back when Grissom, White, and Chaffee lost their lives in a ground capsule test fire for Apollo, I was working on unmanned space flight payloads...every single one of us in the clean room were saddened on hearing of the event. At that same facility earlier, some of us saw the unedited film of the Gemini-Agena docking flight, the one where a stuck-open manuevering thruster caused a high-rate double degree of freedom rolling. Command pilot Neil Armstrong managed to shut it down, but not before the roll rate had gotten very severe. Armstrong and David Scott could have perished on that flight but managed to manuever just enough to splashdown in the Pacific well away from the intended landing site.

Five astronauts and one cosmonaut (Yuri Gagarin) died in aircraft flights. "Ordinary" air flight is supposed to be safe...but it is not without
risk. Of the seven who died in Challenger (STS-51J), few know the names of the major crew. Judith Resnick is honored by the IEEE (she was a member) by having her name on an award. It was to be Judy's second mission in space...also commander Scobee and specialist Onizuka. Challenger never reached outer space, exploding a mere 73 seconds after lift-off.

Before you get involved in castigating someone, consider carefully who started this thread and the manner in which it was written. Like tens of thousands of others, I honor ALL the names of men and women who have gone in space...even those who have joined the space endeavor knowing full well what their risks are.

Leonard H. Anderson
retired (from regular hours) electronic engineer person

1655. Re: Ham Radio In The Post-Code Testing Era

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-17 00:44:05 UTC
From: lenover21@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030716204405.04554.00001110@mb-m20.aol.com>
Source record: 71495

In article <BB3A3BD3.1EDE4%stewart@say.net>, Dwight Stewart <stewart@say.net>
writes:

>"Dan/W4NTI" wrote:
>>
>> "Dwight Stewart" wrote
>>>
>>> Kim, I don't know what is going on with your newsgroup
>>> messages. (snip)
>>
>> I had my witches coven put a curse on her.
>
> Something has sure happened. After I posted that message, I ran into three
>or four other messages posted by Kim that resulted in the same error message
>(all posted after the message I replied to). Very odd.

Dwight, you need to upgrade your computer's AntiCurse software. :-)

I got mine through the Hogwart's on-line store. University rates, too!

LHA

1656. Re: Ham Radio In The Post-Code Testing Era

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-17 00:44:05 UTC
From: lenover21@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030716204405.04554.00001109@mb-m20.aol.com>
Source record: 71499

In article <20030715233919.01315.00000917@mb-m18.aol.com>, yodoc@aol.comnospam
(Larry Roll K3LT) writes:

>In article <m8a9hvglv7rdeu79a978qbt9bvjm4vqgs9@4ax.com>, Jack Hamilton
><jfh@acm.org> writes:
>
>>lenover21@aol.com (Len Over 21) wrote:
>>
>>>In article <20030715114413.23745.00001161@mb-m22.aol.com>,
>>yodoc@aol.comnospam
>>>(Larry Roll K3LT) writes:
>>>
>>>>I think I'm pretty safe in saying that it was the code testing requirement
>>>>that caused hams to learn the code -- not any innate love or appreciation
>>>>for the mode.
>>>
>>> NO! Say it isn't so, mighty morseman!
>>>
>>> "Morse code gets through when everything else does." - B.B.
>>
>>Hasn't that been disproved?
>
>It hasn't been disproved to me, but then again, I have a lot of experience
>using BOTH Morse/CW and a variety of digital modes, so I have seen for
>myself that the saying "Morse gets through when everything else fails"
>is apparently true. I have had many operating sessions when PSK-31
>signals became useless, while I was still able to communicate in CW.
>In fact, a lot of times, I've been able to identify PSK-31 signals only when
>the CW ID came on after the station stopped sending! However, anyone
>with an Anti-Morse/CW agenda will not be convinced of that.

Larrah, you weren't able to read Brian Burke's quotation correctly,
either. :-)

Wow, what a bunch of humorless knee-jerkers around!

LHA

1657. Re: Ham Radio In The Post-Code Testing Era

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-17 00:44:06 UTC
From: lenover21@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030716204406.04554.00001111@mb-m20.aol.com>
Source record: 71490

In article <m8a9hvglv7rdeu79a978qbt9bvjm4vqgs9@4ax.com>, Jack Hamilton
<jfh@acm.org> writes:

>lenover21@aol.com (Len Over 21) wrote:
>
>>In article <20030715114413.23745.00001161@mb-m22.aol.com>,
>yodoc@aol.comnospam
>>(Larry Roll K3LT) writes:
>>
>>>I think I'm pretty safe in saying that it was the code testing requirement
>>>that caused hams to learn the code -- not any innate love or appreciation
>>>for the mode.
>>
>> NO! Say it isn't so, mighty morseman!
>>
>> "Morse code gets through when everything else does." - B.B.
>
>Hasn't that been disproved?

Ahem...read Brian Burke's quotation again, please... :-)

LHA

1658. Re: Ham Radio In The Post-Code Testing Era

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-17 00:44:06 UTC
From: lenover21@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030716204406.04554.00001112@mb-m20.aol.com>
Source record: 71492

In article <f45722ac.0307151522.57acbf60@posting.google.com>,
brianburke@juno.com (Brian) writes:

>lenover21@aol.com (Len Over 21) wrote in message
>news:<20030715002446.23745.00001142@mb-m22.aol.com>...
>> In article <3F12B69A.24B5BDED@att.net>, Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net>
>writes:
>>
>> >Tha hobby is in sad shape and is being held up like Atlas holding the
>world by
>> >hams who have taken a code test.
>>
>> Too bad Ayn Rand didn't write about ham radio...shrug... :-)
>>
>> LHA
>
>She wrote about railroads, and by extension, telegraphy.

One of Ayn Rand's novels is titled "Atlas Shrugged." Shrug. :-)

LHA

1659. Re: Ham Radio In The Post-Code Testing Era

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-17 00:44:07 UTC
From: lenover21@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030716204407.04554.00001113@mb-m20.aol.com>
Source record: 71494

In article <f45722ac.0307151515.6522cb95@posting.google.com>,
brianburke@juno.com (Brian) writes:

>> Actually the fact that other services don't use it very much is a strong
>> argument to require hams to learn it. This is the place to preserve the
>> skill in case of need and to prevent this capability from becoming a lost
>> art.
>
>The Radio Lost Art Preservation Society? Should we include "Anachronysm?"

One might even call it "AnyOldCronyIsm." :-)

>> Plus of course the fact that quite a few hams do use it.
>
>And so it is preserved without government incentive.

Beeper Welfare.
>
>> Dee D. Flint, N8UZE

LHA

1660. Re: Code a Deterrent to a Ham Ticket ??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-17 00:44:07 UTC
From: lenover21@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030716204407.04554.00001114@mb-m20.aol.com>
Source record: 71497

In article <Xns93B9EA4BAFDF1elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>, Alun Palmer
<elektros@yahoo.com> writes:

>> A very sick transit, Gloria Mundi. :-)
>>
>> LHA
>
>I must get around to learning Latin one of these days

"sic transit gloria mundi" = So goes the glory of the world.

It's a Latin phrase that has been used by many in word-play. :-)

LHA

1661. Re: Code a Deterrent to a Ham Ticket ??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-17 00:44:08 UTC
From: lenover21@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030716204408.04554.00001115@mb-m20.aol.com>
Source record: 71491

In article <Xns93B9E94E7D9E1elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>, Alun Palmer
<elektros@yahoo.com> writes:

>kelly@dvol.com (Brian Kelly) wrote in
>news:d22b54c3.0307151119.6f8566ec@posting.google.com:
>
>> Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote in message
>> news:<Xns93B8E4DFDC2F9elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>...
>>
>>> I beleive in free choice. If someone wants to study a broad programme
>>> they can, but I don't beleive in forcing people to study things they
>>> don't want to, at least not beyond the age of 16, and even then only
>>> to avoid illiteracy and innumeracy.
>>>
>>> My own interests are not atall narrow, but they are eclectic. They
>>> include poetry, archaeology and languages, for example. If, however, a
>>> poetry class were to be compulsory in an EE curriculum, I feel
>>> strongly that it would be wrong. You can't force people to become
>>> well-rounded. Force feeding is a poor sort of education.
>>>
>>> I do not beleive that it is necessary to make people study unwanted
>>> classes to qualify as an institution of higher learning, more that it
>>> disqualifies the college.
>>
>> I'll believe that when the U.K approach to technical professional
>> education programs is better that the U.S. approaches when U.K.
>> technological leadership comes even close to the U.S. on a per capita
>> or on any other basis.
>>
>> w3rv
>
>Brian, I can't even understand that sentence. Can you try again?

Ahem, I think he already provided a graphic example... :-)

LHA

1662. Re: Code a Deterrent to a Ham Ticket ??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-17 00:44:09 UTC
From: lenover21@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030716204409.04554.00001116@mb-m20.aol.com>
Source record: 71496

In article <f45722ac.0307151706.3e0090b5@posting.google.com>,
brianburke@juno.com (Brian) writes:

>lenover21@aol.com (Len Over 21) wrote in message
>news:<20030715154848.02197.00001258@mb-m12.aol.com>...
>> In article <f45722ac.0307150638.3026103b@posting.google.com>,
>> brianburke@juno.com (Brian) writes:
>>
>> >kelly@dvol.com (Brian Kelly) wrote in message
>> >news:<d22b54c3.0307142330.351d45c5@posting.google.com>...
>
>> >> Drive a stake in it and move on.
>> >>
>> >> w3rv
>> >
>> >Too much Buffy, I see.
>>
>> "Buffy" got cancelled. :-)
>
>So did the Morse Code exam, which is why all the sour grapes. ;^)

Heh heh heh, lots of whine from sour grapes amongst the morsemen.

While (fortunately) Sarah Michelle Gellar (who played the part of
"Buffy") is still with us, so is (unfortunately) test element 1. :-)

LHA

1663. Re: Code a Deterrent to a Ham Ticket ??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-17 00:44:10 UTC
From: lenover21@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030716204410.04554.00001117@mb-m20.aol.com>
Source record: 71493

In article <jo%Qa.10493$Vx2.4561802@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com>, "Dee D. Flint"
<deehays@qix.net> writes:

>"Alun Palmer" <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote in message
>news:Xns93B97180FBCA7elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4...
>> lenover21@aol.com (Len Over 21) wrote in
>> news:20030715002449.23745.00001146@mb-m22.aol.com:
>>
>> > In article <Xns93B7EF604DBA7elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>, Alun Palmer
>> > <elektros@yahoo.com> writes:
>> >
>> >>I'm against that too. BTW, I got my EE degree in England, and you don't
>> >>have to go through any of that wholly irrelevant stuff. No English, no
>> >>social studies of any kind, no chemistry (which I understand is oftem
>> >>required over here).
>> >
>> > Alun, California state undergraduate requirements in the 1960s had
>> > two semesters of American History. Considering our history, like
>> from
>> > the 1776 breakaway, that isn't comparable to what you had to do in
>> > the UK. :-) :-) :-)
>> >
>> > I don't know why there is such a fervor of the PCTAs to equate an
>> > academic degree with an amateur radio license class that requires
>> > a demonstrated skill at morsemanship. Maybe the PCTA have a need
>> > to stay with the King Kode rulers of the ARS kingdom? :-)
>> >
>> > LHA
>>
>> I don't beleive either academic degrees or ham licences should require
>> unnecessary stuff, that's all.
>
>Since there is no way to predict where your future interests may lie, it's
>impossible to say unequivocally what is unnecessary stuff.

On itself, your statement implies that "everything" is known or that one
must study "everything" in order to be prepared. That's rather
impossible for any human to do in one lifetime. :-)

The phrase "adapt, improvise" comes to mind...as sometimes used by
one of the smaller US military branches. Considering just radio and
electronics and its continuing state of the art advance, it is better to be
prepared to adapt and improvise (one's learning process). Continual
rehashing of the old standards is not the wonder that some folks think
it is.

By example, those who have gone the full route of education, career, etc., have more insight into the whole process and "what was required" than those who have not finished.

The easy way out is to simply accept what the academics insist one should study and learn. Noble enough, but consider that academics (for all their high-brow intellectual whatsits) have their own SYA agenda and need to to remain employed or to have income. A continual supply of students is their source of income. <shrug>

LHA

1664. Re: Code a Deterrent to a Ham Ticket ??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-17 00:56:37 UTC
From: kelly@dvol.com
Message-ID: <d22b54c3.0307161656.1bbcef44@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71500

Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote in message
news:<Xns93BA6A7AF213Delektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>...
> kelly@dvol.com (Brian Kelly) wrote in
> news:d22b54c3.0307160601.5f248524@posting.google.com:
>

> >> Brian, I can't even understand that sentence. Can you try again?
> >
> > I screwed that one to the wall good din I? It was late. The Scotch was
> > lousy.
> >
> > Don't duck the bullet Alun, I don't have to try again, you bloody well
> > know what I mean.
>
> I had to read it a few times. I think the reason for poor performance in
> UK engineering has nothing to do with the quality of UK engineers and
> everything to do with the culture of UK companies, in which the engineers
> are not in charge, but instead the accountants are.

> And this is not
> because we don't study business subjects (we do), or because we don't do
> English or History or 'Western Civilisation' in college (the accountants
> don't either).

That's universal in capitalist democracies. But it's better than "the
other" system which proved to be mother of all socioeconomic duds of
the prior millenium.

There is a BSME/MBA I know extremely well who rose to the top of a
local technology-based quarter-billion dollar manufacturing
enterprise. He ran into a nasty show-stopping product design problem
which involved the need for far-end analytical work to resolve. He
groused to me about it. Sayeth me; "I toldja 'way back to get yer
PhD!" To which his response was, "Ah phooey, any time I want a PhD
I'll go out and buy one." Which is exactly what he did. That's our
fate and we done it to ourselves.

>
> As I understand it (and I freely admit there are gaps in my knowledge of
> your system), you can get a 4-year degree over here with 120 (?) semester-
> hours of credit, and maybe only half of it has to be in your major (?).
> When I sat down and tried to calculate it (from old timetables, since
> there are no hours on my transcript, only grades) my 3-year UK degree
> included about 150 semester-hours of classroom time, of which about 120
> semester hours was in engineering subjects, the rest being things like
> economics, finance, mathematics, etc.

I'm not a product of a traditional four year U.S. engineering school either so I'm not much better off than you are when it comes to comparing U.K apples to U.S. oranges, it's a mess. I trudged thru what is called a five-year "cooperative education" undergrad mech eng program. It's quite different from the four year schools' approach, entrance requirements are similar but just about everything else is different.

The classroom & lab side of the program consists of twelve 11 week "terms" at a rate of four terms per year vs. semesters. Ten weeks in class plus "exam week". The Freshman year is spent taking three terms straight in class. Beyond the third term students serve two terms in class then two terms out in industry per year on a rotating basis for four years. The six-month "industry periods" are served working for firms which are cooperating with the school by providing paid engineering apprenticeships supervised by both the school and the firms. In some instances government agencies are the employers.

By the time they drop your dipolma on you you've spent five years at it but already have two years experience in whatever your field happens to be. Once you're in you're in for five straight, no summers at the beach working as a lifeguard BS. One of my brothers went thru the ME program with me and we both came out with all our bills paid without tapping our parents and with money in the bank. I doubt that this is possible today but it's still better than not earning income by working in your field as a student.

Credits are granted by the classroom hour and half credits are granted for lab hours. 212 credits were required to graduate, I assume that's still the case. Plus grades and averages were strictly by the numbers, an 83 in a course was better than an 82, no such things as As, Bs and Cs. 65 was the flunk point. All of which was/is completely incompatible with the way the traditional schools pass out credits and grades. Made transferring credits to and from other schools a *major* pain except in the cases of similar schools like MIT and Cincinatti Tech.

Course work was all over the map. Two or three mandatory terms (it's been awhile . . !) of English were the only classroom humanities we took but there were piles of humanities electives available. Two terms of modern economics plus one of engineering economics were also mandatory. There were a couple other nontechnical "mandatories" but I've lost track.

One cute hook they inserted into the program was the "industry reading courses". Mandatory humanities reading assignments completed while out in the work force and were tested immediately upon return to class terms. Normally involved 4-5 arcane tomes per term. History, lit, psychology, anthropology, philosophy, etc. For which the student got zero academic credit. None. Zip. Nada.

Class and "lab" work included mandatory military training (U.S. Army Corps of Engineers ROTC) for two years and voluntary training for the

remaining three years. Completion of all five years of military training resulted in a commission as a reserve or regular military officer.

The technical courses were taught by a number of departments beyond the mech eng people. Heavy doses of chemistry by the chem dept, even heavier doses of physics by the physics dept thru Nukes 101, materials science by the metalurgy dept, math out our ears of course via the math dept, the early courses in applied mechanics from the civil engineers, EE 101 & 102 from the EE dept. and on and on. From the beginning thru around the seventh term all technical courses with some minor variations were the same. With the exception of the biology majors . One could hop from EE to ME to chem eng at will. From seventh or so your department took over your mind and body and the rest is probably very similar to your path.

The place was no fun at all. Gaining admittance was quite competitive to begin with and when it was all done almost 70% of the Freshman class had either flunked out or bagged it by the time graduation rolled out. Parris Island North for five years, the largest private engineering college on the planet. 85 MEs and something like 90 EEs came out of my class of '63.

http://www.drexel.edu/

> > God help science, engineering and western civilization the day
> > American universities don't have license to pound at least some
> > modicum of literacy into the thick skulls of the geeklets.
>
> Perhaps that is more of a comment on your high schools than your colleges?

The whole damned system from top to bottom. Stay away from that button or you'll trigger a megabyte spleen dump and I'm in the mood for doing just that.

w3rv

1665. Re: Why don't you Real Trolls face the facts?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-17 01:06:10 UTC
From: citizensband <citizensband@ntlworld.com>
Message-ID: <iEmRa.11399$X16.202489@newsfep1-win.server.ntli.net>
Source record: 71551
Cross-posted to: uk.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.boatanchors,rec.radio.amateur.policy

"m.e.nickolas" <1@2.3> wrote in message
news:MPG.197fad827068213898968c@netnews.comcast.net...
> In article <Sn7Ra.31$bi.28@newsfep3-gui.server.ntli.net>,
> citizensband@ntlworld.com says...
> >
> > "m.e.nickolas" <1@2.3> wrote in message
> > news:MPG.197e83da6115107498968a@netnews.comcast.net...
> > > In article <by%Qa.1761$0g3.126929@newsfep1-win.server.ntli.net>,
> > > citizensband@ntlworld.com says...

> Demand the French coordinate all sw frequencies for the
> entire northern hemisphere....
>
> Maybe cook some EU being the future of all things ,,,
>
> men

Well, maybe I'll do some cooking later, but right now, I'm glued to the
All-Star ball game!

Cheers
tox

1666. Re: Code a Deterrent to a Ham Ticket ??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-17 01:08:18 UTC
From: Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
Message-ID: <cuvyxnansvbet.hi32ral.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 71552

On 15 Jul 2003 02:30:09 GMT, Alun Palmer wrote:

>You can't force people to become well-rounded.

Sure you can, whether they want it or not. To paraphrase the Dean of the School of Engineering (a graduate of that school and a top-notch guy whom I came to know and respect in the years that I was there - may he rest in peace) at our orientation: "If you want a degree from this instituition (one of the top three engineering schools in the country) you will have to take the all courses that we give when we give them. If you want to have "free choice" and take or don't take only what you want or when you want it, you can go to Basket-Weaving University and let someone who wants to be here take your place." (Admissions were 100 per year out of a field of 2000 qualified applicants per year.)

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73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane

1667. Re: Why don't Real Hams you face the facts?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-17 01:31:02 UTC
From: "No Spam"
Message-ID: <ifgU75G3LLdo-pn2-hfqFgcEpdkGJ@localhost>
Source record: 71553
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.boatanchors,rec.radio.amateur.policy,uk.radio.amateur

On Wed, 16 Jul 2003 18:53:15 UTC, Leigh <news_nospam@leighs.org>
wrote:

> "citizensband" <citizensband@ntlworld.com> wrote in
> news:by%Qa.1761$0g3.126929@newsfep1-win.server.ntli.net:
>
> > All the garbage about how you should even be allowed to operate a CB,
> > unless you are able to build your own equipment. Real Hams will never
> > be able to build a rig that even comes close to what's available off
> > the shelf these days.

What? I've never heard that. Folks should know how their radios
work, that's why the FCC exam includes "theory". There's never been
a requirement to bring in a Home Brew transceiver as part of the
exam.

>
> .....and a true example of home-built radio was heard on 80m CW a week or
> so ago - a Russian with homemade equipment that rasped CW more than broke
> the carrier and was a wide signal.
>
> Sort of knocks the 'build your own' case for Gareth into a cocked hat - not
> easy to work or even work out who or where he was.
>
> Leigh.....

I've been licensed for 35 years and I've only met one person who
built an SSB transceiver from scratch. I know lots of folk who
have the expertise to repair them and many have built kits.

de ah6gi/4
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1668. Re: Why don't Real Hams you face the facts?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-17 01:52:23 UTC
From: Brian Denley <b.denley@comcast.net>
Message-ID: <rjnRa.68067$sY2.32218@rwcrnsc51.ops.asp.att.net>
Source record: 71554
Cross-posted to: uk.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.boatanchors,rec.radio.amateur.policy

hey this could be a troll! ya think?
(plonk)

--
Brian Denley
http://home.comcast.net/~b.denley/index.html
"citizensband" <citizensband@ntlworld.com> wrote in message
news:by%Qa.1761$0g3.126929@newsfep1-win.server.ntli.net...
> All the garbage about how you should even be allowed to operate a CB,
unless
> you are able to build your own equipment. Real Hams will never be able to
> build a rig that even comes close to what's available off the shelf these
> days. Most people can't even be bothered, have no interest or don't have
the
> time to build rigs anymore. Boatanchors should be used for exactly that,
> anchoring boats!
>
> Time to stop whinging, and face the facts...Real Technology has overtaken
> you all!
>
> tox
>
>

1669. Re: Fight the BPL

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-17 02:03:51 UTC
From: Jim Warner <jpwarner@gte.net>
Message-ID: <bunRa.7588$EZ2.2730@nwrddc01.gnilink.net>
Source record: 71555
Cross-posted to:
rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.swap

Yeah, you know I just took a quick scan of the HF spectrum. Looks like most of the modern world has relinquished HF spectrum for more consistant, secure means of long range communications.
There's a few spanish speaking mariners off the coast of Chile on 8MHz, but they're waiting for some surplus AMPS cell service to show up. The same drunks on 75 every night bitching and moaning about not getting laid, 2 guys a day die at the mic on 40 trying to spark a nail while explaining their med
regiment, 20's got would-be broadcast engineers schmoozing us with swideband audio, effectively demonstrating how to make inefficient use of spectrum as the DX'ers yelling numbers across the pond. From there up to through 10 its kinda dead...except 27MHz. There's always an elevated noise floor and some potent SKIP signals on 27MHz.
Both amateur bands on either side can be dead quiet while half the iron EF Johnson ever made is pumping square waves on Channel 6. I really shouldn't mention 27MHz though because thats, well thats CB.
Its probably a result of that band selective propagation problem I noted earlier.
I really hate to be the devils advocate, and I have have enjoyed the romance with ham radio that many others from years gone by have experienced, but we may soon be exposed to the same hassle the 8-track got when cassettes showed up on the front seats of our Chevelles.
Unfortunately, the FCC has been reduced to auctioneers, directly accountable to scuzbucket politicians eager to sell off anything possible to maintain the facade.
The lucky ones leave the FCC to assume cushy positions at corporations they help during thier tenure, quite blatantly I might add. Hell, some have left to start
companies that intentionally try to destroy industries(LMR/SMR) to achieve thier means(certain cell carrier with push to talk feature)
I'm probably gonna send Newington money anyway. They irritate sometimes, but they're the biggest gun we have. I'd really miss the natural sound of an HF
radio set, and the character and tradition of our HF presense. How 'bout you?
My argument is that BPL should be high pass filtered with a 30MHz cut-off. When the leakage of data begins to propagate erratically in the lower
HF region, there may be fragmented co-node interference that may be a duplicate color code match, causing network disruptions.
Another more basic issue is, Commonwealth Edison can't keep thier 60Hz primary product from leaking. How the hell are they going to handle a sub

carrier service on ratty grids maintained by employees that think the power
is
good because your lights are on?
And finally, the sacrifice of the lower 28MHz (2-30) that is alleged to be
affected
will not drastically affect the massive volume of throughput that will be
crammed
down the throats of so many, or the massive volume of cashflow that will be
enjoyed by so few.
Jim Warner, WA9Z

"Phil Kane" <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop> wrote in message
news:cuvyxnansvbet.hhtu2ny.pminews@netnews.comcast.net...
> On Thu, 10 Jul 2003 07:08:25 GMT, Zoran Brlecic wrote:
>
> >FAA does not use SW, afaik, so they couldn't care less.
>
> FAA contracts their HF comms to ARINC.
>
> >Ship to shore? What ship to what shore? They use satellites.
>
> Tell that to a good friend of mine who is chief tech for Globe
> Wireless (licensee of maritime public coast stations KPH and KFS)
> who is responsible for maintaining 23 5 KW HF marine transmitters in
> the San Framcisco area. Yes, HF - not for CW, not for SSB, but for
> SITOR, the commercial version of AMTOR/FEC, tied into the Internet
> for e-mail.
>
> Satellites are "great" for occasional use until one gets the bill.
> Globe Wireless' HF circuits carry e-mail traffic 24/7 according to him.
>
> But I agree -- BPL is a danger to HF communications. No doubt about
> it.`
>
> --
> 73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane
>
> From a Clearing in the Silicon Forest
> Beaverton (Washington County) Oregon
>
>

1670. Re: Ham Radio In The Post-Code Testing Era

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-17 02:19:02 UTC
From: Dave Heil <k8mn@earthlink.net>
Message-ID: <3F160788.869220DF@earthlink.net>
Source record: 71556

Brian wrote:
>
> Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net> wrote in message

> > ...provides an opportunity for ops on six meters. I've observed the
> > phenomenon before. Your're in New York. You point your beam north and
> > you start hearing somebody in Florida. You figure you're hearing him
> > off the back of the beam and turn it south to bring up the signal,
> > only to have it disappear.
> >
> > Much of this activity happens on CW. Voice signals get distorted a lot
> > due to the effects of all the ionization in the aurora itself.

> John, though 6M is worth mentioning, it isn't HF and these guys don't
> care. Its all about using fast CW on HF (to them). Brian

How do you manage to be wrong so often, Brian? I worked about forty Europeans on 6m this past week. About half of those QSOs were made on CW. About half of the CW QSOs were made using relatively slow speeds. Those contacts were not made using Aurora. Had they been, all of the QSOs would have been made using slow CW.

So far, the only people here claiming that "it" (whatever "it" is) all about using fast CW on Hf are you and Len. Len isn't a ham. What's your excuse?

Dave K8MN

1671. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-17 02:46:06 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bf52jt$lg@library1.airnews.net>
Source record: 71558

X-A-Notice: References line has been trimmed due to 512 byte limitationAbuse-Reports-To: abuse at airmail.net to report improper postings
NNTP-Proxy-Relay: library1-aux.airnews.net
NNTP-Posting-Time: Wed, 16 Jul 2003 21:45:17 -0500 (CDT)
NNTP-Posting-Host: !WoSO1k-XS!m/JM1a"N_ (Encoded at Airnews!)
X-Priority: 3
X-MSMail-Priority: Normal
X-Newsreader: Microsoft Outlook Express 6.00.2800.1158
X-MimeOLE: Produced By Microsoft MimeOLE V6.00.2800.1165

"Arnie Macy" <kt4st@csam.net> wrote in message
news:bf4o4v$b93kh$1@ID-166180.news.uni-berlin.de...
> "Kim W5TIT" wrote ....
>
> Arnie, Arnie, Arnie....no I don't make the presumption at all. I was
being
> sarcastic with my post... Uh, see the last line?
>

>
> Ohhhh. sarcasm -- I get it now. :-))
>
> Arnie -
>
>
>

Whew...thank goodness... :)

Kim W5TIT

1672. Re: Ham Radio In The Post-Code Testing Era

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-17 02:49:57 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bf52r4$k8o@library1.airnews.net>
Source record: 71559

"Dan/W4NTI" <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com> wrote in message
news:bf3tua$5s0$1@slb9.atl.mindspring.net...
>
> "Kim W5TIT" <fahgedit@nomail.net> wrote in message
> news:bf2d98$4an@library1.airnews.net...
> > "Dan/W4NTI" <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com> wrote in message
> > news:bf1qhjpnn1@slb6.atl.mindspring.net...
> > >
> > > "Dwight Stewart" <stewart@say.net> wrote in message
> > > news:BB3934D0.1ED20%stewart@say.net...
> > > > "Kim W5TIT" wrote:
> > > > >
> > > > > (snip)
> > > > >
> > > > >
> > > > Kim, I don't know what is going on with your newsgroup messages.
> Many
> > of
> > > > your messages are listed as no longer on my server very shortly
after
> > you
> > > > post them (sometimes just one or two hours later). The messages are
> > listed
> > > > in my message list of this newsgroup, but I get an error ("message
no
> > > longer
> > > > on server") when I try to read them. For everyone else, I can read
> > > messages
> > > > they posted many days ago.
> > > >
> > > > Anyway, just wanted to let you know what is happening in case you
> post
> > a
> > > > reply to one of my messages and don't get a response. It's not that
> I'm
> > > > trying to ignore you - I just can't read or reply to your quickly
> > > > disappearing messages (I caught and replied to this one before it
> > > > disappeared)
> > > >
> > > >
> > > > Dwight Stewart (W5NET)
> > > >
> > > > http://www.qsl.net/w5net/
> > > >

> > >
> > > I had my witches coven put a curse on her.
> > >
> > > Dan/W4NTI
> > >
> > >
> >
> > That would be witch's...
> >
> > Kim W5TIT
> >
> >
>
> Not so in Alabama....we talk with a slur and a drawl. Something you
Texans
> can't quite get...you know with all that blue coat activity during the war
> for Southern independence...hi.
>
> Dan/W4NTI
>
>

Have no idea. I'm not a Texan.

Kim W5TIT

1673. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-17 02:52:50 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bf530h$ira@library1.airnews.net>
Source record: 71560

"Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> wrote in message
news:KEcRa.769$lL.84568@nnrp1.ptd.net...
>
> "Larry Roll K3LT" <yodoc@aol.comnospam> wrote in message
> news:20030715233920.01315.00000918@mb-m18.aol.com...
> >
> > You know what, John? Kim's posts would be a whole lot better if she
> > could resist the temptation to "take shots" at "targets of opportunity."
> > And, with all due respect, so could yours.
>
> Pot calls kettle black.
>
> Carl - wk3c
>
> (and yes, I will admit that from time to time when emotions run high
> and debate gets contentious, I fall into the same trap, though I have
> been trying to resist)
>

I must've missed this from Larry. I can't believe he says that of someone
else, when he is a sharpshooter when it comes to taking shots...

Kim W5TIT

1674. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-17 02:53:10 UTC
From: Bill Sohl <billsohl@mindspring.com>
Message-ID: <bf538t$ka0$1@slb3.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 71561

"Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net> wrote in message
news:hT1Ra.10526$Vx2.4587491@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com...
>
> "Bill Sohl" <billsohl@mindspring.com> wrote in message
> news:bf27hj$4ka$1@slb3.atl.mindspring.net...
> >
> > Assuming your hypothetical...
> > IF the non-phone segment is being underused, then
> > the CW users will likly lose bandwidth. BUT, if the non-phone
> > segment is just as crowded with users, then there's
> > no valid argument for phone expansion. The burden
> > will be on the users of non-phone modes.
> >
>
> Despite the fact that the non-phone segment is not under utilized, the
phone
> people are already crying for the non-phone segment. This cry will
continue
> to grow. Why should the burden of proof fall on the users of the
non-phone
> modes?
>
> Dee D. Flint, N8UZE

The above didn't come out as to what I intended. My intent
was that there is a burden on the non-phone users
to use the non-phone segments. IF phone users can
show the FCC that the non-phone segments are
underutilized, then the non-phone users could lose bandwidth.

Cheers,
Bill K2UNK

1675. Re: ARS License Numbers

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-17 02:58:59 UTC
From: vshah101@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030716225859.14587.00000071@mb-m04.aol.com>
Source record: 71562

From: "Carl R. Stevenson" wk3cqth@wk3c.com

>Still slower growth than desirable by a long shot ...

I'd like to get some of my friends licensed and use it for utility purposes. Other than that, what does it matter about ARS license numbers?

>eliminating Morse testing will help

No, it won't. The entry-level license is already code free. Eliminating Morse testing will not cause more people to want to join.

Some do join just for HF, but that won't affect ARS license numbers.

> but more needs to be done to promote ham radio
>to those <40-50 years old if we want long-term survival .

I hate to say this, but vanity helps. Better to appeal to selfish motives than selfless motives. The emergency communicator, the public service aspect - What young person wants that?

Morse code and contesting don't appeal to vanity.

Morse code may be fun, but it takes more than that. If that fun makes you the object of ridicule, then its not worth it. That makes it a "guilty pleasure" -something you keep to yourself.

When they call contesting competition, it offends the normal sensibilities. Making short QSOs (oops, I used a codeword) and counting contacts. Contesting is competitive in a way, but its just one way. To exclude several kinds of competition for contesting just isn't right. It means that competition isn't the real motive. That's just a rationalization.

Real competition is expanding one's limitations. It includes radio direction finding, APRS, mobile operation, tuning, troubleshooting, real emergency preparedness.

And don't forget the social aspect.

Contesting is really boring too. It's human nature not to like boring activities.

Some Hams will take a day off for a Hamfest that is on Friday and Saturday. That takes one day away that could be used for a real vacation day. Just go Saturday - you won't miss anything. Also, lets not schedule Hamfests and other Ham Radio events during people's free social time, as Hams often do.

If you make the social aspect intolerable, some young people will not join for that.

1676. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-17 03:01:26 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bf53gl$v4u@library1.airnews.net>
Source record: 71563

"Larry Roll K3LT" <yodoc@aol.comnospam> wrote in message
news:20030715233920.01315.00000919@mb-m18.aol.com...
> In article <bf2d5p$ki2@library1.airnews.net>, "Kim W5TIT"
<fahgedit@nomail.net>
> writes:
>
> >> Kim:
> >>
> >> All I can say is, I'm not suprised by your typically ungracious remark.
> >> Apparently my effort was in vain, but that's my fault -- I should have
> >> known better!
> >>
> >> 73 de Larry, K3LT
> >>
> >
> >Would you like me to post some examples of where you have not kept your
> >posts related to ham radio? Actually, you can look it up yourself.
> >
> >Kim W5TIT
>
> Kim:
>
> I know what I've posted, both in the past and in the present. I have
> repeatedly posted replies to your own posts in which I have attempted to
> deal with you as an equal, as an adult. I have most recently attempted
> to stifle a disrespectful remark made at your expense, and you have
> seen fit to react to it in an ungracious and disparaging manner. You
> obviously have no intention of ever emerging from your inane, childish,
> immature mode of thought, and continue to persist in personal attacks
> against those of us who are best able to challenge you, since you know
> you aren't up to the task of debating us on our level.
>
> Ordinarily, I would ask you to reflect on this and consider a reply, but
> I have been repeatedly shown that that is too much to ask of you. I have
> tried to treat you with respect, but if I do not receive equal
consideration,
> all that will happen is that you will continue to make a fool of yourself,
> and I will continue to be the one pointing to the errors of your ways.
>
> 73 de Larry, K3LT
>

Well, ya know what, Larry? You have a good time. You must like wasting it.

Kim W5TIT

1677. Re: Code a Deterrent to a Ham Ticket ??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-17 03:03:29 UTC
From: Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
Message-ID: <cuvyxnansvbet.hi56le9.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 71564

On 15 Jul 2003 02:30:09 GMT, Alun Palmer wrote:

>You can't force people to become well-rounded.

Sure you can, whether they want it or not. To paraphrase the Dean of the School of Engineering (a graduate of that school and a top-notch guy whom I came to know and respect in the years that I was there - may he rest in peace) at our orientation: "If you want a degree from this instituition (one of the top three engineering schools in the country) you will have to take the all courses that we give when we give them. If you want to have "free choice" and take or don't take only what you want or when you want it, you can go to Basket-Weaving University and let someone who wants to be here take your place." (Admissions were 100 per year out of a field of 2000 qualified applicants per year.)

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73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane

1678. Re: Ham Radio In The Post-Code Testing Era

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-17 03:03:29 UTC
From: Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
Message-ID: <cuvyxnansvbet.hi56rsa.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 71565

On Mon, 14 Jul 2003 22:38:20 GMT, Dee D. Flint wrote:

>Actually the fact that other services don't use it very much is a strong
>argument to require hams to learn it. This is the place to preserve the
>skill in case of need and to prevent this capability from becoming a lost
>art. Plus of course the fact that quite a few hams do use it.

The original reason for requiring CW/Morse proficiency of amateur operators was to ensure that they would be able to read signals directed at their station by government stations who came up on the amateur's frequency to tell them to leave the air because they were interfering with the governemnt (usually Navy) communications - WW-I era stuff.

Everything else was superfluous - the need for "trained operators" for CW/Morse circuits went away after WW-II. Civil aviation CW went away right after that war, too. Marine CW persisted another 60 years or so, but amateur radio operators were never trained nor recruited to be the "reserve force" for the merchant marine'd Radio Officers.

The only others who need Morse qualification at present are military intelligence intercept operators and their civilian counterparts in the FCC and certain other spook agencies - and those service techs who want to be able to read and understand what their clients' Morse IDers are saying when they go haywire.

We hams may be the "keeper of the flame" because we want to do it, but there is no need to require it.

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73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane

From a Clearing in the Silicon Forest
Beaverton (Washington County) Oregon

1679. Re: Ham Radio In The Post-Code Testing Era

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-17 03:03:30 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bf53ki$aj8@library1.airnews.net>
Source record: 71566

"Dwight Stewart" <stewart@say.net> wrote in message
news:BB3A3D41.1EDE6%stewart@say.net...
> "Kim W5TIT" wrote:
>
> > "Dwight Stewart" wrote
> >>
> >> Kim, I don't know what is going on with
> >> your newsgroup messages. (snip)
> > >
> > >
> > > There, how's that? :)
> >
> >
> > Well, I was able to read it. However, it has only been a little over an
> > hour since you posted it. I'm going to mark the message as unread and try
> it
> > again tomorrow to see if it is still on the server. I'll let you know what
> > happens.
> >
> >
> > Dwight Stewart (W5NET)
> >
> > http://www.qsl.net/w5net/
> >

Alrighty then... :)

Kim W5TIT

1680. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-17 03:04:33 UTC
From: Bill Sohl <billsohl@mindspring.com>
Message-ID: <bf54qd$m5i$1@slb5.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 71573

"Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net> wrote in message
news:LLkRa.10790$Vx2.4719020@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com...
>
> "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> wrote in message
> news:QEiRa.812$lL.87627@nnrp1.ptd.net...
> >
> > (But, as I and others have previously said, the decision should
> > NOT be based on a popularity contest in the community of
> > incumbents, but should, rather, be based on the sound judgement
> > of the FCC as to what's regulatorily necessary and good for the
> > future of ham radio.)
>
> The FCC is not all that qualified to judge what is good for the future of
> ham radio.

Then who is?

The reality, however, is that the FCC is the determining body.

> Many of the staff are not involved in ham radio. They are a
> government body whose purpose is to regulate the various radio services so
> that they can coexist.

That's only part of their purpose.

> There purpose is not to maintain ham radio or decide
> what is good for it.

I would argue that these are also part of FCC goals
for ham radio or any other service.

Again, bottom line...FCC does the deciding.

Cheers,
Bill K2UNK

>
> Dee D. Flint, N8UZE
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>

1681. Re: Why don't Real Hams you face the facts?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-17 03:06:36 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bfa21g$mh@library1.airnews.net>
Source record: 71667
Cross-posted to: uk.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.boatanchors,rec.radio.amateur.policy

"JJ" <radiobuff0@mailcity.moc> wrote in message
news:3F156100.2060807@mailcity.moc...
> Why don't you go back to yelling
> "aaaaaaaauuuuuuuuddddddddiiiiiiiooooooo" into your power mic on
> channel 19.
>

Hardeehar!! Hey, we used to have a 10M sched every night, and we used to
hear one of the local Extra class hams doing just that on 10M!!!

Kim W5TIT

1682. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-17 03:08:41 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307161908.678fe37c@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71567

"Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net> wrote in message
news:<LLkRa.10790$Vx2.4719020@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com>...
> "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> wrote in message
> news:QEiRa.812$lL.87627@nnrp1.ptd.net...
> >
> > (But, as I and others have previously said, the decision should
> > NOT be based on a popularity contest in the community of
> > incumbents, but should, rather, be based on the sound judgement
> > of the FCC as to what's regulatorily necessary and good for the
> > future of ham radio.)
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> The FCC is not all that qualified to judge what is good for the future of
> ham radio. Many of the staff are not involved in ham radio. They are a
> government body whose purpose is to regulate the various radio services so
> that they can coexist. There purpose is not to maintain ham radio or decide
> what is good for it.
>
> Dee D. Flint, N8UZE

You sound like Queen Latifa; F The Cops.

1683. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-17 03:12:38 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307161912.7fd04854@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71568

N2EY@AOL.COM (N2EY) wrote in message
news:<c2356669.0307161312.4a81237b@posting.google.com>...
> brianburke@juno.com (Brian) wrote in message
news:<f45722ac.0307151734.36d0124@posting.google.com>...
> > N2EY@AOL.COM (N2EY) wrote in message
news:<c2356669.0307150905.598693d@posting.google.com>...
> > > "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> wrote in message
news:<AsDQa.521$lL.58870@nnrp1.ptd.net>...
> > > > "N2EY" <n2ey@aol.com> wrote in message
> > > > news:20030714142202.02627.00000066@mb-m02.aol.com...
> > > > > In article <rTxQa.454$lL.55425@nnrp1.ptd.net>, "Carl R. Stevenson"
> > > > > >there is nothing "magical" about Morse
> > > > > >and the insistence on using "wetware" instead of software to do the
> > > > > >decoding is an anomaly of ham radio.
> > > > >
> > > > > And you say you're not against the use of the mode, just the test, Carl?
> > > > ;-)
> > > >
> > > > That's correct... I am NOT against the use of the mode.
> > >
> > > Maybe. But the way you write about the mode makes me wonder. For
> > > example, when you call those who use the mode "beepers" and other
> > > disparaging names, a different image is projected by you.
> >
> > Kelley refers to himself as a "beepist."
>
> Where? You are mistaken. AC6XG hasn't posted here in quite some time,
> and I've never seen him refer to himself that way.
>
> > Is Kelley against Morse/CW use?
>
> Nope. I've worked AC6XG at least twice, both times on CW. Once was on
> Field Day (20 CW) and the other on the rrap net on 7037 kHz.

Ahhh. Applying the old Dave Heil "I'm gonna be obtuse" tactic? Poor
Jimmy, gotsta resort to tricks.

Is there anyone else here who has referred to hisself as a "beepist?"

1684. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-17 03:13:05 UTC
From: "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net>
Message-ID: <5voRa.10823$Vx2.4752683@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com>
Source record: 71569

"Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> wrote in message
news:DKlRa.831$lL.89766@nnrp1.ptd.net...
>
> "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net> wrote in message
> news:LLkRa.10790$Vx2.4719020@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com...
> >
> > "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> wrote in message
> > news:QEiRa.812$lL.87627@nnrp1.ptd.net...
> > >
> > > (But, as I and others have previously said, the decision should
> > > NOT be based on a popularity contest in the community of
> > > incumbents, but should, rather, be based on the sound judgement
> > > of the FCC as to what's regulatorily necessary and good for the
> > > future of ham radio.)
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> > The FCC is not all that qualified to judge what is good for the future
of
> > ham radio.
>
> The FCC is the expert agency on radiocommuncations matters.

They are the expert agency on regulating the radiocommunications matters.
It is not their function to be an expert on what is good for a service.
They accept input from all radio services and balance them. Afterall what
is good for say commericial radio might be detrimental towards ham radio and
vice versa.

>
> > Many of the staff are not involved in ham radio.
>
> Many of the staff, including at least some of those in WTB who
> administer Part 97, are long-time Extras (some even operate Morse
> as their primary, preferred mode ... but they seem to be smart enough
> to realize that jamming it down everyone's throats isn't good for the
future
> of ham radio)
>

Their reasons for wanting to drop it may have nothing to do with the good of
the future of ham radio. While they have stated that they see no reason to
keep it, they did not say that dropping it would be good for ham radio.

> > They are a
> > government body whose purpose is to regulate the various radio services
so
> > that they can coexist.
>
> That is a simple statement of fact.
>
> > There purpose is not to maintain ham radio or decide what is good for
it.
>
> "There" (try "their") purpose is to administer ham radio in accordance
with
> some fundmental principles about what the basis and purpose of the amateur
> radio service exists for ... see Part 97.1 of the FCC's rules and Article
25
> (newly revised, effective July 05, 2003) of the ITU Radio Regulations.
>

Sometimes my typing gets ahead of my thoughts. I seldom make such errors as you should know by reading my posts and thus there is no reason for you to point it out other than to divert attention from the main topic of discussion.

As stated their purpose is to ADMINISTER ham radio, not necessarily to encourage its growth.

Dee D. Flint, N8UZE

1685. Re: Code a Deterrent to a Ham Ticket ??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-17 03:14:45 UTC
From: Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93BAEC6DF1515elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>
Source record: 71570

Dave Heil <k8mn@earthlink.net> wrote in
news:3F15A60E.C045F52E@earthlink.net:

> Alun Palmer wrote:
>>
>> Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net> wrote in
>> news:3F137635.20806@adelphia.net:
>
>> > You must be related to our friend Vipul! At least you think
>> > alike.
>> >
>> > - Mike KB3EIA -
>> >
>> >
>>
>> Well, he's clearly Indian,
>
> That isn't clear at all.
>
>> and I'm British, so it wouldn't surprise me if we share some views in
>> common and don't buy into the received wisdom > of the US of A.
>
> That wouldn't surprise me either but both of you seem to prefer feeding
> at the American trough.
>
> Dave K8MN
>

In this economy it's less of a trough and more of a small dish

1686. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-17 03:16:14 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307161916.27646a83@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71571

Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote in message
news:<Xns93BA673229F3Eelektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>...

> Bringing the phone subbands in line with other countries in Region 2 would
> be sufficient

Can't we all just get along?

1687. Re: Ham Radio In The Post-Code Testing Era

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-17 03:16:28 UTC
From: "Ryan, KC8PMX" <kc8pmx@diamondcs.net>
Message-ID: <bf6pt2$bqhu1$6@ID-189073.news.uni-berlin.de>
Source record: 71605

"Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net> wrote in message
news:ba%Qa.10487$Vx2.4559493@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com...
>
> "Ryan, KC8PMX" <kc8pmx@diamondcs.net> wrote in message
> news:bf0u2m$92ho8$3@ID-189073.news.uni-berlin.de...
> >
> > "Larry Roll K3LT" <yodoc@aol.comnospam> wrote in message
> > news:20030713024811.23406.00000818@mb-m27.aol.com...
> > >
> > > Now that it seems as though code testing will finally be abolished in
> the
> > > ARS, let's amuse ourselves with a bit of speculation as to what this
> will
> > > mean in terms of future growth in the numbers of licensed amateur
radio
> > > operators in the United States. What do you think will happen? How
> > > much growth do you think will occur, and how fast?
> >
> > We may have an initial inrush of some newbies in the onset, but it will
> > flatten back out to where it is about right now is my prediction. Its
> from
> > a "marketing" standpoint. The hobby just is not promoted like it should
> or
> > could be. Once us existing licensee's hit up our friends and family,
that
> > is usually it. (kinda sounds a bit like Amway!)
>
> Actually the biggest problem is lack of activity by the current hams. If
we
> take the figure of 600,000+ hams and calculate the number of QSOs per day
if
> each one had one QSO per YEAR (assume it takes two hams for a qso), thats
> 300,000 exchanges per year or nearly 1000 per day. That would keep the
> bands pretty busy. But instead we hear the same people over and over on
the
> VHF and HF frequencies. We have 150 members or so in our club and I only
> hear about a dozen on the repeater regularly. It's the same dozen that do
> VHF simplex and SSB. We need to get those already licensed more involved.
>
> Dee D. Flint, N8UZE

That is true Dee, if even half of the licensees out there operated a little
more often, the bands would be busier. HF seems to be holding it's own for
the most part as far as usage. 2 meter and somewhat in the 70cm bands usage

is fair but could be better. 6 meters is considered a "throw-away" band, as people seem to think it is only good during a band opening. I personally have had some excellent local, or better put "within state" contacts when the band otherwise appeared dead.
220Mhz, 902Mhz, and 1.2Ghz bands are desolate, at least around here. I wouldn't be surprised if we lost the 220 and 902 bands.

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Ryan, KC8PMX
FF1-FF2-MFR-(pending NREMT-B!)
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.. --. .... - . .-. ...

1688. Re: ARS License Numbers

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-17 03:18:48 UTC
From: "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net>
Message-ID: <sAoRa.10824$Vx2.4753467@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com>
Source record: 71572

"Vshah101" <vshah101@aol.com> wrote in message
news:20030716225859.14587.00000071@mb-m04.aol.com...
>
> Some Hams will take a day off for a Hamfest that is on Friday and
Saturday.
> That takes one day away that could be used for a real vacation day. Just
go
> Saturday - you won't miss anything. Also, lets not schedule Hamfests and
other
> Ham Radio events during people's free social time, as Hams often do.
>
>

That's the only time available to schedule. You can't schedule during work
time or not enough people will be able to come.

Dee D. Flint, N8UZE

1689. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-17 03:23:45 UTC
From: Bill Sohl <billsohl@mindspring.com>
Message-ID: <bf5527$8ll$1@slb3.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 71574

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"Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net> wrote in message
news:5voRa.10823$Vx2.4752683@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com...
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> "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> wrote in message
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> They accept input from all radio services and balance them. Afterall what
> is good for say commericial radio might be detrimental towards ham radio
and
> vice versa.

In which case they balance the good of both services based
on the needs of the situation.

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> > of ham radio)
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> the future of ham radio. While they have stated that they see no reason
to
> keep it, they did not say that dropping it would be good for ham radio.

Nor did anyone filing comments provide even ONE
argument that rationally suggested dropping code
would be detriminental to ham radio.

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> > > government body whose purpose is to regulate the various radio
services
> > > so that they can coexist.
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amateur
> > radio service exists for ... see Part 97.1 of the FCC's rules and
Article
> 25
> > (newly revised, effective July 05, 2003) of the ITU Radio Regulations.
> >
>
> Sometimes my typing gets ahead of my thoughts. I seldom make such errors
as
> you should know by reading my posts and thus there is no reason for you to
> point it out other than to divert attention from the main topic of
> discussion.
>
> As stated their purpose is to ADMINISTER ham radio, not necessarily to
> encourage its growth.

That is your opinion, not fact.

Cheers,
Bill K2UNK

1690. Re: Hammie told: "Get Your Addy Right" by FCC!

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-17 03:31:03 UTC
From: Mike Oxharde <spar@btw.com>
Message-ID: <pqSdnfHMLPPnhYuiXTWJjQ@comcast.com>
Source record: 71575
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.policy

TROLL POST

<Moparholic@hotmailnospam.com> wrote in message
news:20030716194317.167$x1@newsreader.com...
> Moparholic@hotmailnospam.com wrote:
> > Moparholic@hotmailnospam.com wrote:
> > > Moparholic@hotmailnospam.com wrote:
> > > > avoobner2002@yahoo.com (Aaron H. Voobner) wrote:
> > > > Riley H. has a good track record of
> > > > > following up on such complaints, check the Rain Report if you wish
> > > > > confirmation of this.
> > > > >
> > > > Is that the same rain report n8wwm was busted out on?
> > > >
> > > Did you leave again, Aaron?
> > >
> > I see you're still here,Aaron. What's your opinion of doug adair
> > n8wwm getting ratted out on the rain report?
> >
> I forgot to cross post it to a ham group.
>
> --
> GO# 40
> ---
> http://NewsReader.Com/
> 50 GB/Month

1691. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-17 03:39:07 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307161939.71f88a5e@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71576

kelly@dvol.com (Brian Kelly) wrote in message
news:<d22b54c3.0307161251.1c3e5f56@posting.google.com>...
> "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> wrote in message
news:<naZQa.677$lL.73743@nnrp1.ptd.net>...
> > "Brian Kelly" <kelly@dvol.com> wrote in message
> > The "strawman designs" that Gary and I postulated did NOT contemplate
> > the use of SS across the whole band as an "underlay." The modulation was
> > completely different, with a fair amount of coding.
>
> That's not my recollection at all

For a guy that thought I had his backyard to install antennas in, I'm
not surprised.

but for absolute certain any type of
> HF SS would require some bandwidth far in excess of the bandwidths
> currently permissable under the regs or acceptable by the users of the
> so-called legacy modes on HF. The inherent bandwidth characteristic of
> SS has made it destructively non-compatible with the modes currently
> in use in HF ham bands. Ain't gonna happen in our lifetimes, ham HF SS
> is a non-sequiter.

Meanwhile other services use spread spectrum and no one is the wiser.

> > > > all sorts of simulated channel impairments into the system to make
> copying
> > > > as hard as you want ... without having to trash the underlying, reliable
> > > > communications system." Still rejected.)
> > >
> > > Exactly and none of it flew then and it never will.
> >
> > Why? ... if it looks to the user EXACTLY as "traditional Morse" one would
> > not be able to tell the difference (and therefore should have no logical,
> > rational
> > reason for rejecting it).
>
> Your term IF is the Achilles heel of your whole argument. We've been
> down this road, i.e., the problem with logical/rational being the
> primanry drivers in ham radio. Ham radio is not a commercial service
> where logic is the driver. The standard issue ham is into ham radio
> for it's recreational value and the rest flows from there.

Not true. Many NCT's joined up for the public service aspect of the
service.

You just don't get it, do you?

> > > they're neat electronic ping-pong games but IT AIN'T FRIGGING RADIO.
> > > Nobody is gonna go play electronic ping-pong so that you and Coffman
> > > can play band edge to band edge.
> >
> > I *was* talking about RADIO ... a system that would communicate over
> > distances via radio ... just more reliably ... and THEN adding the
> > impariments
> > ("challenge") at the receiving end to satisfy those who "like to dig the
> > weak
> > ones out of the noise/QRM."
>
> Then you better find a like-minded programmer who has extensive
> real-world actual experience with weak-signal DXing and contesting CW
> and otherwise to write the code. You sure as hell are not qualified to
> do that.

So we're back to "It's all about fast CW on HF," aren't we?

> You're snapping around the edges of needing AI to pull off any such
> code. We all know how easy that is (?!). IBM has a well-funded crew of
> their comp sci & math geniuses and a mainfarme dedicated to
> periodically trying to beat one human chess player's brain. And chess
> is just a two-dimensional board game with rigid rules of play which
> allows large chunks of time to make the decisions on each move. HF CW
> contesting in particular has more dimensions than I can even start to
> count and decsions are routinely made several times a second. Just for
> openers. How ya gonna do it Carl? A bit of C++ and VB in a ham shack
> PC? Yeah, right. Not even a decent pipe dream.

Kelley, w/o a dream, where you gonna go??? SOS, different day, that's
where! And you're happy with that slop? Obviously.

I used to start digital image processing with Landsat multispectral
images, using a microvax minicomputer, go to lunch or go home, and
hope it finished when I got back to work. Todays desktops are at
least that good.

But you wouldn't know because you're trying to rest on your
rubber-band technology glory days same as most of the beepists of your
era. Pfft.

> > > > transmit data reliably over transcontinental distances ... with power
> > > > outputs on the order of 10 mW ... as an "underlay" to existing services
> that don't even notice that they are there.
> > >
> > > Times how many stations?
> >
> > Quite a few, but to be honest I don't know the exact number (and if I
> > did, I couldn't say).
>
> Bullet = Ducked

You have no imagination. That's why you chose mech rather than
electro. You can visualize a lever, but cannot visualize an electron.

> > > I notice that TAPR has given up trying to get spread spectrum on the
> > > air. Nobody in TAPR cares enough about SS to work thru the bugs.
> > > There's a loud statement about ham SS.
> >
> > IMHO, TAPR's SS effort was doomed from the start by being overly
> > complex.
>
> You're pretty good at that yourself.

And you excel at undercomplex, yesterdays technology.

Beep beep.

1692. Re: Ham Radio In The Post-Code Testing Era

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-17 03:40:08 UTC
From: "Ryan, KC8PMX" <kc8pmx@diamondcs.net>
Message-ID: <bf6pt3$bqhu1$7@ID-189073.news.uni-berlin.de>
Source record: 71606

"Larry Roll K3LT" <yodoc@aol.comnospam> wrote in message
news:20030715233917.01315.00000914@mb-m18.aol.com...
> In article <bf1qn0$2sv$1@slb6.atl.mindspring.net>, "Dan/W4NTI"
> <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com> writes:
>
> Anyone who thinks that BPL will be stopped in favor of amateur radio
> is due for a rude awakening -- probably in the form of a very loud
> buzzing noise on his favorite SSB net frequency!
> 73 de Larry, K3LT
>

Quite true, and even if the amateur radio public unanimously collectively chipped in 100 bucks a piece in defense of this threat, I am sure it still would be DWARFED by the corporate threat of the companies getting involved in this technology. Money talks, and you-know-what walks.

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Ryan, KC8PMX
FF1-FF2-MFR-(pending NREMT-B!)
--. --- -.. ... .- -. --. . .-.. ... .- .-. . ..-. .. .-. . ..-.
.. --. .... - . .-. ...

1693. Re: Hammie told: "Get Your Addy Right" by FCC!

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-17 03:42:55 UTC
From: Moparholic@hotmailnospam.com
Message-ID: <20030716234255.880$cW@newsreader.com>
Source record: 71577
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.policy

"Mike Oxharde" <spar@btw.com> wrote:
> TROLL POST
>
> <Moparholic@hotmailnospam.com> wrote in message
> news:20030716194317.167$x1@newsreader.com...
> > Moparholic@hotmailnospam.com wrote:
> > > Moparholic@hotmailnospam.com wrote:
> > > > Moparholic@hotmailnospam.com wrote:
> > > > > avoobner2002@yahoo.com (Aaron H. Voobner) wrote:
> > > > > Riley H. has a good track record of
> > > > > > following up on such complaints, check the Rain Report if you
> > > > > > wish confirmation of this.
> > > > > >
> > > > > Is that the same rain report n8wwm was busted out on?
> > > > >
> > > > Did you leave again, Aaron?
> > > >
> > > I see you're still here,Aaron. What's your opinion of doug adair
> > > n8wwm getting ratted out on the rain report?
> > >
> > I forgot to cross post it to a ham group.
>
But on topic. Thanks for reposting it, dipshit.

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1694. Re: Ham Radio In The Post-Code Testing Era

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-17 03:45:02 UTC
From: Dwight Stewart <stewart@say.net>
Message-ID: <BB3B93FD.1EE9F%stewart@say.net>
Source record: 71578

"Len Over 21" wrote:
>
> Dwight Stewart writes:
>
>> "Dan/W4NTI" wrote:
>>>
>>> "Dwight Stewart" wrote
>>>>
>>>> Kim, I don't know what is going on with your
>>>> newsgroup messages. (snip)
>>>
>>> I had my witches coven put a curse on her.
>>
>> Something has sure happened. After I posted that
>> message, I ran into three or four other messages
>> posted by Kim that resulted in the same error
>> message (all posted after the message I replied
>> to). Very odd.
>
> Dwight, you need to upgrade your computer's
> AntiCurse software. :-)
>
> I got mine through the Hogwart's on-line store.
> University rates, too!

I've tried the swish and flick method several times. It didn't help with Kim's messages (my computer's mouse is a little charred though). Perhaps I'm pronouncing the words wrong.

Dwight Stewart (W5NET)

http://www.qsl.net/w5net/

1695. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-17 03:45:20 UTC
From: "Ryan, KC8PMX" <kc8pmx@diamondcs.net>
Message-ID: <bf6pt4$bqhu1$8@ID-189073.news.uni-berlin.de>
Source record: 71607

"Radio Amateur KC2HMZ" <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net> wrote in message
news:v817hv0jjpf4bgurijvqndhon3v2gjt7m2@4ax.com...
> On Tue, 15 Jul 2003 00:08:16 -0400, "Ryan, KC8PMX"
> <kc8pmx@diamondcs.net> wrote:
>
> >>
> >> 2. Most public safety professionals (by which I mean law enforcement,
> >> fire supression, EMS, and SAR personnel) know precisely this about the
> >> radios they use on the job: Either it works or it doesn't. Either the
> >> city cops can talk directly to the county sheriffs or they can't.
> >> Change to a different radio? Sure...just get a new radio...see item
> >> number (1) above for the problem with that.
> >
> >Hmmm.... but if there ever was any career paths that the possibility of
> >needing to communicate in a non-voice manner those professions just may
> >be..... If a firefighter gets trapped in a building or cop has some type
of
> >situation where he may not be able to speak or something, he may be able
to
> >tap code out on the speaker.
>
> Perhaps, but it wouldn't be all that likely that anyone hearing it
> would recognize it as an attempt to communicate, let alone copy the
> message...chances are the fire dispatcher isn't required to learn
> Morse in order to qualify for the job.
>

Perhaps, but I would think the dispatchers would have to know it as well.
Based on the tone of the response I take it as you feel that morse does not
have as much value as stated by others here in the past. If morse is so
important, than radio "services" should have to know it as well, otherwise
the arguments "for code" fall apart in my opinion.
"Radio service" personell are required to learn other skills, in order to
perform their positions, and hams are required to learn other skills along
with morse code.

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Ryan, KC8PMX
FF1-FF2-MFR-(pending NREMT-B!)
--. --- -.. ... .- -. --. . .-.. ... .- .-. . ..-. .. .-. . ..-.
.. --. .... - . .-. ...

1696. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-17 03:47:39 UTC
From: "Ryan, KC8PMX" <kc8pmx@diamondcs.net>
Message-ID: <bf6pt5$bqhu1$9@ID-189073.news.uni-berlin.de>
Source record: 71608

That is true, but it is only an alarm of sorts. It does not allow for intermittent keying last I knew. A downed cop or firefighter could key a location such as "bedroom" or " bathroom" or whatever.

There is AVL as well, but that usually is for the mobile radios. Kinda-sorta-maybe like APRS.

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Ryan, KC8PMX
FF1-FF2-MFR-(pending NREMT-B!)
--. --- -.. ... .- -. --. . .-.. ... .- .-. . ..-. .. .-. . ..-.
.. --. .... - . .-. ...
>
> Fortunately, there are other ways to accomplish the same task, that
> being to alert other firefihters to the plight of the trapped
> personnel. The fire department in Buffalo, NY equips members of its
> interior teams with portable radios that have a "man down" button on
> them. When said button is pressed (which isn't hard to do, it happens
> very often by accident) it activates an alarm on the MDTs in the rigs.
> The drill then is that all other comms stop at once and a headcount is
> performed. It doesn't even have to be the MDT on the rig he or she is
> assigned to - any MDT in range will initiate the alarm. Other
> departments probably use that technology as well, I merely am aware of
> this one since I live relatively near Buffalo.
>
> 73 DE John, KC2HMZ
>
>
>

1697. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-17 03:49:47 UTC
From: Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net>
Message-ID: <3F161CDA.9869404F@att.net>
Source record: 71579

"Carl R. Stevenson" wrote:

>
> What "bothers me" is that some folks deny the fact that there ARE better
> ways than OOK Morse (apparently in an attempt to bolster their "real ham"
> and "everyone MUST know Morse" viewpoints)

That's BS and everyone reading here knows it.

1698. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-17 03:51:49 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030716235149.10078.00000786@mb-m26.aol.com>
Source record: 71582

In article <fe27hv84fi5q5jmdvrorscbv4uh8f3k1f6@4ax.com>, Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net> writes:

>Lemme try again: At one point in history, humanity's most
>learned scholars had it proven to their satisfaction that the Earth
>was the center of the universe. That is, until Copernicus came along.

John:

You mean it isn't?

73 de Larry, K3LT

(Just kidding!)

1699. Re: Marconi site

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-17 03:51:49 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030716235149.10078.00000785@mb-m26.aol.com>
Source record: 71590

In article <20030716103043.09680.00000006@mb-m11.aol.com>, kf6vyh@aol.com (Kf6vyh) writes:

>
>The antenna farm at the N. Cal is Marconi site is going to be taken down by
>the natiional park service.

What, if any, are the reasons given? Don't they realize that they would be destroying a significant historical site?

73 de Larry, K3LT

1700. Re: Picard vs Kirk, was Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-17 03:51:50 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030716235150.10078.00000787@mb-m26.aol.com>
Source record: 71588

In article <ko97hv0vn0b0c5rc5pdciu8b5quv4h89ro@4ax.com>, Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net> writes:

>>Ah, so it was CQ and not SOS. It's been a long time since I've seen that
>>episode, or any of the Star Trek original series. I sit corrected -- mainly
>on
>>the porcelin appliance, since I'm "preparing" for a colonoscopy tomorrow
>>morning!
>
>That last bit of information is a bit more than really needed to be
>shared with the rest of us, Larry, but I'll resist the temptation to
>take the obvious shot...too easy.
>
>I will say this...hope everything comes out alright. :-)

Thanks, John!

73 de Larry, K3LT

1701. Re: Picard vs Kirk, was Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-17 03:51:50 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030716235150.10078.00000788@mb-m26.aol.com>
Source record: 71589

In article <c2356669.0307160901.121de1bc@posting.google.com>, N2EY@AOL.COM (N2EY) writes:

>> I sit corrected -- mainly on
>> the porcelin appliance, since I'm "preparing" for a colonoscopy tomorrow
>> morning!
>
>ahh, the pungent tang of Fleet's Phospho-Soda. Good luck on the
>"up-periscope" procedure. I dunno if you've had one before, my first
>was in March.

Jim:

Don't I wish it was Phospo-Soda! I had something called "Lo-So Prep" this time, and it was awful! Made Fleet's seem like a Diet Sprite by comparison! I'm an old hand at the colonoscopy procedure, having had polyps removed in '86. It's a lot better these days -- the instrument is flexible, and they sedate you before the procedure. I was "lights out" and just woke up about a half-hour later with the whole experience "behind" me, as it were!

73 de Larry, K3LT

1702. Re: Picard vs Kirk, was Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-17 03:51:51 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030716235151.10078.00000789@mb-m26.aol.com>
Source record: 71584

In article <bf42iq$991is$12@ID-189073.news.uni-berlin.de>, "Ryan, KC8PMX"
<kc8pmx@diamondcs.net> writes:

>Damn Larry,
>
>If that doesn't get "flamed" here, I would be surprised. Kinda "studying"
>for that exam eh?? Just kidding.

Yup. Sure had plenty of time in the "reading room" on Monday!

73 de Larry, K3LT

1703. Re: Picard vs Kirk, was Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-17 03:51:52 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030716235152.10078.00000790@mb-m26.aol.com>
Source record: 71586

In article <f45722ac.0307161300.43ffc178@posting.google.com>,
brianburke@juno.com (Brian) writes:

>> Ah, so it was CQ and not SOS. It's been a long time since I've seen that
>> episode, or any of the Star Trek original series. I sit corrected --
>mainly on
>> the porcelin appliance, since I'm "preparing" for a colonoscopy tomorrow
>> morning!
>>
>> 73 de Larry, K3LT
>
>I think they'll find what the rest of us already knew. ;^)
>
>But seriously, hope it goes well and you check OK.

Brian:

Thanks for the kind words. It did go well. I had an Endoscopy and
a Colonoscopy at the same time, so they got me from both ends! I
don't have the results yet, but the examination was routine, as opposed
to being driven by a specific problem -- at least as far as the Colonoscopy
was concerned. The Endoscopy was to diaganose the cause of my
GERD -- or GastroEsophageal Reflux Disease. I've been on Prilosec(R)
for about 6 years now, and just thought it was about time they took a
look under the hood to see if the problem can be fixed, rather than just
having me throw expensive prescription drugs at it for the rest of my
life.

73 de Larry, K3LT

1704. Re: Ham Radio In The Post-Code Testing Era

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-17 03:51:52 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030716235152.10078.00000791@mb-m26.aol.com>
Source record: 71587

In article <f45722ac.0307160415.5fb38456@posting.google.com>,
brianburke@juno.com (Brian) writes:

>> So tell us -- what would it take
>> to make you a regular CW operator with 20 WPM proficiency -- something
>> that I have no doubt you are capable of?
>>
>> 73 de Larry, K3LT
>
>A better training system and loads of time (as in: retirement).
>
>73, Brian

Brian:

Some of the busiest people I know are allegedly "retired." I have no doubt that you will still be able to provide yourself with a surfeit of excuses, even then.

I became a code-proficient amateur radio operator and upgraded in far less than the "normal" amount of time during a period of my life when I was the busiest I'd ever been. The "no time" excuse is just that -- an excuse. There are thousands of hams who were able to work it in, just like I did, with no problem.

You get a second shot at the question -- try to come up with something both original and believable this time.

73 de Larry, K3LT

1705. Re: Ham Radio In The Post-Code Testing Era

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-17 03:51:53 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030716235153.10078.00000792@mb-m26.aol.com>
Source record: 71591

In article <MdcRa.762$lL.84098@nnrp1.ptd.net>, "Carl R. Stevenson"
<wk3cqth@wk3c.com> writes:

>> Carl:
>>
>> Why do you think taking a code test prevents these things from happening?
>>
>> 73 de Larry, K3LT
>>
>
>Personal experience with colleagues and other anecdotal evidence.

Well, Carl, I know from "personal experience with colleagues and other
anecdotal evidence" that the code test imparts useful communications
skills and tends to encourage the pursuit of greater technical knowledge.
So -- which one of us is wrong, here?

>The way that you, Dick, and *some* others look down your noses
>at folks who aren't interested in code and object to unnecessary
>"hurdles" sure doesn't help to bring new folks into ham radio either.

The only ones I'm "looking down my nose" at are the typical whiners
and complainers -- the ones making the specious comparisons between
code testing/proficiency and technical nescience. Any newcomers to
amateur radio who are open-minded about code proficiency, and are
willing to give it at least as much effort as would have been exerted
under the former licensing requirements would have nothing but my
approval and encouragement. And those who want to do everything
but the code are still OK with me, as long as they stay as far away
from that topic as possible -- because they're not qualified to discuss
it or have an opinion. Should they tread on that topic, they will find
themselves confronted with someone with vast first-hand experience,
and the ability to articulately defend his viewpoints with passion and
conviction. It is in such a debate that the no-coders usually break down
into emotionalism, name-calling, and playing the "victim card." If
I were them, I'd just stay as far away from the subject as possible, and
I will not pursue them.

73 de Larry, K3LT

1706. Re: Ham Radio In The Post-Code Testing Era

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-17 03:51:54 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030716235154.10078.00000793@mb-m26.aol.com>
Source record: 71592

In article <CscRa.767$lL.84290@nnrp1.ptd.net>, "Carl R. Stevenson"
<wk3cqth@wk3c.com> writes:

>
>Larry ... you admit that you wouldn't have learned Morse if you had not been
>(effectively) forced to ... you happened to decide that you liked it
>afterwards.
>Many folks that have followed the same path NEVER liked Morse and put
>the key in the drawer (or sold it, or gave it away) after passing the Morse
>test to get the privs they REALLY wanted, never to use Morse again.

Carl:

That's right. They did. And a lot of them kept the key on the top of the
operating table and continued to use it. Now, in the absence of a code
testing requirement as part of the licensing procedure, how many new hams
will even bother to own a telegraph key?

> >You don't believe in the requirement, so
>> obviously, your mileage varies quite a bit. So tell us -- what would it
>take
>> to make you a regular CW operator with 20 WPM proficiency -- something
>> that I have no doubt you are capable of?
>
>As you well know, I also don't believe in the requirement.
>
>I know that many PCTAs here doubt my claim, but early on while constrained
>to CW on the novice bands, I actually got to the point where I could carry
>on
>a QSO (more or less in my head for std. QSO stuff, writing down details for
>the log) at something close to 20 wpm. Once I upgraded to Tech and got
>involved in VHF/UHF repeaters, packet, etc. I lost interest and never went
>back to Morse.

Well, it was getting on VHF/UHF repeaters that actually spurred my interest
in CW, since the hams I talked to were always talking about their adventures
on HF, particularly in the CW mode, and I enjoyed being able to join in on
the conversation, telling them about the "new one" I had just worked.

>Could *I* become proficient at 20 wpm ... certainly, with enough use and
>practice. Do I *care* to? The answer is obviously "No."

Well, at least you were exposed to the code and learned it well enough to
make that choice from a vantage point of actual personal experience. In the
future, a lot of hams who may have decided to become active CW users will
no longer get that opportunity, due to the elimination of the code testing

requirement.

>There is essentially nothing that could make me interested in becoming "a
>regular CW operator with 20 wpm proficiency."
>
>Does this make me a "lesser/2nd class ham?"

Since you tried it and gave it a fair evaluation, I'd have to say that it does not. Again, future hams will not have had your experience. That is the difference. Not having "been there, done that" disqualifies them from making any judgment on the "code" issue whatsoever.

>I certainly don't believe
>so, Larry, any more than I believe that the fact that I have every reason
>to believe that I am more technically competent than you makes me
>"superior in all respects" to you.

I have never denied the "superior" technical competence of you or any other ham who has it. There is nothing I enjoy more than being around hams who really know what they are doing, technically, and can impart some of that knowledge to myself and others. However, in my own experience, some of the most technically competent hams I've known have also been proficient CW operators. I cannot say the same for the "no-coders" I've known, with few notable exceptions.

>You, however, believe that your Morse
>ability makes you "superior to all no-code hams." (You've said that over
>and over here, along with all sorts of disparaging remarks about no-code
>hams.)

It does give me "superior" operational capability, and I won't mince any words about that. Moreover, my code proficiency had a direct impact on my gaining increased technical knowledge, although I'd never classify that as anything other than "amateur" level.

>Why don't you try treating hams who have gotten their licenses (or upgraded)
>under the new rules with the same respect that you'd like to be treated
>with?
>(I promise you, it won't kill you. :-)

I can, and I do -- as long as they don't make a point of whining that the (former) code testing requirement was causing technical ignorance within the ARS -- as has been their traditional claim. It just isn't so.

73 de Larry, K3LT

1707. Re: How Ugly Can One Creep Be?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-17 03:51:55 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030716235155.10078.00000794@mb-m26.aol.com>
Source record: 71580

In article <sf67hv85kba4u1neidgvk5ak0fvm1qqm9b@4ax.com>, Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net> writes:

>However, the reference to shuttles
>burning up on reentry was a poor choice of words.
>

Do you think?

73 de Larry, K3LT

1708. Re: How Ugly Can One Creep Be?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-17 03:51:55 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030716235155.10078.00000796@mb-m26.aol.com>
Source record: 71581

In article <f45722ac.0307161424.69183820@posting.google.com>,
brianburke@juno.com (Brian) writes:

>
>There can be no doubt that you experience psychosomatic illness when
>you expose yourself to Len's comments. Your reactions are quite
>severe. It would be prudent to stop reading them.

Brian:

That's good advice -- and "Kim" could be just as easily substituted for
"Len."

73 de Larry, K3LT

1709. Re: How Ugly Can One Creep Be?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-17 03:51:55 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030716235155.10078.00000795@mb-m26.aol.com>
Source record: 71583

In article <5c01b95b.0307160530.42798dca@posting.google.com>, k4yz@aol.com (Steve Robeson, K4CAP) writes:

>
> How ANY human being with a shred of decency could have made the
>disgusting, callous and thoughtless comment Lennie did is beyond me.

Steve:

That is beyond the comprehension of *any* decent human being!

> What a creep.

Indeed.

73 de Larry, K3LT

1710. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-17 03:52:17 UTC
From: Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net>
Message-ID: <3F161D6F.8AE85623@att.net>
Source record: 71593

Brian wrote:

> N2EY@AOL.COM (N2EY) wrote in message
news:<c2356669.0307150825.6a670095@posting.google.com>...
> > brianburke@juno.com (Brian) wrote in message
news:<f45722ac.0307150248.6e1d185f@posting.google.com>...
> > > N2EY@AOL.COM (N2EY) wrote in message
news:<c2356669.0307141321.285a9750@posting.google.com>...
> > > > brianburke@juno.com (Brian) wrote in message
news:<f45722ac.0307140445.2718e3c2@posting.google.com>...
> > > > > n2ey@aol.com (N2EY) wrote in message
news:<20030712063002.00871.00000622@mb-m17.aol.com>...
> > > > > > In article <f45722ac.0307110432.434f720b@posting.google.com>,
> > > > > > brianburke@juno.com (Brian) writes:
> > > > > >
> > > > > > >n2ey@aol.com (N2EY) wrote in message
> > > > > > >news:<20030710182227.02197.00001170@mb-m12.aol.com>...
> > > > > > >> In article <f45722ac.0307100834.6218fbc1@posting.google.com>,
> > > > > > >> brianburke@juno.com (Brian) writes:
> > > > > > >>
> > > > > > >> >Still no citation from Arnie concerning his claim that NCI is on
> > > > > > >> >record for less technical exams.
> > > > > > >>
> > > > > > >> Still no answer from you concerning these questions about your alleged /T5
> > > > > > >> operation:
> > > > > > >>
> > > > > > >> What callsign was used?
> > > > > > >> What rigs and antennas were used?
> > > > > > >> Who did the equipment belong to?
> > > > > > >> What amateur bands and modes were used?
> > > > > > >> What countries and continents were worked?
> > > > > > >> How were the QSLs delivered?
> > > > > > >
> > > > > > >Why is it alleged?
> > > > > > >
> > > > > > Because you haven't provided any information about or confirmation of your
> > > > > > alleged operation.
> > > > > >
> > > > > Then how do you know about it?
> > > > >
> > > > You have claimed here and elsewhere to have operated /T5 about a
> > > > decade ago. But you provided no details, even when directly asked. So
> > > > any reasonable person has cause to be skeptical.
> > >

> > > Lemme think this through.
> > >
> > > After you and several minions
> >
> > I don't have any "minions".
>
> Perhaps they were bunions.
>
> > > have performed an exhaustive search
> > > concerning my operation in Somalia, and having turned up nothing, you
> > > want me to corroborate my own operation so that you'll be less
> > > skeptical?
> >
> > Nope.
> >
> > I and some others have asked some basic, simple, straightforward
> > questions about your alleged /T5 operations.
>
> After having exhausted all other venues.
>
> You have repeatedly
> > avoided answering any of them.
>
> Yes, that is correct. But if you do your research you'll find I have
> stated much of what you asked in previous posts to rrap. Get to work.
>
> > > Ha! That's a good one.
> >
> > > Go ahead and believe what you want to believe. You will anyway
> > > regardless of anything I could say.
> > >
> > Why don't you just answer the questions?
>
> How is it that you didn't believe me then, but you're willing to
> believe me now? I just don't get it.
>
> To be honest, I don't think there is any answer that will satisfy you.
>
> Brian

At least not a truthful one.

1711. Re: Ham Radio In The Post-Code Testing Era

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-17 03:52:30 UTC
From: Dwight Stewart <stewart@say.net>
Message-ID: <BB3B95BD.1EEA1%stewart@say.net>
Source record: 71585

"Kim W5TIT" wrote:

> Alrighty then... :)

Alright. Things were never better. In other words, your messages appear to be showing up (and staying on the server) just fine now.

Dwight Stewart (W5NET)

http://www.qsl.net/w5net/

1712. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-17 03:54:30 UTC
From: "Ryan, KC8PMX" <kc8pmx@diamondcs.net>
Message-ID: <bf6pt6$bqhu1$10@ID-189073.news.uni-berlin.de>
Source record: 71609

"Kim W5TIT" <fahgedit@nomail.net> wrote in message
news:bf2bqp$f5k$1@adenine.netfront.net...
> "Ryan, KC8PMX" <kc8pmx@diamondcs.net> wrote in message
> news:bf0u2k$92ho8$2@ID-189073.news.uni-berlin.de...
> > >
> > > 2. Most public safety professionals (by which I mean law enforcement,
> > > fire supression, EMS, and SAR personnel) know precisely this about the
> > > radios they use on the job: Either it works or it doesn't. Either the
> > > city cops can talk directly to the county sheriffs or they can't.
> > > Change to a different radio? Sure...just get a new radio...see item
> > > number (1) above for the problem with that.
> > >
> > > Hmmm.... but if there ever was any career paths that the possibility of
> > > needing to communicate in a non-voice manner those professions just may
> > > be..... If a firefighter gets trapped in a building or cop has some
type
> of
> > > situation where he may not be able to speak or something, he may be able
> to
> > > tap code out on the speaker.
> > >
> > >
> > >
> > > --
> > > Ryan, KC8PMX
> > > FF1-FF2-MFR-(pending NREMT-B!)
> > > --. --- -.. ... .- -. --. . .-.. ... .- .-. . ..-. .. .-. . ..-.
> > > .. --. .... - . .-. ...
> > >
> > >
> >
> > Wellllllllll, wouldn't just plain tapping get the attention, too?
> >
> > Kim W5TIT
> >
> >
> > ---

Yeah, it would definitely get attention, but maybe if the code was required,
they could send a simple location of something like "bedroom" or whatever.
Read my responses to KC2HMZ..... :)

--
Ryan, KC8PMX
FF1-FF2-MFR-(pending NREMT-B!)

--. --- -.. ... .- -. --. . .-.. ... .- .-. . ..-. .. .-. . ..-.
.. --. .... - . .-. ...

1713. Re: How Ugly Can One Creep Be?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-17 04:05:09 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307162005.1cf51aff@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71594

k4yz@aol.com (Steve Robeson, K4CAP) wrote in message
news:<5c01b95b.0307160448.303d2c5@posting.google.com>...
> Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net> wrote in message
news:<sf67hv85kba4u1neidgvk5ak0fvm1qqm9b@4ax.com>...
>
> > However, the reference to shuttles
> > burning up on reentry was a poor choice of words.
>
> You have to understand the liar behind the postings, John.

The shuttle didn't burn up upon reentry? SOB! Those damned
media-biased jerks pulled a fast one on us again, huh? Wait till
Wayne Greene hears about this!!!

> Leonard H Anderson is one of the most prolific, hateful, spite-filled
> pathological liars to ever darken USENET.

Yer Damned Right!

> That he can even consider, let alone publish, the hateful and
> just plain mean-spirited trash he just let out and then try to
> "justify" it in some Morse Code related rhetoric is absoulety
> shameful.

Lies! All Damned Lies! That lowlife SOB. If I ever get my Hands...

> I thought his attempts to embellish his Army "career" record by
> assosciating himself with Soldiers who died 3 years before he was even
> sworn in was disgusting.

Some Army units have a history. Patch on the left arm, patch on the
right arm stuff. You just wouldn't understand being a CAP Bigshot and
all. Go talk to Kelley, he's got real military experience and all
that. He'll get you turned around in a hurry.

> Lennie puts the "scum" in scumbag, that's for sure.

Scum of the worst kind. Lying and all that about the Shuttle
tradgedies.

Jeez Us H !!!

So anyway, Steve, where is NASA hiding the atronauts? I mean, you
said that awful SOB Len was lying about it, right? They're on
Ascension Island handing out 40,000+ United Nations QSOs on Raytheon
HF gear or what? Right?

Riiight?

RIIIIGHT???

Steve, get a grip. Go seek counseling. I don't know how to say this, so I'll just say it straight up. There really was another space shuttle tradgedy. Len wasn't lying. Do a search on the New York Times or something. The truth will set you free.

73, Brian

(Len, sorry to defame you in the above "Tuff Love" series. It was beyond necessary - he needs more help than I can provide, but I tried.)

1714. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-17 04:11:37 UTC
From: "Ryan, KC8PMX" <kc8pmx@diamondcs.net>
Message-ID: <bf6pt7$bqhu1$11@ID-189073.news.uni-berlin.de>
Source record: 71610

"Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net> wrote in message
news:sc%Qa.10489$Vx2.4559971@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com...
>
> "Ryan, KC8PMX" <kc8pmx@diamondcs.net> wrote in message
> news:bf0u2s$92ho8$4@ID-189073.news.uni-berlin.de...
> > How about a different parallel?? Drivers licenses! How many here have
> > earned ALL endorsements/license classes for their drivers license? i.e.
> > motorcycle operators permit etc.
> >
> > Those that haven't must just be lazy too eh?
>
> Not a valid comparison the way you put it. If the person isn't interested
> in the privileges, it doesn't mean he is lazy for not getting the
> endorsement. It's the person who wants the privileges and isn't willing
to
> get the endorsement that would be considered lazy.
>
> Dee D. Flint, N8UZE
>

I disagree based on statements made by others here before. Having both HF
and VHF+ access to all of the amateur radio spectrum (i.e. upgrading all the
way to extra) is so important to some, then the parallel is there. Not
exercising the full advantages of the license.

I have had 2 CSCE's now for the morse code test, and let both of them slip
as I see no need exercise the use of those privileges, nor can I at this
point due to operational limitations. But apparently upgrades are even more
important to some here more than god.

--
Ryan, KC8PMX
FF1-FF2-MFR-(pending NREMT-B!)
--. --- -.. ... .- -. --. . .-.. ... .- .-. . ..-. .. .-. . ..-.
.. --. .... - . .-. ...

1715. Re: Picard vs Kirk, was Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-17 04:15:21 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307162015.48412a41@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71595

brianburke@juno.com (Brian) wrote in message
news:<f45722ac.0307161300.43ffc178@posting.google.com>...
> yodoc@aol.comnospam (Larry Roll K3LT) wrote in message
news:<20030715114410.23745.00001156@mb-m22.aol.com>...
> > In article <20030714122225.24390.00001114@mb-m19.aol.com>, n2ey@aol.com (N2EY)
> > writes:
> >
> > >>OK. There you have it. End of debate. Larry has just stated that someone
> > >>who knows the sending of SOS knows "the Morse code."
> > >>
> > >Except that the sleeper ship was sending "CQ", not "SOS". Which may actually
> > >have been a form of inside joke, because one of the pet peeves of many was
> > >the
> > >too-long CQ with no breaks to listen.
> >
> > Jim:
> >
> > Ah, so it was CQ and not SOS. It's been a long time since I've seen that
> > episode, or any of the Star Trek original series. I sit corrected -- mainly on
> > the porcelin appliance, since I'm "preparing" for a colonoscopy tomorrow
> > morning!
> >
> > 73 de Larry, K3LT
>
> I think they'll find what the rest of us already knew. ;^)
>
> But seriously, hope it goes well and you check OK.
>
> Brian

But seriously, folks. I wonder why Kim hasn't weighed in on this one.
There's some kind of tension going on between these two, and what an
Opening! Eww, that's not the kind of opening...

Whatever.

Nevermind.

bb

1716. Re: Smells like type acceptance

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-17 04:17:41 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307162017.72cded8@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71596

Jim, who wouldn't? bb

N2EY@AOL.COM (N2EY) wrote in message
news:<c2356669.0307161255.65390cca@posting.google.com>...
> I agree with Carl 100% on this one.
>
> 73 de Jim, N2EY
>
> "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> wrote in message
news:<OdVQa.639$lL.71469@nnrp1.ptd.net>...
> > "K0HB" <k0hb@arrl.net> wrote in message
> > news:e79dbd9b.0307150553.7df771f6@posting.google.com...
> > > k4yz@aol.com (Steve Robeson, K4CAP) wrote
> > >
> > > >
> > > > Obviously not a lawyer, but my read on this was that the FCC is
> > > > giving him a chance to keep his radios, avoid the nasty fine that
> > > > COULD have gone along with this, and sends a very loud signal to
> > > > anyone else so inclined to not abuse the privilege.
> > > >
> > >
> > > My concern is NOT with the severity of his penalty (I think it was
> > > pathetically lenient) but with the chilling effect it could have on
> > > tinkering and experimenting by amateurs who apparently must now fear
> > > that FCC can require them to put their equipment back into
> > > factory-fresh configuration.
> > >
> > > I don't have a single peice of equipment which I have not "improved"
> > > from it's original schematic. Frankly, I thought the FCC encouraged
> > > such experimentation. This incident suggests just the opposite and
> > > I'm surprised that ARRL isn't screaming bloody murder.
> > >
> > > 73, de Hans, K0HB
> >
> > Hans, et al,
> >
> > I seriously doubt that the FCC intends to discourage experimentation
> > and improvement of our rigs (whether home-built or store-bought).
> >
> > IMHO, there is a big difference between modifying your rig to improve
> > it and "opening it up" to transmit out of band *for the purpose of using
> > it to create interference to other services where equipment must be
> > type accepted*.
> >

> > It seems that, in this case, that is exactly what the individual in question
> > did, so I personally think that the FCC action requiring him to undo
> > the mods, that were done with the apparent purpose of enabling illegal
> > operation, is not inappropriate.
> >
> > However, I also agree with your view that, as a sole remedy, this action
> > was pathetically lenient.
> >
> > Carl - wk3c

1717. !

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-17 04:22:10 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307162022.748e872@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71597

Dave Heil <k8mn@earthlink.net> wrote in message news:<3F15AD8B.6E0DD154@earthlink.net>...
> Len Over 21 wrote:
> >
> > In article <e79dbd9b.0307150553.7df771f6@posting.google.com>, k0hb@arrl.net
> > (K0HB) writes:
> >
> > >I don't have a single peice of equipment which I have not "improved"
> > >from it's original schematic. Frankly, I thought the FCC encouraged
> > >such experimentation. This incident suggests just the opposite and
> > >I'm surprised that ARRL isn't screaming bloody murder.
> >
> > ARRL knows what is best for the US ARS.
> >
> > Or was it K0HB that knows what is best for the US ARS?
> >
> > Does the FCC "encourage such experimentation?" I don't think so.
> > I read Part 97 as giving radio amateurs the option of doing so. Can't
> > find any brochures or pamplets from the FCC ramping up the joys of
> > experimentation at all. Maybe that was "Electric Radio?"
>
> It might be that the ARRL knows what is best for amateur radio.
> There's a good chance that Hans knows what is best for amateur radio.
> I don't know of a soul who believes that you know what is best for
> amateur radio. You aren't involved in any capacity.
>
> The FCC rules giving the option to modify equipment certainly lends
> itself to the view that the Commission does not discourage such action.
> Your interpretation may differ but it really doesn't matter.
>
> Dave K8MN

Perhaps Len should just go work some out of band Frenchmen and be done with it!

Then he would have a claim to validity (and greatness)!!!

By the way, Dave, was that SSB or CW?

1718. Re: Why don't Real Hams you face the facts?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-17 04:23:30 UTC
From: Jim Hampton <aa2qa@frontiernet.net>
Message-ID: <6xpRa.68$z61.17@news02.roc.ny>
Source record: 71598
Cross-posted to: uk.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.boatanchors,rec.radio.amateur.policy

Sheesh! 1 GHz with a 10 bit binary counter. Only $350.00 each in quantities of 1000. Someone care to loan me over 1/3 of a million? Seriously, however, there are affordable AMD devices but they appear to be in the 50 MHz to under 200 MHz range.

73 from Rochester, NY
Jim AA2QA

"Scott Dorsey" <kludge@panix.com> wrote in message news:bf4k4u$2ih$1@panix2.panix.com...
> Carl R. Stevenson <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> wrote:
> >> --scott
> >
> >Modern DDS devices would require too many pins on the device for
> >cheap packages unless they used some sort of serial communications
> >or a modest pin count multiplexed bus.
> >
> >I doubt that you will find anything useful with a straight binary or BCD
> >input because the devices need too many bits loaded into them to set
> >up all of the internal functions/registers.
>
> Right. I am looking for something that might best be implemented as
> an ASIC somewhere, in that it would be a special-purpose sine wave
> synthesizer rather than a general purpose DDS device.
> --scott
> --
> "C'est un Nagra. C'est suisse, et tres, tres precis."

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1719. Re: Fight the BPL

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-17 04:24:57 UTC
From: Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net>
Message-ID: <3F162516.8E4BEC41@att.net>
Source record: 71599
Cross-posted to:
rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.swap

Jim Warner wrote:

> Yeah, you know I just took a quick scan of the HF spectrum. Looks like most
> of the modern world has relinquished HF spectrum for more consistant, secure
> means of long range communications.

There's always a helluva wrangle over most every aspect of
HF at each and every WARC, gotta be some serious interest there somewhere.

>
> My argument is that BPL should be high pass filtered with a 30MHz
> cut-off.

There are a number of public safety agencies who still make serious use of lowband
VHF below 50 mHz, all the trunked systems nothwithstanding. Converting those to
UHF or up is a big $$$$$ proposition which just aint gonna happen iin the financial
climate facing those users for the forseeable future
. The state I worked a career for that uses a series of frequencies in the 42mhz
region for statewide public safety comms
would love to abandon it all in favor of a trunked UHF or above system but can't find
the ~$250mil it'd take to do the job. I'd expect that state and several others that
I know are on low VHF to have some pretty strong language for the FCC on the BPL
issue.

> When the leakage of data begins to propagate erratically in the
> lower
> HF region, there may be fragmented co-node interference that may be a
> duplicate color code match, causing network disruptions.
> Another more basic issue is, Commonwealth Edison can't keep thier 60Hz
> primary product from leaking. How the hell are they going to handle a sub
> carrier service on ratty grids maintained by employees that think the power
> is
> good because your lights are on?
> And finally, the sacrifice of the lower 28MHz (2-30) that is alleged to be
> affected
> will not drastically affect the massive volume of throughput that will be
> crammed
> down the throats of so many, or the massive volume of cashflow that will be
> enjoyed by so few.

If FCC wants a real hornets nest to descend on DC they can assure it by approving
the
BPL docket without many very serious limits, big chunks of frequency exemptions and
much other machinations to releive in advance a huge amount of what will be real

trouble for them if they don't. And no one knows if it would even work acceptably then, much less if there will ever be a viable business plan stem from it all. Who knows what emerging technology will render the whole scheme obsolete sometime next week?

Dick

1720. Re: Ham Radio In The Post-Code Testing Era

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-17 04:26:26 UTC
From: Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net>
Message-ID: <3F162570.7AE52705@att.net>
Source record: 71600

Dave Heil wrote:

> Brian wrote:
> >
> > Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net> wrote in message
>
> > > ...provides an opportunity for ops on six meters. I've observed the
> > > phenomenon before. Your're in New York. You point your beam north and
> > > you start hearing somebody in Florida. You figure you're hearing him
> > > off the back of the beam and turn it south to bring up the signal,
> > > only to have it disappear.
> > >
> > > Much of this activity happens on CW. Voice signals get distorted a lot
> > > due to the effects of all the ionization in the aurora itself.
>
> > John, though 6M is worth mentioning, it isn't HF and these guys don't
> > care. Its all about using fast CW on HF (to them). Brian
>
> How do you manage to be wrong so often, Brian? I worked about forty
> Europeans on 6m this past week. About half of those QSOs were made on
> CW. About half of the CW QSOs were made using relatively slow speeds.
> Those contacts were not made using Aurora. Had they been, all of the
> QSOs would have been made using slow CW.
>
> So far, the only people here claiming that "it" (whatever "it" is) all
> about using fast CW on Hf are you and Len. Len isn't a ham. What's
> your excuse?

He;s not much of one?

1721. Re: ARS License Numbers

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-17 04:26:38 UTC
From: Jim Hampton <aa2qa@frontiernet.net>
Message-ID: <2ApRa.69$w81.0@news02.roc.ny>
Source record: 71501

Scott, I *love* it. You even used unit 69! BTW, congratulations. Now the CBers will hate you. You've gotta go middle of the road like me (until we get squished, like a grape!)

73 from Rochester, NY
Jim AA2QA

"Scott Unit 69" <scott_unit_69@yahoo.moc> wrote in message news:3F15BFCF.57A51D9B@yahoo.moc...
> > As of July 15, 2003:
> > Technician - 257,319 (increase of 51,925)
>
> It would have been 51,922 if I hadn't dragged 2 others with me...

Outgoing mail is certified Virus Free.
Checked by AVG anti-virus system (http://www.grisoft.com).
Version: 6.0.501 / Virus Database: 299 - Release Date: 7/15/03

1722. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-17 04:39:33 UTC
From: kelly@dvol.com
Message-ID: <d22b54c3.0307162039.15c18d88@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71502

"Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> wrote in message
news:<QEiRa.812$lL.87627@nnrp1.ptd.net>...

> You're using "magical" like Disneyworld uses it ... as a way of saying
> that something is entertaining, fun, and has its own "draw" for some
> people.

Absolutely correct and "some people" is tens upon tens of thousands of
us Carl.

> I'm talking about "magical" in the sense of "having special powers to
> do things beyond the ordinary." There is nothing "magical" about Morse
> in that sense.

I'd like to be there when you convince the hundredth experienced CW op
to give it up and become just another terminal operator. Talk about
"ordinary" . .

> . . . . the decision should
> NOT be based on a popularity contest in the community of
> incumbents, but should, rather, be based on the sound judgement
> of the FCC as to what's regulatorily necessary and good for the
> future of ham radio.)

Baloney, if the FCC had it's druthers ham radio would evaporate
tomorrow.

>
> Carl - wk3c

w3rv

1723. Since it is over, probably okay to post.....

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-17 04:48:04 UTC
From: "Ryan, KC8PMX" <kc8pmx@diamondcs.net>
Message-ID: <bf6pt9$bqhu1$12@ID-189073.news.uni-berlin.de>
Source record: 71611
Cross-posted to: alt.ham-radio.vhf-uhf,rec.radio.amateur.policy

Rather interesting side of a news event here in Michigan
Ryan, KC8PMX

-----Original Message-----
From: **********
Sent: Tuesday, July 15, 2003 9:12 PM
To: James Wades
Subject: RACES Assistance with MSP Manhunt

15 July 2003

NEWS STORY.....MICHIGAN RADIO AMATEURS ASSIST IN CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION AND MANHUNT.

On July 6, a Michigan radio amateur by the name of Scott Woodring (KC8JNG) shot and killed a Michigan State Police Officer during a routine arrest on a warrant for solicitation of a minor, resulting in a tense standoff with law enforcement. Mr. Woodring was a member of the Christian Identity movement, an organization that promotes racist and antisemetic views along with an anti-government agenda.

On Monday, July 7, after a standoff that had continued from the previous day, Mr. Woodring escaped during a law enforcement shift change, resulting in a nearly week-long manhunt for the suspect throughout Western Michigan.

Shortly after the escape of Mr. Woodring, James Wades (WB8SIW), the Michigan Section Emergency Coordinator / State RACES Officer requested that the Newaygo County Emergency Coordinator establish an intercept operation in the area of Fremont to identify any possible transmissions from the suspect. This request was based on the fact that Mr. Woodring had utilized Amateur Radio frequencies and equipment to communicate with fellow members of the Christian Identity movement. Mr. Woodring was also known to have recruited a number of like-minded individuals into the Amateur Radio Service and may have purchased two-meter FM transceivers for use by fellow members of his organization.

Operators were asked to monitor seldom used frequencies both within and adjacent to the VHF Amateur Radio allocations. An additional announcement was broadcast to Emergency Coordinators and selected RACES personnel throughout Michigan requesting information on any transmission heard from Mr. Woodring.

On Friday, July 11 at 5:18 PM, Mr. Bill Hubbard (WD8MKG) of Holton, Michigan
reported an intercept of communications between Mr. Woodring and another radio amateur located in Fremont, Michigan. This was promptly reported to the SEC shortly thereafter. This information was transmitted verbally to Michigan State Police Operations Desk at 5:39 PM. A follow-up facsimile was
transmitted to MSP Operations from the West Branch MSP Post at approximately
6:20 PM.

MSP Investigators subsequently requested assistance from the Department of Defense and Federal Communications Commission in order to establish radio direction finding capabilities. When help was not forthcoming, a call was placed to the SEC requesting these capabilities through the Amateur Radio Service.

A radio direction finding team was dispatched from Kent County RACES, arriving at the MSP command post shortly thereafter. This team was placed under the supervision of the District 6 Emergency Coordinator, Mr. Tom Vandermel (KB8VEE). Subsequent assistance was obtained from RACES members in Ottawa and Muskegon Counties.

In addition to those resources in the immediate area, a team from Kalamazoo County RACES was placed on standby along with a Civil Air Patrol team from the Mt. Clemens area. These later teams were not utilized due to the distances involved and the fact that adequate staff was available in nearby Counties.

The radio direction finding activities continued until approximately 5 AM on
Sunday, July 13 when Mr. Woodring was located based on a tip from a local resident. He was subsequently shot to death when he leveled an assault rifle at officers and refused to comply with directives.

RACES members provided 494 staff-hours to the operation, most of which were contributed during the 36-hour period when radio direction finding activites
were being conducted. Michigan State Police officials expressed genuine appreciation for the efforts of the Amateur Radio teams. Considerable positive feedback has been received from a variety of senior officers who now have an "expanded" view of Amateur Radio capabilities.

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1724. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-17 04:53:48 UTC
From: Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net>
Message-ID: <3F162BDA.B28E35C3@att.net>
Source record: 71503

Brian wrote:

> Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net> wrote in message
news:<1357hv4tfto3oaqr7ma0tg2svus6f774j0@4ax.com>...
> > On 14 Jul 2003 12:28:05 GMT, Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote:
> >
> > >Did they never hear of the saying 'you'll catch more files with honey than
> > >with vinegar' ?
> >
> > Bingo.
> >
> > 73 DE John, KC2HMZ
>
> DICK probably emulates a different fly bait. I've seen piles of dung
> being buzzed by flies. Lots of flies.

It's easy to imagine Brian/Slim being fascinated by it to the point of observing piles and piles of dung. He seems to like all the flies, too. Birds of a feather?

1725. Re: Why don't Real Hams you face the facts?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-17 05:09:22 UTC
From: Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net>
Message-ID: <3F162F7F.57EEDA60@att.net>
Source record: 71504
Cross-posted to: uk.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.boatanchors,rec.radio.amateur.policy

Leigh wrote:

> "citizensband" <citizensband@ntlworld.com> wrote in
> news:by%Qa.1761$0g3.126929@newsfep1-win.server.ntli.net:
>
> > All the garbage about how you should even be allowed to operate a CB,
> > unless you are able to build your own equipment. Real Hams will never
> > be able to build a rig that even comes close to what's available off
> > the shelf these days.
>
> .....and a true example of home-built radio was heard on 80m CW a week or
> so ago - a Russian with homemade equipment that rasped CW more than broke
> the carrier and was a wide signal.
>
> Sort of knocks the 'build your own' case for Gareth into a cocked hat - not
> easy to work or even work out who or where he was.
>
> Leigh.....

You were probably hearing a keyed parasitic oscillation.

1726. Re: Why don't Real Hams you face the facts?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-17 05:10:47 UTC
From: Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net>
Message-ID: <3F162FD5.BE2F0996@att.net>
Source record: 71505
Cross-posted to: uk.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.boatanchors,rec.radio.amateur.policy

zpk_12wpm wrote:.

>
> that and the tone that starts high and goes low as the dah dah dah
> is sent.

That one usually comes from Cuba

1727. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-17 05:34:14 UTC
From: Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net>
Message-ID: <3F163553.886C5B1@att.net>
Source record: 71507

"Dee D. Flint" wrote:

>
> As stated their purpose is to ADMINISTER ham radio, not necessarily to
> encourage its growth.

In fact, it could well be that FCC nowdays may be, or may become, more interested
in seeing the ARS decline, with corresponding decline in amateur radio interest
in the HF part of the spectrum.

1728. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-17 06:14:01 UTC
From: Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net>
Message-ID: <3F163EA5.C54B32F5@att.net>
Source record: 71508

Brian wrote:

> kelly@dvol.com (Brian Kelly) wrote in message
news:<d22b54c3.0307161251.1c3e5f56@posting.google.com>...
> > "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> wrote in message
news:<naZQa.677$lL.73743@nnrp1.ptd.net>...
> > > "Brian Kelly" <kelly@dvol.com> wrote in message
> > > The "strawman designs" that Gary and I postulated did NOT contemplate
> > > the use of SS across the whole band as an "underlay." The modulation was
> > > completely different, with a fair amount of coding.
> >
> > That's not my recollection at all
>
> For a guy that thought I had his backyard to install antennas in, I'm
> not surprised.
>
> but for absolute certain any type of
> > HF SS would require some bandwidth far in excess of the bandwidths
> > currently permissable under the regs or acceptable by the users of the
> > so-called legacy modes on HF. The inherent bandwidth characteristic of
> > SS has made it destructively non-compatible with the modes currently
> > in use in HF ham bands. Ain't gonna happen in our lifetimes, ham HF SS
> > is a non-sequiter.
>
> Meanwhile other services use spread spectrum and no one is the wiser.
>

You just don't get it do you??

> > > > > all sorts of simulated channel impairments into the system to make
> > copying
> > > > > > as hard as you want ... without having to trash the underlying, reliable
> > > > > > communications system." Still rejected.)
> > > >
> > > > Exactly and none of it flew then and it never will.
> > >
> > > Why? ... if it looks to the user EXACTLY as "traditional Morse" one would
> > > not be able to tell the difference (and therefore should have no logical,
> > > rational
> > > reason for rejecting it).
> >
> > Your term IF is the Achilles heel of your whole argument. We've been
> > down this road, i.e., the problem with logical/rational being the
> > primanry drivers in ham radio. Ham radio is not a commercial service
> > where logic is the driver. The standard issue ham is into ham radio

> > for it's recreational value and the rest flows from there.
>
> Not true. Many NCT's joined up for the public service aspect of the
> service.
>

And for them, the public service aspect of ham radio IS the recreational value.
Hint: they don't get payed!

> You just don't get it, do you?
>

You sure don't seem to!

>
> > > > they're neat electronic ping-pong games but IT AIN'T FRIGGING RADIO.
> > > > Nobody is gonna go play electronic ping-pong so that you and Coffman
> > > > can play band edge to band edge.
> > >
> > > I *was* talking about RADIO ... a system that would communicate over
> > > distances via radio ... just more reliably ... and THEN adding the
> > > impariments
> > > ("challenge") at the receiving end to satisfy those who "like to dig the
> > > weak
> > > ones out of the noise/QRM."
> >
> > Then you better find a like-minded programmer who has extensive
> > real-world actual experience with weak-signal DXing and contesting CW
> > and otherwise to write the code. You sure as hell are not qualified to
> > do that.
>
> So we're back to "It's all about fast CW on HF," aren't we?
>

In the search for authority on the subject of CW, there is no other. But we are
well aware you can't know that.

> > You're snapping around the edges of needing AI to pull off any such
> > code. We all know how easy that is (?!). IBM has a well-funded crew of
> > their comp sci & math geniuses and a mainfarme dedicated to
> > periodically trying to beat one human chess player's brain. And chess
> > is just a two-dimensional board game with rigid rules of play which
> > allows large chunks of time to make the decisions on each move. HF CW
> > contesting in particular has more dimensions than I can even start to
> > count and decsions are routinely made several times a second. Just for
> > openers. How ya gonna do it Carl? A bit of C++ and VB in a ham shack
> > PC? Yeah, right. Not even a decent pipe dream.
>
> Kelley, w/o a dream, where you gonna go??? SOS, different day, that's
> where! And you're happy with that slop? Obviously.
>
> I used to start digital image processing with Landsat multispectral

> images, using a microvax minicomputer, go to lunch or go home, and
> hope it finished when I got back to work. Todays desktops are at
> least that good.
>

BFD, all in ham radio too, of course.

>
> But you wouldn't know because you're trying to rest on your
> rubber-band technology glory days same as most of the beepists of your
> era. Pfft.

You seem to think you've got some corner on such activity. Hams and other hobbyists
(like ol' CW loving me) have been doing WEFAX for a couple decades, at least. Or were,
until the HF
stations went off the air.
Now I just go to a website and bring it up on the screen. Pfft.

ur still a dud.

1729. Re: ARS License Numbers

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-17 06:16:25 UTC
From: Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net>
Message-ID: <3F163F37.261794D3@att.net>
Source record: 71509

"Dee D. Flint" wrote:

> "Vshah101" <vshah101@aol.com> wrote in message
> news:20030716225859.14587.00000071@mb-m04.aol.com...
> >
> > Some Hams will take a day off for a Hamfest that is on Friday and
> Saturday.
> > That takes one day away that could be used for a real vacation day. Just
> go
> > Saturday - you won't miss anything. Also, lets not schedule Hamfests and
> other
> > Ham Radio events during people's free social time, as Hams often do.
> >
> >
>
> That's the only time available to schedule. You can't schedule during work
> time or not enough people will be able to come.

When it comes to ham radio, Vipul has virtually everything bassackwards. I sure
home he isn't so consigned in everything he does, or he's in for serious difficulty
in life.

1730. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-17 06:21:39 UTC
From: Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net>
Message-ID: <3F164070.2BD7A637@att.net>
Source record: 71510

"Carl R. Stevenson" wrote:

> "N2EY" <N2EY@AOL.COM> wrote in message
> news:c2356669.0307161312.4a81237b@posting.google.com...
> > Nope. I've worked AC6XG at least twice, both times on CW. Once was on
> > Field Day (20 CW) and the other on the rrap net on 7037 kHz.
>
> The rrap net on 7030 kHz???
>
> Is that where you PCTAs send "secret messages," safe from the
> prying eyes/ears of the no-coders??? :-)
>
> Sheesh ...

Well ain't this special!!! Carl, should you really want to know what "secrets" the intelligentsia is passing along in their (not so) secret code, all you gotta do it tune in-
and use that skill you claim to have developed way back when...remember, it doesn't go away if you *really* learned it to 12wpm.

1731. Re: ARS License Numbers

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-17 06:25:23 UTC
From: Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net>
Message-ID: <3F164150.DEE99FE1@att.net>
Source record: 71511

"Carl R. Stevenson" wrote:

> eliminating Morse
> testing will help,

Depends on an accurate definition of "help". I seriously doubt any help will accrue from allowing all the freebanding illiterati to migrate down to HF.

1732. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-17 06:54:38 UTC
From: kelly@dvol.com
Message-ID: <d22b54c3.0307162254.5af29ec8@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71512

"Bill Sohl" <billsohl@mindspring.com> wrote in message
news:<bf538t$ka0$1@slb3.atl.mindspring.net>...
> "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net> wrote in message
> news:hT1Ra.10526$Vx2.4587491@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com...
> >
> > "Bill Sohl" <billsohl@mindspring.com> wrote in message
> > news:bf27hj$4ka$1@slb3.atl.mindspring.net...
> > >
> > > Assuming your hypothetical...
> > > IF the non-phone segment is being underused, then
> > > the CW users will likly lose bandwidth. BUT, if the non-phone
> > > segment is just as crowded with users, then there's
> > > no valid argument for phone expansion. The burden
> > > will be on the users of non-phone modes.
> > >
> >
> > Despite the fact that the non-phone segment is not under utilized, the
> phone
> > people are already crying for the non-phone segment. This cry will
> continue
> > to grow. Why should the burden of proof fall on the users of the
> non-phone
> > modes?
> >
> > Dee D. Flint, N8UZE
>
> The above didn't come out as to what I intended. My intent
> was that there is a burden on the non-phone users
> to use the non-phone segments. IF phone users can
> show the FCC that the non-phone segments are
> underutilized, then the non-phone users could lose bandwidth.

The simple reality of the matter is that most of us coders could care
less about what happens above the .100s and it's been that way for
decades. The crunch could come if the HF digitals continue to pick up
users. They have us below them and the phone ops above them. Any
domestic battles over phone bandwidth expansion could very well be
between the digitals and the phone users with the coders as
essentially uninvolved (and snickering) spectators.

I would not want to be in the position of trying to convince the FCC
that phone expansion is justifiable when a move like that would
primarily result in compression of the space used by the digitals.
Given the FCC's thrust to "foster modern spectrum efficient
technolgies" and all that.

The other factor in play here is the glacial rate at which the FCC has expanded the phone bands in the past. In other words doan hold yer breath . .

> Cheers,
> Bill K2UNK

w3rv

1733. Re: Ham Radio In The Post-Code Testing Era

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-17 07:57:29 UTC
From: kelly@dvol.com
Message-ID: <d22b54c3.0307162357.3d41b569@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71513

"Kim W5TIT" <fahgedit@nomail.net> wrote in message
news:<bf2d98$4an@library1.airnews.net>...
> "Dan/W4NTI" <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com> wrote in message
> news:bf1qhjpnn1@slb6.atl.mindspring.net...
> >
> > "Dwight Stewart" <stewart@say.net> wrote in message
> > news:BB3934D0.1ED20%stewart@say.net...
> > > "Kim W5TIT" wrote:
> > > >
> > > > (snip)
> > >
> > >
> > > Kim, I don't know what is going on with your newsgroup messages. Many
> of
> > > your messages are listed as no longer on my server very shortly after
> you
> > > post them (sometimes just one or two hours later). The messages are
> listed
> > > in my message list of this newsgroup, but I get an error ("message no
> longer
> > > on server") when I try to read them. For everyone else, I can read
> messages
> > > they posted many days ago.
> > >
> > > Anyway, just wanted to let you know what is happening in case you post
> a
> > > reply to one of my messages and don't get a response. It's not that I'm
> > > trying to ignore you - I just can't read or reply to your quickly
> > > disappearing messages (I caught and replied to this one before it
> > > disappeared)
> > >
> > >
> > > Dwight Stewart (W5NET)
> > >
> > > http://www.qsl.net/w5net/
> > >
> >
> > I had my witches coven put a curse on her.
> >
> > Dan/W4NTI
> >
> >
>
> That would be witch's...

Uh Oh. There it is. I been wondering when the inevitable girl fight
would happen. Careful here Kim, I think perhaps you're outgunned . .

>
> Kim W5TIT

w3rv

1734. Re: How Ugly Can One Creep Be?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-17 08:24:10 UTC
From: kelly@dvol.com
Message-ID: <d22b54c3.0307170024.476f61f8@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71514

lenover21@aol.com (Len Over 21) wrote in message
news:<20030716204404.04554.00001108@mb-m20.aol.com>...
> In article <sf67hv85kba4u1neidgvk5ak0fvm1qqm9b@4ax.com>, Radio Amateur KC2HMZ
> <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net> writes:
>
> >An astronaut/ham's license is renewable for the life of the
> >astronaut/ham. So is any other ham's license. Once a ham becomes a
> >silent key, responsibility for licensing him or her passes to a higher
> >authority (who is a ham and has just bestowed the ultimate license
> >upgrade to the newly deceased - the privileges are unparallelled, but
> >the licensing requirements are rather steep - although no
> >demonstration of Morse proficiency is required, the written test is
> >reputed to be a real killer). However, the reference to shuttles
> >burning up on reentry was a poor choice of words.
>
> As to your last sentence, John, you would be right only in discounting
> certain individuals in here.
>
> This thread got started by one who is obsessed with throwing any kind
> of garbage at myself for the slightest reason...or as manufactured
> garbage through the use of inference, misdirection, or outright
> malicious quoting out of context.

Of course you would never stoop to any such tatics would you ya PUTZ?

>
> As one who has been IN the aerospace industry and actually worked
> ON spaceflight hardware (including man-rated), I'm in the category of
> ardent fans of the overall effort and certain honor the men and women
> who have been chosen as astronauts...and cosmonauts.
>
> A problem with the ordinary public is that they consider space flight
> "safe," just like a long plane ride. It is most definitely NOT so. Every
> single manned flight is a high-risk activity. That it has appeared safe
> for many successful flights is due largely to thousands of non-astronauts
> who did the engineering, design, fabrication of the vehicles and payloads.
> The public is largely ignorant of them...at best only knowing the ones
> around consoles at the MSFC Mission Control room.
>
> Still, each and every space flight is not without risk today. The tragedy
> of Columbia proved that very unfortunately. Back when Grissom, White,
> and Chaffee lost their lives in a ground capsule test fire for Apollo, I > > was
> working on unmanned space flight payloads...every single one of us in
> the clean room were saddened on hearing of the event. At that same
> facility earlier, some of us saw the unedited film of the Gemini-Agena

> docking flight, the one where a stuck-open manuevering thruster caused
> a high-rate double degree of freedom rolling. Command pilot Neil
> Armstrong managed to shut it down, but not before the roll rate had
> gotten very severe. Armstrong and David Scott could have perished on
> that flight but managed to manuever just enough to splashdown in the
> Pacific well away from the intended landing site.
>
> Five astronauts and one cosmonaut (Yuri Gagarin) died in aircraft
> flights. "Ordinary" air flight is supposed to be safe...but it is not
> without
> risk. Of the seven who died in Challenger (STS-51J), few know the
> names of the major crew. Judith Resnick is honored by the IEEE
> (she was a member) by having her name on an award. It was to be
> Judy's second mission in space...also commander Scobee and
> specialist Onizuka. Challenger never reached outer space, exploding
> a mere 73 seconds after lift-off.

As if any of this is "news".

>
> Before you get involved in castigating someone, consider carefully who
> started this thread and the manner in which it was written. Like tens of
> thousands of others, I honor ALL the names of men and women who
> have gone in space...even those who have joined the space endeavor
> knowing full well what their risks are.

Happy backpedaling PUTZ.

>
> Leonard H. Anderson
> retired (from regular hours) electronic engineer person

Bullshit to the core, you're not an engineer of any flavor, persuasion
or discipline, never were, never will be. What you are is a windbag
bench tech wannabe engineer in an eternal boil looking for relevance
and a recognized expert at sticking both feet in yer great mouth. Ya
pulled it off again. Congratulations PUTZ.

w3rv

1735. Re: The "trained pool of operators" argument - debunked

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-17 09:58:29 UTC
From: wa2si@arrl.net
Message-ID: <b7d1465c.0307170158.3e41e923@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71515

"Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> wrote in message
news:<q8iRa.808$lL.87391@nnrp1.ptd.net>...
> "Ryan, KC8PMX" <kc8pmx@diamondcs.net> wrote in message
> news:bf42ik$991is$8@ID-189073.news.uni-berlin.de...
> > Now let's look at that phrase "pool of trained radio operators" Dee. The
> > vagueness of that can create some issues, such as what type of training???
>
> To clarify any "vagueness" that may exist in some folks' minds ...
>
> ******
> From the FCC's Report and Order in WT Docket No. 98-143:
>
> (at para. 30)
> "We are persuaded that because the amateur service is fundamentally a
> technical service,
> the emphasis on Morse code proficiency as a licensing requirement does not
> comport with
> the basis and purpose of the service. We note, moreover, that the design of
> modern
> communications systems, including personal communication services,
> satellite, fiber optic,
> and high definition television systems, are based on digital communication
> technologies.
> We also note that no communication system has been designed in many years
> that depends
> on hand-keyed telegraphy or the ability to receive messages in Morse code by
> ear. In
> contrast, modern communication systems are designed to be automated systems.
> Given the
> changes that have occurred in communications in the last fifty years, we
> believe that reducing
> the emphasis on telegraphy proficiency as a licensing requirement will allow
> the amateur service
> to, as it has in the past, attract technically inclined persons,
> particularly the youth of our country,
> and encourage them to learn and to prepare themselves in the areas where the
> United States
> needs expertise."
>
> (and at para. 31)
> "
> We also find unconvincing the argument that telegraphy proficiency is one
> way to keep amateur
>

> radio operators ready to be of service in an emergency. In this regard, we
> note that most
>
> emergency communication today is performed using either voice, data, or
> video modes. We
>
> also note that most amateur radio operators who choose to provide emergency
> communication
>
> do so, according to the amateur radio press, using voice or digital modes of
> communication, in
>
> part, because information can be exchanged much faster using these other
> modes of
>
> communication. Further, we note that in traditional emergency services,
> such as police, fire,
>
> and rescue, there is no requirement that emergency service personnel hold
> amateur radio licenses
>
> or any other license that requires telegraphy proficiency. We conclude,
> therefore, that telegraphy
>
> proficiency is not a significant factor in determining an individual's
> ability to provide or be prepared
>
> to provide emergency communications."
>
> ******
>
> So, you can see, in the FCC's own words, in their view, the "trained pool of
> operators"
> thing has essentially nothing to do with Morse, but, rather, with technical
> and operating
> skills in the modes that are PREDOMINANTLY used in comtemporary emergency
> communications.
>
> > Being able to handle message traffic, would be an extremely important
> detail
> > in training IMHO.
>
> Much message traffic is handled via voice or digital modes ... those that
> still
> pass NTS traffic (or emergency traffic, for that matter) in CW almost
> invariably
> do so as a matter of personal preference, NOT out of necessity.
>
> > How many people can formulate a formal messagegram??
> > Even though I am one of those low-life codefree techs, I still can.

>
> So can I ... but I have found that in real-world emergency communications
> there is little demand for formal radiograms ...
>
> Carl - wk3c

Carl,

I'm going to do something that you some might not expect me to do, agree. I think that in the frenzy to defend CW testing, some have tried many different angles. Not that these angles aren't correct wrt CW itself, just not the retention of CW testing. This is where the use of the FCC to defend the dropping of CW testing becomes almost silly...because to be quite honest, the FCC really doesn't care all that much about the ARS anyway and ANYTHING that'll ease the administration over the same is more than welcome. So saying "we don't have to do our homework because daddy says so" doesn't mean that the homework is unimportant, it means that daddy doesn't care.

Sadly, many have lost sight of what this was really all about. Element 1 (Domestically, that is.) Rather than investing some time and effort to satisfy a very basic requirement that is an extremely important part of AR tradition, many chose to cry to daddy that their homework was too hard and presented a "barrier" to their pursuits. Daddy will be more than happy to oblige, for now he won't have to check the homework. So let the rejoicing begin, but to a newcomer who came into the fray unbiased...it appears to be one big celebration of underachievement.

73 de Bert
WA2SI

1736. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-17 10:22:40 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030717062240.04554.00001119@mb-m20.aol.com>
Source record: 71516

In article <IFlRa.829$lL.89373@nnrp1.ptd.net>, "Carl R. Stevenson"
<wk3cqth@wk3c.com> writes:

>"N2EY" <N2EY@AOL.COM> wrote in message
>news:c2356669.0307161312.4a81237b@posting.google.com...
>> Nope. I've worked AC6XG at least twice, both times on CW. Once was on
>> Field Day (20 CW) and the other on the rrap net on 7037 kHz.
>
>The rrap net on 7030 kHz???

No. 7037 kHz. Couple years back.
>
>Is that where you PCTAs send "secret messages," safe from the
>prying eyes/ears of the no-coders??? :-)

Nope. It was all over rrap when we did it. Everyone was invited. That is,
everyone who could legally be on 7037 kHz. Nothing secret about it at all.

If anyone wants to sends "secret messages", there's this thing called email....
>
>Sheesh ...
>
Sounds like you don't approve.

These days I spend more time on 80 meters, down around 3540.

73 de Jim, N2EY

1737. Re: Claudette declared a Hurricane

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-17 11:03:58 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307170303.41052065@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71517

"Arnie Macy" <kt4st@csam.net> wrote in message
news:<bf4nv4$b3a91$1@ID-166180.news.uni-berlin.de>...
> "Brian" wrote ...
>
> Arnie, if you're going to offer this kind of "public service" you might
> want to update it once in a while.
> ---
>
> Brian,
>
> I've updated my site twice a day for every day of the storm since it was a
> tropical depression. I decided to post it to this group because the storm
> was within the 24hr strike zone and the path error was down to about 30%.
> At that point, no great change in predicted direction or speed was going to
> take place. If you took the time to look at the date and time of my post
> and the date and time of the advisory, you would have noticed that it was
> issued at 5 am EDT and I posted it 30 minutes later. (I'd say that's pretty
> timely) The NHC only updates the storm about every seven hours, and even
> though I can download the data directly from the NHC computers at any time,
> they *only* update the map data and advisories that are *new*. That would
> have been around 11 AM (when I was at work) -- The storm hit land within
> that time period, then quickly returned to Tropical Storm status and the NHC
> advisories ended. At that point there wasn't a need to update it further.
> When the next tropical depression forms and is threatening to develop into a
> Tropical Storm, come back to my site and you will see these regular updates
> for the map and advisories about twice a day.
>
> Arnie -
> KT4ST

Arnie, good grief. Leave it to the professionals. bb

1738. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-17 11:09:19 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307170309.26d64203@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71518

Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net> wrote in message news:<3F163EA5.C54B32F5@att.net>...

> You seem to think you've got some corner on such activity. Hams and other hobbyists
> (like ol' CW loving me) have been doing WEFAX for a couple decades, at least. Or were, until the HF
> stations went off the air.
> Now I just go to a website and bring it up on the screen. Pfft.
>
> ur still a dud.

You can still do APT. Those stations aren't off the air, so get to work.

1739. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-17 11:12:03 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307170312.3b10c3ce@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71519

Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net> wrote in message news:<3F161D6F.8AE85623@att.net>...
> Brian wrote:

> > To be honest, I don't think there is any answer that will satisfy you.
> >
> > Brian
>
> At least not a truthful one.

Well then, that's it. Jim isn't satisfied with truthful answers. No
wonder he keeps asking.

1740. Re: Picard vs Kirk, was Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-17 11:14:35 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307170314.35ad26e9@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71520

yodoc@aol.comnospam (Larry Roll K3LT) wrote in message
news:<20030716235152.10078.00000790@mb-m26.aol.com>...
> In article <f45722ac.0307161300.43ffc178@posting.google.com>,
> brianburke@juno.com (Brian) writes:
>
> >> Ah, so it was CQ and not SOS. It's been a long time since I've seen that
> >> episode, or any of the Star Trek original series. I sit corrected --
> mainly on
> >> the porcelin appliance, since I'm "preparing" for a colonoscopy tomorrow
> >> morning!
> >>
> >> 73 de Larry, K3LT
> >
> >I think they'll find what the rest of us already knew. ;^)
> >
> >But seriously, hope it goes well and you check OK.
>
> Brian:
>
> Thanks for the kind words. It did go well. I had an Endoscopy and
> a Colonoscopy at the same time, so they got me from both ends! I
> don't have the results yet, but the examination was routine, as opposed
> to being driven by a specific problem -- at least as far as the Colonoscopy
> was concerned. The Endoscopy was to diaganose the cause of my
> GERD -- or GastroEsophageal Reflux Disease. I've been on Prilosec(R)
> for about 6 years now, and just thought it was about time they took a
> look under the hood to see if the problem can be fixed, rather than just
> having me throw expensive prescription drugs at it for the rest of my
> life.
>
> 73 de Larry, K3LT

Larry, this is starting to sound like HF SSB. I hope your microphone
is still put away.

bb

1741. Re: Ham Radio In The Post-Code Testing Era

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-17 11:16:36 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307170316.1cc6189d@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71521

Dave Heil <k8mn@earthlink.net> wrote in message news:<3F160788.869220DF@earthlink.net>...
> Brian wrote:
> >
> > Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net> wrote in message
>
> > > ...provides an opportunity for ops on six meters. I've observed the
> > > phenomenon before. Your're in New York. You point your beam north and
> > > you start hearing somebody in Florida. You figure you're hearing him
> > > off the back of the beam and turn it south to bring up the signal,
> > > only to have it disappear.
> > >
> > > Much of this activity happens on CW. Voice signals get distorted a lot
> > > due to the effects of all the ionization in the aurora itself.
>
> > John, though 6M is worth mentioning, it isn't HF and these guys don't
> > care. Its all about using fast CW on HF (to them). Brian
>
> How do you manage to be wrong so often, Brian? I worked about forty
> Europeans on 6m this past week. About half of those QSOs were made on
> CW. About half of the CW QSOs were made using relatively slow speeds.
> Those contacts were not made using Aurora. Had they been, all of the
> QSOs would have been made using slow CW.

Were any of them French?

1742. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-17 12:45:41 UTC
From: N2EY@AOL.COM
Message-ID: <c2356669.0307170445.6c17cc6e@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71522

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"Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> wrote in message
news:<QEiRa.812$lL.87627@nnrp1.ptd.net>...
> "N2EY" <N2EY@AOL.COM> wrote in message
> news:c2356669.0307160854.174170e3@posting.google.com...
> > "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> wrote in message
> news:<fFXQa.659$lL.72906@nnrp1.ptd.net>...
> > > "N2EY" <N2EY@AOL.COM> wrote in message
> > > news:c2356669.0307150905.598693d@posting.google.com...
> > > > "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> wrote in message
> news:<AsDQa.521$lL.58870@nnrp1.ptd.net>...
> > > > > "N2EY" <n2ey@aol.com> wrote in message
> > > > > news:20030714142202.02627.00000066@mb-m02.aol.com...
> > > > > > In article <rTxQa.454$lL.55425@nnrp1.ptd.net>, "Carl R. Stevenson"
> > > > > > >there is nothing "magical" about Morse
> > > > > > >and the insistence on using "wetware" instead of software to do
> the
> > > > > > >decoding is an anomaly of ham radio.
> > > > > > >
> > > > > > And you say you're not against the use of the mode, just the test,
> Carl?
> > > > > ;-)
> > > > > >
> > > > > That's correct... I am NOT against the use of the mode.
> > > > >
> > > > Maybe. But the way you write about the mode makes me wonder. For
> > > > example, when you call those who use the mode "beepers" and other
> > > > disparaging names, a different image is projected by you.
> > > >
> > > > Just pointing
> > > > out the fact that there are better modulation/coding techniques than
> OOK
> > > > Morse ...
> > > >
> > > Ah, see, there you go. "Better modulation/coding techniques than OOK
> > > Morse", with no qualifiers as to how they are "better".
> > >
> > OK ... "Better" in terms of weak signal performance, data throughput,
> > and reliability (robustness in the face of channel impariments and lack
> > of operator error in decoding).
> >
> > Does that satisfy you?
> >
> Not really. How about this:
> >
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> > "There exist some 'digital' modes other than OOK Morse which
> > outperform OOK Morse in various performance measures such as (but not
> > limited to) weak signal performance, data throughput, robustness in
> > the face of certain channel impairments, and lack of decoding error,
> > though not necessarily all at the same time.
>
> For some digital modes, I would leave out the "though not necessarily all at
> the same time" qualifier.

Why?
>
> > OOK Morse will outperform
> > all other 'digital' modes now in use in equipment simplicity
>
> So what? Equipment simplicity is a non-starter ...

Not true. Remember that most hams are not electronics professionals
nor do they have lots of resources.

One of the things that used to be a big draw for newcomers was the
"build this radio and listen to the world" sort of project. Still is,
for some. But as the level of complextiy grows, the number of people
who will tackle a project drops rapidly. Particularly as a first or
second project.

How many HF amateur transceivers have you designed, built, and
operated yourself on your own time, Carl? I've done at least three.

And as for repair or modification - the term "mod" has come to mean
"which diode or wire do I snip?" as in that case out in CA.

> with today's
> level of integration, with gates so cheap, there is NO logical
> reason to insist that a 1 transistor TX is "better" than a TX with
> an IC or several ICs in it ...

Nobody is saying that. Just that a CW/Morse station can be much
simpler.

> and the TX is invariably simpler than
> the RX ... the RX for FSK, for example can be as simple as
> one for OOK CW (maybe simpler).

That's just OOK vs. FSK.

> > and
> > adaptability to human operator encoding and decoding by non-visual
> > means.
>
> Again, so what?

Simplicity, enjoyment, and the fact that a person takes their skills
with them wherever they go.

Why learn to play a musical instrument?

> The "human error factor" is, I am quite sure
> larger than the probability of a well-coded digital signal being
> decoded in error ... and many FEC schemes will "flag" a
> decoding error if the coding can't correct it ...

The problem is that all forms of error correction add to the
complexity of a system, and decrease the throughput. Tradeoffs.

> To me, this goes PURELY to the "I like to do it myself." personal
> preference for Morse ... I don't deny anyone's right to choose that
> preference, but I simply don't see it as bolstering some sort of
> "advantage" for Morse.

You're missing a central point of why people become hams and enjoy
amateur radio. Unlike most other radio services, amateur radio is
about radio as an end in itself - radio for its own sake. Direct
experience. To other services, radio is just a means to an end, not
the end in itself. TV folks don't care how their programs are
delivered - cable, satellite, broadcast, wideband - as long as the
audience watches and buys the sponsor's products.

Remember when communications satellites and terrestrial microwave were
all the rage for telephone trunk lines? Now the state of the art is
optical fiber.
>
> > OOK Morse will also outperform some other 'digital' modes in
> > various performance measures such as (but not limited to) weak signal
> > performance, data throughput, robustness in the face of certain
> > channel impairments,
>
> Which ones will it outperform?

Depends on the measure used.

For example, consider 850 shift FSK Baudot RTTY at 60 wpm. Uses a
wider channel than OOK Morse, requires more transmitter power and has
no more error correction than Morse.

Or consider PSK-31 and its susceptibility to phase distortion.

> As has been elaborated, even simple
> BFSK, at the same information transfer rates, has about a 9 dB weak
> signal advantage over OOK Morse (technical fact based in the math
> and physics of modulation theory ...)

That depends on a bunch of factors. For example, what transmitter
power is used? A BFSK transmitter sending, say, 850 shift Baudot has a
100% duty cycle. A Morse transmitter requires at most 40%.

> Additionally, as I have pointed
> out, at the same data rate as, say a 13-20 wpm Morse signal, a human
> operator could learn to decode the FSK tone shifts by ear (some have
> reportedly done it, but I don't have references to examples).

I learned to recognize certain patterns of RTTY when I was at
W3ABT/N3KZ.
>
> > and operator-detected data errors."
>
> I'll put my money on a good FEC system over a human operator
> in bad signal conditions any day ... I've seen HF modems that were
> so robust you could unhook the antenna cable for 20-30 seconds
> and the system would not drop a single character ... that's how much
> coding and interleaving was being employed.

Sure - and that redundancy has a price in overhead and complexity.
Send everything enough times and in enough different ways and it will
get through.

But have you brought those modes to amateur radio?

> And, again, with today's
> level of integration, such a device takes an IC or two ... what's the
> big deal about that?

Takes a lot more than "an IC or two". First there's the radio itself,
then the decoder and encoder, the display system, and all the
software/firmware to make it all work together.

> > IOW, it all depends on what criteria you use for "better". Morse is
> > better for some things, while other 'digital' modes are better for
> > other things. Or perhaps we should say that Morse is better in some
> > way, while other 'digital' modes are better in other ways.

Is that not a true statement?
> >
> > For example, look at PSK-31. Uses very little bandwidth, has some
> > error detection/correction, very good weak-signal performance in the
> > face of Gaussian noise. OTOH, it requires a very stable transmitter
> > and receiver, and is usually implemented by means of a
> > soundcard-equipped PC, greatly increasing equipment power consumption
> > and complexity.
>
> Again, I don't buy the arguments about "complexity" ... because of the
> low cost of high integration and the inherent reliablilty of such gear.

Only when someone else does all the work for you. How much of that
sort of thing have you done as a nonprofessional, on your own time,
with your own money, using only resources readily available to most
hams?

> Power consumption is something that one plans for in one's emergency
> preparedness planning ... all of my gear runs from 12VDC and I have
> substantial batteries (and the means to charge them for a LONG time
> without mains power).

All of which costs substantial money, takes up substantial space, and
is out of the reach of most hams.

> I plan to install a propane powered generator
> here at the house as well, eventually.

Great!

> With the 1000 gallon propane
> tank, and two vehicles as well, I figure I could keep my station batteries,
> the notebook computers, etc. charged for months.

Maybe - IF the tank is full when you start. And if you don't need the
vehicles for other things. And if the emergency doesn't do something
to the tank, which, if I am not mistaken, will be above ground.

But most of us can't have a 1000 gallon propane tank. In fact, the
limit in many areas is the tank on the barbeque grill.

It's great that you have the resources for such things, but most hams
simply don't. Should amateur radio be limited to only those who have
such resources?
>
> > PSK-31 is also susceptible to phase distortion and
> > noise, both in the equipment and the transmission channel. (This is
> > one reason why it is sometimes possible to 'hear' a PSK-31 signal but
> > the decoder cannot decode the received signal).
>
> PSK-31 has some interesting attributes, but, with all due respect to its
> inventor, it is certainly not the "be all and end all" of digital
> communications.
> (nor do I belive the inventor ever intended it to be ...)

Nobody said it was. However, it's a real mode that has been developed,
presented to the amatuer community and gained acceptance because it is
within the reach of many if not most hams.
>
> > Other 'digital' modes have their own strengths and weaknesses.
> >
> > > > > > that does NOT mean that I mind/care/object to others CHOOSING
> > > > > > to use OOK Morse ...
> > > > >
> > > > > Yet you wrote:
> > > > >
> > > > > "there is nothing "magical" about Morse and the insistence on using
> > > > > "wetware" instead of software to do the decoding is an anomaly of ham
> > > > > radio."
> > > >
> > > > There is nothing "magical" about Morse ...
> > >
> > > Sure there is - it's fun for hundreds of thousands of hams all over
> > > the world. But of course that fact alone is no reason to have test for
> > > it.
>
> You're using "magical" like Disneyworld uses it ... as a way of saying
> that something is entertaining, fun, and has its own "draw" for some

> people.

Sure - what's wrong with that? That "magic" is a very big part of what
draws people to become hams. Take away the magic and you might as well
do email or IRC.
>
> I'm talking about "magical" in the sense of "having special powers to
> do things beyond the ordinary."

That, too.

> There is nothing "magical" about Morse
> in that sense.
>
Sure there is! That's what makes it fun!

> > You're missing some of the main motivations of most radio amateurs,
> > Carl - they see radio as fun, as an end in itself, as "magic". That
> > "magic" is not limited to Morse code, of course. But take away the
> > "magic" and you take away the motivation for most hams.
> >
> > Maybe "There is nothing "magical" about Morse" for YOU, but for
> > others, there is.
>
> See above ...

Seems like you just don't get it.
>
> > > with the exception of the
> > > (mis)use of the term "magical" in the nostalgia sense. (That doesn't
> > > mean it's "bad" ... just that it has no magical, mystical properties ...
> > > nor does any other mode, for that matter, it's just a matter of
> physics.)
> >
> > You're missing the motivational forest for the reductionist trees,
> > Carl.
>
> No, I'm being REALISTIC that there is nothing magical (in the
> practical sense) about Morse. (That STILL doesn't mean that
> I have any desire to eliminate its use ... I DON'T. I just want
> it to be viewed for what it really is ... one mode, whose value
> is primarily entertainment/nostalgia and which doesn't deserve
> a separate pass/fail test that keeps one from getting an HF license.

The MODE and the TEST are two separate things, but it seems to me that
you feel compelled to minimize any and all good things about the MODE
because they might constitute an argument to keep the TEST.
>
> [snipped repetitive argments about what constitutes "magic"
> and what doesn't]

I bet you don't play a musical instrument or go to live performances
much.
>
> > > [more on EME when I have something to report ... this summer is
> > > intended for some serious antenna work ... winter should bring some
> > > progress on other projects that work demands have kept me from
> > > longer than I had hoped]
> >
> > OK, fine. Let us know when you have something working. Please note
> > that the challenge is to develop a system that is easy and inexpensive
> > for most hams to implement. For example, it should not take 'serious
> > antenna work' for such a system. A single Yagi or small dish on a
> > polar mount with an inexpensive rotator/indicator is what's needed,
> > with all parts readily available. Just a suggestion if you want the
> > system to ever be widely accepted.
>
> I believe that I have a good grasp of what would be required for
> an EME system to gain widespread use ...

I don't believe that, because your professional experience works
against you. What you see as 'easy', 'practical' and 'low cost' is
beyond the reach of many hams.

> when I spoke of serious
> antenna work above, I was talking about the task of installing at
> least one (and preferably two) tower(s) and multiple antenna systems
> before winter precludes further work (this is going to be hard, based
> on my work travel committments, but I'm REALLY going to work
> hard on getting at least one tower and associated antennas up.

That's good - but such systems should NOT be a part of the "easy EME"
system. A single Yagi or small dish on a polar mount should not need
much of a tower to "see" the moon.
> > >
> > > > > (I am not so hung up on myself that "my way" and "what I've done"
> are
> > > > > the
> > > > > ONLY ways that things can/should be done.)
> > > >
> > > > Sure you are, Carl. For example, you insist that the only correct way
> > > > for the future of amateur radio is without any form of code testing,
> > > > regardless of what the majority wants. That's insisting on "your way".
> > >
> > > 1) I believe I am right. YMMV
> >
> > But you INSIST on your way (no code test of any kind for any amateur
> > license anywhere) as the only way.
> >
> > > 2) I am not at all convinced that "the majority wants" something other
> > > than what I am advocating.
> >
> > Look at the comments to 98-143. The MAJORITY of those who bothered to

> > comment wanted two or more code test speeds, and no "sunset clause".
> > That is very, very different from what you advocate.
> >
> > There hasn't been an effective poll or survey of what the amateur
> > community wants in the code-test area in many, many years. So nobody
> > really knows. But when it mattered, the majority of those who
> > expressed an opinion disagreed with you.
>
> The call was pretty close ...

54% to 46% in favor of at least two code test speeds. This was in spite of the fact that NCI had mounted an effective campaign to get their members to comment in support of "5 wpm and a sunset clause".

> and I am confident that with the
> continuing influx of no-code techs and the large number of
> folks who have been able to upgrade without jumping through
> the unnecessary 13/20 wpm code "hoop," that the tide has
> inevitably swung well in the direction that I advocate.

Mere speculation, nothing more. I read many posts, letters and other communications from hams of all license classes that say they want the code test kept. That includes hams who have not passed a code test.

I recall that some NCI members (at least two of whom were regulars here) resigned after the code test was dropped to 5 wpm because they said they did not want total elimination of the test.

btw, do not be fooled by the apparent large increase in Technicians since restructuring - many of those are Tech Pluses who got Techs upon renewal.

> (But, as I and others have previously said, the decision should
> NOT be based on a popularity contest in the community of
> incumbents,

It's not. Anyone can comment - no license or incumbency required. But the majority who bothered to comment not only wanted code tests, they wanted more than the one speed.

> but should, rather, be based on the sound judgement
> of the FCC as to what's regulatorily necessary and good for the
> future of ham radio.)

So the FCC knows best, huh? This is the same FCC that wants to implement BPL, remember? The same FCC that imposes odd rules about symbol rates on HF digital transmissions in the ham bands, regardless of bandwidth occupied, for no reason I can uncover. The same FCC that gave us incentive licensing, 27 MHz cb, and agreed to that ridiculously light penalty for a false distress signal.

The same FCC that not only thought Techs should have 1500 W power at meat-cooking frequencies, but who also reduced the written testing for

that license from 2 separate tests totalling 65 questions to one test totalling 35 questions. Medium rare, anyone?

They're not infallible, they're just in charge.

73 de Jim, N2EY

1743. Re: How Ugly Can One Creep Be?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-17 12:47:13 UTC
From: k4yz@aol.com
Message-ID: <5c01b95b.0307170447.727e4017@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71523

lenover21@aol.com (Len Over 21) wrote in message
news:<20030716204404.04554.00001108@mb-m20.aol.com>...
> In article <sf67hv85kba4u1neidgvk5ak0fvm1qqm9b@4ax.com>, Radio Amateur KC2HMZ
> <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net> writes:
>
> >An astronaut/ham's license is renewable for the life of the
> >astronaut/ham. So is any other ham's license. Once a ham becomes a
> >silent key, responsibility for licensing him or her passes to a higher
> >authority (who is a ham and has just bestowed the ultimate license
> >upgrade to the newly deceased - the privileges are unparallelled, but
> >the licensing requirements are rather steep - although no
> >demonstration of Morse proficiency is required, the written test is
> >reputed to be a real killer). However, the reference to shuttles
> >burning up on reentry was a poor choice of words.
>
> As to your last sentence, John, you would be right only in discounting
> certain individuals in here.

Nice try at wiggling your way out of the corner you backed
yourself into with that vile and demeaning slur about the Columbia
astronauts.

You only look more disgusting than what you are.

> This thread got started by one who is obsessed with throwing any kind
> of garbage at myself for the slightest reason...or as manufactured
> garbage through the use of inference, misdirection, or outright
> malicious quoting out of context.

"Out of context"...?!?!

No obsession was needed to take offense at your cold-hearted
slash at the Columbia crew.

> As one who has been IN the aerospace industry and actually worked
> ON spaceflight hardware (including man-rated), I'm in the category of
> ardent fans of the overall effort and certain honor the men and women
> who have been chosen as astronauts...and cosmonauts.

Obviously not, or you wouldn't have made such a scurrilous
comment.

> A problem with the ordinary public is that they consider space flight
> "safe," just like a long plane ride. It is most definitely NOT so. Every
> single manned flight is a high-risk activity. That it has appeared safe
> for many successful flights is due largely to thousands of non-astronauts
> who did the engineering, design, fabrication of the vehicles and payloads.

> The public is largely ignorant of them...at best only knowing the ones
> around consoles at the MSFC Mission Control room.

So this makes it OK for Leonard H. Anderson to suggest that dying
on re-entry is OK...

> Still, each and every space flight is not without risk today. The tragedy
> of Columbia proved that very unfortunately. Back when Grissom, White,
> and Chaffee lost their lives in a ground capsule test fire for Apollo, I was
> working...(SNIP)

Yadayadayadayda. None of it believeable.

> Before you get involved in castigating someone, consider carefully who
> started this thread and the manner in which it was written. Like tens of
> thousands of others, I honor ALL the names of men and women who
> have gone in space...even those who have joined the space endeavor
> knowing full well what their risks are.

You "honor" no one save yourself, Lennie. Never have...never
will. If John takes it upon himself to investigate what kind of
person you really are, he'll find out what we already know to be
true...that you are an untrustworthy, documented pathological liar
whose only reason for being here is the promulgation of hate, discord
and deceit.

Steve Robeson

1744. Re: How Ugly Can One Creep Be?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-17 13:02:03 UTC
From: k4yz@aol.com
Message-ID: <5c01b95b.0307170502.53372776@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71524

brianburke@juno.com (Brian) wrote in message
news:<f45722ac.0307162005.1cf51aff@posting.google.com>...
> k4yz@aol.com (Steve Robeson, K4CAP) wrote in message
news:<5c01b95b.0307160448.303d2c5@posting.google.com>...
> > Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net> wrote in message
news:<sf67hv85kba4u1neidgvk5ak0fvm1qqm9b@4ax.com>...

> > > However, the reference to shuttles
> > > burning up on reentry was a poor choice of words.
> >
> > You have to understand the liar behind the postings, John.
>
> The shuttle didn't burn up upon reentry? SOB! Those damned
> media-biased jerks pulled a fast one on us again, huh? Wait till
> Wayne Greene hears about this!!!

I expect some deviant behaviour from you from time to time,
Burke, but ponying up to Lennie's bar on this one really sinks you to
a new low. That you can even REMOTELY defend this creep this time is
beyond belief.

> > Leonard H Anderson is one of the most prolific, hateful, spite-filled
> > pathological liars to ever darken USENET.
>
> Yer Damned Right!
>
> > That he can even consider, let alone publish, the hateful and
> > just plain mean-spirited trash he just let out and then try to
> > "justify" it in some Morse Code related rhetoric is absoulety
> > shameful.
>
> Lies! All Damned Lies! That lowlife SOB. If I ever get my Hands...
>
> > I thought his attempts to embellish his Army "career" record by
> > assosciating himself with Soldiers who died 3 years before he was even
> > sworn in was disgusting.
>
> Some Army units have a history. Patch on the left arm, patch on the
> right arm stuff. You just wouldn't understand being a CAP Bigshot and
> all. Go talk to Kelley, he's got real military experience and all
> that. He'll get you turned around in a hurry.

Yep..they have a history. Lennie has one too...of lying, of
being deceitful, and trying to "polish" is military brass on the
graves of men who died in combat almost three years before he even

made it to boot camp.

And now I guess we can lump you in there too.

> > Lennie puts the "scum" in scumbag, that's for sure.
>
> Scum of the worst kind. Lying and all that about the Shuttle
> tradgedies.

I didn't say he was lying in this case, Brain. I said it's vile
and disgusting that he'd make light of thier deaths.

You are free to prove otherwise, and we'll sit right here while
you provide the quote that proves otherwise.

Of course we'll just add it right in with all the OTHER quotes
you have been encouraged to provide that supposedly disprove what
others say, and have yet to do.

> Jeez Us H !!!
>
> So anyway, Steve, where is NASA hiding the atronauts? I mean, you
> said that awful SOB Len was lying about it, right? They're on
> Ascension Island handing out 40,000+ United Nations QSOs on Raytheon
> HF gear or what? Right?
>
> Riiight?
>
> RIIIIGHT???

From waht orifice are you pulling this stuff, Burke? Hiding
what?

> ------
>
> Steve, get a grip. Go seek counseling. I don't know how to say this,
> so I'll just say it straight up. There really was another space
> shuttle tradgedy. Len wasn't lying. Do a search on the New York
> Times or something. The truth will set you free.

I didn't say he was lying in this regard. I said he's vile and
disgusting for making light of these people's deaths?

Do you think it's funny, Burke? Seven people strapped into a
buring spacecraft? Real hillarious stuff?

If so, you just promoted yourself to Scumbag Second Class.
Lennie is first. Probably the only thing he HAS been "first" in.

> 73, Brian
>
> (Len, sorry to defame you in the above "Tuff Love" series. It was
> beyond necessary - he needs more help than I can provide, but I
> tried.)

You could have tried harder by getting your facts and attributions correct, Brian, but we all know you have a hard time doing that. Seems getting things right has been a life-long problem for you.

Considering your running mate, it's no wonder.

Steve, K4YZ

1745. Re: ARS License Numbers

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-17 13:14:57 UTC
From: k4yz@aol.com
Message-ID: <5c01b95b.0307170514.2fa26a71@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71525

vshah101@aol.com (Vshah101) wrote in message
news:<20030716225859.14587.00000071@mb-m04.aol.com>...
> From: "Carl R. Stevenson" wk3cqth@wk3c.com
>
> >Still slower growth than desirable by a long shot ...
>
> I'd like to get some of my friends licensed and use it for utility purposes.
> Other than that, what does it matter about ARS license numbers?
>
> >eliminating Morse testing will help
>
> No, it won't. The entry-level license is already code free. Eliminating Morse
> testing will not cause more people to want to join.

Another back-peddling "engineer".

Just a month ago he was adamandt that the code had to go to get
people in...

> I hate to say this, but vanity helps. Better to appeal to selfish motives than
> selfless motives. The emergency communicator, the public service aspect - What
> young person wants that?

Then get your $14.50 out...KV1PPY and KV1PUL are still available.

> When they call contesting competition, it offends the normal sensibilities.

BBWWWHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHA....
! ! ! !

Calling "contesting" competition is offensive..?!?!

You have teams of Amateurs trying to beat other teams scores...

What's different about that than say...a chessmaster trying to
outscore HIS opponent? Or watching the Cowboys run over the Rams? Or
a poker player hoping his two of a kind beats what the other guy is
holding...?!?!

> Making short QSOs (oops, I used a codeword) and counting contacts. Contesting
> is competitive in a way, but its just one way. To exclude several kinds of
> competition for contesting just isn't right. It means that competition isn't
> the real motive. That's just a rationalization.

What an idiot.

> Real competition is expanding one's limitations. It includes radio direction
> finding, APRS, mobile operation, tuning, troubleshooting, real emergency

> preparedness.

You don't "expand" limitations, Vippy...you exceed them, you
overcome them, you....

Oh wait...this is YOU we are talking about...Yes, I guess YOU do
"expand" your limitations...

> And don't forget the social aspect.
>
> Contesting is really boring too. It's human nature not to like boring
> activities.

Yeah...that's why there are more and more "bored" people every
year on the air...Sure is depressing to hear all those "bored" people
on those weekends, isn't it? Especially when YOU can't get in there
and be bored right along with them...

Somewhere in all of that was a point to be made, but I'll be
danged if I know what he was trying to get at...

Steve, K4YZ

1746. Re: ARS License Numbers

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-17 13:38:55 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu>
Message-ID: <3F16A6EF.8040401@psu.edu>
Source record: 71526

Dick Carroll wrote:
>
> "Dee D. Flint" wrote:
>
>
>>"Vshah101" <vshah101@aol.com> wrote in message
>>news:20030716225859.14587.00000071@mb-m04.aol.com...
>>
>>>>Some Hams will take a day off for a Hamfest that is on Friday and
>>
>>Saturday.
>>
>>>>That takes one day away that could be used for a real vacation day. Just
>>
>>go
>>
>>>>Saturday - you won't miss anything. Also, lets not schedule Hamfests and
>>
>>other
>>
>>>>Ham Radio events during people's free social time, as Hams often do.
>>>
>>>
>>
>>That's the only time available to schedule. You can't schedule during work
>>time or not enough people will be able to come.
>
>
> When it comes to ham radio, Vipul has virtually everything bassackwards. I sure
> home he isn't so consigned in everything he does, or he's in for serious difficulty
> in life.
>

He be a troll. I can't imagine anyone really thinks like that.

- Mike KB3EIA -

1747. Re: Marconi site

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-17 13:47:02 UTC
From: kf6vyh@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030717094702.24239.00000116@mb-m16.aol.com>
Source record: 71527

Here is a news flash, National Park service and Landmarks. In Ca. unless the land mark is made by some thing with fours legs they do not care.

1748. Re: Why don't Real Hams you face the facts?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-17 14:31:40 UTC
From: kludge@panix.com
Message-ID: <bf6c0c$n5a$1@panix2.panix.com>
Source record: 71528
Cross-posted to: uk.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.boatanchors,rec.radio.amateur.policy

Jim Hampton <aa2qa@frontiernet.net> wrote:
>Sheesh! 1 GHz with a 10 bit binary counter. Only $350.00 each in quantities
>of 1000. Someone care to loan me over 1/3 of a million? Seriously,
>however, there are affordable AMD devices but they appear to be in the 50
>MHz to under 200 MHz range.

I could do that. Generate a 50-80 Mhz sine wave, then put it into a mixer with a 50 Hz crystal oscillator and turn it into a DC-30 Mhz signal. I think I could even get a brickwall high pass at 30 MHz so the whole thing would be broadband with no tuning.

Of course, you'd lose some stability in the process from those extra stages, but probably not enough to be a big issue.

Oh, and for 10M FM, of course, I could modulate the local oscillator.
--scott
--
"C'est un Nagra. C'est suisse, et tres, tres precis."

1749. Re: Why don't Real Hams you face the facts?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-17 14:33:21 UTC
From: kludge@panix.com
Message-ID: <bf6c3h$oe2$1@panix2.panix.com>
Source record: 71529
Cross-posted to: uk.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.boatanchors,rec.radio.amateur.policy

In article <3F162F7F.57EEDA60@att.net>, Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net> wrote:
>
>
>Leigh wrote:
>
>> "citizensband" <citizensband@ntlworld.com> wrote in
>> news:by%Qa.1761$0g3.126929@newsfep1-win.server.ntli.net:
>>
>> > All the garbage about how you should even be allowed to operate a CB,
>> > unless you are able to build your own equipment. Real Hams will never
>> > be able to build a rig that even comes close to what's available off
>> > the shelf these days.
>>
>> .....and a true example of home-built radio was heard on 80m CW a week or
>> so ago - a Russian with homemade equipment that rasped CW more than broke
>> the carrier and was a wide signal.
>>
>> Sort of knocks the 'build your own' case for Gareth into a cocked hat - not
>> easy to work or even work out who or where he was.
>
>You were probably hearing a keyed parasitic oscillation.

Yup. I am sorry to report that my first homebrew rig did the same thing
too.

Some of the eastern european folks I know are still rockbound, and some of
them are cutting their own crystals. This is a recipe for parasitics, or
at least it was when I tried doing it in high school.
--scott
--
"C'est un Nagra. C'est suisse, et tres, tres precis."

1750. Re: Ham Radio In The Post-Code Testing Era

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-17 14:48:07 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com>
Message-ID: <HGyRa.879$lL.98195@nnrp1.ptd.net>
Source record: 71530

"Larry Roll K3LT" <yodoc@aol.comnospam> wrote in message
news:20030716235154.10078.00000793@mb-m26.aol.com...
> In article <CscRa.767$lL.84290@nnrp1.ptd.net>, "Carl R. Stevenson"
> <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> writes:
>
> >
> >Larry ... you admit that you wouldn't have learned Morse if you had not
been
> >(effectively) forced to ... you happened to decide that you liked it
> >afterwards.
> >Many folks that have followed the same path NEVER liked Morse and put
> >the key in the drawer (or sold it, or gave it away) after passing the
Morse
> >test to get the privs they REALLY wanted, never to use Morse again.
>
> Carl:
>
> That's right. They did. And a lot of them kept the key on the top of the
> operating table and continued to use it. Now, in the absence of a code
> testing requirement as part of the licensing procedure, how many new hams
> will even bother to own a telegraph key?

Frankly, I don't care one iota ... I see that as a totally unimportant issue
in
the grand scheme of things ... it is up to Morse enthusiasts to recruit new
Morse ops ... and talking down to those who are not interested will not help
that cause.
> >Could *I* become proficient at 20 wpm ... certainly, with enough use and
> >practice. Do I *care* to? The answer is obviously "No."
>
> Well, at least you were exposed to the code and learned it well enough to
> make that choice from a vantage point of actual personal experience. In
the
> future, a lot of hams who may have decided to become active CW users will
> no longer get that opportunity, due to the elimination of the code testing
> requirement.

Again, it's up to the current crop of Morse enthusiasts to do any
recruiting.

> >There is essentially nothing that could make me interested in becoming "a
> >regular CW operator with 20 wpm proficiency."
> >
> >Does this make me a "lesser/2nd class ham?"
>

> Since you tried it and gave it a fair evaluation, I'd have to say that it
does
> not. Again, future hams will not have had your experience. That is the
> difference. Not having "been there, done that" disqualifies them from
> making any judgment on the "code" issue whatsoever.

I don't buy that argument ... folks can be intelligent enough that, with
a modest exposure to Morse through personal contact with other hams,
seeing others using the mode, etc., they can make a choice as to whether
they are interested in purusing the mode or not.

Carl - wk3c

1751. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-17 14:54:50 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu>
Message-ID: <3F16B8BA.5020609@psu.edu>
Source record: 71531

N2EY wrote:
> "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> wrote in message
news:<AsDQa.521$lL.58870@nnrp1.ptd.net>...
>
>>"N2EY" <n2ey@aol.com> wrote in message
>>news:20030714142202.02627.00000066@mb-m02.aol.com...
>>
>>>In article <rTxQa.454$lL.55425@nnrp1.ptd.net>, "Carl R. Stevenson"
>>>
>>>>there is nothing "magical" about Morse
>>>>and the insistence on using "wetware" instead of software to do the
>>>>decoding is an anomaly of ham radio.
>>>
>>>And you say you're not against the use of the mode, just the test, Carl?
>>
>>;-)
>>
>>That's correct... I am NOT against the use of the mode.
>
>
> Maybe. But the way you write about the mode makes me wonder. For
> example, when you call those who use the mode "beepers" and other
> disparaging names, a different image is projected by you.
>
>
>>Just pointing
>>out the fact that there are better modulation/coding techniques than OOK
>>Morse ...
>
>
> Ah, see, there you go. "Better modulation/coding techniques than OOK
> Morse", with no qualifiers as to how they are "better".
>
> It's like saying that French is a "better" language than English, or
> that football is a "better" sport than baseball. Many English speakers
> and baseball fans are going to see such things as put-downs. Even if
> you don't mean them to be.
>
>
>>that does NOT mean that I mind/care/object to others CHOOSING
>>to use OOK Morse ...
>
>
> Yet you wrote:

>
> "there is nothing "magical" about Morse and the insistence on using
> "wetware" instead of software to do the decoding is an anomaly of ham
> radio."
>
> and
>
> "This "do it the hard way, rather than the smart way" approach to
> things
> that is held by so many hams leads to stagation, backwardness, etc."
>
> and
>
> "can be done, with proper modulation and coding"
>
> "How ridiculous!!!!!!!"
>
> All in reference to some other hams' choice of Morse for EME work. On
> frequencies for which there hasn't been a Morse test for over a dozen
> years.
>
>
>>DON'T rely on cobbling together a Morse rig
>
>>from scraps and running it from a generator powered by a hamster
> running
>
>>on a wheel.
>
>
>>only that I am disseminating some facts that the more
>>"hard-core" Morse enthusiasts don't like disseminated because they fly in
>>the face of the "Morse Myths" (like "Morse will get through were nothing
>>else will.")
>
>
> There you go again. I'm about as hard-core a Morse enthusiast as you
> will ever come across, yet have you ever seen me write "Morse will get
> through were nothing else will" ? I don't think so.
>
> What you may have seen me write is something like is "Sometimes Morse
> will get through when nothing else available will" or "Sometimes Morse
> will get through when analog voice modes won't" and other true
> statements.
>
>
>>>>This "do it the hard way, rather than the smart way" approach to things
>>>>that is held by so many hams leads to stagation, backwardness, etc.
>>>
>>>And you say you're not against the use of the mode, just the test, Carl?

>>
>>;-)
>>
>>See above ...
>
>
> Yes. When you describe someone's choise of mode as "the hard way" and
> "ridiculous!!!!!", it becomes difficult to accept that you don't
> "mind/care/object to others CHOOSING to use OOK Morse ..."
>
>>>>For example, EME can be done, with proper modulation and coding
>>>>with much less power/antenna gain than with OOK Morse ...
>>>
>>>Have you actually DONE it, Carl? Not just a paper design - an actual
>>>station, and actual QSOs?
>>
>>No, I personally haven't ... yet ... I've been working on other things. But
>>the fact that *I* haven't personally done it yet doesn't mean it's not
>>factual.
>
>
> Yet you ridicule those who do it other ways. You say it can be done
> "better", but you haven't done it, which doesn't do much for your
> credibility among other hams, nor convince them of the rightness of
> your methods.
>
> The way to make your point is NOT to put down the "traditionalists",
> but to lead the way by actually doing what you say is possible.
> Imagine two stations with <100 watts output and single Yagis
> conducting reliable EME. Imagine EME WAS between such stations.
> Imagine articles in QST, QEX and other ham publications describing how
> it's done and what great fun it is.
>
> It's the difference between a positive attitude and a negative one.
>
>
>>(I am not so hung up on myself that "my way" and "what I've done" are the
>>ONLY ways that things can/should be done.)
>
>
> Sure you are, Carl. For example, you insist that the only correct way
> for the future of amateur radio is without any form of code testing,
> regardless of what the majority wants. That's insisting on "your way".
>
> As far as "what you've done", it's important to realize that most
> people aren't going to want to spend their time and money doing
> something the way you suggest
> when you haven't done it yourself, *and* you call the way they do it
> "ridiculous!!!!!".
>

>>>Why does it bother you if some unnamed folks don't see things your way? If
>>>you can do "better", go ahead.
>>
>>What "bothers me" is that some folks deny the fact that there ARE better
>>ways than OOK Morse (apparently in an attempt to bolster their "real ham"
>>and "everyone MUST know Morse" viewpoints)
>
>
> That's because your statement is too general. You don't define what
> you mean by "better" in any way. And you don't seem to accept that
> Morse is better in some ways, while other modes are better in other
> ways.
>
> If you can do "better", go ahead. Define how your way is "better",
> then go do it. Otherwise it sounds like "don't do what I do, do what I
> say"...
>
> That's how things change in amateur radio - somebody actually goes out
> and does
> it, and shows the way.
>
> Build and publicize a system that will let hams work EME inexpensively
> with
> small antennas, low power and easily-duplicated equipment/software.
> Pretty soon
> those unnamed "traditionalists" will be completely outnumbered.
>
> Do it, write it up and submit it to QST, QEX, CQ, Worldradio,
> etc. They will love it. Look at the amount of ink PSK-31 has gotten.
>
> But somebody (G3PLX) had to actually make it work, first. Did he go
> around saying Morse and Baudot and ASCII RTTY were "ridiculous"? I
> don't think so.
>
> 73 de Jim, N2EY

Well done post Jim!

Carl, like it or not, your intense dislike of Morse code stands out
like a sore thumb, obvious to me and others.

Which is why, your protestations to the contrary, I believe you wish at
the *very* least, the complete marginalization of Morse code use.

- Mike KB3EIA -

1752. Re: ARS License Numbers

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-17 15:09:29 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com>
Message-ID: <J_yRa.882$IL.98294@nnrp1.ptd.net>
Source record: 71532

"Vshah101" <vshah101@aol.com> wrote in message
news:20030716225859.14587.00000071@mb-m04.aol.com...
> From: "Carl R. Stevenson" wk3cqth@wk3c.com
>
> >Still slower growth than desirable by a long shot ...
>
> I'd like to get some of my friends licensed and use it for utility
purposes.
> Other than that, what does it matter about ARS license numbers?

Numbers = use of our spectrum = justification for keeping what we have
(and maybe getting a bit more in the future)

Numbers = political influence (also necessary to protect our spectrum)

Numbers (of younger hams) = hams that will survive longer into the
future ... with today's demographic, the sad reality is that a large
percentage of current hams will be SK in the next 10-20 years, resulting
in a major drop in our numbers unless we make ham radio more attractive
and interesting to the younger generation. To do that, we can't force the
PC/internet generation to cling to/embrace some "traditions" (such as Morse)
in which the "older generation" iks so deeply invested (in an emotional
sense).

>
> >eliminating Morse testing will help
>
> No, it won't. The entry-level license is already code free. Eliminating
Morse
> testing will not cause more people to want to join.

Many folks are interested in HF access as part of their "portfolio" of
capabilities ... the entry level license currently precludes them from
HF use ... that is a major disincentive to many.

Carl - wk3c

1753. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-17 15:22:40 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu>
Message-ID: <3F16BF40.1060707@psu.edu>
Source record: 71533

Carl R. Stevenson wrote:
> "Mike Coslo" <mcoslo@adelphia.net> wrote in message
> news:3F14BD58.3020407@adelphia.net...
>
>>Bill Sohl wrote:
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>>
>>>Assuming your hypothetical...
>>>IF the non-phone segment is being underused, then
>>>the CW users will likly lose bandwidth. BUT, if the non-phone
>>>segment is just as crowded with users, then there's
>>>no valid argument for phone expansion. The burden
>>>will be on the users of non-phone modes.
>>
>>
>>And right there you have it!
>>
>>- Mike KB3EIA -
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> Mike,
>
> Don't read Bill's comments above as "NCI Policy" or "NCI Goals/Agenda" ...
> that's
> simply not the case.
>
> Bill's just stating the obvious. (And since what CW fans refer to as "the
> CW
> bands" are actually the "non-SSB/phone, CW/narrowband digital modes bands,"
> the occupancy thereof that Bill refers to need not be solely CW users, but
> users
> of other digital modes as well.
>
> Collectively, they (CW and digital users) need to "use it or lose it" in a
> long-term,
> practical sense (even ARRL says "use it or lose it" ... see Dave Sumner's
> recent
> column on the new channels near 5 MHz). That, I am sure, is what Bill meant
> when he said "The burden will be on the users of non-phone modes."

There are many ways to get rid of something you don't like.

I see this a similar to blocking off the inlet to a lake, and watching
the fish die as it dries up.

Since Morse does take some effort to learn, there is no doubt that
less people will take the effort. There will most likely not be enough
new beepers to replace the old ones.

But you knew that already!

> HOWEVER, phone band expansion is NOT an NCI agenda ... the ARRL has,
> though, asked the FCC in the past to expand the phone bands by "refarming"
> the Novice bands ... and, if the FCC were to see that roughly half of our HF
> bands were grossly underutilized, they might, of their own volition, decide
> to
> do some "refarming" in the form of phone band expansion.
>
> As I have said over and over, I would NOT favor/support phone band expansion
> at the expense of the CW/digital portions of the bands.

But it isn't all about *you*

- Mike KB3EIA -

1754. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-17 15:24:03 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu>
Message-ID: <3F16BF93.2050707@psu.edu>
Source record: 71540

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Alun Palmer wrote:
> "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> wrote in
> news:fDcRa.768$lL.84480@nnrp1.ptd.net:
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>
>>"Mike Coslo" <mcoslo@adelphia.net> wrote in message
>>news:3F14BD58.3020407@adelphia.net...
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>>of other digital modes as well.
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>>column on the new channels near 5 MHz). That, I am sure, is what Bill
>>meant when he said "The burden will be on the users of non-phone
>>modes."
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>>roughly half of our HF bands were grossly underutilized, they might, of
>>their own volition, decide to
>>do some "refarming" in the form of phone band expansion.
>>
>>As I have said over and over, I would NOT favor/support phone band
>>expansion at the expense of the CW/digital portions of the bands.
>>
>>Carl - wk3c
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> I would, though, but I have no connection with NCI
>
> Bringing the phone subbands in line with other countries in Region 2 would
> be sufficient

HAR! Funny I should come across this post immediately after telling
Carl that the whole thing isn't just about him.

There ya go!

- mike KB3EIA -

1755. Re: Code a Deterrent to a Ham Ticket ??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-17 15:28:01 UTC
From: Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
Message-ID: <cuvyxnansvbet.hi58ykb.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 71534

On 15 Jul 2003 15:07:34 GMT, Alun Palmer wrote:

>>>And learning history in an EE degree somehow helped you to do that???
>>
>> It taught me to think. It taught me that we live in a culture, not
>> on a circuit board.
>
>That hardly needs formal education. Besides, didn't you do history in high
>school?

And Middle School. And elementary school. All on different levels.
>
>> It taught me not appear as an ignoramus before
>> non-technical folk.
>
>Aha, so it's useful in cocktail parties!

And dealing with relatives, friends, and neighbors as well as
strangers in the many non-technical nexii of our lives.

>> I can almost say the same for my law school (doctorate level)
>
>It used to be an LLB, as I'm sure you know.

It may be that way in Europe and the UK, but there haven't been any
accredited LLB programs in the US for decades. My degree is a JD
(Juris Doctor) - the equivalent of an MD.

Oh yes, I forget - in the UK they adress dentists and surgeons as
"Mister". We do things differently here in the Former Colonies.

>> education. Some of the courses seemed like a waste of time....but
>> in practice I find that the background that I got from the
>> "unnecessary" specialty courses was really necessary for the proper
>> practice of my legal specialty.
>
>I reckon you must be a patent attorney, Phil. If so, that is a major
>understatement. I'm a patent agent, BTW.

You reckon incorrectly. Although I am eligible for same, I have
never had any reason to take the exam for patent attorney.

I've made it quite clear in my postings that my specialty is
communication regulatory law - 29 years with the gov'mint and 8
years in private practice (plus 10 years of private practice in
engineering).

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73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane

1756. Re: Code a Deterrent to a Ham Ticket ??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-17 15:28:02 UTC
From: Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
Message-ID: <cuvyxnansvbet.hi59gwc.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 71535

On 16 Jul 2003 02:56:19 GMT, Alun Palmer wrote:

>> I'll believe that when the U.K approach to technical professional
>> education programs is better that the U.S. approaches when U.K.
>> technological leadership comes even close to the U.S. on a per capita
>> or on any other basis.
>>
>Brian, I can't even understand that sentence. Can you try again?

It's a test of "spot and ignore the typo". Took me one reading.

You failed.

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73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane

1757. Re: Code a Deterrent to a Ham Ticket ??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-17 15:28:03 UTC
From: Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
Message-ID: <cuvyxnansvbet.hi59pbd.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 71536

On 16 Jul 2003 03:04:30 GMT, Alun Palmer wrote:

>> Alun, what a curious statement. What does being Indian and British,
>> and not American, that allows you to have some views in common?
>>
>Well who do you think ruled India during the Raj? I'm not proud of it, but
>it does give us a certain common heritage.

Yes - it makes each of you want to be the other. Just like an Oreo
cookie.

--
73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane

1758. Re: Code a Deterrent to a Ham Ticket ??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-17 15:28:04 UTC
From: Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
Message-ID: <cuvyxnansvbet.hi59uaf.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 71537

On 16 Jul 2003 05:23:30 -0700, Brian wrote:

>> Well who do you think ruled India during the Raj? I'm not proud of it, but
>> it does give us a certain common heritage.
>
>Who do you think may have rules America prior to our independance?

According to a colleague of mine, the Cherokees.

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73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane

1759. Re: Code a Deterrent to a Ham Ticket ??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-17 15:28:04 UTC
From: Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
Message-ID: <cuvyxnansvbet.hi59sbe.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 71539

On 16 Jul 2003 03:06:13 GMT, Alun Palmer wrote:

>Well, here's an idea. Should you find later that you need to learn about
>something, have you ever heard of books? I find them very useful.

How long does one have to read the book to learn how to play the
piano?

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73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane

1760. Re: Code a Deterrent to a Ham Ticket ??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-17 15:28:05 UTC
From: Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
Message-ID: <cuvyxnansvbet.hi5bgsg.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 71538

On 16 Jul 2003 14:28:18 GMT, Alun Palmer wrote:

>I had to read it a few times. I think the reason for poor performance in
>UK engineering has nothing to do with the quality of UK engineers and
>everything to do with the culture of UK companies, in which the engineers
>are not in charge, but instead the accountants are.

If you don't think that that is the case "over here" too, you have
not been paying attention to how Corporate America is being run.

>And this is not
>because we don't study business subjects (we do), or because we don't do
>English or History or 'Western Civilisation' in college (the accountants
>don't either).

In other words, your "professional education" is basically trade school
programs.

What a waste.

>As I understand it (and I freely admit there are gaps in my knowledge of
>your system), you can get a 4-year degree over here with 120 (?) semester-
>hours of credit, and maybe only half of it has to be in your major (?).
>When I sat down and tried to calculate it (from old timetables, since
>there are no hours on my transcript, only grades) my 3-year UK degree
>included about 150 semester-hours of classroom time, of which about 120
>semester hours was in engineering subjects, the rest being things like
>economics, finance, mathematics, etc.

IIRC my BEE degree was more like 180 hours (4 years of 20-credit
semesters plus one summer of Surveying -- did you take that by any
chance? It came in real handy when I built my first house and when
I studied Real Estate Law in law school and when I discuss or plot
radio path and contour calculations or directional antenna patterns
with clients or even map-reading and "orienteering" with non-technical
hiking friends and relatives.

No chemistry in an engineering program? This is not the same as a
Literature or Cultural Humasnitiers course. This is basic science.

In an EE program we took a year of chemistry (class and lab), two
years of physics, one year of advanced math, and assorted courses in
non-EE engineering subjects such as thermodynamics, mechanics of
materials, atomic physics, and surveying, plus our rigorous EE power
and electronics courses.

That was 50 years ago. Now they require a lot more of "non-EE"
stuff such as environmental engineering and medical engineering
The school has acquired a reputation for application research in
those fields.

Otherwise one is not a rell-educated engineer - one is a geek with a
degree.

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73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane

1761. Re: Ham Radio In The Post-Code Testing Era

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-17 15:42:45 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu>
Message-ID: <3F16C3F5.2000503@psu.edu>
Source record: 71543

Dan/W4NTI wrote:

>
> Not so in Alabama....we talk with a slur and a drawl. Something you Texans
> can't quite get...you know with all that blue coat activity during the war
> for Southern independence...hi.

Har! Reminds me of when I worked in the field for a cable tv mfgr. The cable construction guy I worked with was from Talladega. When we met, we spent most of our time wondering just what the hell the other guy said.

Deep, deep south drawl and whatever they speak in the middle of Pennsylvania is a deadly combination, especially when after a summer of 12 hour days working with each other, we started to sound alike.

- Mike KB3EIA -

1762. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-17 15:45:08 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu>
Message-ID: <3F16C484.7030902@psu.edu>
Source record: 71544

Dee D. Flint wrote:
> "Radio Amateur KC2HMZ" <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net> wrote in message
> news:fe27hv84fi5q5jmdvrorscbv4uh8f3k1f6@4ax.com...
>
>>On 14 Jul 2003 07:33:28 GMT, yodoc@aol.comnospam (Larry Roll K3LT)
>>wrote:
>>
>>[snip] Lemme try again: At one point in history, humanity's most
>>learned scholars had it proven to their satisfaction that the Earth
>>was the center of the universe. That is, until Copernicus came along.
>>
>>73 DE John, KC2HMZ
>>
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>
> Copernicus still thought the earth was the center of the universe and he
> came up with an elaborate mathematical system to explain the apparent motion
> of the planets in the sky including the "retrograde" motion.
>
> It was Galileo who showed that the earth was not the center when he spotted
> the moons of Jupiter and determined that they orbited that body and not the
> Earth.

And paid dearly for it! Amazing it was only a few years ago the church
admitted error...

- Mike KB3EIA -

1763. Re: The "trained pool of operators" argument - debunked

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-17 15:45:42 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com>
Message-ID: <GwzRa.889$lL.98584@nnrp1.ptd.net>
Source record: 71541

"Bert Craig" <wa2si@arrl.net> wrote in message
news:b7d1465c.0307170158.3e41e923@posting.google.com...
>
> Carl,
>
> I'm going to do something that you some might not expect me to do,
> agree. I think that in the frenzy to defend CW testing, some have
> tried many different angles. Not that these angles aren't correct wrt
> CW itself, just not the retention of CW testing. This is where the use
> of the FCC to defend the dropping of CW testing becomes almost
> silly...because to be quite honest, the FCC really doesn't care all
> that much about the ARS anyway and ANYTHING that'll ease the
> administration over the same is more than welcome. So saying "we don't
> have to do our homework because daddy says so" doesn't mean that the
> homework is unimportant, it means that daddy doesn't care.

I don't agree with the analogy ... the FCC *does* care about the
Amateur Radio Service ... they just don't belive that requiring Morse
tests serves any legitimate regulatory purpose any more (other than
complying with requirements in the ITU Radio Regs that require(d)
Morse tests for folks whose licenses granted privs in the bands
below 30 MHz ... a requirement that has ceased to exist as of
July 05, 2003 ...) (Read the quotes from their R&O again ... it's
quite clear.)

> Sadly, many have lost sight of what this was really all about. Element
> 1 (Domestically, that is.) Rather than investing some time and effort
> to satisfy a very basic requirement that is an extremely important
> part of AR tradition,

"Some time and effort" can vary widely across the spectrum of
individuals ... for some it can be easy, for others it's nearly impossible.
Just as some folks can't "carry a tune in a bucket" with respect to
singing ability, Morse involves a "mode-specific aptitude" that folks
possess (or don't) in widely varying degrees.

I really wish that folks would stop trying to lean on "tradition" ...
maintaining "tradition" is NOT a legitimate regulatory goal that
should drive the requirements for licensing, plain and simple.

As to how "important" Morse is ... YMMV ... to some it is
the "be all and end all" of ham radio ... to others it is of no
importance whatsoever ... from the FCC's decisions, it's
clear that, while there was a time when Morse was important,
that time ended long ago and the FCC no longer views Morse
as important in terms of licensing requirements.

Those who believe that Morse testing should remain a requirement forever will, for the most part, probably never change their minds, but they are increasingly becoming a minority. Furthermore, their view, based more on "tradition" and "emotional attachment" thereto, is not relevant in terms of what the license requirements should reasonably be.

Carl - wk3c

1764. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-17 15:47:38 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu>
Message-ID: <3F16C51A.2070501@psu.edu>
Source record: 71545

Brian wrote:
> Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote in message
news:<Xns93BA673229F3Eelektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>...
>
>
>>Bringing the phone subbands in line with other countries in Region 2 would
>>be sufficient
>
>
> Can't we all just get along?

Quiet Rodney! ;^)

- Mike KB3EIA -

1765. Re: ARS License Numbers

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-17 15:50:06 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com>
Message-ID: <OAzRa.890$IL.98586@nnrp1.ptd.net>
Source record: 71542

"Dick Carroll" <dickc58@att.net> wrote in message
news:3F164150.DEE99FE1@att.net...
>
>
> "Carl R. Stevenson" wrote:
>
> > eliminating Morse
> > testing will help,
>
> Depends on an accurate definition of "help". I seriously doubt any help
will accrue
> from allowing all the freebanding illiterati to migrate down to HF.
>

That's a bogus argument ... since the "freebanders" operate without any
regard for the law, why would the allow a Morse test requirement to
dissuade them ... they have no licenses to operate any way (and don't
care to get them) ...

This reminds me of the "We'll be over-run by the 'mongrel hordes' from
the CB bands FUD ... that hasn't happened either.

Get real.

Carl - wk3c

1766. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-17 16:45:16 UTC
From: N2EY@AOL.COM
Message-ID: <c2356669.0307170845.5bc6e2c1@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71546

kelly@dvol.com (Brian Kelly) wrote in message
news:<d22b54c3.0307161251.1c3e5f56@posting.google.com>...
> "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> wrote in message
news:<naZQa.677$lL.73743@nnrp1.ptd.net>...
> > "Brian Kelly" <kelly@dvol.com> wrote in message
> > The "strawman designs" that Gary and I postulated did NOT contemplate
> > the use of SS across the whole band as an "underlay." The modulation was
> > completely different, with a fair amount of coding.
>
> That's not my recollection at all but for absolute certain any type of
> HF SS would require some bandwidth far in excess of the bandwidths
> currently permissable under the regs or acceptable by the users of the
> so-called legacy modes on HF. The inherent bandwidth characteristic of
> SS has made it destructively non-compatible with the modes currently
> in use in HF ham bands. Ain't gonna happen in our lifetimes, ham HF SS
> is a non-sequiter.

The really important question is simply "how would such a system be
implemented?" IOW, who is going to develop it, set the standards,
build the equipment, put the stations on the air, etc.? I can imagine
all sorts of really neat systems I'd like to see (say, a
highspeed/"wideband" microwave digital network linking major cities
via ham radio, over which hams could have all sorts of QSOs through
local portals) but who is gonna put up the bux and do the work? I
don't see Carl, Vipul, Gary or anybody else stepping up to take on
even a piece of it.
>
> > > > all sorts of simulated channel impairments into the system to make
> > > > copying
> > > > as hard as you want ... without having to trash the underlying, reliable
> > > > communications system." Still rejected.)
> > >
> > > Exactly and none of it flew then and it never will.
> >
> > Why?

See above. Somebody has to actually DO it. Not just talk about it.

Lookit G3PLX and PSK-31. Guy developed an idea, worked on it for
years, recruited knowledgeable hams around the world for tests. One of
whom is a really sharp local Ph.D EE ham known to both W3RV and me.
When the bugs were worked out, they just gave it away to the ham
community - free software, step-by-step articles on how to connect
your lapper to your rig, excellent articles on how it works and why.

Once it was public, other hams got involved in software improvements, purpose-built rigs like the Warbler, demos, more articles, books, etc. Now mainstream "PSK-31 ready" rigs are beginning to show up on the amateur market.

How many years and how many hours and how many dollars/pounds/lira/shekels, all of it donated, went into the development of PSK-31?

> >... if it looks to the user EXACTLY as "traditional Morse" one would
> > not be able to tell the difference (and therefore should have no logical,
> > rational reason for rejecting it).
>
> Your term IF is the Achilles heel of your whole argument.

Right. There's no way it will look exactly like the real thing.

Kinda like the idea of having athletes all over the world run the Boston Marathon on computerized treadmills surrounded by high-definition TVs, with automated weather simulation (heat, rain, wind, etc.) They're all covering the same distance under the same conditions, right? No need to close all those roads and deal with all the headaches of a real road race, right? And lots more people will be able to participate, without all the hassle of getting to Boston and back, qualifying for the race, etc.

> We've been
> down this road, i.e., the problem with logical/rational being the
> primanry drivers in ham radio. Ham radio is not a commercial service
> where logic is the driver. The standard issue ham is into ham radio
> for it's recreational value and the rest flows from there.

I gotta disagree here. Ham radio is driven by as much "logic" as any other radio service - often much more. But the driving forces are different. Take military comms - they want very high accuracy, very high security, very high speed, very high reliability. Size, weight and power consumption considerations vary all over the place from "doesn't matter too much" to "gotta be kept to absolute minimum". Cost and complexity are way, way, way down on the list. "Fun" isn't on the list at all. Radio is just a comms tool to the military folks - if something 'better' comes along tomorrow, they'll be all over it.

Which is where those surplus 55-75 foot tubular-section towers we've used on FD came from. They were originally meant for terrestrial microwave. You know what they cost the ham who wants one. You don't wanna know what Uncle paid for 'em. Ya think Uncle really cared what the resale value of those towers would be?

For hams, the top of the list is almost always "FUN". High on the list are cost, size, complexity, required maintenance, ease of use, useful life, resale value, etc. But FUN is the biggie, and if it ain't fun according to the perception of the "user", there ain't gonna be no users. And each user has his/her own definition of "FUN".

Pretty logical system, really.
>
Heck, the whole anti-code-test argument comes down to "why require
folks to learn something that they don't think will be fun to do?" and
"the people who see it as fun will learn it without a test".
>
> > > they're neat electronic ping-pong games but IT AIN'T FRIGGING RADIO.
> > > Nobody is gonna go play electronic ping-pong so that you and Coffman
> > > can play band edge to band edge.
> >
> > I *was* talking about RADIO ... a system that would communicate over
> > distances via radio ... just more reliably ... and THEN adding the
> > impariments
> > ("challenge") at the receiving end to satisfy those who "like to dig the
> > weak ones out of the noise/QRM."

And by doing so you miss the whole point of what makes it fun in the
first place: the fact that it's real and not a simulation.
>
> Then you better find a like-minded programmer who has extensive
> real-world actual experience with weak-signal DXing and contesting CW
> and otherwise to write the code. You sure as hell are not qualified to
> do that.

I dunno, maybe Carl and Gary are able to do it. But will they? Don't
hold yer breath. Classic 'tie the bell on the cat' situation. See
above PSK-31 story.
>
> You're snapping around the edges of needing AI to pull off any such
> code. We all know how easy that is (?!). IBM has a well-funded crew of
> their comp sci & math geniuses and a mainfarme dedicated to
> periodically trying to beat one human chess player's brain. And chess
> is just a two-dimensional board game with rigid rules of play which
> allows large chunks of time to make the decisions on each move.

The system they use also "cheats" in a way, in that it has an enormous
library of games that have been played before accessible. It can look
at a particular board position and check if that particular position
ever came up in any recorded game before, then see what was done and
how it came out.

Does the computer have "fun" playing? Just ask it.

> HF CW
> contesting in particular has more dimensions than I can even start to
> count and decsions are routinely made several times a second. Just for
> openers. How ya gonna do it Carl? A bit of C++ and VB in a ham shack
> PC? Yeah, right. Not even a decent pipe dream.

Heck, just network everybody's computer together and we can run a
virtual contest whenever we want. No need for towers, amplifiers, etc.
Set up any virtual station you want.
>

> > > > transmit data reliably over transcontinental distances ... with power
> > > > outputs on the order of 10 mW ... as an "underlay" to existing services
> that don't even notice that they are there.

Do the services who "don't know they are there" know what to look for?
Or do they just think their noise floor is a little higher?

> > > Times how many stations?
> >
> > Quite a few, but to be honest I don't know the exact number (and if I
> > did, I couldn't say).
>
> Bullet = Ducked
>
Speaking of which, consider how many CW QSOs at 40 wpm could fit in
that 150 kHz of 20 meters. At least 300 without interference, meaning
at least 600 hams on the air in that space without frequency re-use.
And that's using really simple, dirt-cheap equipment like the receiver
I built almost 30 years ago whose pictures are now on the HBR site.

> > > I notice that TAPR has given up trying to get spread spectrum on the
> > > air. Nobody in TAPR cares enough about SS to work thru the bugs.
> > > There's a loud statement about ham SS.
> >
> > IMHO, TAPR's SS effort was doomed from the start by being overly
> > complex.

Complex compared to what? More complex than a PC? Or was there too
much talk and too little action?

Maybe it was a solution in search of a problem.

73 de Jim, N2EY

1767. Re: Code a Deterrent to a Ham Ticket ??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-17 16:48:36 UTC
From: Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93BB824591273elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>
Source record: 71547

"Phil Kane" <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop> wrote in
news:cuvyxnansvbet.hi59sbe.pminews@netnews.comcast.net:

> On 16 Jul 2003 03:06:13 GMT, Alun Palmer wrote:
>
>>Well, here's an idea. Should you find later that you need to learn about
>>something, have you ever heard of books? I find them very useful.
>
> How long does one have to read the book to learn how to play the
> piano?
>
> --
> 73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane
>
>
>

That brings us full circle to the difference between knowledge and skills
-playing the piano and copying code are the latter

1768. Re: Code a Deterrent to a Ham Ticket ??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-17 16:52:24 UTC
From: Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93BB82EA6DD46elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>
Source record: 71548

"Phil Kane" <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop> wrote in
news:cuvyxnansvbet.hi5bgsg.pminews@netnews.comcast.net:

> On 16 Jul 2003 14:28:18 GMT, Alun Palmer wrote:
>
>>I had to read it a few times. I think the reason for poor performance
>>in UK engineering has nothing to do with the quality of UK engineers
>>and everything to do with the culture of UK companies, in which the
>>engineers are not in charge, but instead the accountants are.
>
> If you don't think that that is the case "over here" too, you have
> not been paying attention to how Corporate America is being run.
>
>>And this is not
>>because we don't study business subjects (we do), or because we don't
>>do English or History or 'Western Civilisation' in college (the
>>accountants don't either).
>
> In other words, your "professional education" is basically trade
> school programs.
>

So what would you call a degree in a non-vocational subject?

> What a waste.
>
>>As I understand it (and I freely admit there are gaps in my knowledge
>>of your system), you can get a 4-year degree over here with 120 (?)
>>semester- hours of credit, and maybe only half of it has to be in your
>>major (?). When I sat down and tried to calculate it (from old
>>timetables, since there are no hours on my transcript, only grades) my
>>3-year UK degree included about 150 semester-hours of classroom time,
>>of which about 120 semester hours was in engineering subjects, the rest
>>being things like economics, finance, mathematics, etc.
>
> IIRC my BEE degree was more like 180 hours (4 years of 20-credit
> semesters plus one summer of Surveying -- did you take that by any
> chance? It came in real handy when I built my first house and when
> I studied Real Estate Law in law school and when I discuss or plot
> radio path and contour calculations or directional antenna patterns
> with clients or even map-reading and "orienteering" with
> non-technical hiking friends and relatives.
>
> No chemistry in an engineering program? This is not the same as a
> Literature or Cultural Humasnitiers course. This is basic science.

> In an EE program we took a year of chemistry (class and lab), two
> years of physics, one year of advanced math, and assorted courses in
> non-EE engineering subjects such as thermodynamics, mechanics of
> materials, atomic physics, and surveying, plus our rigorous EE power
> and electronics courses.
>
> That was 50 years ago. Now they require a lot more of "non-EE"
> stuff such as environmental engineering and medical engineering
> The school has acquired a reputation for application research in
> those fields.
>
> Otherwise one is not a rell-educated engineer - one is a geek with a
> degree.
>
> --
> 73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane
>
>
>
>

So what's so wrong eith being a geek?

1769. Re: ARS License Numbers

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-17 16:55:47 UTC
From: N2EY@AOL.COM
Message-ID: <c2356669.0307170855.5b128130@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71549

"Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> wrote in message
news:<EDlRa.828$lL.89647@nnrp1.ptd.net>...
> "N2EY" <N2EY@AOL.COM> wrote in message
> news:c2356669.0307161305.72c8a991@posting.google.com...
> > These are the number of unexpired FCC ARS
> > licenses held by individuals on the dates listed:
> >
> > As of May 14, 2000:
> >
> > Novice - 49,329
> > Tech - 205,394
> > Tech Plus - 128,860
> > General - 112,677
> > Advanced - 99,782
> > Extra - 78,750
> > Total - 674,792
> >
> >
> > As of July 15, 2003:
> >
> > Novice - 33,662 (decrease of 15,667)
> decrease due to upgrades,plus attrition

Yep.
>
> > Technician - 257,319 (increase of 51,925)
> new licensees, plus tech+ renewed as tech

Also Novices upgrading to Tech.
>
> > Technician Plus - 67,055 (decrease of 61,805)
> decrease due to upgrades, plus tech+ renewed as tech, plus (perhaps slight
> attrition)

Will possibly be the first class to utterly disappear due to
attrition, unless FCC simply merges it with Tech)
>
> > General - 141,181 (increase of 28,605)
> upgrades, plus new licensees who made it on the first pass
>
> > Advanced - 83,239 (decrease of 16,590)
> upgrades, plus slight attrition
>
> > Extra - 104,301 (increase of 25,551)
> upgrades, plus new licensees who made it on the first pass

>
> > Total - 686,861 (increase of 12,069)
>
> About 4k total growth per year ...

Yep.
>
> Still slower growth than desirable by a long shot ...

Not much more than was going on before the changes of 2000. Much of
that 12,000 happened in the first year after April 2000.

> eliminating Morse
> testing will help,

What if it doesn't? Eliminating the 13 and 20 wpm code tests didn't
make much difference in growth at all. If we don't get lots more new
hams as a result of eliminating Element 1, will there be an admission
that Element 1 wasn't a real barrier, and will it be replaced? I don't
think so.

> but more needs to be done to promote ham radio
> to those <40-50 years old if we want long-term survival ...

Like what? TV spots?

> I'll be
> 53 in October and I'm in the youngest quartile as far as I can estimate.

Based on what data? Is there a reliable source of amateur age info?
The FCC database has some but not all. Plus the 10 year license term
tends to warp the data.

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A lot of local hams I know are senior citizens who got their licenses
relatively recently (10-20 years ago) as a retirement activity. Lot of
folks who said they always wanted to be hams, but only after the kids
were grown and gone and the house fixed up and paid off did they think
they had the time, space and money. They look to me as an old-timer!

73 de Jim, N2EY

1770. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-17 17:01:08 UTC
From: kelly@dvol.com
Message-ID: <d22b54c3.0307170901.b939065@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71550

"Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> wrote in message
news:<6vlRa.826$lL.89423@nnrp1.ptd.net>...
> "Brian Kelly" <kelly@dvol.com> wrote in message
> news:d22b54c3.0307161251.1c3e5f56@posting.google.com...

> Gee ... I have no idea how you have the faintest clue (hint: you don't)
> about my ability to write code ...

True, but I do have more than just a "faint clue" about your Morse and
contesting knowledge and skills.

I know where this is leading. Like the bunch of times I've gotten
stuck managing production facility design/build projects in part
staffed by idiot code warriors who did the controls programming. And
who didn't even know how to figger out the input from the output ends
of a conveyor line in one particularly memorable programming debacle I
had to unscrew.

There's nothing more fun to deal with than a pile of junk code written
by some geek who hasn't the first clue about the real-world needs and
expectations of the end users of the program. Like like what would
result from a CW contest simulator you wrote. Let me count the times .
. .

> I wasn't talking about automating contest operation ... simply allowing
> programmable channel

Hey Carl, refresh me, how many "channels" to we have on 20M? Once a
Tech always Tech huh?

> impariments at the receive end to make "reception"
> as difficult as one wants, despite the fact that the underlying
> communications
> system is very reliable and robust.

I'll tellya what the average contester's response to your basic
concept would be: "Why would I go thru all these computer pushups when
all I have to do is fire up my radios and get on the air and have the
real thing?"

As far as "reliable and robust" is concerned if I need both or either
all I have to do is dial into Ma Bell's system or log in via my ISP.
Who needs your "help" if that's all I want?

Using a "reliable and robust" system like you're suggesting in the ham
bands would be like imitation chocolate and having sex with a porno
doll. Ain't never gonna happen for just that reason.

> > > Quite a few, but to be honest I don't know the exact number (and if I
> > > did, I couldn't say).
> >
> > Bullet = Ducked
>
> No ... legitimate reasons for not divulging more details ... there are
> limits
> and I don't think I'd like jail :-)

OhGawd, now we have spread spectrum black helicopters . . .

> Actually, I was principal architect of a real, working, commercially
> mass-produced
> FHSS system ... conceived of, simulated, designed (and have several patents
> on)
> the modem. ADAPTIVE FHSS, with Reed-Solomon FEC with interleaving across
> codewords (not that I really think you know what THAT means, but some will),
> and
> a number of other interesting features ... the WHOLE thing was much simpler
> than the
> TAPR FHSS project, and the total BOM (Bill of Materials) for TWO complete
> transceivers was such that the two transceiver system could RETAIL for
> $49.95 ...
> I have one at home ... and I have a radio module from the prototypes as
> another
> souvenier ...

Wunnerful wunnerful loverly. So howcum, with all this over-the-edge
expertise and a nickel Extra to boot you haven't led the way and put
SS on the air Carl? You've also committed to tossing up a couple
towers and doing some whizzy low power EME too Carl. Whew, looks to me
like you've bought into a pretty full platter. Tell me Carl, when does
your bafflegab turn into the hardware?

Whatever. I'm not holding my breath. You is what you is, all yer gonna
do is talk, talk talk.

In the meanwhile I have a radio here which is upside down and with the
covers off which needs a bit of surgery, time for the sodddering arn
again so that I can get back to beeping this weekend. And dayum, I
just noticed that some of the screws in these little upright, square
aluminum thingys on the PCB seem to be loose, guess I better tighten
'em huh?

Yee-haw!

Seeya around the bands Good Buddy.

>
> Carl - wk3c

w3rv

1771. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-17 17:12:06 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com>
Message-ID: <GNARa.900$IL.99252@nnrp1.ptd.net>
Source record: 71601

"Mike Coslo" <mjc5@psu.edu> wrote in message
news:3F16B8BA.5020609@psu.edu...
>
> Carl, like it or not, your intense dislike of Morse code stands out
> like a sore thumb, obvious to me and others.
>
> Which is why, your protestations to the contrary, I believe you wish at
> the *very* least, the complete marginalization of Morse code use.
>
>
> - Mike KB3EIA -
>

Mike ... yes, I don't personally like Morse ... however, once again,
I have NO PROBLEM with those that DO, as long as they desist
from attempting to force it on everyone else and denigrating those
who don't like Morse and resist having it forced on them.

Honest ...

Carl - wk3c

1772. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-17 17:27:02 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com>
Message-ID: <G%ARa.902$IL.98754@nnrp1.ptd.net>
Source record: 71602

"Mike Coslo" <mjc5@psu.edu> wrote in message
news:3F16BF40.1060707@psu.edu...
>
> There are many ways to get rid of something you don't like.

First, (over and over again) we have said, quite honestly, that
we have no goal of eliminating the ability of hams to choose
voluntarily to use Morse, nor to restrict that ability. ALL that
we object to in terms of regulation is the REQUIREMENT
that everyone pass a Morse test to get a license with privs
in the 160-10m bands. (Yes, we object to those who insult
and denigrate those who agree with us, but that's a social
issue, not a regulatory one ...)

> I see this a similar to blocking off the inlet to a lake, and watching
> the fish die as it dries up.

This is a poor analogy ... you guys are really big on poor analogies.

Unlike blocking the inlet to a lake (preventing the inflow of water),
removing the Morse test requirement does NOT preclude ANYONE
who WANTS to from learning and using Morse.

> Since Morse does take some effort to learn, there is no doubt that
> less people will take the effort. There will most likely not be enough
> new beepers to replace the old ones.

It's up to "the old beepers" to recruit new ones ... THAT is NOT a
legitimate government regulatory function.

As I said, I have no problem with folks using Morse ... but it's no
more my job than the government's to be YOUR recruiting force.
If you want "new beepers," YOU recruit them from those who
are willing ... but that would require some effort on your part,
wouldn't it? It's "easier" for you if the government forces folks
to learn Morse to get an HF license ... then you don't have to
"recruit on the merits," just skim off the ones who decide they
like Morse.

So which group REALLY is unwilling to put forth effort to achieve
a goal ... those who have no desire/intention of using Morse (using
Morse is, after all, not THEIR goal), or those who want a continuing
supply of Morse users, but aren't willing to put forth the effort to gain
"recruits" by working for it, rather than relying on a government life
support system to provide (at least some number of) "recruits" ?????

Next time you talk about folks "putting forth effort to achieve
a goal" think about that one. Maintaining a population of Morse
users is/seems to be YOUR goal ... it's not my job, nor the FCC's.

Do your own recruiting work! (and if you're unwilling, don't complain)

> > HOWEVER, phone band expansion is NOT an NCI agenda ... the ARRL has,
> > though, asked the FCC in the past to expand the phone bands by
"refarming"
> > the Novice bands ... and, if the FCC were to see that roughly half of
our HF
> > bands were grossly underutilized, they might, of their own volition,
decide
> > to
> > do some "refarming" in the form of phone band expansion.
> >
> > As I have said over and over, I would NOT favor/support phone band
expansion
> > at the expense of the CW/digital portions of the bands.
>
> But it isn't all about *you*

Then bitch about it to the folks who you think DO favor phone band expansion
and leave me (and NCI) out of that one ... it's not our agenda.

Carl - wk3c

1773. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-17 17:28:54 UTC
From: kelly@dvol.com
Message-ID: <d22b54c3.0307170928.6a4e811a@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71603

Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net> wrote in message news:<3F163EA5.C54B32F5@att.net>...
> Brian wrote:

> (like ol' CW loving me) have been doing WEFAX for a couple decades, at least. Or were, until the HF
> stations went off the air.
> Now I just go to a website and bring it up on the screen. Pfft.
>
> ur still a dud.

Eminently ignorable man child. They happen.

1774. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-17 17:45:44 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com>
Message-ID: <chBRa.907$lL.99631@nnrp1.ptd.net>
Source record: 71604

"Brian Kelly" <kelly@dvol.com> wrote in message
news:d22b54c3.0307170901.b939065@posting.google.com...
> "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> wrote in message
news:<6vlRa.826$lL.89423@nnrp1.ptd.net>...
> > I wasn't talking about automating contest operation ... simply allowing
> > programmable channel
>
> Hey Carl, refresh me, how many "channels" to we have on 20M? Once a
> Tech always Tech huh?

{Decorum off}
Bite me.
{Decorum back on}

"Channel impariments" refer to the "propagation channel" and if you
had an idea of where to beg, borrow, rent, or steal a clue you'd
know that ... but then again, it's a technical term ... I guess I shouldn't
expect that you would be familiar with it ...

> > impariments at the receive end to make "reception"
> > as difficult as one wants, despite the fact that the underlying
> > communications
> > system is very reliable and robust.
>
> I'll tellya what the average contester's response to your basic
> concept would be: "Why would I go thru all these computer pushups when
> all I have to do is fire up my radios and get on the air and have the
> real thing?"

Is loading a program onto your PC such a difficult thing for you?
Poor fellow.

The idea is to provide the same user experience in terms of noise,
fading, static, QRM, etc. WITHOUT actually trashing the band
in a way that precludes other uses at the same time.

>
> As far as "reliable and robust" is concerned if I need both or either
> all I have to do is dial into Ma Bell's system or log in via my ISP.
> Who needs your "help" if that's all I want?

And when you need that reliability and robustness for emergency comms
and conditions are poor? Oh, yea, you rely on Morse ... despite the
fact that there are alternatives that are "better" (as defined in my reply
to Jim) ... how quaint.

Carl - wk3c

1775. Re: Smells like type acceptance

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-17 18:39:19 UTC
From: Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
Message-ID: <cuvyxnansvbet.hi6cafh.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 71612

On Tue, 15 Jul 2003 08:33:46 -0700, Keith wrote:

>> As I said, I don't know the whole story nor at which office it
>> happened.
>
> He was caught by the FCC sending false distress signals on 156.8 and
>another marine frequency from his backyard. I wish they would just
>start throwing these morons in front of a jury. I don't think a jury
>will have much sympathy for the f*cking idiots.

Thanks for posting the letter with the details, Keith.

Interesting to note that this was "my" former office, and I can
picture the two agents involved (and their wives and kids) and now
that I have read the letter, I can offer some more comments.

This unlicensed operation took place on a frequency not in or
adjacent to any amateur band, and as such, Riley Hollingsworth is
not involved. It's strictly a District Office project. The fact
that he has an amateur license has no bearing on his culpability at
this point. In fact, the law prohibits the FCC from going after his
license for failure to pay a monetary penalty unless the matter has
been litigated to a final judgment in an evidentiary proceeding
either before an Administrative Law Judge or within the Federal court
system.

If after the unlicensed operation matter is settled, the Bureau
determines that he does not possess the moral character to remain a
licensee, they must institute formal proceedings to revoke his
station license and suspend his operating privileges for the
remander of the term. This starts the circus all over again.

From the letter, "restoration of the equipment" appears to be only
the first step in the enforcement process. Based on what's going to
happen next, my guess is that they did not want to accept the
voluntary surrender of the equipment as a "plea bargain" for
deferring further action, but could not let him continue to have the
means to create further intentional violations.

The letter requires him to make certain statements about
how, why, and what. There's no "Fifth Amendment" rock to hide
under in an administrative proceeding.

After he replies, my best guess is that the office will issue a
Notice of Apparent Liability for a substantial amount. Then, the
bargaining can begin as to whether he is capable of paying such an
amount - ability to pay is one of the factors that the law requires

the issuing officer to consider when finalizing the forfeiture amount. It appears that they have enough evidence to proceed even if he denies everything or refuses to answer.

It's up to the USCG to get the U S Attorney to file charges if the issue of false distress is to be pursued criminally. If so, I hope that the U S Attorney's Office (Northern District of California) will also move on the "Mervin" case that the FCC and the USCG brought her ten years ago for doing the same thing. Speedy they are not. Both the USCG investigator and I have retired in the meanwhile.....

It will be interesting to see how this case proceeds.

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73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane

From a Clearing in the Silicon Forest
Beaverton (Washington County) Oregon

1776. Re: Smells like type acceptance

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-17 18:39:20 UTC
From: Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
Message-ID: <cuvyxnansvbet.hi6cxmi.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 71613

On 15 Jul 2003 17:42:38 -0700, Brian Kelly wrote:

>Are you saying that if I install any of these types of mods in my
>Yaesu xcvr I'm in violation?? If yes then we have one *helluva* lotta
>violators roaming the bands, thousands of us.

Only if the receiver section is of a type that is required to be
type-certified. In general, that's for VHF and above receivers.

Installing such a mod in a type-certified receiver voids the type
certification, which raises two separate issues.

(1) The receiver (or transceiver) can no longer be conveyed to
another party (sold, given, shipped, all the good words in Section
302(b) of the Comm Act) unless the manufacturer recertifies the
receiver with the mod (i.e. approved the mod and stated that with
the mod the receiver still meets seignal leakage specs).

(2) if the mod causes harmful interference to another licensed
station ("freebanders" are fair game but I never said that) then
you would be liable for using same.

Yeah, I know it's weird - put a preamp inside the VHF receiver and it
busts the type certification. Put it in a box with a transistor
battery and hook it to the receiver antenna terminal with a wire and
it doesn't. I never said that the equipment certification rules
were logical, only that they are "the rules".

Whatever worm is left in the can - put it on a hook and catch me a
trout.

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73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane

1777. Re: Marconi site

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-17 18:54:10 UTC
From: Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
Message-ID: <cuvyxnansvbet.hi6eitj.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 71614

On 17 Jul 2003 13:47:02 GMT, Kf6vyh wrote:

>Here is a news flash, National Park service and Landmarks. In Ca. unless the
>land mark is made by some thing with fours legs they do not care.

Are you referring to the Marconi site in Marshall, or the ex-RCA KPH
sites at Pt. Reyes and Bolinas?

AFAIK the KPH sites have pretty good "proteksia" at the NPS because
of the restoration. I haven't been at the sites or involved with
the group for four years now but I don't think things have changed.

The Marshall site is something else.

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73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane

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1778. Re: How Ugly Can One Creep Be?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-17 18:54:29 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307171054.3de23d7d@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71615

k4yz@aol.com (Steve Robeson, K4CAP) wrote in message
news:<5c01b95b.0307170502.53372776@posting.google.com>...
> brianburke@juno.com (Brian) wrote in message
news:<f45722ac.0307162005.1cf51aff@posting.google.com>...
> > k4yz@aol.com (Steve Robeson, K4CAP) wrote in message
news:<5c01b95b.0307160448.303d2c5@posting.google.com>...
> > > Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net> wrote in message
news:<sf67hv85kba4u1neidgvk5ak0fvm1qqm9b@4ax.com>...
>
> > > > However, the reference to shuttles
> > > > burning up on reentry was a poor choice of words.
> > >
> > > You have to understand the liar behind the postings, John.
> >
> > The shuttle didn't burn up upon reentry? SOB! Those damned
> > media-biased jerks pulled a fast one on us again, huh? Wait till
> > Wayne Greene hears about this!!!
>
> I expect some deviant behaviour from you from time to time,
> Burke, but ponying up to Lennie's bar on this one really sinks you to
> a new low. That you can even REMOTELY defend this creep this time is
> beyond belief.

I commented on your insane claim of lying. The shuttle tragedy was
real.

> > > Leonard H Anderson is one of the most prolific, hateful, spite-filled
> > > pathological liars to ever darken USENET.
> >
> > Yer Damned Right!
> >
> > > That he can even consider, let alone publish, the hateful and
> > > just plain mean-spirited trash he just let out and then try to
> > > "justify" it in some Morse Code related rhetoric is absoulety
> > > shameful.
> >
> > Lies! All Damned Lies! That lowlife SOB. If I ever get my Hands...
> >
> > > I thought his attempts to embellish his Army "career" record by
> > > assosciating himself with Soldiers who died 3 years before he was even
> > > sworn in was disgusting.
> >
> > Some Army units have a history. Patch on the left arm, patch on the
> > right arm stuff. You just wouldn't understand being a CAP Bigshot and
> > all. Go talk to Kelley, he's got real military experience and all

> > that. He'll get you turned around in a hurry.
>
> Yep..they have a history. Lennie has one too...of lying, of
> being deceitful, and trying to "polish" is military brass on the
> graves of men who died in combat almost three years before he even
> made it to boot camp.

You've never belong to a distinguished unit? Ever wonder how they got
that way? Usually by people dying. Then there are those that follow,
that is what the replacement company is all about.

And how is it that Kelley can polish brass that he's never earned, but
you're silent on that subject?

> And now I guess we can lump you in there too.

Hint. You did that a long time ago.

> > > Lennie puts the "scum" in scumbag, that's for sure.
> >
> > Scum of the worst kind. Lying and all that about the Shuttle
> > tradgedies.
>
> I didn't say he was lying in this case, Brain. I said it's vile
> and disgusting that he'd make light of thier deaths.
>
> You are free to prove otherwise, and we'll sit right here while
> you provide the quote that proves otherwise.
>
> Of course we'll just add it right in with all the OTHER quotes
> you have been encouraged to provide that supposedly disprove what
> others say, and have yet to do.

You're welcome to hold your breath.

> > Jeez Us H !!!
> >
> > So anyway, Steve, where is NASA hiding the atronauts? I mean, you
> > said that awful SOB Len was lying about it, right? They're on
> > Ascension Island handing out 40,000+ United Nations QSOs on Raytheon
> > HF gear or what? Right?
> >
> > Riiight?
> >
> > RIIIIGHT???
>
> From waht orifice are you pulling this stuff, Burke? Hiding
> what?

You said Len was lying. Where are the missing astronauts hiding?

> > ------
> >

> > Steve, get a grip. Go seek counseling. I don't know how to say this,
> > so I'll just say it straight up. There really was another space
> > shuttle tradgedy. Len wasn't lying. Do a search on the New York
> > Times or something. The truth will set you free.
>
> I didn't say he was lying in this regard. I said he's vile and
> disgusting for making light of these people's deaths?

You said he was a liar, and you were wrong.

> Do you think it's funny, Burke? Seven people strapped into a
> buring spacecraft? Real hillarious stuff?

Not at all. I classify it as a tragedy. I think you are tragic as
well. Not the least bit funny.

> If so, you just promoted yourself to Scumbag Second Class.
> Lennie is first. Probably the only thing he HAS been "first" in.
>
> > 73, Brian
> >
> > (Len, sorry to defame you in the above "Tuff Love" series. It was
> > beyond necessary - he needs more help than I can provide, but I
> > tried.)
>
> You could have tried harder by getting your facts and
> attributions correct, Brian, but we all know you have a hard time
> doing that. Seems getting things right has been a life-long problem
> for you.
>
> Considering your running mate, it's no wonder.
>
> Steve, K4YZ

Steve, there are no incorrect facts, no incorrect attributions.

You called Len a liar. You were wrong. Be strong and face up to it.

1779. Re: How Ugly Can One Creep Be?

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Date: 2003-07-17 18:56:39 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307171056.6809f216@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71616

yodoc@aol.comnospam (Larry Roll K3LT) wrote in message
news:<20030716235155.10078.00000796@mb-m26.aol.com>...
> In article <f45722ac.0307161424.69183820@posting.google.com>,
> brianburke@juno.com (Brian) writes:
>
> >
> >There can be no doubt that you experience psychosomatic illness when
> >you expose yourself to Len's comments. Your reactions are quite
> >severe. It would be prudent to stop reading them.
>
> Brian:
>
> That's good advice -- and "Kim" could be just as easily substituted for
> "Len."
>
> 73 de Larry, K3LT

I don't think Mrs Anderson goes that way, nor Kim's husband.

1780. Re: ARS License Numbers

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-17 18:58:15 UTC
From: Scott Unit 69 <scott_unit_69@yahoo.moc>
Message-ID: <3F16F1C7.674786C6@yahoo.moc>
Source record: 71617

If the trolling CBers weren't sniffing around trying to find out about me,
I would be more then happy to post a call. Until the stalkers find a life,
you guys will just have to deal with my old moniker.

> Scott, I *love* it. You even used unit 69! BTW, congratulations. Now the
> CBers will hate you. You've gotta go middle of the road like me (until we
> get squished, like a grape!)

I need to find out if my TS-250 with SRF3800's (27 to 50 MHz) will
work on 6 meters (at a lower power output). It is very clean on SSB,
and was also tested by a ham on 10 meters. Anyone got an RCI5054 to sell?

> > > Technician - 257,319 (increase of 51,925)
> >
> > It would have been 51,922 if I hadn't dragged 2 others with me...

And #3 is waiting in the wings for the next test session.

1781. Re: Since it is over, probably okay to post.....

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-17 19:01:21 UTC
From: Michael Drainer <drainer@sbcglobal.net>
Message-ID: <5oCRa.673$074.382934127@newssvr12.news.prodigy.com>
Source record: 71618
Cross-posted to: alt.ham-radio.vhf-uhf,rec.radio.amateur.policy

Wow!

"Ryan, KC8PMX" <kc8pmx@diamondcs.net> wrote in message
news:bf6pt9$bqhu1$12@ID-189073.news.uni-berlin.de...
>
> Rather interesting side of a news event here in Michigan
> Ryan, KC8PMX
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> -----Original Message-----
> From: ***************
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1782. Re: Code a Deterrent to a Ham Ticket ??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-17 19:16:21 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307171116.5347529@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71619

Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote in message
news:<Xns93BAEC6DF1515elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>...
> Dave Heil <k8mn@earthlink.net> wrote in
> news:3F15A60E.C045F52E@earthlink.net:
>
> > Alun Palmer wrote:
> >>
> >> Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net> wrote in
> >> news:3F137635.20806@adelphia.net:
>
> >> > You must be related to our friend Vipul! At least you think
> >> > alike.
> >> >
> >> > - Mike KB3EIA -
> >> >
> >> >
> >>
> >> Well, he's clearly Indian,
> >
> > That isn't clear at all.
> >
> >> and I'm British, so it wouldn't surprise me if we share some views in
> >> common and don't buy into the received wisdom > of the US of A.
> >
> > That wouldn't surprise me either but both of you seem to prefer feeding
> > at the American trough.
> >
> > Dave K8MN
> >
>
> In this economy it's less of a trough and more of a small dish

There are alternatives. Just the other day my neighbor commented that
he was considering a move to Pakistan or India for the opportunity to
build a better life for himself and his family. ;^)

1783. Re: Since it is over, probably okay to post.....

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-17 19:28:02 UTC
From: Steve KA4TMB <steven.heydeNO@SPAMcomcast.net>
Message-ID: <3kudnZQcN4peZYuiXTWJhA@comcast.com>
Source record: 71620
Cross-posted to: alt.ham-radio.vhf-uhf,rec.radio.amateur.policy

Yeah - Wow!

Thanks for the post, Ryan

Steve KA4TMB

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Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-17 20:49:53 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu>
Message-ID: <3F170BF1.2090209@psu.edu>
Source record: 71621

Larry Roll K3LT wrote:

> And unlike yours, most of those opinions are being made by people with
> genuine operating experience. Sorry about the truth, Kim -- I know it
> hurts you, but I'm not going to look at a pile of crap on the floor and call
> it a bowl of cherries.

I'm almost afraid to ask what your last meal was before your procedure,
Larry!! 8^)

Glad it went well, tho'.

- Mike KB3EIA -

1785. Re: Since it is over, probably okay to post.....

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-17 21:00:37 UTC
From: Ham <sp@m.not>
Message-ID: <3F170E7A.83E429A8@m.not>
Source record: 71622
Cross-posted to: alt.ham-radio.vhf-uhf,rec.radio.amateur.policy

See the newspaper article at:
<http://www.timesindicator.com/>

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1786. Re: Picard vs Kirk, was Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-17 21:07:27 UTC
From: nocwtest@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030717170727.03115.00000158@mb-m01.aol.com>
Source record: 71623

>Subject: Re: Picard vs Kirk, was Re: Now That It's "Over"...
>From: lenover21@aol.com (Len Over 21)
>Date: 7/15/03 3:48 PM Eastern Daylight Time
>Message-id: <20030715154838.02197.00001250@mb-m12.aol.com>
>
>In article <20030715114410.23745.00001156@mb-m22.aol.com>,
>yodoc@aol.comnospam
>(Larry Roll K3LT) writes:
>
>>Ah, so it was CQ and not SOS. It's been a long time since I've seen that
>>episode, or any of the Star Trek original series. I sit corrected -- mainly
>on
>>the porcelin appliance, since I'm "preparing" for a colonoscopy tomorrow
>>morning!
>
> Let us know if the doctors find your brain, okay? :-)
>
> LHA

The doctor found yours, Len ;-)

1787. Re: Claudette declared a Hurricane

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-17 22:06:44 UTC
From: Arnie Macy <kt4st@csam.net>
Message-ID: <bf76pd$brajc$1@ID-166180.news.uni-berlin.de>
Source record: 71624

Brian wrote ...

Arnie, good grief. Leave it to the professionals.

It *is* my profession, Brian. Unless you don't consider being the Director of a US Emergency Management Agency a profession. Remember, we all work for a living and only do Ham radio as a service and or hobby. You might want to ask before you leap next time.

Arnie -
KT4ST

1788. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-17 22:24:59 UTC
From: "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net>
Message-ID: <%mFRa.10923$Vx2.4871970@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com>
Source record: 71625

"Bill Sohl" <billsohl@mindspring.com> wrote in message
news:bf54qd$m5i$1@slb5.atl.mindspring.net...
>
> "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net> wrote in message
> news:LLkRa.10790$Vx2.4719020@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com...
> >
> > "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> wrote in message
> > news:QEiRa.812$lL.87627@nnrp1.ptd.net...
> > >
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> > > NOT be based on a popularity contest in the community of
> > > incumbents, but should, rather, be based on the sound judgement
> > > of the FCC as to what's regulatorily necessary and good for the
> > > future of ham radio.)
> >
> > The FCC is not all that qualified to judge what is good for the future
of
> > ham radio.
>
> Then who is?
>

The hams are the most qualified to judge what is good for the future of ham
radio. However, FCC involvement is need because the hams will ignore the
needs of other services just as the other services ignore the needs of hams.
It's a balancing act and the FCC is the juggler.

> The reality, however, is that the FCC is the determining body.
>
> > Many of the staff are not involved in ham radio. They are a
> > government body whose purpose is to regulate the various radio services
so
> > that they can coexist.
>
> That's only part of their purpose.

Read up on the history of the FCC. They were established to regulate the
various services so all could operate with minimal interference. If there
had been no conflicts among the various users of the radio spectrum, there
would have been no FCC (see the book "200 Meters and Down").

>
> > There purpose is not to maintain ham radio or decide
> > what is good for it.
>

> I would argue that these are also part of FCC goals
> for ham radio or any other service.

As stated above read up on the early years of radio and the establishment of the FCC. We were very lucky that ham radio was allowed to continue to exist since the commercial and military interests wanted us gone. It was only by intense lobbying on the part of the hams that we managed to stay in there.

>
> Again, bottom line...FCC does the deciding.
>

Yes I certainly agree they do the deciding.

Dee D. Flint, N8UZE

1789. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-17 22:29:03 UTC
From: "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net>
Message-ID: <PqFRa.10926$Vx2.4872504@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com>
Source record: 71626

"Brian" <brianburke@juno.com> wrote in message
news:f45722ac.0307161908.678fe37c@posting.google.com...
> "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net> wrote in message
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> > Dee D. Flint, N8UZE
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> You sound like Queen Latifa; F The Cops.

That's a totally illogical non-sequitur. I believe in following all the
regulations. That's why the FCC exists: to regulate so that all the services
can coexist. I've never said that we should ignore it. However we hams
have a responsibility to actively lobby (either personally or by supporting
organizations like the ARRL) for the good of ham radio. Our voice needs to
be heard along with all the other parties interested in the radio spectrum.

Dee D. Flint, N8UZE

1790. Re: The "trained pool of operators" argument - debunked

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-17 22:30:18 UTC
From: wa2si@arrl.net
Message-ID: <b7d1465c.0307171430.3b511ff3@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71627

"Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> wrote in message
news:<GwzRa.889$lL.98584@nnrp1.ptd.net>...
> "Bert Craig" <wa2si@arrl.net> wrote in message
> news:b7d1465c.0307170158.3e41e923@posting.google.com...
> >
> > Carl,
> >
> > I'm going to do something that some might not expect me to do,
> > agree. I think that in the frenzy to defend CW testing, some have
> > tried many different angles. Not that these angles aren't correct wrt
> > CW itself, just not the retention of CW testing. This is where the use
> > of the FCC to defend the dropping of CW testing becomes almost
> > silly...because to be quite honest, the FCC really doesn't care all
> > that much about the ARS anyway and ANYTHING that'll ease the
> > administration over the same is more than welcome. So saying "we don't
> > have to do our homework because daddy says so" doesn't mean that the
> > homework is unimportant, it means that daddy doesn't care.
>
> I don't agree with the analogy ... the FCC *does* care about the
> Amateur Radio Service ... they just don't belive that requiring Morse
> tests serves any legitimate regulatory purpose

Please stop right there. What's the hang-up with this "regulatory
purpose" stuff. I don't believe it's ALL about regulatory, it's has
something to do with a rich tradition wrt a mode that is still widely
used today. Tradition really does count for something and requiring
folks to learn the very basic level in order to pass a 5-wpm hardly
constitutes a "barrier." This is very likely how many will get their
only taste of Morse. Neither CW or it's proponents will sell it on
it's own merits. Sad to say, but many of today's generation just don't
understand why they "have to" learn all that stuff they'll never use.
The recent Regents fiasco is a grim reminder. Only 12 students passed
the test that was really no harder than many folks had taken in years
past. The first reaction..."the test's too hard," from both the
parents and the kids. Rather than take the heat, the DOE is going to
give them an easier test. Behold the result of second generation
underachievement. I strongly disagree, Carl. I think it's a "spot-on"
analogy. It'd almost be amusing if it weren't so sad.

> any more (other than
> complying with requirements in the ITU Radio Regs that require(d)
> Morse tests for folks whose licenses granted privs in the bands
> below 30 MHz ... a requirement that has ceased to exist as of
> July 05, 2003 ...) (Read the quotes from their R&O again ... it's
> quite clear.)

No need, the words of those who are seeking less administrative work
are hardly meaningful. Hmmm, avoiding work...some commonality.

> > Sadly, many have lost sight of what this was really all about. Element
> > 1 (Domestically, that is.) Rather than investing some time and effort
> > to satisfy a very basic requirement that is an extremely important
> > part of AR tradition,
>
> "Some time and effort" can vary widely across the spectrum of
> individuals ... for some it can be easy, for others it's nearly impossible.
> Just as some folks can't "carry a tune in a bucket" with respect to
> singing ability, Morse involves a "mode-specific aptitude" that folks
> possess (or don't) in widely varying degrees.

If by "mode-specific aptitude," you mean sitting ones you-know-what
down for 20 mins./day for a mo. and trying some good old-fashioned
study/practice, you'd have a point.

> I really wish that folks would stop trying to lean on "tradition" ...
> maintaining "tradition" is NOT a legitimate regulatory goal that
> should drive the requirements for licensing, plain and simple.

I wish folks would stop leaning on "regulatory" as if it's ok just
because big brother says so. Especially at the 5-wpm level, puh-lease.

> As to how "important" Morse is ... YMMV ... to some it is
> the "be all and end all" of ham radio ... to others it is of no
> importance whatsoever ... from the FCC's decisions, it's
> clear that, while there was a time when Morse was important,
> that time ended long ago and the FCC no longer views Morse
> as important in terms of licensing requirements.

A 5-wpm test where you have to peg 25 in a row....with numbers,
puctuation marks, and prosigns count double...and you get lotsa time
to fill in the blanks at the end...the "be all and end all" of ham
radio?! ROTFL Like I said, Carl, it'd almost be amusing... :'-(

> Those who believe that Morse testing should remain a requirement
> forever will, for the most part, probably never change their minds,
> but they are increasingly becoming a minority.

That's funny. Sure isn't the sentiment I hear on HF. I guess that
"minority" must be on HF. Sadly, I wouldn't expect the welcome
wagon...but I hope I'm wrong about that.

> Furthermore, their
> view, based more on "tradition" and "emotional attachment" thereto,
> is not relevant in terms of what the license requirements should
> reasonably be.

We all have our crutches, Carl. Be thankful that the FCC need less
works too.

> Carl - wk3c

73 de Bert
WA2SI

1791. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-17 22:35:12 UTC
From: "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net>
Message-ID: <AwFRa.10927$Vx2.4873653@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com>
Source record: 71628

"Bill Sohl" <billsohl@mindspring.com> wrote in message
news:bf5527$8ll$1@slb3.atl.mindspring.net...
>
> > As stated their purpose is to ADMINISTER ham radio, not necessarily to
> > encourage its growth.
>
> That is your opinion, not fact.
>

Please read "200 Meters and Down". It is an excellent history of the actions taken by the government regarding radio services. Twice the government tried to eliminate ham radio. Once was by limiting amateurs to wavelengths of 200 meters and shorter since the "experts" believed such frequencies were useless. The government also tried to get rid of hams by delaying the re-opening of the bands to amateurs after World War I. If it had not been for the hams lobbying the government, we would not have recovered from the latter. The FCCs sole purpose is to regulate and administer the various radio services.

Dee D. Flint, N8UZE

1792. Re: ARS License Numbers

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-17 22:37:53 UTC
From: vshah101@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030717183753.09604.00000053@mb-m11.aol.com>
Source record: 71629

From: "Dee D. Flint" deehays@qix.net

>"Vshah101" <vshah101@aol.com> wrote in message
>news:20030716225859.14587.00000071@mb-m04.aol.com...
>>
>> Some Hams will take a day off for a Hamfest that is on Friday and
>Saturday.
>> That takes one day away that could be used for a real vacation day. Just
>go
>> Saturday - you won't miss anything. Also, lets not schedule Hamfests and
>other
>> Ham Radio events during people's free social time, as Hams often do.
>>
>That's the only time available to schedule. You can't schedule during work
>time or not enough people will be able to come.
>
>Dee D. Flint, N8UZE
>

Dee, you must of not read what I wrote. The Hamfest was on Friday and Saturday. Friday is a work day. Several Hams took a day off to attend on Friday and Saturday. Therefore, it was partly scheduled during work. Yet, people were able to come.

I didn't want to be direct and was still hoping people would understand. Thats not what I meant by free social time. I meant that hams should not be at their radios on Saturday night. Yet, at hamfests and ham gathering events (such as DXpeditions), hams are at their radios the whole night.

1793. Re: Smells like type acceptance

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-17 22:38:34 UTC
From: Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
Message-ID: <cuvyxnansvbet.hi6p62p.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 71630

On Tue, 15 Jul 2003 09:14:17 -0700, Jim Weir wrote:

>Would you be so kind as to either (a) repost it here or (b) give me a
>title and a probable group to google or deja it?

It was posted here on 6/22, but here it is again:

>Looks to me like type acceptance is required. Or is there some other
>flavor of FCC approval?

Yes there is. Type acceptance as we knew it is no longer in
existence. The equipment authorization processes are now
"certification" which requires submission to the FCC of test
measurements of compliance with applicable Rule sections
(essentially the same as type-acceptance was), "Declaration of
Conformity" which is the same as "certification" but the tests are
made by an authorized private-sector testing facility and not
submitted to the FCC, and "verification" which requires no
submission to the FCC but merely a statement by the manufacturer of
compliance with the limits set forth in Part 15 of the Rules.

See FCC Rules, Part 2 Subpart J.

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73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane

From a Clearing in the Silicon Forest
Beaverton (Washington County) Oregon

1794. Re: Why don't Real Hams you face the facts?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-17 22:43:37 UTC
From: selcal_pkearn_selcal@selcal.eircom.selcal.co.uk.net
Message-ID: <3f172644.960727@news1.eircom.net>
Source record: 71631
Cross-posted to: uk.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.boatanchors,rec.radio.amateur.policy

On 16 Jul 2003 15:27:41 -0700, 26cab40@freeuk.com (Gary) wrote:

>> thats the classic eastern european sound of homemade gear.
>>
>> that and the tone that starts high and goes low as the dah dah dah
>> is sent.
>>
>> dont worry, you get used to it.
>
>We thought it was the sound of xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx after the Atlantic crossing.

i do believe that i have ''a convoy''

meg, dipstick and now garry

how quaint.

all i need now is an amstrad 902.

10-4!

1795. Re: ARS License Numbers

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-17 22:45:04 UTC
From: vshah101@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030717184504.09604.00000054@mb-m11.aol.com>
Source record: 71632

From: k4yz@aol.com (Steve Robeson, K4CAP)

>Calling "contesting" competition is offensive..?!?!
> You have teams of Amateurs trying to beat other teams scores...

Its competetive. Things is hams don't like other kinds of competitions, such as radio direction finding. Hams stay with their activities.

>From: "Carl R. Stevenson" wk3cqth@wk3c.com

>Numbers = use of our spectrum = justification for keeping what we have
>(and maybe getting a bit more in the future)

Don't forget, having more activities, rather than fewer also helps. More growth in homebrewing, tuning, direction finding, emergency communications, APRS, etc.

1796. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-17 22:47:14 UTC
From: "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net>
Message-ID: <SHFRa.10931$Vx2.4875547@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com>
Source record: 71633

"Ryan, KC8PMX" <kc8pmx@diamondcs.net> wrote in message
news:bf6pt7$bqhu1$11@ID-189073.news.uni-berlin.de...
>
> "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net> wrote in message
> news:sc%Qa.10489$Vx2.4559971@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com...
> >
> > "Ryan, KC8PMX" <kc8pmx@diamondcs.net> wrote in message
> > news:bf0u2s$92ho8$4@ID-189073.news.uni-berlin.de...
> > > How about a different parallel?? Drivers licenses! How many here have
> > > earned ALL endorsements/license classes for their drivers license?
i.e.
> > > motorcycle operators permit etc.
> > >
> > > Those that haven't must just be lazy too eh?
> >
> > Not a valid comparison the way you put it. If the person isn't
interested
> > in the privileges, it doesn't mean he is lazy for not getting the
> > endorsement. It's the person who wants the privileges and isn't willing
> to
> > get the endorsement that would be considered lazy.
> >
> > Dee D. Flint, N8UZE
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> I disagree based on statements made by others here before. Having both HF
> and VHF+ access to all of the amateur radio spectrum (i.e. upgrading all
the
> way to extra) is so important to some, then the parallel is there. Not
> exercising the full advantages of the license.

Somehow I think you are misunderstanding my point of view. If they do not
wish to exercise the privileges that come with an upgrade, then there is no
need to upgrade and that's fine with me. It's those who want the privileges
and whine about having to do the work to get them that bother me.

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> I have had 2 CSCE's now for the morse code test, and let both of them slip
> as I see no need exercise the use of those privileges, nor can I at this
> point due to operational limitations. But apparently upgrades are even
more
> important to some here more than god.
>

Again, no one has a problem with a person who prefers not to upgrade and explores those areas for which he/she is licensed. The problem arises when someone wants the upgrade privileges without the upgrade work.

Dee D. Flint, N8UZE

1797. Re: Since it is over, probably okay to post.....

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-17 22:51:18 UTC
From: Dan/W4NTI <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com>
Message-ID: <bf7998$5kk$1@slb9.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 71634
Cross-posted to: alt.ham-radio.vhf-uhf,rec.radio.amateur.policy

Excellent....send that to your Section Manager with recommendations it be forwarded to the FCC while there pondering how to destroy ham radio with BPL.

Dan/W4NTI

"Ryan, KC8PMX" <kc8pmx@diamondcs.net> wrote in message news:bf6pt9$bqhu1$12@ID-189073.news.uni-berlin.de...
>
> Rather interesting side of a news event here in Michigan
> Ryan, KC8PMX
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> -----Original Message-----
> From: **********
> Sent: Tuesday, July 15, 2003 9:12 PM
> To: James Wades
> Subject: RACES Assistance with MSP Manhunt
>
>
> 15 July 2003
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>
> NEWS STORY.....MICHIGAN RADIO AMATEURS ASSIST IN CRIMINAL
> INVESTIGATION AND MANHUNT.
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> On July 6, a Michigan radio amateur by the name of Scott Woodring (KC8JNG)
> shot and killed a Michigan State Police Officer during a routine arrest on
> a
> warrant for solicitation of a minor, resulting in a tense standoff with law
> enforcement. Mr. Woodring was a member of the Christian Identity movement,
> an organization that promotes racist and antisemetic views along with an
> anti-government agenda.
>
> On Monday, July 7, after a standoff that had continued from the previous
> day, Mr. Woodring escaped during a law enforcement shift change, resulting
> in a nearly week-long manhunt for the suspect throughout Western Michigan.

>
> Shortly after the escape of Mr. Woodring, James Wades (WB8SIW), the
> Michigan
> Section Emergency Coordinator / State RACES Officer requested that the
> Newaygo County Emergency Coordinator establish an intercept operation in
> the
> area of Fremont to identify any possible transmissions from the suspect.
> This request was based on the fact that Mr. Woodring had utilized Amateur
> Radio frequencies and equipment to communicate with fellow members of the
> Christian Identity movement. Mr. Woodring was also known to have
recruited
> a number of like-minded individuals into the Amateur Radio Service and
may
> have purchased two-meter FM transceivers for use by fellow members of his
> organization.
>
> Operators were asked to monitor seldom used frequencies both within and
> adjacent to the VHF Amateur Radio allocations. An additional
announcement
> was broadcast to Emergency Coordinators and selected RACES personnel
> throughout Michigan requesting information on any transmission heard from
> Mr. Woodring.
>
> On Friday, July 11 at 5:18 PM, Mr. Bill Hubbard (WD8MKG) of Holton,
> Michigan
> reported an intercept of communications between Mr. Woodring and another
> radio amateur located in Fremont, Michigan. This was promptly reported
to
> the SEC shortly thereafter. This information was transmitted verbally to
> Michigan State Police Operations Desk at 5:39 PM. A follow-up facsimile
> was
> transmitted to MSP Operations from the West Branch MSP Post at
> approximately
> 6:20 PM.
>
> MSP Investigators subsequently requested assistance from the Department
of
> Defense and Federal Communications Commission in order to establish radio
> direction finding capabilities. When help was not forthcoming, a call
was
> placed to the SEC requesting these capabilities through the Amateur Radio
> Service.
>
> A radio direction finding team was dispatched from Kent County RACES,
> arriving at the MSP command post shortly thereafter. This team was
placed
> under the supervision of the District 6 Emergency Coordinator, Mr. Tom
> Vandermel (KB8VEE). Subsequent assistance was obtained from RACES
members
> in Ottawa and Muskegon Counties.

>
> In addition to those resources in the immediate area, a team from
Kalamazoo
> County RACES was placed on standby along with a Civil Air Patrol team
from
> the Mt. Clemens area. These later teams were not utilized due to the
> distances involved and the fact that adequate staff was available in
nearby
> Counties.
>
> The radio direction finding activities continued until approximately 5 AM
> on
> Sunday, July 13 when Mr. Woodring was located based on a tip from a local
> resident. He was subsequently shot to death when he leveled an assault
> rifle at officers and refused to comply with directives.
>
> RACES members provided 494 staff-hours to the operation, most of which
were
> contributed during the 36-hour period when radio direction finding
> activites
> were being conducted. Michigan State Police officials expressed genuine
> appreciation for the efforts of the Amateur Radio teams. Considerable
> positive feedback has been received from a variety of senior officers who
> now have an "expanded" view of Amateur Radio capabilities.
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1798. Re: Fight the BPL

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-17 23:06:33 UTC
From: Dan/W4NTI <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com>
Message-ID: <bf7a5rnkd1@slb6.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 71635
Cross-posted to:
rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.swap

"Dick Carroll" <dickc58@att.net> wrote in message
news:3F162516.8E4BEC41@att.net...
>
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> Jim Warner wrote:
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> > Yeah, you know I just took a quick scan of the HF spectrum. Looks like
most
> > of the modern world has relinquished HF spectrum for more consistant,
secure
> > means of long range communications.
>
> There's always a helluva wrangle over most every aspect of
> HF at each and every WARC, gotta be some serious interest there somewhere.
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> >
> > My argument is that BPL should be high pass filtered with a 30MHz
> > cut-off.
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> There are a number of public safety agencies who still make serious use
of lowband
> VHF below 50 mHz, all the trunked systems nothwithstanding. Converting
those to
> UHF or up is a big $$$$$ proposition which just aint gonna happen iin the
financial
> climate facing those users for the forseeable future
> . The state I worked a career for that uses a series of frequencies in
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> region for statewide public safety comms
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> the ~$250mil it'd take to do the job. I'd expect that state and several
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> > HF region, there may be fragmented co-node interference that may be a
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> > crammed
> > down the throats of so many, or the massive volume of cashflow that will
be
> > enjoyed by so few.
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> If FCC wants a real hornets nest to descend on DC they can assure it by
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> the
> BPL docket without many very serious limits, big chunks of frequency
exemptions and
> much other machinations to releive in advance a huge amount of what will
be real
> trouble for them if they don't. And no one knows if it would even work
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> then, much less if there will ever be a viable business plan stem from it
all. Who
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sometime next
> week?
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> Dick
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There will be a big market is 'serious' amplifiers. BPL will be knocked for
a loop so often it will be rendered useless.

Not to mention the court cases that I HOPE will follow. We are the LICENSED
service.

Dan/W4NTI

1799. Re: Fight the BPL

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-17 23:08:53 UTC
From: Dan/W4NTI <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com>
Message-ID: <bf7aa7$n2$1@slb4.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 71636
Cross-posted to:
rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.swap

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acceptably
> then, much less if there will ever be a viable business plan stem from it
all. Who
> knows what emerging technology will render the whole scheme obsolete
sometime next
> week?
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> Dick
>
One more thing. Remember the FCC and their decision to increase a owners amount of radio/tv stations he could hold? Well a committee in congress has put a kink in that plan.

I think we hams and other HF users should do the same thing. Write ALL your reps in congress. The FCC is obviously not qualified to do what it is doing. Anyone that even considers deploying BPL is braindead.

Dan/W4NTI

1800. Re: The "trained pool of operators" argument - debunked

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-17 23:15:48 UTC
From: "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net>
Message-ID: <E6GRa.10942$Vx2.4879852@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com>
Source record: 71637

"Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> wrote in message
news:GwzRa.889$lL.98584@nnrp1.ptd.net...
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impossible.
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> singing ability, Morse involves a "mode-specific aptitude" that folks
> possess (or don't) in widely varying degrees.
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Please read "The Art and Skill of Radiotelegraphy". The problem that people generally have in learning the code are incorrect study methods and unrealistic expectations. Yet when proper training methods are employed, achieving 20wpm is within the reach of almost everyone whether or not they have any talent for it. Now setting world records does require talent but you don't have to have talent to be OK at something.

The same applies to learning to sing. The number of people who are truly tone deaf is miniscule. However there are a large number of people who "can't carry a tune in a bucket" because they have not been taught how to discriminate and reproduce different pitches although they can hear them as different tones. Some people come by this ability to differentiate naturally and some have to be taught. Those who can't carry a tune are in the latter category. Anyone that can hear the notes can be talked to sing passably well although not everyone will be a Pavarotti. Unfortunately a lot of so called vocal instructors don't know how to teach it. Read the book "The Joy of Music". A church choir member was going to be asked to leave because he "could not sing". His real problem was pitch matching. Once he found a teacher who knew how to address the problem, he rapidly developed a truly magnificant singing voice.

Dee D. Flint, N8UZE

1801. Re: Fight the BPL

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-17 23:23:45 UTC
From: dplatt@radagast.org
Message-ID: <vhec01ap09s22f@corp.supernews.com>
Source record: 71638
Cross-posted to:
rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.swap

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Dan/W4NTI <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com> wrote:

>There will be a big market is 'serious' amplifiers. BPL will be knocked for
>a loop so often it will be rendered useless.

Wouldn't surprise me. The FCC requires the use of the least amount of
power needed to establish a given mode of communication. If BPM fills
the whole HF spectrum with S9-level fog, then QRP will go out the
door, and maximum-legal power will become technically necessary to
"burn through".

I'd hate that. So would our neighbors. Expect a big increase in
TVI/RFI complaints.

Similar things might happen with other licensed HF services... they
may also have to crank up their power.

--
Dave Platt <dplatt@radagast.org> AE6EO
Hosting the Jade Warrior home page: http://www.radagast.org/jade-warrior
I do _not_ wish to receive unsolicited commercial email, and I will
boycott any company which has the gall to send me such ads!

1802. Re: Since it is over, probably okay to post.....

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-18 00:10:58 UTC
From: PawPaw <PawPaw@granpa.com>
Message-ID: <mWGRa.106828$lo.9132527@newsread2.prod.itd.earthlink.net>
Source record: 71639
Cross-posted to: alt.ham-radio.vhf-uhf,rec.radio.amateur.policy

Thank you.

I've been trying to decide what kind of comment I want to send the FCC about BPL.

I do not have Cable anywhere near my Home, I do not have access to DSL, and enough trees I cannot use Satellite.

So, I'm a "CB Plusser", I don't care anything about HF, especially after listening to some of the Potty-Mouthed "Extra Jerks", at least with BPL I can have some controll over what my Grandkids hears and sees.

Hummmm- no contest. BPL wins.

That, in a nutshell, is gonna be my comment to the FCC.

"Dan/W4NTI" <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com> wrote in message
news:bf7998$5kk$1@slb9.atl.mindspring.net...
> Excellent....send that to your Section Manager with recommendations it be
> forwarded to the FCC while there pondering how to destroy ham radio with
> BPL.
>
> Dan/W4NTI
>
> "Ryan, KC8PMX" <kc8pmx@diamondcs.net> wrote in message
> news:bf6pt9$bqhu1$12@ID-189073.news.uni-berlin.de...
> >
> > Rather interesting side of a news event here in Michigan
> > Ryan, KC8PMX
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> >
> > -----Original Message-----
> > From: ***************
> > Sent: Tuesday, July 15, 2003 9:12 PM
> > To: James Wades
> > Subject: RACES Assistance with MSP Manhunt
> >
> >
> > 15 July 2003
> >
> >
> > NEWS STORY.....MICHIGAN RADIO AMATEURS ASSIST IN CRIMINAL
> > INVESTIGATION AND MANHUNT.
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> >

> > On July 6, a Michigan radio amateur by the name of Scott Woodring
> (KC8JNG)
> > shot and killed a Michigan State Police Officer during a routine arrest
> on
> > a
> > warrant for solicitation of a minor, resulting in a tense standoff with
> law
> > enforcement. Mr. Woodring was a member of the Christian Identity
> movement,
> > an organization that promotes racist and antisemetic views along with
an
> > anti-government agenda.
> >
> > On Monday, July 7, after a standoff that had continued from the
previous
> > day, Mr. Woodring escaped during a law enforcement shift change,
> resulting
> > in a nearly week-long manhunt for the suspect throughout Western
> Michigan.
> >
> > Shortly after the escape of Mr. Woodring, James Wades (WB8SIW), the
> > Michigan
> > Section Emergency Coordinator / State RACES Officer requested that the
> > Newaygo County Emergency Coordinator establish an intercept operation
in
> > the
> > area of Fremont to identify any possible transmissions from the
suspect.
> > This request was based on the fact that Mr. Woodring had utilized
Amateur
> > Radio frequencies and equipment to communicate with fellow members of
the
> > Christian Identity movement. Mr. Woodring was also known to have
> recruited
> > a number of like-minded individuals into the Amateur Radio Service and
> may
> > have purchased two-meter FM transceivers for use by fellow members of
his
> > organization.
> >
> > Operators were asked to monitor seldom used frequencies both within and
> > adjacent to the VHF Amateur Radio allocations. An additional
> announcement
> > was broadcast to Emergency Coordinators and selected RACES personnel
> > throughout Michigan requesting information on any transmission heard
from
> > Mr. Woodring.
> >
> > On Friday, July 11 at 5:18 PM, Mr. Bill Hubbard (WD8MKG) of Holton,
> > Michigan

> > reported an intercept of communications between Mr. Woodring and
another
> > radio amateur located in Fremont, Michigan. This was promptly reported
> to
> > the SEC shortly thereafter. This information was transmitted verbally
to
> > Michigan State Police Operations Desk at 5:39 PM. A follow-up
facsimile
> > was
> > transmitted to MSP Operations from the West Branch MSP Post at
> > approximately
> > 6:20 PM.
> >
> > MSP Investigators subsequently requested assistance from the Department
> of
> > Defense and Federal Communications Commission in order to establish
radio
> > direction finding capabilities. When help was not forthcoming, a call
> was
> > placed to the SEC requesting these capabilities through the Amateur
Radio
> > Service.
> >
> > A radio direction finding team was dispatched from Kent County RACES,
> > arriving at the MSP command post shortly thereafter. This team was
> placed
> > under the supervision of the District 6 Emergency Coordinator, Mr. Tom
> > Vandermel (KB8VEE). Subsequent assistance was obtained from RACES
> members
> > in Ottawa and Muskegon Counties.
> >
> > In addition to those resources in the immediate area, a team from
> Kalamazoo
> > County RACES was placed on standby along with a Civil Air Patrol team
> from
> > the Mt. Clemens area. These later teams were not utilized due to the
> > distances involved and the fact that adequate staff was available in
> nearby
> > Counties.
> >
> > The radio direction finding activities continued until approximately 5
AM
> > on
> > Sunday, July 13 when Mr. Woodring was located based on a tip from a
local
> > resident. He was subsequently shot to death when he leveled an assault
> > rifle at officers and refused to comply with directives.
> >
> > RACES members provided 494 staff-hours to the operation, most of which
> were

> > contributed during the 36-hour period when radio direction finding
> > activites
> > were being conducted. Michigan State Police officials expressed
genuine
> > appreciation for the efforts of the Amateur Radio teams. Considerable
> > positive feedback has been received from a variety of senior officers
who
> > now have an "expanded" view of Amateur Radio capabilities.
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1803. Re: ARS License Numbers

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-18 00:21:44 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030717202144.04207.00001687@mb-m01.aol.com>
Source record: 71641

In article <J_yRa.882$lL.98294@nnrp1.ptd.net>, "Carl R. Stevenson"
<wk3cqth@wk3c.com> writes:

(Vipul wrote:)
>>what does it matter about ARS license numbers?
>
>Numbers = use of our spectrum = justification for keeping what we have
>(and maybe getting a bit more in the future)

Not necessarily! What really matters is how many ACTIVE hams we have, and how active they are.

There are more US hams now than ever before. More modes, more activities, smaller and much less expensive equipment, etc. We have about the same amount of spectrum below 500 MHz as we had 45 years ago, when there were fewer than half as many US hams. (WARC-79 added 250 kHz of HF in 3 bands, and we lost 220-222 MHz about a dozen years after that).

But are the bands full-to-busting with activity 24/7? Yes, it's hard to coordinate a new repeater in some metro areas - but are all the existing ones tied up around the clock so that we need more?

>Numbers = political influence (also necessary to protect our spectrum)

Only those who are active will have influence. Back in the '60s, with about 250,000 hams and no internet or email, FCC got over 6000 comments in response to its restructuring proposal. A few years ago, with about 675,000 hams, and the ECFS system, FCC's restructuring proposal got less than 2300 comments. (It is left to the reader to figure out the percentages).
>
>Numbers (of younger hams) = hams that will survive longer into the
>future ...

Only matters if they are active. I know several hams who got licenses back in the '80s and '90s for "honeydew" purposes. Now they have cellphones. Will they renew when the license runs out? Don't count on it.

> with today's demographic,

What IS today's demographic? Do you have a reliable source?

>the sad reality is that a large
>percentage of current hams will be SK in the next 10-20 years, resulting
>in a major drop in our numbers unless we make ham radio more attractive
>and interesting to the younger generation.

Actually, the younger generation first has to know ham radio even exists.

>To do that, we can't force the
>PC/internet generation to cling to/embrace some "traditions" (such as Morse)
>in which the "older generation" iks so deeply invested (in an emotional
>sense).

How do you know, Carl?

From 1996 to 2001, I did Field Day with a local group of clubs at a local park. Location was chosen for visibility to the non-ham public. Lots of young people came through, asked lots of questions, took lots of literature. The computers and voice operation got a passing glance from most of 'em. But they were almost universally fascinated by the CW tent, where I and a few others held forth, with one ham operating while another explained and translated.

This was not an isolated occurrence - it happened again and again. The fact that we were making CW contacts faster and with less effort than the 'phone folks was not lost on the visitors, either.

>> >eliminating Morse testing will help

>> No, it won't. The entry-level license is already code free. Eliminating
>> Morse testing will not cause more people to want to join.

Yup. The real problem is things like lack of publicity.

omigawd, I'm agreeing with Vipul!

>Many folks are interested in HF access as part of their "portfolio" of
>capabilities ... the entry level license currently precludes them from
>HF use ... that is a major disincentive to many.

I disagree 100%, but let's put that aside for a moment.

Suppose tomorrow morning, next week or next month, by some method or another, FCC just dumps Element 1 and merges the Tech and Tech Plus licenses. The entry-level license will then have some HF access, consisting of little CW-only slivers of 80, 40 and 15 meters, plus a slightly bigger chunk of 10 meters with SSB and CW. All with a power limitation. Above 30 MHz, though, the entry level license has all privileges. Is that really the best arrangement? Will the removal of Element 1 fix that alleged disincentive problem?

Or are other changes needed?

73 de Jim, N2EY
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1804. Re: Since it is over, probably okay to post.....

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-18 00:21:52 UTC
From: Robert Casey <wa2ise@ix.netcom.com>
Message-ID: <3F173DA0.3080608@ix.netcom.com>
Source record: 71640
Cross-posted to: alt.ham-radio.vhf-uhf,rec.radio.amateur.policy

Ryan, KC8PMX wrote:

> On July 6, a Michigan radio amateur by the name of Scott Woodring (KC8JNG)
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>

Would never have happened if he took a code test..... :-(

1805. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-18 00:33:26 UTC
From: kelly@dvol.com
Message-ID: <d22b54c3.0307171633.16c6146c@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71642

"Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> wrote in message
news:<chBRa.907$lL.99631@nnrp1.ptd.net>...

> >
> > Hey Carl, refresh me, how many "channels" to we have on 20M? Once a
> > Tech always Tech huh?
>
> {Decorum off}
> Bite me.
> {Decorum back on}

I love it when you talk dirty Carl.

> "Channel impariments" refer to the "propagation channel" and if you
> had an idea of where to beg, borrow, rent, or steal a clue you'd
> know that ... but then again, it's a technical term ... I guess I shouldn't
> expect that you would be familiar with it ...

I know exactly what a channel is. Lotta people have made the mistake
of underestimating what I actually know Carl.

> > I'll tellya what the average contester's response to your basic
> > concept would be: "Why would I go thru all these computer pushups when
> > all I have to do is fire up my radios and get on the air and have the
> > real thing?"
>
> Is loading a program onto your PC such a difficult thing for you?
> Poor fellow.

No Carl, I'm actually quite adept at loading software. I'm also quite
adept at getting on the air without needing a computer which I much
prefer unless I want to run RTTY or PSK/MSK.

> The idea is to provide the same user experience in terms of noise,
> fading, static, QRM, etc. WITHOUT actually trashing the band
> in a way that precludes other uses at the same time.

Yeah, uh-huh. Everybody give up real-time on-the-air interaction with
the natural vagaries of propagation, interferences and "unprocessed"
direct contact with other humans and climb into their Winboxes and
play computer games while Stevenson & Coffman Inc. trash the bands
their way.

No even after pigs learn to fly Carl.

Don't take my word for any of it Carl. Request the NPRM and see what
happens. Oughta be a piece of cake for you since you know all them

guys.

> > As far as "reliable and robust" is concerned if I need both or either
> > all I have to do is dial into Ma Bell's system or log in via my ISP.
> > Who needs your "help" if that's all I want?
>
> And when you need that reliability and robustness for emergency comms
> and conditions are poor? Oh, yea, you rely on Morse ... despite the
> fact that there are alternatives that are "better" (as defined in my reply
> to Jim) ... how quaint.

Bullshit. When were the last three times any hams handled or tried to handle any serious emergency over a difficult HF path with any mode? "Reliability and robustness for emergency comms" is about the weakest justification for your "system" I can imagine.

I suspect that I could shred your system reliability claims with a few keystrokes in Mathcad by simply running a system parts count vs. reliability analysis. How many parts are there in a laptop anyway?

I'm not into RACES and never stated that I was. But I have passed more third party long-haul H&W traffic than you'll ever manage to do and every bit of it was via SSB. Plus I've passed a bit of minor emergency traffic via vhf FM.

I have two charged & ready to roll 2M 5w HTs with gain antennas right here Carl and a couple 50w 2M mobile rigs. I can toss either in the car and have it on the air in a minute or two. If things get really nasty I also have an HF mobile rig I can also "deploy" in the car. And I don't need a computer to do any of it. Everybody knows that only place in the ham bands you'll likely run into a real emergency is on 2M and I'm good to go right now while you're still "planning" some grandiose homebrewed Lehigh County EOC. Not that I expect that to actually happen of course.

>
> Carl - wk3c

w3rv

1806. Re: Since it is over, probably okay to post.....

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-18 00:34:58 UTC
From: PawPaw <PawPaw@granpa.com>
Message-ID: <SgHRa.106874$lo.9135597@newsread2.prod.itd.earthlink.net>
Source record: 71643
Cross-posted to: alt.ham-radio.vhf-uhf,rec.radio.amateur.policy

ROTFLMAO-

at least, he's DX now :-))))

"Robert Casey" <wa2ise@ix.netcom.com> wrote in message
news:3F173DA0.3080608@ix.netcom.com...
> Ryan, KC8PMX wrote:
>
> > On July 6, a Michigan radio amateur by the name of Scott Woodring
(KC8JNG)
> >
> >
> Would never have happened if he took a code test.......
:-(
>

1807. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-18 00:45:02 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
Message-ID: <3F17431E.7090800@adelphia.net>
Source record: 71644

Dee D. Flint wrote:
> "Bill Sohl" <billsohl@mindspring.com> wrote in message
> news:bf5527$8ll$1@slb3.atl.mindspring.net...
>
>>>As stated their purpose is to ADMINISTER ham radio, not necessarily to
>>>encourage its growth.
>>
>>That is your opinion, not fact.
>>
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>
> Please read "200 Meters and Down". It is an excellent history of the
> actions taken by the government regarding radio services. Twice the
> government tried to eliminate ham radio. Once was by limiting amateurs to
> wavelengths of 200 meters and shorter since the "experts" believed such
> frequencies were useless. The government also tried to get rid of hams by
> delaying the re-opening of the bands to amateurs after World War I. If it
> had not been for the hams lobbying the government, we would not have
> recovered from the latter. The FCCs sole purpose is to regulate and
> administer the various radio services.

I would propose that "200 Meters and Down" be required reading and have
a few questions on the tests!

- Mike KB3EIA -

1808. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-18 00:45:27 UTC
From: Bill Sohl <billsohl@mindspring.com>
Message-ID: <bf7g5j$r80$1@slb3.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 71645

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"Brian Kelly" <kelly@dvol.com> wrote in message
news:d22b54c3.0307162254.5af29ec8@posting.google.com...
> "Bill Sohl" <billsohl@mindspring.com> wrote in message
news:<bf538t$ka0$1@slb3.atl.mindspring.net>...
> > "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net> wrote in message
> > news:hT1Ra.10526$Vx2.4587491@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com...
> > >
> > > "Bill Sohl" <billsohl@mindspring.com> wrote in message
> > > news:bf27hj$4ka$1@slb3.atl.mindspring.net...
> > > >
> > > > Assuming your hypothetical...
> > > > IF the non-phone segment is being underused, then
> > > > the CW users will likly lose bandwidth. BUT, if the non-phone
> > > > segment is just as crowded with users, then there's
> > > > no valid argument for phone expansion. The burden
> > > > will be on the users of non-phone modes.
> > > >
> > >
> > > Despite the fact that the non-phone segment is not under utilized, the
> > phone
> > > people are already crying for the non-phone segment. This cry will
> > continue
> > > to grow. Why should the burden of proof fall on the users of the
> > non-phone
> > > modes?
> > >
> > > Dee D. Flint, N8UZE
> >
> > The above didn't come out as to what I intended. My intent
> > was that there is a burden on the non-phone users
> > to use the non-phone segments. IF phone users can
> > show the FCC that the non-phone segments are
> > underutilized, then the non-phone users could lose bandwidth.
>
> The simple reality of the matter is that most of us coders could care
> less about what happens above the .100s and it's been that way for
> decades. The crunch could come if the HF digitals continue to pick up
> users. They have us below them and the phone ops above them. Any
> domestic battles over phone bandwidth expansion could very well be
> between the digitals and the phone users with the coders as
> essentially uninvolved (and snickering) spectators.

Your argument fails because the spectrum, both above and
below .100 can legally be shared with data today.
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The digital segregation now
is by agreement, not by FCC mandate. If digital users increase,
they'll increase to where they easily can...below the .100 if
that segment is being underused.

Recalkl too that subbands are primarily a USA
practice and even our nothern neighbor has no
such limitation on phone in the "non-phone"
segments per USA laws.

Cheers,
Bill K2UNK

1809. Re: Since it is over, probably okay to post.....

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-18 00:56:48 UTC
From: kelly@dvol.com
Message-ID: <d22b54c3.0307171656.43164d06@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71646
Cross-posted to: alt.ham-radio.vhf-uhf,rec.radio.amateur.policy

Ham <sp@m.not> wrote in message news:<3F170E7A.83E429A8@m.not>...
> See the newspaper article at:
> <http://www.timesindicator.com/>

Waco moved to Michigan. Not a peep about ham radio or CAP involvement.

w3rv

1810. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-18 00:57:36 UTC
From: Bill Sohl <billsohl@mindspring.com>
Message-ID: <bf7gse$539$1@slb6.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 71647

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"Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net> wrote in message
news:%mFRa.10923$Vx2.4871970@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com...
>
> "Bill Sohl" <billsohl@mindspring.com> wrote in message
> news:bf54qd$m5i$1@slb5.atl.mindspring.net...
> >
> > "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net> wrote in message
> > news:LLkRa.10790$Vx2.4719020@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com...
> > >
> > > "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> wrote in message
> > > news:QEiRa.812$lL.87627@nnrp1.ptd.net...
> > > > >
> > > > (But, as I and others have previously said, the decision should
> > > > NOT be based on a popularity contest in the community of
> > > > incumbents, but should, rather, be based on the sound judgement
> > > > of the FCC as to what's regulatorily necessary and good for the
> > > > future of ham radio.)
> > > >
> > > The FCC is not all that qualified to judge what is good for the future
> of
> > > ham radio.
> > >
> > Then who is?
> > >
>
> The hams are the most qualified to judge what is good for the future of
ham
> radio.

So convince the FCC that some august body of hams (elected? appointed?
approved by?) should take over setting FCC part 97 rules.

> However, FCC involvement is need because the hams will ignore the
> needs of other services just as the other services ignore the needs of
hams.
> It's a balancing act and the FCC is the juggler.

So you are then saying the FCC should NOT make any
rules regarding operation within ham bands that don't have
any interfernece issues related to them...such as
band segments for phone vs data, etc. morse test
requirements, etc.?

> > The reality, however, is that the FCC is the determining body.
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> > > Many of the staff are not involved in ham radio. They are a
> > > government body whose purpose is to regulate the various radio
services
> > > so that they can coexist.
> >
> > That's only part of their purpose.
>
> Read up on the history of the FCC. They were established to regulate the
> various services so all could operate with minimal interference. If there
> had been no conflicts among the various users of the radio spectrum, there
> would have been no FCC (see the book "200 Meters and Down").

That is so patently obvious...it does not,
however, prove or make any suggestion that the FCC
today does not consider rules as being beneficial or not
to ham radio service.

> > > There purpose is not to maintain ham radio or decide
> > > what is good for it.
> >
> > I would argue that these are also part of FCC goals
> > for ham radio or any other service.
>
> As stated above read up on the early years of radio and the establishment
of
> the FCC.

The initial purpose of the FCC derived from interference
mitigation. The charter of the FCC does not, however,
forclose consideration of what is or isn't beneficial for any
individual service.

> We were very lucky that ham radio was allowed to continue to exist
> since the commercial and military interests wanted us gone. It was only
by
> intense lobbying on the part of the hams that we managed to stay in there.

All of which happened about 80+ years ago.

> > Again, bottom line...FCC does the deciding.
>
> Yes I certainly agree they do the deciding.

Which makes all this discussion rather academic.

Cheers,
Bill K2UNK

1811. Re: ARS License Numbers

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-18 01:02:41 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
Message-ID: <3F17473F.6040900@adelphia.net>
Source record: 71648

Vshah101 wrote:
> From: "Dee D. Flint" deehays@qix.net
>
>
>>"Vshah101" <vshah101@aol.com> wrote in message
>>news:20030716225859.14587.00000071@mb-m04.aol.com...
>>
>>>>Some Hams will take a day off for a Hamfest that is on Friday and
>>
>>Saturday.
>>
>>>>That takes one day away that could be used for a real vacation day. Just
>>
>>go
>>
>>>>Saturday - you won't miss anything. Also, lets not schedule Hamfests and
>>
>>other
>>
>>>>Ham Radio events during people's free social time, as Hams often do.
>>>
>>
>>That's the only time available to schedule. You can't schedule during work
>>time or not enough people will be able to come.
>>
>>Dee D. Flint, N8UZE
>>
>
>
> Dee, you must of not read what I wrote. The Hamfest was on Friday and Saturday.
> Friday is a work day. Several Hams took a day off to attend on Friday and
> Saturday. Therefore, it was partly scheduled during work. Yet, people were able
> to come.
>
> I didn't want to be direct and was still hoping people would understand. Thats
> not what I meant by free social time. I meant that hams should not be at their
> radios on Saturday night.

Good grief, what should they be doing on Saturday night? I have a
social life also, but no one is dictating what night I'm socializing.

I would say that people shouldn't be spending all their weekends partying.

> Yet, at hamfests and ham gathering events (such as
> DXpeditions), hams are at their radios the whole night.

And this is bad, why? I rather enjoy the late shift at field day.
Doesn't do me any harm, but for a bit of sleep lost.

- Mike KB3EIA -

1812. Re: Claudette declared a Hurricane

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-18 01:03:30 UTC
From: kelly@dvol.com
Message-ID: <d22b54c3.0307171703.60dc82ad@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71649

"Arnie Macy" <kt4st@csam.net> wrote in message
news:<bf76pd$brajc$1@ID-166180.news.uni-berlin.de>...
> Brian wrote ...
>
> Arnie, good grief. Leave it to the professionals.
> --
>
> It *is* my profession, Brian. Unless you don't consider being the Director
> of a US Emergency Management Agency a profession. Remember, we all work for
> a living and only do Ham radio as a service and or hobby. You might want to
> ask before you leap next time.

Hee hee OhGawd hee hee! SPANK!

>
> Arnie -
> KT4ST

w3rv

1813. Re: ARS License Numbers

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-18 01:06:33 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
Message-ID: <3F174828.2070305@adelphia.net>
Source record: 71650

Vshah101 wrote:
> From: k4yz@aol.com (Steve Robeson, K4CAP)
>
>
>>Calling "contesting" competition is offensive..?!?!
>> You have teams of Amateurs trying to beat other teams scores...
>
>
> Its competetive. Things is hams don't like other kinds of competitions, such as
> radio direction finding. Hams stay with their activities.

You are simply WRONG. I love contesting, and I also still play sports.
I'm quite competitive.

Oh, and I do RDF too.

Why do you perpetuate this strange stereotype?

- Mike KB3EIA -

1814. Re: Code a Deterrent to a Ham Ticket ??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-18 01:13:11 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
Message-ID: <3F1749B3.9020501@adelphia.net>
Source record: 71701

Phil Kane wrote:
> On 16 Jul 2003 03:06:13 GMT, Alun Palmer wrote:
>
>
>>Well, here's an idea. Should you find later that you need to learn about
>>something, have you ever heard of books? I find them very useful.
>
>
> How long does one have to read the book to learn how to play the
> piano?

Game, set, match, Phil......

- Mike KB3EIA -

1815. Re: Code a Deterrent to a Ham Ticket ??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-18 01:17:04 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
Message-ID: <3F174A9F.5080308@adelphia.net>
Source record: 71702

Alun Palmer wrote:
> "Phil Kane" <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop> wrote in
> news:cuvyxnansvbet.hi5bgsg.pminews@netnews.comcast.net:
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>>On 16 Jul 2003 14:28:18 GMT, Alun Palmer wrote:
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>>>I had to read it a few times. I think the reason for poor performance
>>>in UK engineering has nothing to do with the quality of UK engineers
>>>and everything to do with the culture of UK companies, in which the
>>>engineers are not in charge, but instead the accountants are.
>>
>> If you don't think that that is the case "over here" too, you have
>> not been paying attention to how Corporate America is being run.
>>
>>
>>>And this is not
>>>because we don't study business subjects (we do), or because we don't
>>>do English or History or 'Western Civilisation' in college (the
>>>accountants don't either).
>>
>> In other words, your "professional education" is basically trade
>> school programs.
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>
> So what would you call a degree in a non-vocational subject?
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>
>> What a waste.
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>>
>>>As I understand it (and I freely admit there are gaps in my knowledge
>>>of your system), you can get a 4-year degree over here with 120 (?)
>>>semester- hours of credit, and maybe only half of it has to be in your
>>>major (?). When I sat down and tried to calculate it (from old
>>>timetables, since there are no hours on my transcript, only grades) my
>>>3-year UK degree included about 150 semester-hours of classroom time,
>>>of which about 120 semester hours was in engineering subjects, the rest
>>>being things like economics, finance, mathematics, etc.
>>
>> IIRC my BEE degree was more like 180 hours (4 years of 20-credit
>> semesters plus one summer of Surveying -- did you take that by any

>> chance? It came in real handy when I built my first house and when
>> I studied Real Estate Law in law school and when I discuss or plot
>> radio path and contour calculations or directional antenna patterns
>> with clients or even map-reading and "orienteering" with
>> non-technical hiking friends and relatives.
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>> No chemistry in an engineering program? This is not the same as a
>> Literature or Cultural Humasnitiers course. This is basic science.
>>
>> In an EE program we took a year of chemistry (class and lab), two
>> years of physics, one year of advanced math, and assorted courses in
>> non-EE engineering subjects such as thermodynamics, mechanics of
>> materials, atomic physics, and surveying, plus our rigorous EE power
>> and electronics courses.
>>
>> That was 50 years ago. Now they require a lot more of "non-EE"
>> stuff such as environmental engineering and medical engineering
>> The school has acquired a reputation for application research in
>> those fields.
>>
>> Otherwise one is not a rell-educated engineer - one is a geek with a
>> degree.
>>
>>--
>> 73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane

>
> So what's so wrong eith being a geek?

Well, nothing, I guess. Too bad tho' - there is a much bigger world
out there.

1816. Re: Code a Deterrent to a Ham Ticket ??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-18 01:30:43 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
Message-ID: <3F174DD1.6070706@adelphia.net>
Source record: 71703

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Brian wrote:
> Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote in message
news:<Xns93BAEC6DF1515elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>...
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>>In this economy it's less of a trough and more of a small dish
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> There are alternatives. Just the other day my neighbor commented that
> he was considering a move to Pakistan or India for the opportunity to
> build a better life for himself and his family. ;^)
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If he's a programmer, he may have to! Everyone (and I do mean everyone) seems to be shipping all their programming to India. I got a new computer a few days ago and needed to call tech service. Guess where it was..... I did have a bit of trouble understanding the accents, but the help *was* good.

- Mike KB3EIA -

1817. Re: Claudette declared a Hurricane

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-18 01:52:58 UTC
From: Arnie Macy <kt4st@csam.net>
Message-ID: <bf7k21$c3tj5$1@ID-166180.news.uni-berlin.de>
Source record: 71704

"Brian Kelly" wrote ...

Hee hee OhGawd hee hee! SPANK!

Brian wrote ...

Arnie, good grief. Leave it to the professionals.

Arnie wrote ...

It *is* my profession, Brian. Unless you don't consider being the Director of a US Emergency Management Agency a profession. Remember, we all work for a living and only do Ham radio as a service and or hobby. You might want to ask before you leap next time.

Brian,

I am now waiting for his response. I thought I had given him a clue when I said that my computers had a direct link with the NHC computers, but I guess he didn't see the connection.

Arnie -
KT4ST

1818. Re: The "trained pool of operators" argument - debunked

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-18 01:57:43 UTC
From: kelly@dvol.com
Message-ID: <d22b54c3.0307171757.6d763cdb@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71705

wa2si@arrl.net (Bert Craig) wrote in message
news:<b7d1465c.0307171430.3b511ff3@posting.google.com>...
> "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> wrote in message
news:<GwzRa.889$lL.98584@nnrp1.ptd.net>...
> > "Bert Craig" <wa2si@arrl.net> wrote in message
> > news:b7d1465c.0307170158.3e41e923@posting.google.com...
> > >
> > > Carl,
> > >
> > > I'm going to do something that some might not expect me to do,
> > > agree. I think that in the frenzy to defend CW testing, some have
> > > tried many different angles. Not that these angles aren't correct wrt
> > > CW itself, just not the retention of CW testing. This is where the use
> > > of the FCC to defend the dropping of CW testing becomes almost
> > > silly...because to be quite honest, the FCC really doesn't care all
> > > that much about the ARS anyway and ANYTHING that'll ease the
> > > administration over the same is more than welcome. So saying "we don't
> > > have to do our homework because daddy says so" doesn't mean that the
> > > homework is unimportant, it means that daddy doesn't care.
> > >
> > I don't agree with the analogy ... the FCC *does* care about the
> > Amateur Radio Service ... they just don't belive that requiring Morse
> > tests serves any legitimate regulatory purpose
> >
> Please stop right there. What's the hang-up with this "regulatory
> purpose" stuff. I don't believe it's ALL about regulatory, it's has
> something to do with a rich tradition wrt a mode that is still widely
> used today. Tradition really does count for something and requiring
> folks to learn the very basic level in order to pass a 5-wpm hardly
> constitutes a "barrier." This is very likely how many will get their
> only taste of Morse. Neither CW or it's proponents will sell it on
> it's own merits. Sad to say, but many of today's generation just don't
> understand why they "have to" learn all that stuff they'll never use.
> The recent Regents fiasco is a grim reminder. Only 12 students passed
> the test that was really no harder than many folks had taken in years
> past. The first reaction..."the test's too hard," from both the
> parents and the kids. Rather than take the heat, the DOE is going to
> give them an easier test. Behold the result of second generation
> underachievement. I strongly disagree, Carl. I think it's a "spot-on"
> analogy. It'd almost be amusing if it weren't so sad.
>
> > any more (other than
> > complying with requirements in the ITU Radio Regs that require(d)
> > Morse tests for folks whose licenses granted privs in the bands

> > below 30 MHz ... a requirement that has ceased to exist as of
> > July 05, 2003 ...) (Read the quotes from their R&O again ... it's
> > quite clear.)
>
> No need, the words of those who are seeking less administrative work
> are hardly meaningful. Hmmm, avoiding work...some commonality.
>
> > > Sadly, many have lost sight of what this was really all about. Element
> > > 1 (Domestically, that is.) Rather than investing some time and effort
> > > to satisfy a very basic requirement that is an extremely important
> > > part of AR tradition,
> >
> > "Some time and effort" can vary widely across the spectrum of
> > individuals ... for some it can be easy, for others it's nearly impossible.
> > Just as some folks can't "carry a tune in a bucket" with respect to
> > singing ability, Morse involves a "mode-specific aptitude" that folks
> > possess (or don't) in widely varying degrees.
>
> If by "mode-specific aptitude," you mean sitting ones you-know-what
> down for 20 mins./day for a mo. and trying some good old-fashioned
> study/practice, you'd have a point.
>
> > I really wish that folks would stop trying to lean on "tradition" ...
> > maintaining "tradition" is NOT a legitimate regulatory goal that
> > should drive the requirements for licensing, plain and simple.
>
> I wish folks would stop leaning on "regulatory" as if it's ok just
> because big brother says so. Especially at the 5-wpm level, puh-lease.
>
> > As to how "important" Morse is ... YMMV ... to some it is
> > the "be all and end all" of ham radio ... to others it is of no
> > importance whatsoever ... from the FCC's decisions, it's
> > clear that, while there was a time when Morse was important,
> > that time ended long ago and the FCC no longer views Morse
> > as important in terms of licensing requirements.
>
> A 5-wpm test where you have to peg 25 in a row....with numbers,
> puctuation marks, and prosigns count double...and you get lotsa time
> to fill in the blanks at the end...the "be all and end all" of ham
> radio?! ROTFL Like I said, Carl, it'd almost be amusing... :'-(
>
> > Those who believe that Morse testing should remain a requirement
> > forever will, for the most part, probably never change their minds,
> > but they are increasingly becoming a minority.
>
> That's funny. Sure isn't the sentiment I hear on HF. I guess that
> "minority" must be on HF. Sadly, I wouldn't expect the welcome
> wagon...but I hope I'm wrong about that.
>
> > Furthermore, their

> > view, based more on "tradition" and "emotional attachment" thereto,
> > is not relevant in terms of what the license requirements should
> > reasonably be.
>
> We all have our crutches, Carl. Be thankful that the FCC need less
> works too.
>
> > Carl - wk3c
>
> 73 de Bert
> WA2SI

Great post Bert, ya sed it all, I wish I'd written it. Your Regents analogy was masterful. They don't have the gumption to achieve so dumb the exams to "their" achievement level and their "problem" goes away.

w3rv

1819. Re: The "trained pool of operators" argument - debunked

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-18 02:14:39 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com>
Message-ID: <jKIRa.955$lL.105089@nnrp1.ptd.net>
Source record: 71706

"Bert Craig" <wa2si@arrl.net> wrote in message
news:b7d1465c.0307171430.3b511ff3@posting.google.com...
> "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> wrote in message
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> Please stop right there. What's the hang-up with this "regulatory
> purpose" stuff.

The FCC is about "regulatory purpose." If there's no legitimate
purpose for a regulation, the regulation should not exist.

> I don't believe it's ALL about regulatory, it's has
> something to do with a rich tradition wrt a mode that is still widely
> used today. Tradition really does count for something

Yada, yada, yada ... regulators have no business making/keeping
rules that serve no purpose other than to "maintain tradition."

> I wish folks would stop leaning on "regulatory" as if it's ok just
> because big brother says so.

I'm not saying "its OK because big brother says so," I'm saying
"Big brother shouldn't be making/maintaining regulations that
have no legitimate purpose."

Carl - wk3c

1820. Re: The "trained pool of operators" argument - debunked

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-18 02:23:15 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com>
Message-ID: <nSIRa.957$lL.105072@nnrp1.ptd.net>
Source record: 71707

"Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net> wrote in message
news:E6GRa.10942$Vx2.4879852@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com...
>
> "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> wrote in message
> news:GwzRa.889$lL.98584@nnrp1.ptd.net...
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> > singing ability, Morse involves a "mode-specific aptitude" that folks
> > possess (or don't) in widely varying degrees.
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> Please read "The Art and Skill of Radiotelegraphy". The problem that
people
> generally have in learning the code are incorrect study methods and
> unrealistic expectations. Yet when proper training methods are employed,
> achieving 20wpm is within the reach of almost everyone whether or not they
> have any talent for it. Now setting world records does require talent but
> you don't have to have talent to be OK at something.

I *was* "OK" at Morse ... but I have NO interest in using that mode and
will likely never do so again in my life. I would have been a much more
valuable asset to the amateur community if I'd had access to HF those
years I didn't simply because of Morse ...

The point is that amateur radio is, per the FCC's own pronouncments
(and they are the ones that set the rules of the game), primarily a
technically-oriented service ... they see no need for making people
practice an ear-hand coordination drill (which has nothing technical
about it) to acquire proficency that isn't necessary and many, if not
most, won't use.

I just cannot grasp how otherwise (presumably at least reasonably)
intelligent people can cling to insistence on the acquisition of such
a mechanical skill in such a quasi-religious fashion. It's about
as ridiculous as asserting that all hams should be tested for their
ability to hop on one foot, while patting themselves on the head
with their left hands and talking on an HT with their right hands
at the same time without losing their balance. Some folks could
do it easily, some with more difficulty, and some would probably
fall over. Insisting on Morse skill for to obtain what are for the
most part TOTALLY UNRELATED privileges is absurd ... there
is no other way to describe it.

Carl - wk3c

1821. Re: Code a Deterrent to a Ham Ticket ??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-18 02:32:40 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com>
Message-ID: <c%IRa.959$IL.105461@nnrp1.ptd.net>
Source record: 71708

> Phil Kane wrote:
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> > How long does one have to read the book to learn how to play the
> > piano?

Why should one be forced to learn to play the piano if what one REALLY
wants to do is to play one or more OTHER instruments?

Would there be ANY sense in a rule that said "You can't play any other
instrument, no matter how good you might be at it, unless you first
demonstrate
that you can play the piano proficiently." ???

I don't think so ...

Carl - wk3c

1822. Re: Code a Deterrent to a Ham Ticket ??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-18 02:51:21 UTC
From: Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93BBE875AFF31elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>
Source record: 71709

Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net> wrote in
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> world
> out there.
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Sure, but anyone can read up on any subject they like. Nothing stops me
from pursuing whatever interests I want, regardless of not having done
western civilisation in college, or whatever.

1823. Re: Code a Deterrent to a Ham Ticket ??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-18 02:52:41 UTC
From: Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93BBE8AFECADBelektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>
Source record: 71710

brianburke@juno.com (Brian) wrote in
news:f45722ac.0307171116.5347529@posting.google.com:

> Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote in message
> news:<Xns93BAEC6DF1515elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>...
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>> In this economy it's less of a trough and more of a small dish
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> There are alternatives. Just the other day my neighbor commented that
> he was considering a move to Pakistan or India for the opportunity to
> build a better life for himself and his family. ;^)
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In my field I keep seeing ads for jobs in Japan

1824. Re: Code a Deterrent to a Ham Ticket ??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-18 02:54:21 UTC
From: Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93BBE8F7F24A1elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>
Source record: 71711

Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net> wrote in
news:3F174DD1.6070706@adelphia.net:

> Brian wrote:
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>

You might even work more DX as a VU2

1825. Re: ARS License Numbers

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-18 02:56:09 UTC
From: k4yz@aol.com
Message-ID: <5c01b95b.0307171856.5d5863d5@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71712

vshah101@aol.com (Vshah101) wrote in message
news:<20030717184504.09604.00000054@mb-m11.aol.com>...
> From: k4yz@aol.com (Steve Robeson, K4CAP)
>
> >Calling "contesting" competition is offensive..?!?!
> > You have teams of Amateurs trying to beat other teams scores...
>
> Its competetive. Things is hams don't like other kinds of competitions, such as
> radio direction finding. Hams stay with their activities.

Vippy, you've already been proven wrong by more than one poster
here. WHY do you persist in insisting that Amateurs don't like RDF,
etc?

> >From: "Carl R. Stevenson" wk3cqth@wk3c.com
>
> >Numbers = use of our spectrum = justification for keeping what we have
> >(and maybe getting a bit more in the future)
>
> Don't forget, having more activities, rather than fewer also helps. More growth
> in homebrewing, tuning, direction finding, emergency communications, APRS, etc.

Again, it has already been proven that the things you insist don't
happen DO happen. Why do you insist that they don't?

Steve, K4YZ

1826. Re: Since it is over, probably okay to post.....

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-18 02:58:46 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030717225846.27503.00001137@mb-m24.aol.com>
Source record: 71716

In article <3F173DA0.3080608@ix.netcom.com>, Robert Casey
<wa2ise@ix.netcom.com> writes:

>Ryan, KC8PMX wrote:
>
>> On July 6, a Michigan radio amateur by the name of Scott Woodring (KC8JNG)
>>
>>
>Would never have happened if he took a code test.......

Dagnabit, Bob, you took the words right off my fingertips!

73 de Larry, K3LT

1827. Re: The "trained pool of operators" argument - debunked

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-18 02:58:47 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030717225847.27503.00001138@mb-m24.aol.com>
Source record: 71720

In article <GwzRa.889$lL.98584@nnrp1.ptd.net>, "Carl R. Stevenson"
<wk3cqth@wk3c.com> writes:

>As to how "important" Morse is ... YMMV ... to some it is
>the "be all and end all" of ham radio ... to others it is of no
>importance whatsoever ... from the FCC's decisions, it's
>clear that, while there was a time when Morse was important,
>that time ended long ago and the FCC no longer views Morse
>as important in terms of licensing requirements.

Carl:

The above statement can be objectively evaluated only in the
context of future ARRL initiatives and FCC actions regarding
amateur HF sub-band mode authorizations. Once code testing
is finally abolished in the US amateur licensing process, it will
be much easier to re-allocate more spectrum to phone modes, to
the detriment of CW -- and I rather suspect that's precisely what
will happen.

>Those who believe that Morse testing should remain a requirement
>forever will, for the most part, probably never change their minds,
>but they are increasingly becoming a minority.

Unfortunately, this is true.

>Furthermore, their
>view, based more on "tradition" and "emotional attachment" thereto,
>is not relevant in terms of what the license requirements should
>reasonably be.

However, they will have no practical experience in Morse/CW upon
which to objectively base such an opinion. Therefore, the usage of
CW will be deferred to increased spectrum allocated to phone modes,
mainly for the purpose of selling more HF transceivers and other
station equipment, and memberships in the ARRL. And THAT, my
friend, is the real Joker in this particular deck of cards.

73 de Larry, K3LT

1828. Re: Ham Radio In The Post-Code Testing Era

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-18 02:58:48 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030717225848.27503.00001140@mb-m24.aol.com>
Source record: 71713

In article <bf6pt2$bqhu1$6@ID-189073.news.uni-berlin.de>, "Ryan, KC8PMX" <kc8pmx@diamondcs.net> writes:

>220Mhz, 902Mhz, and 1.2Ghz bands are desolate, at least around here. I >wouldn't be surprised if we lost the 220 and 902 bands.

Ryan:

I wouldn't be surprised if you're right! The "commercial interests" obviously have little or no use for HF, otherwise we'd have never even heard of BPL.

73 de Larry, K3LT

1829. Re: Ham Radio In The Post-Code Testing Era

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-18 02:58:48 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030717225848.27503.00001139@mb-m24.aol.com>
Source record: 71721

In article <HGyRa.879$lL.98195@nnrp1.ptd.net>, "Carl R. Stevenson"
<wk3cqth@wk3c.com> writes:

>> Carl:
>>
>> That's right. They did. And a lot of them kept the key on the top of the
>> operating table and continued to use it. Now, in the absence of a code
>> testing requirement as part of the licensing procedure, how many new hams
>> will even bother to own a telegraph key?
>
>Frankly, I don't care one iota

Carl:

Well, you've spent years making THAT perfectly clear! Fortunately there are
those of us who do care about whether or not a useful communications skill
continues to be practiced in the ARS.

... I see that as a totally unimportant issue in he grand scheme of things ...
it is up to Morse enthusiasts to recruit new
>Morse ops ... and talking down to those who are not interested will not help
>that cause.

Especially since those who are not interested have finally gotten their way!

>> >Could *I* become proficient at 20 wpm ... certainly, with enough use and
>> >practice. Do I *care* to? The answer is obviously "No."
>>
>> Well, at least you were exposed to the code and learned it well enough to
>> make that choice from a vantage point of actual personal experience. In
>the
>> future, a lot of hams who may have decided to become active CW users will
>> no longer get that opportunity, due to the elimination of the code testing
>> requirement.
>
>Again, it's up to the current crop of Morse enthusiasts to do any
>recruiting.

I don't believe that the use of Morse code is something that is "recruitable,"
if there is such a word. My own personal experience would lead me to
believe that the only thing that will get someone to try it is some kind of
overwhelming incentive. We used to have that incentive in the
Pre-Restructuring
Era. Now that it is gone, to rely simply on enticing people to Morse/CW with
the promise of better operating capability will probably not resonate very well
with the majority of newcomers who, basically, are going to be refugees from

the Citizen's Band, who just want a louder, more frequency-agile box to plug their microphone into.

>> >There is essentially nothing that could make me interested in becoming "a
>> >regular CW operator with 20 wpm proficiency."
>> >
>> >Does this make me a "lesser/2nd class ham?"
>>
>> Since you tried it and gave it a fair evaluation, I'd have to say that it
>does
>> not. Again, future hams will not have had your experience. That is the
>> difference. Not having "been there, done that" disqualifies them from
>> making any judgment on the "code" issue whatsoever.
>
>I don't buy that argument

Which doesn't make it any less true.

>... folks can be intelligent enough that, with
>a modest exposure to Morse through personal contact with other hams,
>seeing others using the mode, etc., they can make a choice as to whether
>they are interested in purusing the mode or not.

That's not the same thing, Carl. I was referring to their "opinions," or subjective impressions, of the Morse code. The decision-making process they apply to decide whether or not to attempt to learn it is a much more objective process.

73 de Larry, K3LT

1830. Re: How Ugly Can One Creep Be?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-18 02:58:49 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030717225849.27503.00001141@mb-m24.aol.com>
Source record: 71715

In article <f45722ac.0307171056.6809f216@posting.google.com>,
brianburke@juno.com (Brian) writes:

>> Brian:
>>
>> That's good advice -- and "Kim" could be just as easily substituted for
>> "Len."
>>
>> 73 de Larry, K3LT
>
>I don't think Mrs Anderson goes that way, nor Kim's husband.

Now, talk about two long-suffering people! Mrs. Anderson and Mr. Walker
surely must be headed for sainthood!

73 de Larry, K3LT

1831. Re: Picard vs Kirk, was Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-18 02:58:49 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030717225849.27503.00001142@mb-m24.aol.com>
Source record: 71718

In article <f45722ac.0307170314.35ad26e9@posting.google.com>,
brianburke@juno.com (Brian) writes:

>> Brian:
>>
>> Thanks for the kind words. It did go well. I had an Endoscopy and
>> a Colonoscopy at the same time, so they got me from both ends! I
>> don't have the results yet, but the examination was routine, as opposed
>> to being driven by a specific problem -- at least as far as the Colonoscopy
>> was concerned. The Endoscopy was to diaganose the cause of my
>> GERD -- or GastroEsophageal Reflux Disease. I've been on Prilosec(R)
>> for about 6 years now, and just thought it was about time they took a
>> look under the hood to see if the problem can be fixed, rather than just
>> having me throw expensive prescription drugs at it for the rest of my
>> life.
>>
>> 73 de Larry, K3LT
>
>Larry, this is starting to sound like HF SSB. I hope your microphone
>is still put away.
>
>bb

Brian:

You know what -- you're right! I'm just glad this isn't going out over
75-meters!

73 de Larry, K3LT

1832. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-18 02:58:50 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030717225850.27503.00001144@mb-m24.aol.com>
Source record: 71714

In article <3F161CDA.9869404F@att.net>, Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net> writes:

>"Carl R. Stevenson" wrote:
>
>>
>> What "bothers me" is that some folks deny the fact that there ARE better
>> ways than OOK Morse (apparently in an attempt to bolster their "real ham"
>> and "everyone MUST know Morse" viewpoints)
>
>That's BS and everyone reading here knows it.

Dick:

Carl must have some serious "issues" with Morse code that go a lot deeper than any of us can imagine. Perhaps as a child, he was locked in his room with a key and a code practice oscillator, and told he couldn't have any dinner until he practiced for at least an hour.

73 de Larry, K3LT

1833. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-18 02:58:50 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030717225850.27503.00001143@mb-m24.aol.com>
Source record: 71719

In article <bf53gl$v4u@library1.airnews.net>, "Kim W5TIT" <fahgedit@nomail.net>
writes:

>> Ordinarily, I would ask you to reflect on this and consider a reply, but
>> I have been repeatedly shown that that is too much to ask of you. I have
>> tried to treat you with respect, but if I do not receive equal
>consideration,
>> all that will happen is that you will continue to make a fool of yourself,
>> and I will continue to be the one pointing to the errors of your ways.
>>
>> 73 de Larry, K3LT
>>
>
>Well, ya know what, Larry? You have a good time. You must like wasting it.
>
>Kim W5TIT

Kim:

Don't worry, it's my time to waste as I see fit!

73 de Larry, K3LT

1834. Re: Code a Deterrent to a Ham Ticket ??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-18 02:58:51 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030717225851.27503.00001145@mb-m24.aol.com>
Source record: 71717

In article <3F170BF1.2090209@psu.edu>, Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu> writes:

>> And unlike yours, most of those opinions are being made by people with
>> genuine operating experience. Sorry about the truth, Kim -- I know it
>> hurts you, but I'm not going to look at a pile of crap on the floor and
>call
>> it a bowl of cherries.
>
>
> I'm almost afraid to ask what your last meal was before your procedure,

>Larry!! 8^)
>
>Glad it went well, tho'.

Mike:

Thanks. My "last meal" before the procedure is a story in itself. I was
preparing said meal on Sunday evening. As I attempted to chop some Savoy
cabbage, the tip of one of my razor-sharp kitchen knives snagged the palm of my
left hand, making a gash about 1" long and bleeding profusely. So, I
immediately put a death-grip on a towel, and headed for the Emergency Room at
Kent General Hospital here in Dover. After about 3 hours of being exposed to
every microbe in Kent County, I had four stitches in my hand. No problems, it
was a clean cut and missed the Ulnar (?)
nerve, so there will be no complications. Just gotta go around for the next
week looking like a casualty. The stitches can come out Tuesday next. I never
did get that "last meal" since it was almost Midnight before I got back home.
By the time I got done doing a one-handed job of cleaning up my kitchen, which
looked like a crime scene out of CSI Miami, it was too late to eat anymore.
Actually, it made my "prep" on Monday a bit easier, I'm sure.

73 de Larry, K3LT

1835. Re: Code a Deterrent to a Ham Ticket ??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-18 03:11:35 UTC
From: Dave Heil <k8mn@earthlink.net>
Message-ID: <3F176545.276BFDD3@earthlink.net>
Source record: 71722

Alun Palmer wrote:
>
> Dave Heil <k8mn@earthlink.net> wrote in
> news:3F15A60E.C045F52E@earthlink.net:
>
> > Alun Palmer wrote:
> >>
> >> Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net> wrote in
> >> news:3F137635.20806@adelphia.net:
> > >
> >> > You must be related to our friend Vipul! At least you think
> >> > alike.
> >> >
> >> > - Mike KB3EIA -
> >> >
> >> >
> >>
> >> Well, he's clearly Indian,
> > >
> > > That isn't clear at all.
> > >
> >> and I'm British, so it wouldn't surprise me if we share some views in
> >> common and don't buy into the received wisdom > of the US of A.
> > >
> > > That wouldn't surprise me either but both of you seem to prefer feeding
> > > at the American trough.

> In this economy it's less of a trough and more of a small dish

You must prefer it to the even smaller dish in your home country.
You've got gripes about the "received wisdom of the US of A" but both
of you stick around to reap the benefits of life here.

Enjoy your sniping. It's on us.

Dave K8MN

Dave K8MN

1836. Re: The "trained pool of operators" argument - debunked

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-18 03:12:48 UTC
From: "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net>
Message-ID: <QAJRa.10978$Vx2.4921110@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com>
Source record: 71723

"Brian Kelly" <kelly@dvol.com> wrote in message
news:d22b54c3.0307171757.6d763cdb@posting.google.com...
>
> Great post Bert, ya sed it all, I wish I'd written it. Your Regents
> analogy was masterful. They don't have the gumption to achieve so dumb
> the exams to "their" achievement level and their "problem" goes away.
>
> w3rv

No the problem won't go away as the next generation of people will have even lower achievement and will demand that the tests be made simpler yet.

Dee D. Flint, N8uZE

1837. Re: Code a Deterrent to a Ham Ticket ??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-18 03:18:08 UTC
From: "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net>
Message-ID: <QFJRa.10979$Vx2.4922042@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com>
Source record: 71724

"Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> wrote in message
news:c%IRa.959$lL.105461@nnrp1.ptd.net...
> > Phil Kane wrote:
> > > On 16 Jul 2003 03:06:13 GMT, Alun Palmer wrote:
> > >
> > >
> > > >>Well, here's an idea. Should you find later that you need to learn
about
> > > >>something, have you ever heard of books? I find them very useful.
> > >
> > >
> > > How long does one have to read the book to learn how to play the
> > > piano?
>
>
> Why should one be forced to learn to play the piano if what one REALLY
> wants to do is to play one or more OTHER instruments?
>
> Would there be ANY sense in a rule that said "You can't play any other
> instrument, no matter how good you might be at it, unless you first
> demonstrate
> that you can play the piano proficiently." ???
>
> I don't think so ...
>
> Carl - wk3c
>

You have to learn to play the piano to get a degree in music whether you
plan to be a teacher or performer on some other instrument. Even if you
will never have a need to play the piano, you still must learn it to get
that music degree.

However they don't have to become proficient on the piano just like hams
don't have to become proficient at Morse. In either case, they only have to
learn the basics.

Dee D. Flint, N8UZE

1838. Re: !

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-18 03:22:23 UTC
From: Dave Heil <k8mn@earthlink.net>
Message-ID: <3F1767CC.2CA0EDAB@earthlink.net>
Source record: 71725

Brian wrote:
>
> Dave Heil <k8mn@earthlink.net> wrote in message
news:<3F15AD8B.6E0DD154@earthlink.net>...
> > Len Over 21 wrote:
> > >
> > > In article <e79dbd9b.0307150553.7df771f6@posting.google.com>, k0hb@arrl.net
> > > (K0HB) writes:
> > >
> > > >I don't have a single peice of equipment which I have not "improved"
> > > >from it's original schematic. Frankly, I thought the FCC encouraged
> > > >such experimentation. This incident suggests just the opposite and
> > > >I'm surprised that ARRL isn't screaming bloody murder.
> > >
> > > ARRL knows what is best for the US ARS.
> > >
> > > Or was it K0HB that knows what is best for the US ARS?
> > >
> > > Does the FCC "encourage such experimentation?" I don't think so.
> > > I read Part 97 as giving radio amateurs the option of doing so. Can't
> > > find any brochures or pamplets from the FCC ramping up the joys of
> > > experimentation at all. Maybe that was "Electric Radio?"
> >
> > It might be that the ARRL knows what is best for amateur radio.
> > There's a good chance that Hans knows what is best for amateur radio.
> > I don't know of a soul who believes that you know what is best for
> > amateur radio. You aren't involved in any capacity.
> >
> > The FCC rules giving the option to modify equipment certainly lends
> > itself to the view that the Commission does not discourage such action.
> > Your interpretation may differ but it really doesn't matter.

>
> Perhaps Len should just go work some out of band Frenchmen and be done with it!

Len isn't authorized any operation on any band under Part 97. Len has
no license. If he operates without one or if he (fat chance) lowers
himself to obtaining a license and operates on frequencies outside those
allocated to him, he can be dealt with by the FCC.

> Then he would have a claim to validity (and greatness)!!!

He has numerous claims.

> By the way, Dave, was that SSB or CW?

Ask complete questions and you'll likely receive complete answers.

Dave K8MN

1839. Re: Code a Deterrent to a Ham Ticket ??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-18 03:27:26 UTC
From: Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
Message-ID: <cuvyxnansvbet.hi70wp2.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 71726

On Fri, 18 Jul 2003 01:30:43 GMT, Mike Coslo wrote:

>> he was considering a move to Pakistan or India for the opportunity to
>> build a better life for himself and his family. ;^)
>
>If he's a programmer, he may have to! Everyone (and I do mean everyone)
>seems to be shipping all their programming to India. I got a new
>computer a few days ago and needed to call tech service. Guess where it
>was..... I did have a bit of trouble understanding the accents, but the
>help *was* good.

That offsets the time that I called tech support of a MAJOR
networking component manufacturer and although I had trouble
understanding the accent, the help was totally lousy.

And this is the company where our son works as a technical quality
control "help desk" person. Of course he's right here in Washington
County.

--
73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane

From a Clearing in the Silicon Forest
Beaverton (Washington County) Oregon

1840. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-18 03:30:50 UTC
From: Dave Heil <k8mn@earthlink.net>
Message-ID: <3F1769D6.C7FF9183@earthlink.net>
Source record: 71727

Brian wrote:
>
> Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net> wrote in message news:<3F161D6F.8AE85623@att.net>...
> > Brian wrote:
>
> > > To be honest, I don't think there is any answer that will satisfy you.
> > >
> > > Brian
> >
> > At least not a truthful one.
>
> Well then, that's it. Jim isn't satisfied with truthful answers. No
> wonder he keeps asking.

You haven't even provided truthful responses now. You've been asked.
You have declined. You've provided reasons such as, "The questions are
just too hard". Jim and I have continued to ask because you've
continued to be evasive.

Dave K8MN

1841. Re: Ham Radio In The Post-Code Testing Era

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-18 03:33:04 UTC
From: Dave Heil <k8mn@earthlink.net>
Message-ID: <3F176A5C.DEFCBE18@earthlink.net>
Source record: 71728

Brian wrote:
>
> Dave Heil <k8mn@earthlink.net> wrote in message
news:<3F160788.869220DF@earthlink.net>...
> > Brian wrote:
> > >
> > > Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net> wrote in message
> > >
> > > > ...provides an opportunity for ops on six meters. I've observed the
> > > > phenomenon before. Your're in New York. You point your beam north and
> > > > you start hearing somebody in Florida. You figure you're hearing him
> > > > off the back of the beam and turn it south to bring up the signal,
> > > > only to have it disappear.
> > > >
> > > > Much of this activity happens on CW. Voice signals get distorted a lot
> > > > due to the effects of all the ionization in the aurora itself.
> > >
> > > John, though 6M is worth mentioning, it isn't HF and these guys don't
> > > care. Its all about using fast CW on HF (to them). Brian
> > >
> > How do you manage to be wrong so often, Brian? I worked about forty
> > Europeans on 6m this past week. About half of those QSOs were made on
> > CW. About half of the CW QSOs were made using relatively slow speeds.
> > Those contacts were not made using Aurora. Had they been, all of the
> > QSOs would have been made using slow CW.
>
> Were any of them French?

Look it up in my online logs after you've finished eating your words on
6m, Brian.

Dave K8MN

1842. Re: ARS License Numbers

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-18 03:34:58 UTC
From: vshah101@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030717233458.09604.00000058@mb-m11.aol.com>
Source record: 71729

>From: k4yz@aol.com (Steve Robeson, K4CAP)

>> Don't forget, having more activities, rather than fewer also helps. More
>growth
>> in homebrewing, tuning, direction finding, emergency communications, APRS,
>etc.
>
> Again, it has already been proven that the things you insist don't
>happen DO happen. Why do you insist that they don't?

They don't happen to me. Doesn't happen in the four closest clubs to me, at Hamfests in MA, NH, CT. Doesn't happen despite my best efforts to search for such activities. Its not what Hams are interested in.

1843. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-18 03:45:23 UTC
From: Dave Heil <k8mn@earthlink.net>
Message-ID: <3F176D3E.65260D2B@earthlink.net>
Source record: 71730

N2EY wrote:

> Complex compared to what? More complex than a PC? Or was there too
> much talk and too little action?
>
> Maybe it was a solution in search of a problem.

Looks like another job for Brute Force Cybernetics, the company which creates a need, then fills it.

Dave K8MN

1844. Re: ARS License Numbers

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-18 04:00:19 UTC
From: Dave Heil <k8mn@earthlink.net>
Message-ID: <3F1770AF.23756591@earthlink.net>
Source record: 71731

Vshah101 wrote:

> Dee, you must of not read what I wrote. The Hamfest was on Friday and Saturday.
> Friday is a work day. Several Hams took a day off to attend on Friday and
> Saturday. Therefore, it was partly scheduled during work. Yet, people were able
> to come.

What is that to you?

> I meant that hams should not be at their
> radios on Saturday night. Yet, at hamfests and ham gathering events > (such as
DXpeditions), hams are at their radios the whole night.

What is that to you? Why not try something different for your amateur
radio activities, Vipul? You do what you want and let others do what
they want. It is obvious that your group fetish isn't working out.

Dave K8MN

1845. Re: ARS License Numbers

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-18 04:01:23 UTC
From: Dave Heil <k8mn@earthlink.net>
Message-ID: <3F177191.D7ABE37A@earthlink.net>
Source record: 71732

Vshah101 wrote:
>
> From: k4yz@aol.com (Steve Robeson, K4CAP)
>
> >Calling "contesting" competition is offensive..?!?!
> > You have teams of Amateurs trying to beat other teams scores...
>
> Its competetive. Things is hams don't like other kinds of competitions, such as
> radio direction finding.

Yes, there are hams who enjoy radio direction finding.

> Hams stay with their activities.

Yes, they do. You'll find it difficult to persuade other hams to drop
what they're doing and to do what you want to do unless it coincides
with what they enjoy doing. You seem to have a problem with the
concept.

> >From: "Carl R. Stevenson" wk3cqth@wk3c.com
>
> >Numbers = use of our spectrum = justification for keeping what we have
> >(and maybe getting a bit more in the future)
>
> Don't forget, having more activities, rather than fewer also helps. More growth
> in homebrewing, tuning, direction finding, emergency communications, APRS, etc.

So start doing those things. I'm sure that "tuning" thing will catch on
rapidly.

Dave K8MN

1846. Beware of $2 of RSGB Sign Up Scam

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-18 04:02:09 UTC
From: Scam Alert <Scam_member@newsguy.com>
Message-ID: <bf7rg10kj7@drn.newsguy.com>
Source record: 71733

This scam is being pushed by scammers in foreign countries that are using the ruse to obtain credit card numbers. Qrz.com, QSL.net and eham.net are being confused by another RSGB program to think that this is legitimate. If you have given out your credit card number to join the RSGB $2 "guinea" program then you should contact your credit card company ASAP to cancel your credit card.
If it sounds to good to be true then it is. I also encourage the RSGB to stop their original campaign that is now being used like Nigeria 419 scam letters to ripe people off.

1847. Re: The "trained pool of operators" argument - debunked

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-18 04:22:28 UTC
From: Dave Heil <k8mn@earthlink.net>
Message-ID: <3F177682.33CE0D8B@earthlink.net>
Source record: 71734

"Carl R. Stevenson" wrote:

> I would have been a much more
> valuable asset to the amateur community if I'd had access to HF those
> years I didn't simply because of Morse ...

I share your pain, Carl. I've often thought of my wasted years, not
being in the House of Representatives.

> I just cannot grasp how otherwise (presumably at least reasonably)
> intelligent people can cling to insistence on the acquisition of such
> a mechanical skill in such a quasi-religious fashion.

I understand your inability to grasp the situation...in a
quasi-sarcastic way.

> It's about
> as ridiculous as asserting that all hams should be tested for their
> ability to hop on one foot, while patting themselves on the head
> with their left hands and talking on an HT with their right hands
> at the same time without losing their balance. Some folks could
> do it easily, some with more difficulty, and some would probably
> fall over. Insisting on Morse skill for to obtain what are for the
> most part TOTALLY UNRELATED privileges is absurd ... there
> is no other way to describe it.

Which mode is it that involves that hopping, patting and HT's?

Dave K8MN

1848. Re: The "trained pool of operators" argument - debunked

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-18 05:31:29 UTC
From: Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net>
Message-ID: <3F178629.2F622243@att.net>
Source record: 71735

"Carl R. Stevenson" wrote:

>
> The point is that amateur radio is, per the FCC's own pronouncments
> (and they are the ones that set the rules of the game), primarily a
> technically-oriented service ...

Not what they said at all, they said "fundamentally" a technical service.
Big difference. The license is to OPERATE, with the station part of the license
and the callsign authorizing the same operator to INSTALL station equipment
with which to operate. Yes, it does allow building, experimenting, and all that
can concievably go with, but nothing whatever is mandated.

> they see no need for making people
> practice an ear-hand coordination drill (which has nothing technical
> about it) to acquire proficency that isn't necessary and many, if not
> most, won't use.
>

You mean that Bill Cross doesn't, since it would definitely pose a problem when
a few of you NCI types went "over his head" to management, who knows and cares
nothing of Part 97 rules save that they be as troubleless as possible, and hang him
for a
"Luddite" who would dare to assert that radiotelegraphy might indeed be of some
true communications value, despite the emergency of more modern technologies.
Bill is no dummy, he knows he has a career to protect, and he's reputed to be a
fan of CW on the ham bands, so it's fairly certain he's not misinformed. He's taking
care of business-his busisness, and he's sure not dumb enough to give you an opening.

>
> I just cannot grasp how otherwise (presumably at least reasonably)
> intelligent people can cling to insistence on the acquisition of such
> a mechanical skill in such a quasi-religious fashion.

That's because you'r rather insist it's some religious fanaticism than to acknowledge

thbe facts.

> It's about
> as ridiculous as asserting that all hams should be tested for their
> ability to hop on one foot, while patting themselves on the head
> with their left hands and talking on an HT with their right hands
> at the same time without losing their balance.

Entirely typical of your knowledge and grasp of radiotelegraph communications.

> Insisting on Morse skill for to obtain what are for the
> most part TOTALLY UNRELATED privileges is absurd ... there
> is no other way to describe it.

Only when you're a NCI addict. Those who know ham radio radiotelegraphy
see an entirely different view

1849. Re: Ham Radio In The Post-Code Testing Era

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-18 05:31:34 UTC
From: Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net>
Message-ID: <3F175E1D.3270D8EB@att.net>
Source record: 71736

Brian Kelly wrote:

> "Kim W5TIT" <fahgedit@nomail.net> wrote in message
news:<bf2d98$4an@library1.airnews.net>...
> > "Dan/W4NTI" <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com> wrote in message
> > news:bf1qhjpnn1@slb6.atl.mindspring.net...
> > >
> > > "Dwight Stewart" <stewart@say.net> wrote in message
> > > news:BB3934D0.1ED20%stewart@say.net...
> > > > "Kim W5TIT" wrote:
> > > > >
> > > > > (snip)
> > > > >
> > > > >
> > > > Kim, I don't know what is going on with your newsgroup messages. Many
> > of
> > > > your messages are listed as no longer on my server very shortly after
> > you
> > > > post them (sometimes just one or two hours later). The messages are
> > listed
> > > > in my message list of this newsgroup, but I get an error ("message no
> > longer
> > > > on server") when I try to read them. For everyone else, I can read
> > messages
> > > > they posted many days ago.
> > > >
> > > > Anyway, just wanted to let you know what is happening in case you post
> > a
> > > > reply to one of my messages and don't get a response. It's not that I'm
> > > > trying to ignore you - I just can't read or reply to your quickly
> > > > disappearing messages (I caught and replied to this one before it
> > > > disappeared)
> > > >
> > > >
> > > > Dwight Stewart (W5NET)
> > > >
> > > > http://www.qsl.net/w5net/
> > > >
> > >
> > > I had my witches coven put a curse on her.
> > >
> > > Dan/W4NTI
> > >
> > >

> >
> > That would be witch's...
>
> Uh Oh. There it is. I been wondering when the inevitable girl fight
> would happen. Careful here Kim, I think perhaps you're outgunned . .
>

NOdoudaboudit!

1850. Re: The "trained pool of operators" argument - debunked

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-18 05:35:56 UTC
From: Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net>
Message-ID: <3F178736.DBD4912B@att.net>
Source record: 71737

"Dee D. Flint" wrote:

> "Brian Kelly" <kelly@dvol.com> wrote in message
> news:d22b54c3.0307171757.6d763cdb@posting.google.com...
> >
> > Great post Bert, ya sed it all, I wish I'd written it. Your Regents
> > analogy was masterful. They don't have the gumption to achieve so dumb
> > the exams to "their" achievement level and their "problem" goes away.
> >
> > w3rv
>
> No the problem won't go away as the next generation of people will have even
> lower achievement and will demand that the tests be made simpler yet.

You've got it Dee. Some 20 years ago when the question pools and easy access to testing was begun it appeared that most of the problems potential hams had in getting

access to ham radio licensing were resolved.....save on -. Personal initiative.

1851. Re: The "trained pool of operators" argument - debunked

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-18 05:40:48 UTC
From: Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net>
Message-ID: <3F178859.C78E0113@att.net>
Source record: 71738

Dave Heil wrote:

> "Carl R. Stevenson" wrote:
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> > I would have been a much more
> > valuable asset to the amateur community if I'd had access to HF those
> > years I didn't simply because of Morse ...
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> I share your pain, Carl. I've often thought of my wasted years, not
> being in the House of Representatives.
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> > I just cannot grasp how otherwise (presumably at least reasonably)
> > intelligent people can cling to insistence on the acquisition of such
> > a mechanical skill in such a quasi-religious fashion.
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> > fall over. Insisting on Morse skill for to obtain what are for the
> > most part TOTALLY UNRELATED privileges is absurd ... there
> > is no other way to describe it.
>
> Which mode is it that involves that hopping, patting and HT's?
>

Sounds to me like he's spreading a bit of spectrum

1852. Re: ARS License Numbers

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-18 07:30:32 UTC
From: Dwight Stewart <stewart@say.net>
Message-ID: <BB3D1A58.1EFF4%stewart@say.net>
Source record: 71739

"Vshah101" wrote:
>
> They don't happen to me. Doesn't happen in the
> four closest clubs to me, at Hamfests in MA, NH,
> CT. Doesn't happen despite my best efforts to
> search for such activities. Its not what Hams
> are interested in.

When it comes to RDF, perhaps you don't know where to look. Try searching for "fox hunting" or "T-hunt" instead (common ham radio nicknames for RDF). A very quick internet search found these fox hunting club web sites in Massachusetts and Connecticut...

Massachusetts
http://www.qsl.net/ka1jbe/foxhunt.html
http://www.nobarc.org/hounds/

Connecticut
http://home.cshore.com/tmik/fox.htm

The following web site has many fox hunting links...

http://members.aol.com/homingin/links.html

There are certainly other web sites for the areas you mentioned (MA, NH, and CT). I just didn't have time for an in-depth search.

Fox hunting, or RDF, is a popular ham radio activity. It is fun and very inexpensive to get into. If nothing is happening in your home town, consider starting up some activities yourself.

And, of course, the internet is flooded with web sites on the other things mentioned (home brewing, emergency communications, and so on).

Dwight Stewart (W5NET)

http://www.qsl.net/w5net/

1853. Re: Picard vs Kirk, was Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-18 08:07:51 UTC
From: k4yz@aol.com
Message-ID: <5c01b95b.0307180007.72f548c7@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71740

nocwtest@aol.com (No CW Test) wrote in message
news:<20030717170727.03115.00000158@mb-m01.aol.com>...
> >Subject: Re: Picard vs Kirk, was Re: Now That It's "Over"...
> >From: lenover21@aol.com (Len Over 21)
> >Date: 7/15/03 3:48 PM Eastern Daylight Time
> >Message-id: <20030715154838.02197.00001250@mb-m12.aol.com>
> >
> >In article <20030715114410.23745.00001156@mb-m22.aol.com>,
> >yodoc@aol.comnospam
> >(Larry Roll K3LT) writes:
> >
> >>Ah, so it was CQ and not SOS. It's been a long time since I've seen that
> >>episode, or any of the Star Trek original series. I sit corrected -- mainly
> on
> >>the porcelin appliance, since I'm "preparing" for a colonoscopy tomorrow
> >>morning!
> >
> > Let us know if the doctors find your brain, okay? :-)

> The doctor found yours, Len ;-)

Was the doctor a proctologist or a pathologist?

Steve, K4YZ

1854. Re: How Ugly Can One Creep Be?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-18 08:18:13 UTC
From: k4yz@aol.com
Message-ID: <5c01b95b.0307180018.5de48b54@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71741

brianburke@juno.com (Brian) wrote in message
news:<f45722ac.0307171054.3de23d7d@posting.google.com>...

> You called Len a liar. You were wrong. Be strong and face up to it.

Brian, Lennie IS a liar in more ways than one.

In this case he's an insensitive creep who used a horrific
tragedy to try and "make a point" about Amateur Radio licensing and
the "Ham in Space" program.

I am not wrong. His track record of pathological mistruths is
clear and well documented. In this there is no error.

That you so adamantly support and defend him can only mean that
YOU support lying and insensitivity as legitimate forms of
communication. That makes YOU as equally disgusting and foul as
he...perhaps even more so since his conduct may be due to some mental
health abboration and yours MUST be a voluntary choice of actions.

No, Brain...No need for me to "face up to it" here. Lennie has
created the path he's following. That you choose to drop in behind
him only means you LIKE the stench and the reputation of being
associated with a liar and a creep.

That's for YOU to "face up to".

Steve Robeson, K4YZ

1855. Re: Why don't Real Hams you face the facts?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-18 09:19:11 UTC
From: Airy R Bean <SPAM@trap>
Message-ID: <3f17c0ea$1_3@mk-nntp-1.news.uk.worldonline.com>
Source record: 71742
Cross-posted to: uk.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.boatanchors,rec.radio.amateur.policy

Too many eggs in the diet?

On 17 Jul 2003 10:33:21 kludge@panix.com (Scott Dorsey) wrote:-
> Some of the eastern european folks I know are still rockbound,

1856. Re: Fight the BPL

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-18 10:10:48 UTC
From: kelly@dvol.com
Message-ID: <d22b54c3.0307180210.31ce8910@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71743
Cross-posted to:
rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.swap

dplatt@radagast.org (Dave Platt) wrote in message
news:<vhec01ap09s22f@corp.supernews.com>...
> In article <bf7a5rnkd1@slb6.atl.mindspring.net>,
> Dan/W4NTI <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com> wrote:
>
> >There will be a big market is 'serious' amplifiers. BPL will be knocked for
> >a loop so often it will be rendered useless.
>
> Wouldn't surprise me. The FCC requires the use of the least amount of
> power needed to establish a given mode of communication. If BPM fills
> the whole HF spectrum with S9-level fog, then QRP will go out the
> door, and maximum-legal power will become technically necessary to
> "burn through".
>
> I'd hate that. So would our neighbors. Expect a big increase in
> TVI/RFI complaints.
>
> Similar things might happen with other licensed HF services... they
> may also have to crank up their power.

Output suds don't mean squat. "Ya can't work 'em if ya can't hear
'em." Wherein lies the whole problem.

w3rv

1857. Re: Why don't Real Hams you face the facts?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-18 10:12:25 UTC
From: "jOn....." <nospamta@ntlworld.com>
Message-ID: <bf8h7m$c79k5$1@ID-109323.news.uni-berlin.de>
Source record: 71744
Cross-posted to: uk.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.boatanchors,rec.radio.amateur.policy

"Airy R Bean" <SPAM@trap> wrote in message
news:3f17c0ea$1_3@mk-nntp-1.news.uk.worldonline.com...
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> > Some of the eastern european folks I know are still rockbound,
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>
>
No, that would be egg bound.
--
Jon

1858. Re: Fight the BPL

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-18 10:18:51 UTC
From: Dave Shrader <david.shrader@comcast.net>
Message-ID: <fQPRa.89475$H17.27894@sccrnsc02>
Source record: 71745
Cross-posted to:
rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.swap

Dan/W4NTI wrote:
>
> There will be a big market is 'serious' amplifiers. BPL will be knocked for
> a loop so often it will be rendered useless.
>
> Not to mention the court cases that I HOPE will follow. We are the LICENSED
> service.
>
> Dan/W4NTI
>
>
There's a much easier solution!! Have the FCC propose a rule that
communication receivers cannot have receivers with sensitivity lower
than 50 microvolts!

If 60 dB noise levels are real an amplifier won't help me hear the weak
ones! So, simply eliminate the ability to hear the weak ones and we will
all be happy, NO? It's much easier to install a 60 dB pad on a receiver
than pushing amplifiers and Long John Yagis. Hmmm ... ;-)

Deacon Dave, W1MCE

1859. Re: ARS License Numbers

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-18 10:47:55 UTC
From: k4yz@aol.com
Message-ID: <5c01b95b.0307180247.47adcab8@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71746

Dave Heil <k8mn@earthlink.net> wrote in message news:<3F177191.D7ABE37A@earthlink.net>...
> Vshah101 wrote:

> > Don't forget, having more activities, rather than fewer also helps. More growth
> > in homebrewing, tuning, direction finding, emergency communications, APRS, etc.
>
> So start doing those things. I'm sure that "tuning" thing will catch on
> rapidly.

I am sure that if "they" ever create a picture dictionary,
Vippy's picture will premier next to the term "clueless".

Steve, K4YZ

1860. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-18 11:00:02 UTC
From: N2EY@AOL.COM
Message-ID: <c2356669.0307180300.5906dfa6@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71747

Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote in message
news:<Xns93BA673229F3Eelektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>...

> Bringing the phone subbands in line with other countries in Region 2 would
> be sufficient

Seeing as how the USA has more hams than any other country in Region
2, why not have those other countries get their phone subbands in line
with the USA?

73 de Jim, N2EY

1861. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-18 11:00:19 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030718070019.27503.00001150@mb-m24.aol.com>
Source record: 71748

In article <3F17431E.7090800@adelphia.net>, Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
writes:

>I would propose that "200 Meters and Down" be required reading and have
>a few questions on the tests!
>
While "200" is very good, it stops in 1936. I would recommend the following:

- "Calling CQ" by Clinton B. Desoto, W1CBD, available for free download as a
PDF file. May be around as a printed book. Stories of 1920s and 1930s amateur
radio.

- "The Wayback Machine" by Bill Continelli, W2XOY, available for free download
or for viewing on a website. Multichapter history of amateur radio from the
earliest days to the present.

73 de Jim, N2EY

1862. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-18 11:00:19 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030718070019.27503.00001149@mb-m24.aol.com>
Source record: 71749

In article <bf7gse$539$1@slb6.atl.mindspring.net>, "Bill Sohl"
<billsohl@mindspring.com> writes:

>"Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net> wrote in message
>news:%mFRa.10923$Vx2.4871970@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com...
>>
>> "Bill Sohl" <billsohl@mindspring.com> wrote in message
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>> >
>> > "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net> wrote in message
>> > news:LLkRa.10790$Vx2.4719020@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com...
>> > >
>> > > "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> wrote in message
>> > > news:QEiRa.812$lL.87627@nnrp1.ptd.net...
>> > > >
>> > > > (But, as I and others have previously said, the decision should
>> > > > NOT be based on a popularity contest in the community of
>> > > > incumbents, but should, rather, be based on the sound judgement
>> > > > of the FCC as to what's regulatorily necessary and good for the
>> > > > future of ham radio.)
>> > >
>> > > The FCC is not all that qualified to judge what is good for the future
>> of
>> > > ham radio.
>> >
>> > Then who is?
>> >
>>
>> The hams are the most qualified to judge what is good for the future of
>> ham radio.
>
>So convince the FCC that some august body of hams (elected? appointed?
>approved by?) should take over setting FCC part 97 rules.

Works for me.
>
>> However, FCC involvement is need because the hams will ignore the
>> needs of other services just as the other services ignore the needs of
>> hams. It's a balancing act and the FCC is the juggler.
>
>So you are then saying the FCC should NOT make any
>rules regarding operation within ham bands that don't have
>any interfernece issues related to them...such as
>band segments for phone vs data, etc. morse test
>requirements, etc.?

Nope. Not at all.

The point is that the mere fact that FCC enacts a rule does not mean it's a
good idea, or in the best interest of amateur radio. All it means is that FCC
enacted the rule.

Was the 55 mph national speed limit a good idea, in the best interests of the
motoring public? The "expert agency" recommended that rule, and it stayed on
the books for decades.
>
>> > The reality, however, is that the FCC is the determining body.
>> >
>> > > Many of the staff are not involved in ham radio. They are a
>> > > government body whose purpose is to regulate the various radio
>services
>> > > so that they can coexist.
>> >
>> > That's only part of their purpose.

What's the rest?

>> Read up on the history of the FCC. They were established to regulate the
>> various services so all could operate with minimal interference. If there
>> had been no conflicts among the various users of the radio spectrum, there
>> would have been no FCC (see the book "200 Meters and Down").
>
>That is so patently obvious...it does not,
>however, prove or make any suggestion that the FCC
>today does not consider rules as being beneficial or not
>to ham radio service.

The point is that while they consider the beneficial aspect, they are not all
powerful, nor necessarily even that friendly to what is best for amateur radio.
IOW they're stuck with us and we're stuck with them.
>
>> > > There purpose is not to maintain ham radio or decide
>> > > what is good for it.
>> >
>> > I would argue that these are also part of FCC goals
>> > for ham radio or any other service.

Those goals are not necessarily what's best for amateur radio. Was the
re-imposition of "incentive licensing" in 1968 what was best for amateur radio?
FCC (NOT hams!) insisted on it because they said amateur radio of those days
was not meeting the goals FCC thought it should.
>>
>> As stated above read up on the early years of radio and the establishment
>> of the FCC.

And its predecessors, the FRC, DOC and Navy Department. Not pretty.
>
>The initial purpose of the FCC derived from interference
>mitigation.

Not just that - also deciding how to best apportion the spectrum, license requirements, allowable uses of the spectrum, monitoring and enforcement. Indeed, FCC defines what the various services are for! F'rinstance, once upon a time, hams broadcasting music was not illegal.

>The charter of the FCC does not, however,
>forclose consideration of what is or isn't beneficial for any
>individual service.

No, it doesn't. Doesn't mean that the FCC always does what's best for hams. Doesn't mean FCC always makes the best choice or compromise, either.
>
>> We were very lucky that ham radio was allowed to continue to exist
>> since the commercial and military interests wanted us gone. It was only
>>by
>> intense lobbying on the part of the hams that we managed to stay in there.
>
>All of which happened about 80+ years ago.

Not all. Look at the changes of 1929 - less than 75 years ago.
>
>> > Again, bottom line...FCC does the deciding.
>>
>> Yes I certainly agree they do the deciding.
>
>Which makes all this discussion rather academic.

Not at all. Hopefully, FCC decisions can be influenced for a better future for amateur radio.

73 de Jim, N2EY
>

1863. Re: Fight the BPL

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-18 12:13:24 UTC
From: --Bill-- <exray.is.tired@of.spam>
Message-ID: <vhfovkkbqigmcb@corp.supernews.com>
Source record: 71750
Cross-posted to:
rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.swap

Dave Shrader wrote:
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> all be happy, NO? It's much easier to install a 60 dB pad on a receiver
> than pushing amplifiers and Long John Yagis. Hmmm ... ;-)
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> Deacon Dave, W1MCE
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Shoot, propose simultaneously that hams be allowed 50 kilowatts output.
Not that either of these are remedies for the potential problem but
maybe it will help the FCC understand whats going on.
-Bill

1864. Re: Code a Deterrent to a Ham Ticket ??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-18 12:17:42 UTC
From: N2EY@AOL.COM
Message-ID: <c2356669.0307180417.1c7982bd@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71751

"Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> wrote in message
news:<c%IRa.959$lL.105461@nnrp1.ptd.net>...
> > Phil Kane wrote:
> > > On 16 Jul 2003 03:06:13 GMT, Alun Palmer wrote:

> > >>Well, here's an idea. Should you find later that you need to learn about
> > >>something, have you ever heard of books? I find them very useful.

> > > How long does one have to read the book to learn how to play the
> > > piano?
>
> Why should one be forced to learn to play the piano if what one REALLY
> wants to do is to play one or more OTHER instruments?

Nobody is "forced". Those who want a music degree from a particular
institution may have piano as a requirement for the degree, but they
are not "forced" to learn it unless they are also "forced" to attend
the institution and "forced" to get the degree. The requirements are
set by those who run the institutions, who probably know more about
music than the students.

OTOH, millions of young children today are "forced" to learn how to do
basic arithmetic even though inexpensive calculators have been around
for decades. Even though most professional/commercial/military
arithemtic is done by computers and calculators far faster and with
less error than any human.
>
> Would there be ANY sense in a rule that said "You can't play any other
> instrument, no matter how good you might be at it, unless you first
> demonstrate that you can play the piano proficiently." ???

All depends on who defines "proficiently". The amateur radio code test
we have now is roughly equivalent to being able to pound out a few
bars of "Chopsticks" with two fingers on the piano. Even the old code
tests didn't get much beyond the "Heart and Soul" level, compared to
what was considered proficient by knowledgeable folks.

Would you have a problem with a "Chopsticks" requirement? Because
that's about what we have now.

For comparison, consider the old US Navy Radioman "A" level test, as
given in 1958. Required the copy of 5 symbol coded groups at 24 wpm.
On a standard Navy mill (manual typewriter). For a solid hour, with no
more than 3 errors.
>
> I don't think so ...

Do you play any musical instruments?

--

But hey, we're missing the point here. Why should any musical performance skill be needed to get a music degree, unless a person wants to be a performer? This is the 21st century, and we've got synthesizers out the wazoo that cost far less than, say, a Martin guitar or a Steinway piano. And which are much easier to learn how to use. Why focus so much time and effort on learning a "manual motor skill" to play one instrument - any instrument - when there are machines which will do the job with much less effort and error-free?

This isn't far-fetched. The new contract for musicians who play on Broadway has reduced the size of the orchestra required for a Broadway musical performance, and allows for the use of recorded and synthesized music. (Musicians are a major cost item in Broadway stage prodcutions - or so the producers tell us). Why not go one better and simply use recorded/synthesized music in all long-running shows? The movies have done it for years, although once they used live music. Heck, some folks are even beginning to use synthesized voices rather than singers, as was done in some of the music for the 1997 blockbuster "Titanic". (Celine Dion is a real human, however).

Don't shoot me, I'm not the piano player.

73 de Jim, N2EY

1865. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-18 12:44:42 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307180444.5147dbba@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71752

Dave Heil <k8mn@earthlink.net> wrote in message news:<3F1769D6.C7FF9183@earthlink.net>...
> Brian wrote:
> >
> > Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net> wrote in message news:<3F161D6F.8AE85623@att.net>...
> > > Brian wrote:
>
> > > > To be honest, I don't think there is any answer that will satisfy you.
> > > >
> > > > Brian
> > >
> > > At least not a truthful one.
> >
> > Well then, that's it. Jim isn't satisfied with truthful answers. No
> > wonder he keeps asking.
>
> You haven't even provided truthful responses now. You've been asked.
> You have declined. You've provided reasons such as, "The questions are
> just too hard". Jim and I have continued to ask because you've
> continued to be evasive.
>
> Dave K8MN

Most of the answers were given long, long ago. Whether you or Jim
believe me isn't my problem.

1866. Re: Code a Deterrent to a Ham Ticket ??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-18 12:50:55 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307180450.3338d073@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71753

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Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote in message
news:<Xns93BBE8AFECADBelektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>...
> brianburke@juno.com (Brian) wrote in
> news:f45722ac.0307171116.5347529@posting.google.com:
>
> > Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote in message
> > news:<Xns93BAEC6DF1515elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>...
> >> Dave Heil <k8mn@earthlink.net> wrote in
> >> news:3F15A60E.C045F52E@earthlink.net:
> >>
> >> > Alun Palmer wrote:
> >> >>
> >> >> Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net> wrote in
> >> >> news:3F137635.20806@adelphia.net:
> >>
> >> >> > You must be related to our friend Vipul! At least you think
> >> >> > alike.
> >> >> >
> >> >> > - Mike KB3EIA -
> >> >> >
> >> >> >
> >> >>
> >> >> Well, he's clearly Indian,
> >> >
> >> > That isn't clear at all.
> >> >
> >> >> and I'm British, so it wouldn't surprise me if we share some views
> >> >> in common and don't buy into the received wisdom > of the US of A.
> >> >
> >> > That wouldn't surprise me either but both of you seem to prefer
> >> > feeding at the American trough.
> >> >
> >> > Dave K8MN
> >> >
> >>
> >> In this economy it's less of a trough and more of a small dish
> >
> > There are alternatives. Just the other day my neighbor commented that
> > he was considering a move to Pakistan or India for the opportunity to
> > build a better life for himself and his family. ;^)
> >
>
> In my field I keep seeing ads for jobs in Japan
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There you go. Lots of roam around space, inexpensive rents and groceries. A code-free HF license.

1867. Re: !

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-18 12:55:40 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307180455.6b7549b1@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71754

Dave Heil <k8mn@earthlink.net> wrote in message news:<3F1767CC.2CA0EDAB@earthlink.net>...
> Brian wrote:
> >
> > By the way, Dave, was that SSB or CW?
>
> Ask complete questions and you'll likely receive complete answers.
>
> Dave K8MN

Likely not.

1868. Re: How Ugly Can One Creep Be?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-18 13:06:30 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307180506.5d931cd8@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71756

k4yz@aol.com (Steve Robeson, K4CAP) wrote in message
news:<5c01b95b.0307180018.5de48b54@posting.google.com>...
> brianburke@juno.com (Brian) wrote in message
news:<f45722ac.0307171054.3de23d7d@posting.google.com>...
>
> > You called Len a liar. You were wrong. Be strong and face up to it.
>
> Brian, Lennie IS a liar in more ways than one.

How many ways are there to be a liar?

> In this case he's an insensitive creep who used a horrific
> tragedy to try and "make a point" about Amateur Radio licensing and
> the "Ham in Space" program.

Being insensitive is called "being insensitive," not lying.

> I am not wrong. His track record of pathological mistruths is
> clear and well documented. In this there is no error.

You are clearly wrong.

Did the shuttle tragedy not occur? Have the astronauts not perished?

> That you so adamantly support and defend him can only mean that
> YOU support lying and insensitivity as legitimate forms of
> communication.

Ahh. I disagree with you and so I now support lying?

Now you're wrong again.

That makes YOU as equally disgusting and foul as
> he...perhaps even more so since his conduct may be due to some mental
> health abboration and yours MUST be a voluntary choice of actions.

Typical liberal tactic.

> No, Brain...

It's "Brian."

> No need for me to "face up to it" here.

But there is. You're delusional, and it's time to get a grip.

Lennie has
> created the path he's following.

He would have to be ahead of himself to create that path.

That you choose to drop in behind
> him only means you LIKE the stench and the reputation of being
> associated with a liar and a creep.

Is that what it means?

> That's for YOU to "face up to".
>
> Steve Robeson, K4YZ

I'm sure you have a nice health plan working as a nurse. Go get some help.

1869. Re: ARS License Numbers

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-18 13:06:59 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com>
Message-ID: <ThSRa.975$lL.113248@nnrp1.ptd.net>
Source record: 71755

"N2EY" <n2ey@aol.com> wrote in message
news:20030717202144.04207.00001687@mb-m01.aol.com...
> In article <J_yRa.882$lL.98294@nnrp1.ptd.net>, "Carl R. Stevenson"
> <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> writes:
>
> (Vipul wrote:)
> >>what does it matter about ARS license numbers?
> >
> >Numbers = use of our spectrum = justification for keeping what we have
> >(and maybe getting a bit more in the future)
>
> Not necessarily! What really matters is how many ACTIVE hams we have, and
how
> active they are.

I agree that that is true, but in purely political terms, the number of
licensees counts,
too.

> There are more US hams now than ever before. More modes, more activities,
> smaller and much less expensive equipment, etc. We have about the same
amount
> of spectrum below 500 MHz as we had 45 years ago, when there were fewer
than
> half as many US hams. (WARC-79 added 250 kHz of HF in 3 bands, and we lost
> 220-222 MHz about a dozen years after that).
>
> But are the bands full-to-busting with activity 24/7? Yes, it's hard to
> coordinate a new repeater in some metro areas - but are all the existing
ones
> tied up around the clock so that we need more?

That's a whole different argument.

> > with today's demographic,
>
> What IS today's demographic? Do you have a reliable source?

The last data I saw, the average age of US hams was somewhere
in the 60's ... how that's changed in the last couple of years is probably
anyone's guess, since the age data no longer seems to be available,
but I doubt it's come down dramatically.

> >the sad reality is that a large
> >percentage of current hams will be SK in the next 10-20 years, resulting
> >in a major drop in our numbers unless we make ham radio more attractive

> >and interesting to the younger generation.
>
> Actually, the younger generation first has to know ham radio even exists.

This is true ...

> >To do that, we can't force the
> >PC/internet generation to cling to/embrace some "traditions" (such as
Morse)
> >in which the "older generation" iks so deeply invested (in an emotional
> >sense).
>
> How do you know, Carl?

It seems obvious that you generally can't force anyone to do something
they don't want to do ...

> >> >eliminating Morse testing will help
>
> >> No, it won't. The entry-level license is already code free. Eliminating
> >> Morse testing will not cause more people to want to join.

I disagree. Eliminating Morse testing will remove a barrier to advancement
that many folks find disagreeable ... keep the carrot, eliminate the stick.

> >Many folks are interested in HF access as part of their "portfolio" of
> >capabilities ... the entry level license currently precludes them from
> >HF use ... that is a major disincentive to many.
>
> I disagree 100%, but let's put that aside for a moment.

We obviously disagree. What makes you think that "Many folks are interested
in HF access as part of their 'portfolio' of capabilities." ???
(That the entry level license currently precludes them from HF use is a fact
and
I don't see how you could begin to dispute that.)

> Suppose tomorrow morning, next week or next month, by some method or
another,
> FCC just dumps Element 1 and merges the Tech and Tech Plus licenses. The
> entry-level license will then have some HF access, consisting of little
CW-only
> slivers of 80, 40 and 15 meters, plus a slightly bigger chunk of 10 meters
with
> SSB and CW. All with a power limitation. Above 30 MHz, though, the entry
level
> license has all privileges. Is that really the best arrangement? Will the
> removal of Element 1 fix that alleged disincentive problem?

I believe so ... getting even a "taste" of HF operation as a Tech will be a
good
thing.

I also believe that many current Techs will upgrade to General rather promptly
once the code test goes away. (some won't, being content with their current
privs, but I believe many will want to extend their privs to HF and will take,
and pass, the General written to get there).

> Or are other changes needed?

Is that supposed to be a "trick question" ???

NCI's "agenda" is to eliminate Morse testing.

Carl - wk3c

1870. Re: How Ugly Can One Creep Be?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-18 13:09:45 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307180509.372a37ac@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71757

yodoc@aol.comnospam (Larry Roll K3LT) wrote in message
news:<20030716235155.10078.00000794@mb-m26.aol.com>...
> In article <sf67hv85kba4u1neidgvk5ak0fvm1qqm9b@4ax.com>, Radio Amateur KC2HMZ
> <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net> writes:
>
> >However, the reference to shuttles
> >burning up on reentry was a poor choice of words.
> >
>
> Do you think?
>
> 73 de Larry, K3LT

Larry, there's another fella on here who used to use a whole lot of
"poor choice of words."

Brian

1871. Re: Since it is over, probably okay to post.....

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-18 13:12:47 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307180512.492899f6@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71759
Cross-posted to: alt.ham-radio.vhf-uhf,rec.radio.amateur.policy

Kelly calls it "recreation."

"Michael Drainer" <drainer@sbcglobal.net> wrote in message
news:<5oCRa.673$074.382934127@newssvr12.news.prodigy.com>...
> Wow!
>
> "Ryan, KC8PMX" <kc8pmx@diamondcs.net> wrote in message
> news:bf6pt9$bqhu1$12@ID-189073.news.uni-berlin.de...
> >
> > Rather interesting side of a news event here in Michigan
> > Ryan, KC8PMX

1872. Re: The "trained pool of operators" argument - debunked

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-18 13:16:48 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com>
Message-ID: <4rSRa.977$lL.113300@nnrp1.ptd.net>
Source record: 71758

"Larry Roll K3LT" <yodoc@aol.comnospam> wrote in message
news:20030717225847.27503.00001138@mb-m24.aol.com...
> In article <GwzRa.889$lL.98584@nnrp1.ptd.net>, "Carl R. Stevenson"
> <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> writes:
>
> >As to how "important" Morse is ... YMMV ... to some it is
> >the "be all and end all" of ham radio ... to others it is of no
> >importance whatsoever ... from the FCC's decisions, it's
> >clear that, while there was a time when Morse was important,
> >that time ended long ago and the FCC no longer views Morse
> >as important in terms of licensing requirements.
>
> Carl:
>
> The above statement can be objectively evaluated only in the
> context of future ARRL initiatives and FCC actions regarding
> amateur HF sub-band mode authorizations. Once code testing
> is finally abolished in the US amateur licensing process, it will
> be much easier to re-allocate more spectrum to phone modes, to
> the detriment of CW -- and I rather suspect that's precisely what
> will happen.

I will be there beside you (figuratively), opposing expansion of the
phone bands ... with ONE *possible* exception. With the realignment
of 40m and broadcasting, we will have 7000-7200 exclusive in all
3 regions. It would seem equitable, given the structure of the other
bands, where the CW/data segments and the phone segments are
pretty equal, to shift the phone band lower limit from 7150 (Extra)
down to 7100 ...since the upper 100 kHz from 7200-7300 will
still be trashed by SW broadcast. This is the ONLY *possible*
situation that I can envision where I would consider supporting an
expansion of HF phone bands.

This is my *personal* comment and NOT "NCI policy" ...

Carl - wk3c

1873. Re: Claudette declared a Hurricane

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-18 13:19:55 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307180519.6e4b0b11@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71762

"Arnie Macy" <kt4st@csam.net> wrote in message
news:<bf76pd$brajc$1@ID-166180.news.uni-berlin.de>...
> Brian wrote ...
>
> Arnie, good grief. Leave it to the professionals.
> ----------
>
> It *is* my profession, Brian.

When did you become a weatherman?

Unless you don't consider being the Director
> of a US Emergency Management Agency a profession.

Arnie, I'm well aware of your EMA affiliation. Being a cop, then
getting hired to run a local EMA office doesn't make you a weatherman.

Remember, we all work for
> a living and only do Ham radio as a service and or hobby. You might want to
> ask before you leap next time.
>
> Arnie -
> KT4ST

Passing days old Hurricane information is a disservice, not a service
under any label you want to put it, professional or hobby. So don't
treat your profession as a hobby.

Brian

1874. Re: Code a Deterrent to a Ham Ticket ??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-18 13:20:51 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com>
Message-ID: <TuSRa.978$lL.113339@nnrp1.ptd.net>
Source record: 71760

"Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net> wrote in message
news:QFJRa.10979$Vx2.4922042@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com...
>
> "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> wrote in message
> news:c%IRa.959$lL.105461@nnrp1.ptd.net...
> > > Phil Kane wrote:
> > > > On 16 Jul 2003 03:06:13 GMT, Alun Palmer wrote:
> > > >
> > > >
> > > >>Well, here's an idea. Should you find later that you need to learn
> about
> > > >>something, have you ever heard of books? I find them very useful.
> > > >
> > > >
> > > > How long does one have to read the book to learn how to play the
> > > > piano?
> > >
> > > Why should one be forced to learn to play the piano if what one REALLY
> > > wants to do is to play one or more OTHER instruments?
> > >
> > > Would there be ANY sense in a rule that said "You can't play any other
> > > instrument, no matter how good you might be at it, unless you first
> > > demonstrate
> > > that you can play the piano proficiently." ???
> > >
> > > I don't think so ...
> > >
> > > Carl - wk3c
> > >
>
> You have to learn to play the piano to get a degree in music whether you
> plan to be a teacher or performer on some other instrument. Even if you
> will never have a need to play the piano, you still must learn it to get
> that music degree.
>
> However they don't have to become proficient on the piano just like hams
> don't have to become proficient at Morse. In either case, they only have
to
> learn the basics.

As stated many times before, a ham radio license is NOT a degree or
certificate
of graduation ... it is a "learner's permit."

Nice try, but no prize... care to play again?

Carl - wk3c

1875. Re: Code a Deterrent to a Ham Ticket ??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-18 13:23:40 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com>
Message-ID: <wxSRa.979$lL.113024@nnrp1.ptd.net>
Source record: 71761

"N2EY" <N2EY@AOL.COM> wrote in message
news:c2356669.0307180417.1c7982bd@posting.google.com...
> "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> wrote in message
news:<c%IRa.959$lL.105461@nnrp1.ptd.net>...
> > Would there be ANY sense in a rule that said "You can't play any other
> > instrument, no matter how good you might be at it, unless you first
> > demonstrate that you can play the piano proficiently." ???
>
> All depends on who defines "proficiently". The amateur radio code test
> we have now is roughly equivalent to being able to pound out a few
> bars of "Chopsticks" with two fingers on the piano. Even the old code
> tests didn't get much beyond the "Heart and Soul" level, compared to
> what was considered proficient by knowledgeable folks.

So what? The point is that there is no NEED for ANY level of Morse
proficiency any more.

Carl - wk3c

1876. Re: Why don't Real Hams you face the facts?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-18 13:23:41 UTC
From: David Norris <david.norris23@ntlworld.com>
Message-ID: <uwSRa.1520$nT4.139703@newsfep1-win.server.ntli.net>
Source record: 71763
Cross-posted to: uk.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.boatanchors,rec.radio.amateur.policy

"citizensband" <citizensband@ntlworld.com> wrote in message
news:by%Qa.1761$0g3.126929@newsfep1-win.server.ntli.net...
> All the garbage about how you should even be allowed to operate a CB,
unless
> you are able to build your own equipment. Real Hams will never be able to
> build a rig that even comes close to what's available off the shelf these
> days. Most people can't even be bothered, have no interest or don't have
the
> time to build rigs anymore. Boatanchors should be used for exactly that,
> anchoring boats!
>
> Time to stop whinging, and face the facts...Real Technology has overtaken
> you all!
>
> tox
>
>
In all honesty, unless go in for VERY low power (< 1Watt), the problem is
that you are going to have real problems ensuring that you don't generate
unacceptable levels of spurious emissions. To properly test things to the
standard required nowadays, with today's high density of electronic
equipment in any residential area, you will need test equipment costing much
more than a brand new 'off the shelf' set.
But it is certainly possible to design your own passive circuits, for
instance filters and traps, without this risk being involved.
If you are interested in DX, then a commercially designed receiver is going
to be much more sensitive and selective, of course. This is due to the fact
that a multinational company has the development resources that an
individual could only dream of.
Obviously, you do gain a lot of respect for designing your own circuits, and
you will attract a lot of interest by doing so! So I don't think that 'home
brew' will ever die out in it's entirety! DN

1877. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-18 13:36:23 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu>
Message-ID: <3F17F7D7.5000703@psu.edu>
Source record: 71765

Carl R. Stevenson wrote:
> "Mike Coslo" <mjc5@psu.edu> wrote in message
> news:3F16BF40.1060707@psu.edu...
>
>>There are many ways to get rid of something you don't like.
>
>
> First, (over and over again) we have said, quite honestly, that
> we have no goal of eliminating the ability of hams to choose
> voluntarily to use Morse, nor to restrict that ability.

Uh-huh.
>
>>I see this a similar to blocking off the inlet to a lake, and watching
>>the fish die as it dries up.
>
>
> This is a poor analogy ... you guys are really big on poor analogies.
>
> Unlike blocking the inlet to a lake (preventing the inflow of water),
> removing the Morse test requirement does NOT preclude ANYONE
> who WANTS to from learning and using Morse.

Let us take the natural rainfall over the as symbolic of the hams who would learn and use Morse if they didn't have to. Will the lake fill enough from the rainfall? Or will it slowly evaporate?

In other words, Eliminating the test is like shutting off the inflow to the lake. Rainfall is the people who decide Morse is for them after the test is gone.

Evaporation is the natural attrition rate.

>>Since Morse does take some effort to learn, there is no doubt that
>>less people will take the effort. There will most likely not be enough
>>new beepers to replace the old ones.
>
>
> It's up to "the old beepers" to recruit new ones ... THAT is NOT a
> legitimate government regulatory function.

After you cut off the input of new beepers. That might take a while to get used to.

> Next time you talk about folks "putting forth effort to achieve
> a goal" think about that one. Maintaining a population of Morse

> users is/seems to be YOUR goal ... it's not my job, nor the FCC's.

Not my goal!

> Then bitch about it to the folks who you think DO favor phone band expansion
> and leave me (and NCI) out of that one ... it's not our agenda.

So Carl, does that mean that after they drop the Morse test here in the
Us of A, that you'll be done with the group as far as NCI goes? Your
agenda is achieved here. ;^)

- mike KB3EIA -

1878. Re: Ham Radio In The Post-Code Testing Era

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-18 13:36:30 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com>
Message-ID: <yJSRa.980$lL.113424@nnrp1.ptd.net>
Source record: 71764

"Larry Roll K3LT" <yodoc@aol.comnospam> wrote in message
news:20030717225848.27503.00001139@mb-m24.aol.com...
> In article <HGyRa.879$lL.98195@nnrp1.ptd.net>, "Carl R. Stevenson"
> <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> writes:
>
> >> Carl:
> >>
> >> That's right. They did. And a lot of them kept the key on the top of
the
> >> operating table and continued to use it. Now, in the absence of a code
> >> testing requirement as part of the licensing procedure, how many new
hams
> >> will even bother to own a telegraph key?
> > >
> > >Frankly, I don't care one iota
> >
> > Carl:
> >
> > Well, you've spent years making THAT perfectly clear! Fortunately there
are
> > those of us who do care about whether or not a useful communications skill
> > continues to be practiced in the ARS.

Then do your own "recruiting" from those who are interested/willing,
don't rely on the govt. to be your "recruiting agency" by making everyone
pass a Morse test so that you can skim off those who decide to keep the
key instead of tossing it.

> >> >Could *I* become proficient at 20 wpm ... certainly, with enough use
and
> >> >practice. Do I *care* to? The answer is obviously "No."
> >>
> >> Well, at least you were exposed to the code and learned it well enough
to
> >> make that choice from a vantage point of actual personal experience.
In
> >the
> >> future, a lot of hams who may have decided to become active CW users
will
> >> no longer get that opportunity, due to the elimination of the code
testing
> >> requirement.

Having had to submit to "hazing by Morse" in the past, and even having used
it (and then discarded it), does NOT define how good a ham I may be ...

and it certainly doesn't make me a "better ham" than someone who's never
taken a Morse test or used Morse.

> >
> >Again, it's up to the current crop of Morse enthusiasts to do any
> >recruiting.
>
> I don't believe that the use of Morse code is something that is
"recruitable,"
> if there is such a word. My own personal experience would lead me to
> believe that the only thing that will get someone to try it is some kind
of
> overwhelming incentive.

Translation: "I've either never put forth the effort to 'recruit' new Morse
ops,
or I'm so frustrated with my inability to gain converts that I feel I must
rely
on govt. mandates to do the work for me."

> We used to have that incentive in the Pre-Restructuring Era. Now that it
is
> gone, to rely simply on enticing people to Morse/CW with the promise of
> better operating capability will probably not resonate very well with the
> majority of newcomers

As above, with the added factor that you're admitting that your "product"
is unattractive, and therefore "hard to sell."

> who, basically, are going to be refugees from
> the Citizen's Band, who just want a louder, more frequency-agile box to
plug
> their microphone into.

I knew if I read far enough, I'd get to your obligatory derrogation of
newcomers.

> >... folks can be intelligent enough that, with
> >a modest exposure to Morse through personal contact with other hams,
> >seeing others using the mode, etc., they can make a choice as to whether
> >they are interested in purusing the mode or not.
>
> That's not the same thing, Carl. I was referring to their "opinions," or
> subjective impressions, of the Morse code. The decision-making process
> they apply to decide whether or not to attempt to learn it is a much more
> objective process.

Face it Larry, your product is unattractive to most and hard to sell.
That's not
a reason for a govt. life support system that does your recruiting work for
you.

If you can sell your "product" to enough people, fine ... if not, and you "go out
of business," that's fine with me, too ... just remember, I am NOT trying to "board
up your storefront and confiscate your assets," but it's ALSO not my job (or the
FCC's) to help you "prop up a poor business model, based on an unattractive
product, with govt. subsidies."

Carl - wk3c

1879. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-18 13:42:04 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com>
Message-ID: <MOSRa.981$IL.113512@nnrp1.ptd.net>
Source record: 71766

"N2EY" <N2EY@AOL.COM> wrote in message
news:c2356669.0307180300.5906dfa6@posting.google.com...
> Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote in message
news:<Xns93BA673229F3Eelektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>...
>
> > Bringing the phone subbands in line with other countries in Region 2
would
> > be sufficient
>
> Seeing as how the USA has more hams than any other country in Region
> 2, why not have those other countries get their phone subbands in line
> with the USA?

Because they are soverign nations with the right to regulate the use of
the radio spectrum within their jurisdictions as they see fit and according
to their needs, as long as they are not in violation of the ITU Radio
Regulations.

Because most of the rest of the world does it the same way they do
and the US is virtually alone in its sub-band by mode regulations.

Jim ... I realize that your question above was *probably* (at least
partly) tongue in cheek, but it does sort of smack of American
arrogance ... and to some of the other countries in region 2, perhaps
something approaching "Yankee imperialism."

Carl - wk3c

1880. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-18 13:45:46 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com>
Message-ID: <eSSRa.982$IL.113418@nnrp1.ptd.net>
Source record: 71767

"N2EY" <n2ey@aol.com> wrote in message
news:20030718070019.27503.00001149@mb-m24.aol.com...
> In article <bf7gse$539$1@slb6.atl.mindspring.net>, "Bill Sohl"
> <billsohl@mindspring.com> writes:
> >
> >So convince the FCC that some august body of hams (elected? appointed?
> >approved by?) should take over setting FCC part 97 rules.
>
> Works for me.

I believe that Bill's comment was tongue in cheek ... it won't fly, because the FCC has a mandate and cannot abdicate its responsibilities.

Besides, if you think Congress suffers "gridlock" on contentious issues, imagine how bad a body of hams would be ... worse than partisan politics, for sure :-(

Carl - wk3c

1881. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-18 13:49:50 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com>
Message-ID: <2WSRa.983$IL.113457@nnrp1.ptd.net>
Source record: 71768

"N2EY" <n2ey@aol.com> wrote in message
news:20030718070019.27503.00001150@mb-m24.aol.com...
> In article <3F17431E.7090800@adelphia.net>, Mike Coslo
<mcoslo@adelphia.net>
> writes:
>
> >I would propose that "200 Meters and Down" be required reading and have
> >a few questions on the tests!
> >
> While "200" is very good, it stops in 1936. I would recommend the
following:
>
> - "Calling CQ" by Clinton B. Desoto, W1CBD, available for free download as
a
> PDF file. May be around as a printed book. Stories of 1920s and 1930s
amateur
> radio.
>
> - "The Wayback Machine" by Bill Continelli, W2XOY, available for free
download
> or for viewing on a website. Multichapter history of amateur radio from
the
> earliest days to the present.

As entertaining depicitions of the history of ham radio, these may be GREAT
works.

As "models for the future," I think we need to look more forward than
backward.

While I admit that history can be valuable in terms of learning
from past mistakes, so as to avoid similar mistakes in the future, I think
leaning on past events/conditions/etc. too heavily and trying to "keep
things
as they were in 'the good old days' " is a BIG mistake ... a mistake that
too many of us are inclined to make.

Carl - wk3c

1882. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-18 13:56:38 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com>
Message-ID: <q0TRa.985$IL.113690@nnrp1.ptd.net>
Source record: 71769

"Mike Coslo" <mjc5@psu.edu> wrote in message
news:3F17F7D7.5000703@psu.edu...
> Carl R. Stevenson wrote:
> > Next time you talk about folks "putting forth effort to achieve
> > a goal" think about that one. Maintaining a population of Morse
> > users is/seems to be YOUR goal ... it's not my job, nor the FCC's.
>
> Not my goal!
>
>
> > Then bitch about it to the folks who you think DO favor phone band
expansion
> > and leave me (and NCI) out of that one ... it's not our agenda.
>
>
> So Carl, does that mean that after they drop the Morse test here in the
> Us of A, that you'll be done with the group as far as NCI goes? Your
> agenda is achieved here. ;^)

Not exactly ... NCI's goal is GLOBAL ... NCI's work is not over
as soon as the US drops Morse testing ... there are a LOT of other
countries.

(Though it's beginning to look like the US will, because of process,
be one of the slower ones to act on the changes adopted by
WRC-03 ... the Swiss hams have already received their letters giving
them HF privs ... the UK will reportedly act before the end of the
month ... and others are lining up ...)

It will be very interesting to watch the dominoes fall ...

Carl - wk3c

1883. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-18 14:36:24 UTC
From: Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93BC6BD58D86Felektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>
Source record: 71770

N2EY@AOL.COM (N2EY) wrote in
news:c2356669.0307180300.5906dfa6@posting.google.com:

> Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote in message
> news:<Xns93BA673229F3Eelektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>...
>
>> Bringing the phone subbands in line with other countries in Region 2
>> would be sufficient
>
> Seeing as how the USA has more hams than any other country in Region
> 2, why not have those other countries get their phone subbands in line
> with the USA?
>
> 73 de Jim, N2EY
>

Because the US is only one country

1884. Re: The "trained pool of operators" argument - debunked

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-18 15:12:12 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu>
Message-ID: <3F180E4C.8000402@psu.edu>
Source record: 71772

Bert Craig wrote:
> "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> wrote in message
news:<GwzRa.889$lL.98584@nnrp1.ptd.net>...
>
>>"Bert Craig" <wa2si@arrl.net> wrote in message
>>news:b7d1465c.0307170158.3e41e923@posting.google.com...
>>
>>>Carl,
>>>
>>>I'm going to do something that some might not expect me to do,
>>>agree. I think that in the frenzy to defend CW testing, some have
>>>tried many different angles. Not that these angles aren't correct wrt
>>>CW itself, just not the retention of CW testing. This is where the use
>>>of the FCC to defend the dropping of CW testing becomes almost
>>>silly...because to be quite honest, the FCC really doesn't care all
>>>that much about the ARS anyway and ANYTHING that'll ease the
>>>administration over the same is more than welcome. So saying "we don't
>>>have to do our homework because daddy says so" doesn't mean that the
>>>homework is unimportant, it means that daddy doesn't care.
>>
>>I don't agree with the analogy ... the FCC *does* care about the
>>Amateur Radio Service ... they just don't belive that requiring Morse
>>tests serves any legitimate regulatory purpose
>
>
> Please stop right there. What's the hang-up with this "regulatory
> purpose" stuff. I don't believe it's ALL about regulatory, it's has
> something to do with a rich tradition wrt a mode that is still widely
> used today. Tradition really does count for something and requiring
> folks to learn the very basic level in order to pass a 5-wpm hardly
> constitutes a "barrier." This is very likely how many will get their
> only taste of Morse.

You would think so, but its too hard!

> Neither CW or it's proponents will sell it on
> it's own merits. Sad to say, but many of today's generation just don't
> understand why they "have to" learn all that stuff they'll never use.

Dude! It's like such a waste of time, yaknow? I'll never be interested,
and like "Americon Idol" is on tonight!

> The recent Regents fiasco is a grim reminder. Only 12 students passed
> the test that was really no harder than many folks had taken in years
> past. The first reaction..."the test's too hard," from both the

> parents and the kids.

Of course! how is little Buffy and Adrian going to get into a good
college if they don't have the grades? S make those tests easier.

> Rather than take the heat, the DOE is going to
> give them an easier test. Behold the result of second generation
> underachievement. I strongly disagree, Carl. I think it's a "spot-on"
> analogy. It'd almost be amusing if it weren't so sad.

Carl thinks we make dum analogies.

>>any more (other than
>>complying with requirements in the ITU Radio Regs that require(d)
>>Morse tests for folks whose licenses granted privs in the bands
>>below 30 MHz ... a requirement that has ceased to exist as of
>>July 05, 2003 ...) (Read the quotes from their R&O again ... it's
>>quite clear.)
>
>
> No need, the words of those who are seeking less administrative work
> are hardly meaningful. Hmmm, avoiding work...some commonality.
>
>
>>>Sadly, many have lost sight of what this was really all about. Element
>>>1 (Domestically, that is.) Rather than investing some time and effort
>>>to satisfy a very basic requirement that is an extremely important
>>>part of AR tradition,
>>
>>"Some time and effort" can vary widely across the spectrum of
>>individuals ... for some it can be easy, for others it's nearly impossible.
>>Just as some folks can't "carry a tune in a bucket" with respect to
>>singing ability, Morse involves a "mode-specific aptitude" that folks
>>possess (or don't) in widely varying degrees.
>
>
> If by "mode-specific aptitude," you mean sitting ones you-know-what
> down for 20 mins./day for a mo. and trying some good old-fashioned
> study/practice, you'd have a point.

Takes longer in some cases. Took me six months of hard work. but so what?

I'll go out on a limb, and say that a person that does not have the
time to learn the material does not have the time for the hobby. Written
or Morse.

That is really what my whole argument is. I don't give a hoot if a
person uses or doesn't use Morse. I really don't. I suck at it. I've got
some physical attributes that make morse code unenjoyable for me.

But I don't like lazy people one little bit. Sorry, but I don't. And
behind all the rhetoric and bluff and bluster, in almost all cases it
boils down to laziness.

>>I really wish that folks would stop trying to lean on "tradition" ...
>>maintaining "tradition" is NOT a legitimate regulatory goal that
>>should drive the requirements for licensing, plain and simple.
>
>
> I wish folks would stop leaning on "regulatory" as if it's ok just
> because big brother says so. Especially at the 5-wpm level, puh-lease.

Wouldn't it be great if all the PCTA people would just go away?

- Mike KB3EIA -

1885. Re: The "trained pool of operators" argument - debunked

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-18 15:14:25 UTC
From: kelly@dvol.com
Message-ID: <d22b54c3.0307180714.3de1d709@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71771

"Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net> wrote in message
news:<QAJRa.10978$Vx2.4921110@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com>...
> "Brian Kelly" <kelly@dvol.com> wrote in message
> news:d22b54c3.0307171757.6d763cdb@posting.google.com...
> >
> > Great post Bert, ya sed it all, I wish I'd written it. Your Regents
> > analogy was masterful. They don't have the gumption to achieve so dumb
> > the exams to "their" achievement level and their "problem" goes away.
> >
> > w3rv
>
> No the problem won't go away as the next generation of people will have even
> lower achievement and will demand that the tests be made simpler yet.

I couldn't agree more Dee. But these are the times of politically
correct dumb downs, they're too short-sighted to see beyond today.
They want. Right now. No matter what.

> Dee D. Flint, N8uZE

w3rv

1886. Re: The "trained pool of operators" argument - debunked

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-18 15:15:54 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu>
Message-ID: <3F180F2A.1040603@psu.edu>
Source record: 71773

Carl R. Stevenson wrote:

> I just cannot grasp how otherwise (presumably at least reasonably)
> intelligent people can cling to insistence on the acquisition of such
> a mechanical skill in such a quasi-religious fashion.

Maybe we're just not that smart, Carl. And you're arguing with us! Face it, you're enjoying all this, and having a good time rubbing our nose in it.

- Mike KB3EIA -

1887. Re: The "trained pool of operators" argument - debunked

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-18 15:19:09 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu>
Message-ID: <3F180FED.5080206@psu.edu>
Source record: 71774

Dave Heil wrote:
> "Carl R. Stevenson" wrote:
>
>
>>I would have been a much more
>>valuable asset to the amateur community if I'd had access to HF those
>>years I didn't simply because of Morse ...
>
>
> I share your pain, Carl. I've often thought of my wasted years, not
> being in the House of Representatives.

>
>>I just cannot grasp how otherwise (presumably at least reasonably)
>>intelligent people can cling to insistence on the acquisition of such
>>a mechanical skill in such a quasi-religious fashion.
>
>
> I understand your inability to grasp the situation...in a
> quasi-sarcastic way.

This whole thing is making me quasi-queasy! ;^)

- Mike KB3EIA -

1888. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-18 15:25:11 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu>
Message-ID: <3F181157.7010504@psu.edu>
Source record: 71775

Carl R. Stevenson wrote:
> "Mike Coslo" <mjc5@psu.edu> wrote in message
> news:3F17F7D7.5000703@psu.edu...
>
>>Carl R. Stevenson wrote:
>>
>>>Next time you talk about folks "putting forth effort to achieve
>>>a goal" think about that one. Maintaining a population of Morse
>>>users is/seems to be YOUR goal ... it's not my job, nor the FCC's.
>>
>>Not my goal!
>>
>>
>>
>>>Then bitch about it to the folks who you think DO favor phone band
>>
> expansion
>
>>>and leave me (and NCI) out of that one ... it's not our agenda.
>>
>>
>>So Carl, does that mean that after they drop the Morse test here in the
>>Us of A, that you'll be done with the group as far as NCI goes? Your
>>agenda is achieved here. ;^)
>
>
> Not exactly ... NCI's goal is GLOBAL ... NCI's work is not over
> as soon as the US drops Morse testing ... there are a LOT of other
> countries.

I know that, but this is primarily a US newsgroup, with a few others
thrown in. I doubt too many people here will be interested in the
remaining countries Morse/No Morse material.

> (Though it's beginning to look like the US will, because of process,
> be one of the slower ones to act on the changes adopted by
> WRC-03 ... the Swiss hams have already received their letters giving
> them HF privs ... the UK will reportedly act before the end of the
> month ... and others are lining up ...)
>
> It will be very interesting to watch the dominoes fall ...

Congratulations.

- Mike KB3EIA -

1889. Re: ARS License Numbers

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-18 15:28:43 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu>
Message-ID: <3F18122B.8070600@psu.edu>
Source record: 71776

Vshah101 wrote:
>>From: k4yz@aol.com (Steve Robeson, K4CAP)
>
>
>>>Don't forget, having more activities, rather than fewer also helps. More
>>
>>growth
>>
>>>in homebrewing, tuning, direction finding, emergency communications, APRS,
>>
>>etc.
>>
>> Again, it has already been proven that the things you insist don't
>>happen DO happen. Why do you insist that they don't?
>
>
> They don't happen to me. Doesn't happen in the four closest clubs to me, at
> Hamfests in MA, NH, CT. Doesn't happen despite my best efforts to search for
> such activities. Its not what Hams are interested in.

Perhaps you need to look to other possibilities for why you don't get
along with hams.

- mike KB3EIA -

1890. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-18 15:41:30 UTC
From: N2EY@AOL.COM
Message-ID: <c2356669.0307180741.1a072581@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71777

Dave Heil <k8mn@earthlink.net> wrote in message news:<3F176D3E.65260D2B@earthlink.net>...
> N2EY wrote:
>
> > Complex compared to what? More complex than a PC? Or was there too
> > much talk and too little action?
> >
> > Maybe it was a solution in search of a problem.
>
> Looks like another job for Brute Force Cybernetics, the company which
> creates a need, then fills it.
>
Maybe it would be better handled by Vogon Heavy Industries

http://www.vogon.com/vhi

73 de Jim, N2EY

WWHD

1891. From ZS Land

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-18 15:43:56 UTC
From: N2EY@AOL.COM
Message-ID: <c2356669.0307180743.870be76@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71779

http://www.qsl.net/zs1an/morse.htm

or

http://www.qsl.net/zs1an/morserequirement.doc

73 de Jim, N2EY

WWHD

1892. Re: Since it is over, probably okay to post.....

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-18 15:55:21 UTC
From: N2EY@AOL.COM
Message-ID: <c2356669.0307180755.2a06c9f9@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71780
Cross-posted to: alt.ham-radio.vhf-uhf,rec.radio.amateur.policy

Robert Casey <wa2ise@ix.netcom.com> wrote in message
news:<3F173DA0.3080608@ix.netcom.com>...
> Ryan, KC8PMX wrote:
>
> > On July 6, a Michigan radio amateur by the name of Scott Woodring (KC8JNG)
> >
> >
> Would never have happened if he took a code test..... :-(

Maybe, maybe not. Neither one was a Morse code "fanatic", though...

In the past few days we have a new ham who uses a modified ham rig to send false distress calls on marine frequencies (using a voice mode, btw), and a somewhat more experienced one who shoots and kills a law enforcement officer. Both for no discernable reason.

Really good publicity for amateur radio, huh?

How many engineers do we have to attract to the ARS to make up for those two?

My condolences to the friends and families.

73 de Jim, N2EY

1893. Looking For Handset Sources

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-18 16:01:13 UTC
From: k4yz@aol.com
Message-ID: <5c01b95b.0307180801.29ef89@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71781

Does anyone know of a source for the mil-spec type handsets like the one that appears in many of the SGC ads? SGC sells them as accessories, but for well-over $375.

Any help would be deeply appreciated.

73

Steve, K4YZ

1894. Re: Since it is over, probably okay to post.....

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-18 16:05:59 UTC
From: N2EY@AOL.COM
Message-ID: <c2356669.0307180805.35fd3482@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71782
Cross-posted to: alt.ham-radio.vhf-uhf,rec.radio.amateur.policy

"Ryan, KC8PMX" <kc8pmx@diamondcs.net> wrote in message
news:<bf6pt9$bqhu1$12@ID-189073.news.uni-berlin.de>...
(major snippage)

> reported an intercept of communications between Mr. Woodring and another
> radio amateur located in Fremont, Michigan.

Good thing Woodring didn't have spread spectrum. He probably could
have avoided interception.

> MSP Investigators subsequently requested assistance from the Department of
> Defense and Federal Communications Commission in order to establish radio
> direction finding capabilities. When help was not forthcoming, a call was
> placed to the SEC requesting these capabilities through the Amateur Radio
> Service.

"When help was not forthcoming"......

Law enforcement officer shot and killed in the line of duty but DoD
and FCC "30"professionals aren't able to help out, so volunteer
amateurs have to fill in.

> RACES members provided 494 staff-hours to the operation, most of which were
> contributed during the 36-hour period when radio direction finding
> activites were being conducted.

All volunteer, all free.

> Michigan State Police officials expressed genuine
> appreciation for the efforts of the Amateur Radio teams. Considerable
> positive feedback has been received from a variety of senior officers who
> now have an "expanded" view of Amateur Radio capabilities.

Thanks for posting, Ryan.
>
> -30-

"30" is a landwire telegraph abbreviation. It evolved into "SK" which
hams use at the end of a QSO, to mean "end of work, no more to
follow".

73 de Jim, N2EY

WWHD

1895. Re: Smells like type acceptance

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-18 16:40:56 UTC
From: kelly@dvol.com
Message-ID: <d22b54c3.0307180840.66dd9680@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71783

"Phil Kane" <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop> wrote in message
news:<cuvyxnansvbet.hi6cxmi.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>...
> On 15 Jul 2003 17:42:38 -0700, Brian Kelly wrote:
>
> >Are you saying that if I install any of these types of mods in my
> >Yaesu xcvr I'm in violation?? If yes then we have one *helluva* lotta
> >violators roaming the bands, thousands of us.
>
> Only if the receiver section is of a type that is required to be
> type-certified. In general, that's for VHF and above receivers.
>
> Installing such a mod in a type-certified receiver voids the type
> certification, which raises two separate issues.
>
> (1) The receiver (or transceiver) can no longer be conveyed to
> another party (sold, given, shipped, all the good words in Section
> 302(b) of the Comm Act) unless the manufacturer recertifies the
> receiver with the mod (i.e. approved the mod and stated that with
> the mod the receiver still meets seignal leakage specs).

Let me count the number of perps . .

> (2) if the mod causes harmful interference to another licensed
> station ("freebanders" are fair game but I never said that) then
> you would be liable for using same.

Cash deal and what radio are you talking about? I never met the guy.

> Yeah, I know it's weird - put a preamp inside the VHF receiver and it
> busts the type certification. Put it in a box with a transistor
> battery and hook it to the receiver antenna terminal with a wire and
> it doesn't. I never said that the equipment certification rules
> were logical, only that they are "the rules".

I oughta known . . confusion at the top does tend to propagate.

> Whatever worm is left in the can - put it on a hook and catch me a
> trout.

Last time I tried that all I caught was a tire and a week's worth of
bronchitis. Don't hold yer breath.

1896. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-18 16:41:11 UTC
From: N2EY@AOL.COM
Message-ID: <c2356669.0307180841.56e64b4a@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71784

brianburke@juno.com (Brian) wrote in message
news:<f45722ac.0307161912.7fd04854@posting.google.com>...
> N2EY@AOL.COM (N2EY) wrote in message
news:<c2356669.0307161312.4a81237b@posting.google.com>...
> > brianburke@juno.com (Brian) wrote in message
news:<f45722ac.0307151734.36d0124@posting.google.com>...
> > > N2EY@AOL.COM (N2EY) wrote in message
news:<c2356669.0307150905.598693d@posting.google.com>...
> > > > "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> wrote in message
news:<AsDQa.521$lL.58870@nnrp1.ptd.net>...
> > > > > "N2EY" <n2ey@aol.com> wrote in message
> > > > > news:20030714142202.02627.00000066@mb-m02.aol.com...
> > > > > > In article <rTxQa.454$lL.55425@nnrp1.ptd.net>, "Carl R. Stevenson"
> > > > > > >there is nothing "magical" about Morse
> > > > > > >and the insistence on using "wetware" instead of software to do the
> > > > > > >decoding is an anomaly of ham radio.
> > > > > >
> > > > > > And you say you're not against the use of the mode, just the test, Carl?
> > > > > > ;-)
> > > > > >
> > > > > That's correct... I am NOT against the use of the mode.
> > > > >
> > > > Maybe. But the way you write about the mode makes me wonder. For
> > > > example, when you call those who use the mode "beepers" and other
> > > > disparaging names, a different image is projected by you.
> > > >
> > > Kelley refers to himself as a "beepist."
> > >
> > Where? You are mistaken. AC6XG hasn't posted here in quite some time,
> > and I've never seen him refer to himself that way.
> >
> > Is Kelley against Morse/CW use?
> >
> Nope. I've worked AC6XG at least twice, both times on CW. Once was on
> Field Day (20 CW) and the other on the rrap net on 7037 kHz.
>
> Ahhh. Applying the old Dave Heil "I'm gonna be obtuse" tactic?

I'll think about answering your questions after you answer mine about
your alleged /T5 operation.

> Poor Jimmy, gotsta resort to tricks.

The only Kelley I know is AC6XG.
>

> Is there anyone else here who has referred to hisself as a "beepist?"

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your alleged /T5 operation.

1897. Code requirement

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-18 16:43:06 UTC
From: Old DXer <"Old DXer"@connectnet.net>
Message-ID: <usVRa.2989$ff.326@fed1read01>
Source record: 71785

Wow lots of stuff on Da Code Test, senseless dogmatic regulation that it may or may not be.

So after all the rhetoric --- just take the damn test and meet your goals, achieve me buckos, can do, damn the code test - full speed ahead, be all you can be, perficio -- or cop out and drop out! Or wait a while.

Always bear in mind that your own resolution to succeed is more important than any one thing.
Abraham Lincoln (1809 - 1865)

1898. Re: Fight the BPL

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-18 17:41:20 UTC
From: W5DXP <Cecil.A.Moore@ieee.org>
Message-ID: <3f18157c$1_2@corp-news.newsgroups.com>
Source record: 71778
Cross-posted to:
rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.swap

Brian Kelly wrote:
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> 'em." Wherein lies the whole problem.

I think it is assumed that the guy on the other end would
also have more output suds, i.e. 100W would become obsolete.
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73, Cecil, W5DXP

1899. Re: The "trained pool of operators" argument - debunked

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-18 18:00:32 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com>
Message-ID: <4BWRa.1005$IL.115786@nnrp1.ptd.net>
Source record: 71786

"Mike Coslo" <mjc5@psu.edu> wrote in message
news:3F180E4C.8000402@psu.edu...
>
> Wouldn't it be great if all the PCTA people would just go away?
>
> - Mike KB3EIA -
>

Nah ... the ridiculous arguments you folks make for keeping a
Morse test requirement just make NCI's job easier :-)

(read the MO&O where the FCC blew away all of the
petitions for reconsideration of dropping the 13 and 20 wpm
tests ... :-)

Carl - wk3c

1900. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-18 18:01:28 UTC
From: kelly@dvol.com
Message-ID: <d22b54c3.0307181001.5ce77ce5@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71788

"Bill Sohl" <billsohl@mindspring.com> wrote in message
news:<bf7g5j$r80$1@slb3.atl.mindspring.net>...
> "Brian Kelly" <kelly@dvol.com> wrote in message

> > > > Dee D. Flint, N8UZE
> > >
> > > The above didn't come out as to what I intended. My intent
> > > was that there is a burden on the non-phone users
> > > to use the non-phone segments. IF phone users can
> > > show the FCC that the non-phone segments are
> > > underutilized, then the non-phone users could lose bandwidth.
> >
> > The simple reality of the matter is that most of us coders could care
> > less about what happens above the .100s and it's been that way for
> > decades. The crunch could come if the HF digitals continue to pick up
> > users. They have us below them and the phone ops above them. Any
> > domestic battles over phone bandwidth expansion could very well be
> > between the digitals and the phone users with the coders as
> > essentially uninvolved (and snickering) spectators.
>
> Your argument fails

'Scuse me but it hasn't failed until the FCC sez so.

> because the spectrum, both above and
> below .100 can legally be shared with data today.
> The digital segregation now
> is by agreement, not by FCC mandate. If digital users increase,
> they'll increase to where they easily can...below the .100 if
> that segment is being underused.

You're assuming constants in a scene which is loaded with variables.
That's a mistake which has been made many times. Climb out of your
box.

Lotta "ifs" floating around here and neither of us have accurate
crystal balls. But based on obvious current trends and realities plus
the assumption that CW fades over time ('nother big "if") I think it's
quite possible for new digital ops to replace lost CW ops on a
one-for-one basis. In fact when I think about how HF digital
operations are mushrooming it's quite possible that the replacement
rate could very well be higher than one-for-one in the long run.

The huge unknown here is that we have no idea what's around the corner
wrt to the ongoing development of digital modes and how many operators
they will attract as the parade of new digital capabilities show up.

This field is abundantly filled with opportunties for amateur
development work so I sure won't be stupid enough to make any
brick-wall predictions about where digital ops are headed or their
impact in the .000-.150s. Don't start licking yer chops for more phone
space Bill, the fat lady is nowhere in sight the CW aspect completely
aside.

> Recalkl too that subbands are primarily a USA
> practice and even our nothern neighbor has no
> such limitation on phone in the "non-phone"
> segments per USA laws.

The Canadians also have nationalized medicine and the Russians are
apparently going to continue with code tests. So what?

>
> Cheers,
> Bill K2UNK

w3rv

1901. Re: The "trained pool of operators" argument - debunked

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-18 18:02:33 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com>
Message-ID: <ZCWRa.1006$IL.115811@nnrp1.ptd.net>
Source record: 71787

"Mike Coslo" <mjc5@psu.edu> wrote in message
news:3F180F2A.1040603@psu.edu...
> Carl R. Stevenson wrote:
>
> > I just cannot grasp how otherwise (presumably at least reasonably)
> > intelligent people can cling to insistence on the acquisition of such
> > a mechanical skill in such a quasi-religious fashion.
>
>
> Maybe we're just not that smart, Carl. And you're arguing with us! Face
> it, you're enjoying all this, and having a good time rubbing our nose in
it.
>
> - Mike KB3EIA -

Mike,

Its really NOT my intention to "rub noses in it" ... honest ... if it comes
across that way, I apologize.

What I *am* trying to do is counter the illogical with some logic and
the political/regulatory/technical realities.

Carl - wk3c

1902. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-18 18:10:57 UTC
From: kelly@dvol.com
Message-ID: <d22b54c3.0307181010.34623da7@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71789

"Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> wrote in message
news:<MOSRa.981$lL.113512@nnrp1.ptd.net>...
> "N2EY" <N2EY@AOL.COM> wrote in message
> news:c2356669.0307180300.5906dfa6@posting.google.com...
> > Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote in message
> news:<Xns93BA673229F3Eelektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>...
> >
> > > Bringing the phone subbands in line with other countries in Region 2
> would
> > > be sufficient
> >
> > Seeing as how the USA has more hams than any other country in Region
> > 2, why not have those other countries get their phone subbands in line
> > with the USA?
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> Because they are soverign nations with the right to regulate the use of
> the radio spectrum within their jurisdictions as they see fit and according
> to their needs, as long as they are not in violation of the ITU Radio
> Regulations.
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> Because most of the rest of the world does it the same way they do
> and the US is virtually alone in its sub-band by mode regulations.
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> Jim ... I realize that your question above was *probably* (at least
> partly) tongue in cheek, but it does sort of smack of American
> arrogance ... and to some of the other countries in region 2, perhaps
> something approaching "Yankee imperialism."

Wrong. The fact that the FCC does not allow us to run phone as far
down the bands as the DX does shelters the DX from the U.S. hordes.
That's about as "anti Yankee Imperialism" as it gets in ham radio.

>
> Carl - wk3c

w3rv

1903. Re: Claudette declared a Hurricane

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-18 18:29:08 UTC
From: kelly@dvol.com
Message-ID: <d22b54c3.0307181029.9569882@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71790

"Arnie Macy" <kt4st@csam.net> wrote in message
news:<bf7k21$c3tj5$1@ID-166180.news.uni-berlin.de>...
> "Brian Kelly" wrote ...
>
> Hee hee OhGawd hee hee! SPANK!
>
> Brian wrote ...
>
> Arnie, good grief. Leave it to the professionals.
> ---
>
> Arnie wrote ...
>
> It *is* my profession, Brian. Unless you don't consider being the Director
> of a US Emergency Management Agency a profession. Remember, we all work for
> a living and only do Ham radio as a service and or hobby. You might want to
> ask before you leap next time.
> ---
>
> Brian,
>
> I am now waiting for his response. I thought I had given him a clue when I
> said that my computers had a direct link with the NHC computers, but I guess
> he didn't see the connection.

Connections? HIM? Maybe after you get his attention with a 20 pound sledge.

> Arnie -
> KT4ST

1904. Re: Ham Radio In The Post-Code Testing Era

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-18 18:37:11 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307181037.415cad72@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71791

Dave Heil <k8mn@earthlink.net> wrote in message news:<3F176A5C.DEFCBE18@earthlink.net>...
> Brian wrote:
> >
> > Dave Heil <k8mn@earthlink.net> wrote in message
news:<3F160788.869220DF@earthlink.net>...
> > > Brian wrote:
> > > >
> > > > Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net> wrote in message
>
> > > > > ...provides an opportunity for ops on six meters. I've observed the
> > > > > phenomenon before. Your're in New York. You point your beam north and
> > > > > you start hearing somebody in Florida. You figure you're hearing him
> > > > > off the back of the beam and turn it south to bring up the signal,
> > > > > only to have it disappear.
> > > > >
> > > > > Much of this activity happens on CW. Voice signals get distorted a lot
> > > > > due to the effects of all the ionization in the aurora itself.
>
> > > > John, though 6M is worth mentioning, it isn't HF and these guys don't
> > > > care. Its all about using fast CW on HF (to them). Brian
> > > >
> > > How do you manage to be wrong so often, Brian? I worked about forty
> > > Europeans on 6m this past week. About half of those QSOs were made on
> > > CW. About half of the CW QSOs were made using relatively slow speeds.
> > > Those contacts were not made using Aurora. Had they been, all of the
> > > QSOs would have been made using slow CW.
> > >
> > Were any of them French?
>
> Look it up in my online logs after you've finished eating your words on
> 6m, Brian.
>
> Dave K8MN

Oh, my! Another guy who can't answer a simple question.

1905. Re: Code a Deterrent to a Ham Ticket ??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-18 18:56:24 UTC
From: Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
Message-ID: <cuvyxnansvbet.hi87207.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 71794

On 18 Jul 2003 05:17:42 -0700, N2EY wrote:

>OTOH, millions of young children today are "forced" to learn how to do
>basic arithmetic even though inexpensive calculators have been around
>for decades.

What "learning"? Go into your local fast-food place or grocery
store and see the blank look on the clerk's face if s/he has to make
change and the register is not working.....

>> Would there be ANY sense in a rule that said "You can't play any other
>> instrument, no matter how good you might be at it, unless you first
>> demonstrate that you can play the piano proficiently." ???

>But hey, we're missing the point here. Why should any musical
>performance skill be needed to get a music degree, unless a person
>wants to be a performer?

Most conservatories and music degree programs require piano
proficiency no matter what the instrument or specialty (performance,
composing, whatever) is. I got away from that by studying voice
privately, but that's the exception.

>This is the 21st century, and we've got synthesizers out the wazoo
>that cost far less than, say, a Martin guitar or a Steinway piano.
>And which are much easier to learn how to use. Why focus so much
>time and effort on learning a "manual motor >skill" to play one
>instrument - any instrument - when there are machines which will do
>the job with much less effort and error-free?

Effort and error rate aren't the real criteria of music performance.
Creating it by human effort/input is.

>This isn't far-fetched. The new contract for musicians who play on
>Broadway has reduced the size of the orchestra required for a Broadway
>musical performance, and allows for the use of recorded and
>synthesized music. (Musicians are a major cost item in Broadway stage
>prodcutions - or so the producers tell us). Why not go one better and
>simply use recorded/synthesized music in all long-running shows?

You are really looking forward to a visit from Petrillo's goons,
aren't you ??? James Caesar Petrillo (the Idi Amin of the American
Federation of Musicians) may be dead but his legacy lives on. They
manhandled me when I was a recording engineer in college (mid-1950s)
and I haven't forgotten.

>Heck, some folks are even beginning to use synthesized voices rather
>than singers, as was done in some of the music for the 1997
>blockbuster "Titanic".

The day that I go into a synagogue and hear a synthesized cantor
leading services is the day that I find another congregation. (You
do know that I have been trained as a cantor.)

--
73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane

From a Clearing in the Silicon Forest
Beaverton (Washington County) Oregon

1906. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-18 18:56:49 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com>
Message-ID: <RpXRa.1011$lL.116281@nnrp1.ptd.net>
Source record: 71792

"Brian Kelly" <kelly@dvol.com> wrote in message
news:d22b54c3.0307181010.34623da7@posting.google.com...
> "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> wrote in message
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Brian,

How many heads of Latin American radio regulatory agencies do you
know personally? (If the answer is "None." how can you presume to
know their likely reaction to the US trying to tell them how to do things
in their own country?)

Again, I *presume* that Jim's question was tongue in cheek.

I do know those folks and meet with them several times a year ...
they wouldn't take kindy to being ordered around in the
way that Jim jokes about above ...

Carl - wk3c

1907. Re: Fight the BPL

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-18 18:59:18 UTC
From: dplatt@radagast.org
Message-ID: <vhggs6b4qfanee@corp.supernews.com>
Source record: 71795
Cross-posted to:
rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.swap

In article <d22b54c3.0307180210.31ce8910@posting.google.com>,
Brian Kelly <kelly@dvol.com> wrote:

>> Wouldn't surprise me. The FCC requires the use of the least amount of
>> power needed to establish a given mode of communication. If BPM fills
>> the whole HF spectrum with S9-level fog, then QRP will go out the
>> door, and maximum-legal power will become technically necessary to
>> "burn through".
>>
>> I'd hate that. So would our neighbors. Expect a big increase in
>> TVI/RFI complaints.
>>
>> Similar things might happen with other licensed HF services... they
>> may also have to crank up their power.
>
>Output suds don't mean squat. "Ya can't work 'em if ya can't hear
>'em." Wherein lies the whole problem.

Agreed. I guess my point was that if BPL interference becomes a
nationwide problem, _lots_ of people in the US will boost their
transmitter power so that they can be heard - *and* they'll be limited
to working stations who can do likewise.

This leads to a rather nasty non-compromise - you'll be limited to
working a much smaller set of stations (e.g. few or no DX, no QRP),
you'll spend a lot more on equipment, *and* your neighbors (BPL-using
and otherwise) will be much more likely to experience harmful
interference.

--
Dave Platt <dplatt@radagast.org> AE6EO
Hosting the Jade Warrior home page: http://www.radagast.org/jade-warrior
I do _not_ wish to receive unsolicited commercial email, and I will
boycott any company which has the gall to send me such ads!

1908. Re: Fight the BPL

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-18 18:59:55 UTC
From: dplatt@radagast.org
Message-ID: <vhggtbrjcb4k17@corp.supernews.com>
Source record: 71796
Cross-posted to:
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Bingo.

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1909. Let's give Arnie a break ... (was Re: Claudette declared a Hurricane)

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-18 19:00:02 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com>
Message-ID: <SsXRa.1014$lL.116250@nnrp1.ptd.net>
Source record: 71793

It seems to me that folks are jumping all over Arnie for trying to
make some information available ...

I guess the old sayin "No good deed goes unpunished." is true
(at least for a few ungratefuls ...)

I say "Give Arnie (and the rest of us) a break and drop it."
(it's not really an "amateur policy" issue, is it???)

Carl - wk3c

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>
> > Arnie -
> > KT4ST

1910. Switzerland abolishes morse-code requirement

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-18 19:02:36 UTC
From: Markus Baertschi <markus@markus.org>
Message-ID: <MPG.198262bbaaea4759896cd@News.CIS.DFN.DE>
Source record: 71797

I just received a letter from OFCOM (Swiss FCC) informing me about the
following news concerning Swiss HAM's after the WRC03 conference:

- Switzerland will no longer conduct nor require morse code in HAM exams
- All Swiss HAM's with a no-code license are allowed to use all HAM
frequencies with immediate effect.
(This does not concern the 'light' license limited to 2m and 70cm)
- They expect the CEPT conference in autumn to decide for a similar
scheme for all of Europe.

73 Markus / HB9VCD

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Switzerland Homepage: www.markus.org

1911. Re: The "trained pool of operators" argument - debunked

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-18 19:26:26 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu>
Message-ID: <3F1849E2.9090103@psu.edu>
Source record: 71798

Carl R. Stevenson wrote:
> "Mike Coslo" <mjc5@psu.edu> wrote in message
> news:3F180F2A.1040603@psu.edu...
>
>>Carl R. Stevenson wrote:
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>>
>>>I just cannot grasp how otherwise (presumably at least reasonably)
>>>intelligent people can cling to insistence on the acquisition of such
>>>a mechanical skill in such a quasi-religious fashion.
>>
>>
>>Maybe we're just not that smart, Carl. And you're arguing with us! Face
>>it, you're enjoying all this, and having a good time rubbing our nose in
>
> it.
>
>>- Mike KB3EIA -
>
>
>
> Mike,
>
> Its really NOT my intention to "rub noses in it" ... honest ... if it comes
> across that way, I apologize.

You do.

>
> What I *am* trying to do is counter the illogical with some logic and
> the political/regulatory/technical realities.

You are doomed to failure, because trying to apply logic to this is not
possible.

I look at this and I see lazy people trying to avoid an entry test that
I can't find any good reason to get rid of.

Why? I can't stand lazy people!

Is that logical? Depends on how you look at it, but probably not
logical at all. After all, is it not logical to increase ones worth
(education, toys, wealth, honors, etc.) with a minimum amount of effort?

This of course can be carried to an absurd level if we wish, but let's
not go there for the purposes of this discussion.

Now that does not mean that the other end of the argument is blessed with logic either. Removal of a perfectly good requirement so that those who do not wish to take it don't have to, is not logical either. Morse code harms no one, and is arguably quite useful. The extra effort it takes to learn it is of no consequence for anyone but an unfortunate few who have difficulties picking it up

So what do we have? We have some people who don't like Morse code, and we have some people who do.

No logic applies here. You will fail trying to force fit logic into this situation. All of the PCTA people here are intelligent individuals who just happen to enjoy Morse Code. The NCTA's are also intelligent individuals, most of whom hate Morse code.

But they don't use logic in making that assessment, no matter how hard they try to convince themselves that they are. We can make as many logical statements as we like, but if the initial premise is not logical, then it doesn't matter.

And as for political/regulatory/technical realities, we know them. Nobody thinks that the test will be retained. They are going away. Nothing more real than that. You win. Your illogic beat our illogic.

- Mike KB3EIA -

1912. Re: ARS License Numbers

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-18 20:28:01 UTC
From: Scott Unit 69 <scott_unit_69@yahoo.moc>
Message-ID: <3F185851.9A187921@yahoo.moc>
Source record: 71799

Scott Unit 69 wrote:
>
> > As of July 15, 2003:
> > Technician - 257,319 (increase of 51,925)
>
> It would have been 51,922 if I hadn't dragged 2 others with me...

And I got someone to renew their license after 1.5 years had passed
after expiration.

My current total: 4

1 for me.
2 for new.
1 for renew.

1913. Re: Switzerland abolishes morse-code requirement

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-18 21:47:27 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com>
Message-ID: <PVZRa.1036$IL.118297@nnrp1.ptd.net>
Source record: 71800

For more information, see the "Articles" link at:

http://www.nocode.org

There are links to copies of the authorization letter to Swiss Class 2 hams
from OFCOM/BAYCOM in German, French, and Italian (official versions),
and an (unofficial, but believed accurate) English translation.

And the UK is VERY close behind ... (article on that at the same location)

73,

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Carl R. Stevenson - wk3c
Grid Square FN20fm
http://home.ptd.net/~wk3c

NCI-1052
Executive Director, No Code International
Fellow, The Radio Club of America
Senior Member, IEEE
Member, IEEE Standards Association
Chair, IEEE 802.18 Radio Regulatory Technical Advisory Group
Member, Wi-Fi Alliance Spectrum Committee
Co-Chair, Wi-Fi Alliance Legislative Committee
Member, QCWA (31424)
Member, ARRL
Member, TAPR
Member, The SETI League

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<http://www.nocode.org>

"Markus Baertschi" <markus@markus.org> wrote in message
news:MPG.198262bbaaea4759896cd@News.CIS.DFN.DE...
>
> I just received a letter from OFCOM (Swiss FCC) informing me about the
> following news concerning Swiss HAM's after the WRC03 conference:
>
> - Switzerland will no longer conduct nor require morse code in HAM exams
> - All Swiss HAM's with a no-code license are allowed to use all HAM
> frequencies with immediate effect.
> (This does not concern the 'light' license limited to 2m and 70cm)
> - They expect the CEPT conference in autumn to decide for a similar
> scheme for all of Europe.

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> 73 Markus / HB9VCD
>
> --
> Markus Baertschi Phone: ++41 (21) 807 1677
> Bas du Rossi¿½ 14b Fax : ++41 (21) 807 1678
> CH-1163, Etoy Email: markus@markus.org
> Switzerland Homepage: www.markus.org

1914. Re: The "trained pool of operators" argument - debunked

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-18 22:05:01 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com>
Message-ID: <ha_Ra.1037$lL.118554@nnrp1.ptd.net>
Source record: 71651

"Mike Coslo" <mjc5@psu.edu> wrote in message
news:3F1849E2.9090103@psu.edu...
> Carl R. Stevenson wrote:
> > What I *am* trying to do is counter the illogical with some logic and
> > the political/regulatory/technical realities.
>
> You are doomed to failure, because trying to apply logic to this is not
> possible.
>
> I look at this and I see lazy people trying to avoid an entry test that
> I can't find any good reason to get rid of.
>
> Why? I can't stand lazy people!

I don't like *genuinely* lazy people either ... it galls me that some
of my hard-earned salary goes to welfare programs that support
the congenitally lazy. (I have NO problem with aid to those who
are genuinely, through no fault of their own, having hard times,
but for a limited period of time, not as a "career.")

But the characterization of all (even most) of the folks who aren't
interested in "jumping through the Morse hoop" is inaccurate and
unfair.

> No logic applies here. You will fail trying to force fit logic into
> this situation. All of the PCTA people here are intelligent individuals
> who just happen to enjoy Morse Code.

For the most part, yes, but how do you explain Bruce?

> The NCTA's are also intelligent individuals, most of whom hate
> Morse code.

It's not really that I "hate Morse" ...what I *hate* is the fact that
(because)
I ... and others ... have NO interest in EVER using it again, let alone in
becoming proficient at 20 wpm or more, folks tell me ... and others ...
that I am/we are an inferior ham(s) and will NEVER amount to anything
because of that simple reality (ignoring any and all other skills,
knowledge,
or attributes I ... or others ... may have that *could* make me ... or
others ... valuable contributors to the amateur community. THAT's what
I hate and what really gripes my ass.

> But they don't use logic in making that assessment, no matter how hard
> they try to convince themselves that they are. We can make as many

> logical statements as we like, but if the initial premise is not
> logical, then it doesn't matter.

I don't understand how you can assert that it is not logical for someone to resist an unnecessary, unjusitifiable requirement that is imposed on them to gain privileges that have nothing to do with the requirement. And to resist/resent being treated as a lesser ham/person for it ...

I do, however, understand that it is NOT logical for folks to presume that they can insist on forcing such a requirement on the folks refered to in the previous paragraph and not expect them to complain and resist.

At least for US hams, this is America ... where everyone is supposed to be free to do as they please as long as they don't harm others or infringe upon their rights in some way ... the fact that *I* don't want to do Morse doesn't infringe on your right to *do* Morse ...

> And as for political/regulatory/technical realities, we know them.
> Nobody thinks that the test will be retained. They are going away.
> Nothing more real than that. You win. Your illogic beat our illogic.

No, our logic beat your illogic ... no gloating ... we worked hard for it ... our arguments won out in the LOGICAL, well-considered evaluations of the governments of the world.

Carl - wk3c

1915. Re: Smells like type acceptance

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-18 22:16:31 UTC
From: k0hb@arrl.net
Message-ID: <e79dbd9b.0307181416.127b682e@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71652

lenover21@aol.com (Len Over 21) wrote

>
> Does the FCC "encourage such experimentation?" I don't think so.
> I read Part 97 as giving radio amateurs the option of doing so.
>

The Commisions rules, paragraph 97.1(b) puts the lie to your jeremiad.

With all kind wishes,

de Hans, K0HB

1916. Re: ARS License Numbers

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-18 22:21:58 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030718182158.24390.00001211@mb-m19.aol.com>
Source record: 71653

In article <ThSRa.975$lL.113248@nnrp1.ptd.net>, "Carl R. Stevenson"
<wk3cqth@wk3c.com> writes:

>"N2EY" <n2ey@aol.com> wrote in message
>news:20030717202144.04207.00001687@mb-m01.aol.com...
>> In article <J_yRa.882$lL.98294@nnrp1.ptd.net>, "Carl R. Stevenson"
>> <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> writes:
>>
>> (Vipul wrote:)
>> >>what does it matter about ARS license numbers?
>> >
>> >Numbers = use of our spectrum = justification for keeping what we have
>> >(and maybe getting a bit more in the future)
>>
>> Not necessarily! What really matters is how many ACTIVE hams we have, and
>> how active they are.
>
>I agree that that is true, but in purely political terms, the number of
>licensees counts, too.

Sure - but it's only part of the picture.
>
>> There are more US hams now than ever before. More modes, more activities,
>> smaller and much less expensive equipment, etc. We have about the same
>> amount
>> of spectrum below 500 MHz as we had 45 years ago, when there were fewer
>> than
>> half as many US hams. (WARC-79 added 250 kHz of HF in 3 bands, and we lost
>> 220-222 MHz about a dozen years after that).
>>
>> But are the bands full-to-busting with activity 24/7? Yes, it's hard to
>> coordinate a new repeater in some metro areas - but are all the existing
>> ones tied up around the clock so that we need more?
>
>That's a whole different argument.

I mean it as a discussion. One of the reasons hams have stuck with technology
such as FM repeaters on dedicated pairs is that except in a few areas there's
no pressing need for more. Also why bands like 222 and above 450 are
underutilized.

For example, one of the things that drove hams to abandon AM and NBFM in the
'50s was the crowding and heterodynes in the 'phone bands when AM was king.
This may be a big reason for the "great giveaway" of late 1952.
>

>> > with today's demographic,
>>
>> What IS today's demographic? Do you have a reliable source?
>
>The last data I saw, the average age of US hams was somewhere
>in the 60's ...

From what source? FCC has been on-again, off-again with the requirement for DOB info.

"average age" tells us very little unless we know how it is determined. Mean? Median? What's the distribution curve look like?

I recall seeing an 11 year old Extra and a 79 year old Advanced talking at FD a few years back. Their "average age" works out to 45...

>how that's changed in the last couple of years is probably
>anyone's guess, since the age data no longer seems to be available,
>but I doubt it's come down dramatically.
>
Perception can be quite different from reality. Unless we have the entire database or a truly representative sample, impressions are misleading.

>> >the sad reality is that a large
>> >percentage of current hams will be SK in the next 10-20 years, resulting
>> >in a major drop in our numbers unless we make ham radio more attractive
>> >and interesting to the younger generation.
>>
>> Actually, the younger generation first has to know ham radio even exists.
>
>This is true ...

Something we gotta fix.
>
>> >To do that, we can't force the
>> >PC/internet generation to cling to/embrace some "traditions" (such as
>> >Morse)
>> >in which the "older generation" iks so deeply invested (in an emotional
>> >sense).
>>
>> How do you know, Carl?
>
>It seems obvious that you generally can't force anyone to do something
>they don't want to do ...

Of course. But how do you know that young people won't embrace traditions? For many people, the novelty of doing something that isn't mainstream is a big attraction. PCs used to be like that - now they're appliances.
>
>> >> >eliminating Morse testing will help
>>
>> >> No, it won't. The entry-level license is already code free. Eliminating

>> >> Morse testing will not cause more people to want to join.
>
>I disagree. Eliminating Morse testing will remove a barrier to advancement
>that many folks find disagreeable ... keep the carrot, eliminate the stick.

And if removal doesn't change the growth appreciably?
>
>> >Many folks are interested in HF access as part of their "portfolio" of
>> >capabilities ... the entry level license currently precludes them from
>> >HF use ... that is a major disincentive to many.
>>
>> I disagree 100%, but let's put that aside for a moment.
>
>We obviously disagree. What makes you think that "Many folks are interested
>in HF access as part of their 'portfolio' of capabilities." ???

The disagreement is that the code test is a major disincentive to many. It's
just a requirement. However, let's put that aside because it will soon be a
moot point.

>(That the entry level license currently precludes them from HF use is a fact
>and I don't see how you could begin to dispute that.)

I'm not disputing it
>
>> Suppose tomorrow morning, next week or next month, by some method or
>> another,
>> FCC just dumps Element 1 and merges the Tech and Tech Plus licenses. The
>> entry-level license will then have some HF access, consisting of little
>> CW-only
>> slivers of 80, 40 and 15 meters, plus a slightly bigger chunk of 10 meters
>> with
>> SSB and CW. All with a power limitation. Above 30 MHz, though, the entry
>> level
>> license has all privileges. Is that really the best arrangement? Will the
>> removal of Element 1 fix that alleged disincentive problem?
>
>I believe so ... getting even a "taste" of HF operation as a Tech will be a
>good thing.

Even if that "taste" consists of nothing but Morse/CW on little parts of four
bands, plus a bit of SSB on a fourth band that will largely be dead as we head
into the sunspot minimum? That's what you're saying - take away the code test
but leave most of the entry-level HF privs as CW/Morse!
>
>I also believe that many current Techs will upgrade to General rather
>promptly
>once the code test goes away. (some won't, being content with their current
>privs, but I believe many will want to extend their privs to HF and will
>take,
>and pass, the General written to get there).

We'll see. I think many won't. Look what happened to existing Tech Pluses - even after three years, the number of Tech Pluses is about half what it was in April 2000. Of those are gone from the Tech Plus numbers, some upgraded, some dropped out, and some were renewed as Techs - even though none of them had to take a code test to get a General, and many didn't even have to take a written test.

Look at how little the Advanced numbers have dropped, even though getting an Extra only takes a written test.

>
>> Or are other changes needed?
>
>Is that supposed to be a "trick question" ???

Nope. The whole artificial above/below 30 MHz thing came about because of S25.5. That's not going to be an issue much longer. Time to take a fresh look at things.

>
>NCI's "agenda" is to eliminate Morse testing.
>
I'm not asking "NCI". I'm asking a wideranging question of anyone who's interested. It's time to look beyond the code test as the only issue on the table, if we're really interested in improving the future of the ARS.

73 de Jim, N2EY

1917. Re: Claudette declared a Hurricane

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-18 22:25:10 UTC
From: Arnie Macy <kt4st@csam.net>
Message-ID: <bf9sa4$clopb$1@ID-166180.news.uni-berlin.de>
Source record: 71654

"Brian" wrote ...

When did you become a weatherman? Arnie, I'm well aware of your EMA affiliation. Being a cop, then getting hired to run a local EMA office doesn't make you a weatherman. Passing days old hurricane information is a disservice, not a service under any label you want to put it, professional or hobby. So don't treat your profession as a hobby.

The information you posted is not completely factual. (something I've come to expect from you) I was a US Criminal Investigator for 20 years prior to being appointed as a Federal EMA Director. I have worked in close affiliation with local and Federal EMAs for those 20 years and it was one of the reasons I was qualified for the position. Many EMA Directors come from backgrounds in Federal Law Enforcement and Fire Services and very few from weather services (but you already knew that, didn't you) Finally, I posted the information to my site 30 minutes after the advisory was issued. If that is "days" old then I'd hate to have you say you'll do something for me right away. I could be waiting for months. I've pretty much come to the conclusion that you are nothing but a jerk with an agenda -- hardly worth my time. I will continue posting advisories to this group throughout the hurricane season. Feel free to ignore them -- no sweat off my brow.

Arnie -
KT4ST

1918. Re: Since it is over, probably okay to post.....

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-18 22:57:15 UTC
From: Jim Hampton <aa2qa@frontiernet.net>
Message-ID: <fX_Ra.2249$7H7.183@news02.roc.ny>
Source record: 71655
Cross-posted to: alt.ham-radio.vhf-uhf,rec.radio.amateur.policy

I must assume you are not going to get on that broad band power line connection and set your grandkids up with alt.binaries.XXXXX (fill in whatever you want). I've got news for you, neither amateur radio, CB, nor the internet requires a sanity test to use them.

73 from Rochester, NY
Jim AA2QA

"PawPaw" <PawPaw@granpa.com> wrote in message news:mWGRa.106828$Io.9132527@newsread2.prod.itd.earthlink.net...
> Thank you.
>
> I've been trying to decide what kind of comment I want to send the FCC about
> BPL.
>
> I do not have Cable anywhere near my Home, I do not have access to DSL, and
> enough trees I cannot use Satellite.
>
> So, I'm a "CB Plusser", I don't care anything about HF, especially after
> listening to some of the Potty-Mouthed "Extra Jerks", at least with BPL I
> can have some controll over what my Grandkids hears and sees.
>
> Hummmm- no contest. BPL wins.
>
> That, in a nutshell, is gonna be my comment to the FCC.
>
>
>
> "Dan/W4NTI" <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com> wrote in message
> news:bf7998$5kk$1@slb9.atl.mindspring.net...
> > Excellent....send that to your Section Manager with recommendations it be
> > forwarded to the FCC while there pondering how to destroy ham radio with
> > BPL.
> >
> > Dan/W4NTI
> >
> > "Ryan, KC8PMX" <kc8pmx@diamondcs.net> wrote in message
> > news:bf6pt9$bqhu1$12@ID-189073.news.uni-berlin.de...
> > >
> > > Rather interesting side of a news event here in Michigan
> > > Ryan, KC8PMX

> > >
> > >
> > > -----Original Message-----
> > > From: ***************
> > > Sent: Tuesday, July 15, 2003 9:12 PM
> > > To: James Wades
> > > Subject: RACES Assistance with MSP Manhunt
> > >
> > >
> > > 15 July 2003
> > >
> > >
> > > NEWS STORY.....MICHIGAN RADIO AMATEURS ASSIST IN CRIMINAL
> > > INVESTIGATION AND MANHUNT.
> > >
> > >
> > > On July 6, a Michigan radio amateur by the name of Scott Woodring
> > (KC8JNG)
> > > shot and killed a Michigan State Police Officer during a routine
arrest
> > on
> > > a
> > > warrant for solicitation of a minor, resulting in a tense standoff
with
> > law
> > > enforcement. Mr. Woodring was a member of the Christian Identity
> > movement,
> > > an organization that promotes racist and antisemetic views along with
> an
> > > anti-government agenda.
> > >
> > > On Monday, July 7, after a standoff that had continued from the
> previous
> > > day, Mr. Woodring escaped during a law enforcement shift change,
> > resulting
> > > in a nearly week-long manhunt for the suspect throughout Western
> > Michigan.
> > >
> > > Shortly after the escape of Mr. Woodring, James Wades (WB8SIW), the
> > > Michigan
> > > Section Emergency Coordinator / State RACES Officer requested that
the
> > > Newaygo County Emergency Coordinator establish an intercept operation
> in
> > > the
> > > area of Fremont to identify any possible transmissions from the
> suspect.
> > > This request was based on the fact that Mr. Woodring had utilized
> Amateur
> > > Radio frequencies and equipment to communicate with fellow members of

> the
> > > Christian Identity movement. Mr. Woodring was also known to have
> > recruited
> > > a number of like-minded individuals into the Amateur Radio Service
and
> > may
> > > have purchased two-meter FM transceivers for use by fellow members of
> his
> > > organization.
> > >
> > > Operators were asked to monitor seldom used frequencies both within
and
> > > adjacent to the VHF Amateur Radio allocations. An additional
> > announcement
> > > was broadcast to Emergency Coordinators and selected RACES personnel
> > > throughout Michigan requesting information on any transmission heard
> from
> > > Mr. Woodring.
> > >
> > > On Friday, July 11 at 5:18 PM, Mr. Bill Hubbard (WD8MKG) of Holton,
> > > Michigan
> > > reported an intercept of communications between Mr. Woodring and
> another
> > > radio amateur located in Fremont, Michigan. This was promptly
reported
> > to
> > > the SEC shortly thereafter. This information was transmitted
verbally
> to
> > > Michigan State Police Operations Desk at 5:39 PM. A follow-up
> facsimile
> > > was
> > > transmitted to MSP Operations from the West Branch MSP Post at
> > > approximately
> > > 6:20 PM.
> > >
> > > MSP Investigators subsequently requested assistance from the
Department
> > of
> > > Defense and Federal Communications Commission in order to establish
> radio
> > > direction finding capabilities. When help was not forthcoming, a
call
> > was
> > > placed to the SEC requesting these capabilities through the Amateur
> Radio
> > > Service.
> > >
> > > A radio direction finding team was dispatched from Kent County RACES,
> > > arriving at the MSP command post shortly thereafter. This team was

> > placed
> > > under the supervision of the District 6 Emergency Coordinator, Mr.
Tom
> > > Vandermel (KB8VEE). Subsequent assistance was obtained from RACES
> > members
> > > in Ottawa and Muskegon Counties.
> > >
> > > In addition to those resources in the immediate area, a team from
> > Kalamazoo
> > > County RACES was placed on standby along with a Civil Air Patrol team
> > from
> > > the Mt. Clemens area. These later teams were not utilized due to the
> > > distances involved and the fact that adequate staff was available in
> > nearby
> > > Counties.
> > >
> > > The radio direction finding activities continued until approximately
5
> AM
> > > on
> > > Sunday, July 13 when Mr. Woodring was located based on a tip from a
> local
> > > resident. He was subsequently shot to death when he leveled an
assault
> > > rifle at officers and refused to comply with directives.
> > >
> > > RACES members provided 494 staff-hours to the operation, most of
which
> > were
> > > contributed during the 36-hour period when radio direction finding
> > > activites
> > > were being conducted. Michigan State Police officials expressed
> genuine
> > > appreciation for the efforts of the Amateur Radio teams.
Considerable
> > > positive feedback has been received from a variety of senior officers
> who
> > > now have an "expanded" view of Amateur Radio capabilities.
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Version: 6.0.501 / Virus Database: 299 - Release Date: 7/14/03

1919. Re: Let's give Arnie a break ... (was Re: Claudette declared a Hurricane)

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-18 23:02:11 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307181502.498f7ed@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71656

"Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> wrote in message
news:<SsXRa.1014$lL.116250@nnrp1.ptd.net>...
> It seems to me that folks are jumping all over Arnie for trying to
> make some information available ...

Carl, the information is available to us straight from the gubment.

> I guess the old sayin "No good deed goes unpunished." is true
> (at least for a few ungratefuls ...)

If the government web site had gone down...

> I say "Give Arnie (and the rest of us) a break and drop it."
> (it's not really an "amateur policy" issue, is it???)
>
> Carl - wk3c

You get a "good turn" badge. I'll drop it.

73, Brian

> "Brian Kelly" <kelly@dvol.com> wrote in message
> news:d22b54c3.0307181029.9569882@posting.google.com...
> > "Arnie Macy" <kt4st@csam.net> wrote in message
> news:<bf7k21$c3tj5$1@ID-166180.news.uni-berlin.de>...
> > > "Brian Kelly" wrote ...
> > >
> > > Hee hee OhGawd hee hee! SPANK!
> > >
> > > Brian wrote ...
> > >
> > > Arnie, good grief. Leave it to the professionals.
> > >
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> > >
> > > Arnie wrote ...
> > >
> > > It *is* my profession, Brian. Unless you don't consider being the
> Director
> > > of a US Emergency Management Agency a profession. Remember, we all work
> for
> > > a living and only do Ham radio as a service and or hobby. You might
> want to
> > > ask before you leap next time.
> > >
> ----------

> > >
> > > Brian,
> > >
> > > I am now waiting for his response. I thought I had given him a clue
> when I
> > > said that my computers had a direct link with the NHC computers, but I
> guess
> > > he didn't see the connection.
> >
> > Connections? HIM? Maybe after you get his attention with a 20 pound
> sledge.
> >
> >
> > > Arnie -
> > > KT4ST

1920. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-18 23:13:24 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307181513.58a28da7@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71657

n2ey@aol.com (N2EY) wrote in message
news:<20030718070019.27503.00001149@mb-m24.aol.com>...

> The point is that the mere fact that FCC enacts a rule does not mean it's a
> good idea, or in the best interest of amateur radio. All it means is that FCC
> enacted the rule.
>
> Was the 55 mph national speed limit a good idea, in the best interests of the
> motoring public? The "expert agency" recommended that rule, and it stayed on
> the books for decades.

Beats going to war for oil every 10 years or so.

Between raising the speed limit and dropping the EPA fleet mileage
requirements, I'd say we worked ourselved into a corner.

"Would you like to biggie size that?"

1921. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-18 23:22:33 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307181522.472ef20a@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71658

N2EY@AOL.COM (N2EY) wrote in message
news:<c2356669.0307180841.56e64b4a@posting.google.com>...
> brianburke@juno.com (Brian) wrote in message
news:<f45722ac.0307161912.7fd04854@posting.google.com>...
> > N2EY@AOL.COM (N2EY) wrote in message
news:<c2356669.0307161312.4a81237b@posting.google.com>...
> > > brianburke@juno.com (Brian) wrote in message
news:<f45722ac.0307151734.36d0124@posting.google.com>...
> > > > N2EY@AOL.COM (N2EY) wrote in message
news:<c2356669.0307150905.598693d@posting.google.com>...
> > > > > "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> wrote in message
news:<AsDQa.521$lL.58870@nnrp1.ptd.net>...
> > > > > > "N2EY" <n2ey@aol.com> wrote in message
> > > > > > news:20030714142202.02627.00000066@mb-m02.aol.com...
> > > > > > > In article <rTxQa.454$lL.55425@nnrp1.ptd.net>, "Carl R. Stevenson"
> > > > > > > >there is nothing "magical" about Morse
> > > > > > > >and the insistence on using "wetware" instead of software to do the
> > > > > > > >decoding is an anomaly of ham radio.
> > > > > > >
> > > > > > > And you say you're not against the use of the mode, just the test, Carl?
> > > > > > > ;-)
> > > > > >
> > > > > > That's correct... I am NOT against the use of the mode.
> > > > >
> > > > > Maybe. But the way you write about the mode makes me wonder. For
> > > > > example, when you call those who use the mode "beepers" and other
> > > > > disparaging names, a different image is projected by you.
> > > >
> > > > Kelley refers to himself as a "beepist."
> > >
> > > Where? You are mistaken. AC6XG hasn't posted here in quite some time,
> > > and I've never seen him refer to himself that way.
> > >
> > > Is Kelley against Morse/CW use?
> > >
> > > Nope. I've worked AC6XG at least twice, both times on CW. Once was on
> > > Field Day (20 CW) and the other on the rrap net on 7037 kHz.
> >
> > Ahhh. Applying the old Dave Heil "I'm gonna be obtuse" tactic?
>
> I'll think about answering your questions after you answer mine about
> your alleged /T5 operation.
>
> > Poor Jimmy, gotsta resort to tricks.

>
> The only Kelley I know is AC6XG.
> >
> > Is there anyone else here who has referred to hisself as a "beepist?"
>
> I'll think about answering your questions after you answer mine about
> your alleged /T5 operation.

Like Dave, we have nothing to say to each other, but you still keep trying.

Sayonara, Brian

1922. Re: Since it is over, probably okay to post.....

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-18 23:32:38 UTC
From: PawPaw <PawPaw@granpa.com>
Message-ID: <qs%Ra.108479$Io.9279819@newsread2.prod.itd.earthlink.net>
Source record: 71659
Cross-posted to: alt.ham-radio.vhf-uhf,rec.radio.amateur.policy

The big difference is- Myself and their Parents can, and will, controll what they see on the Internet, at the age the children are now, and for a few more years.

However, I have no controll over what is said over the Ham Bands by others, and when the Kids are in the same room, they are gonna hear it, other than to turn the thing off, and disconnect it from the power and antenna, which I did.

Plus, I would like for the Kids to have a choice when they grow up and want high speed access, that I don't have now.

"Jim Hampton" <aa2qa@frontiernet.net> wrote in message
news:fX_Ra.2249$7H7.183@news02.roc.ny...
> I must assume you are not going to get on that broad band power line
> connection and set your grandkids up with alt.binaries.XXXXX (fill in
> whatever you want). I've got news for you, neither amateur radio, CB, nor
> the internet requires a sanity test to use them.
>
> 73 from Rochester, NY
> Jim AA2QA
>
>
> "PawPaw" <PawPaw@granpa.com> wrote in message
> news:mWGRa.106828$Io.9132527@newsread2.prod.itd.earthlink.net...
> > Thank you.
> >
> > I've been trying to decide what kind of comment I want to send the FCC
> about
> > BPL.
> >
> > I do not have Cable anywhere near my Home, I do not have access to DSL,
> and
> > enough trees I cannot use Satellite.
> >
> > So, I'm a "CB Plusser", I don't care anything about HF, especially after
> > listening to some of the Potty-Mouthed "Extra Jerks", at least with BPL
I
> > can have some controll over what my Grandkids hears and sees.
> >
> > Hummmm- no contest. BPL wins.
> >
> > That, in a nutshell, is gonna be my comment to the FCC.
> >

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> >
> > "Dan/W4NTI" <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com> wrote in message
> > news:bf7998$5kk$1@slb9.atl.mindspring.net...
> > > Excellent....send that to your Section Manager with recommendations it
> be
> > > forwarded to the FCC while there pondering how to destroy ham radio
with
> > > BPL.
> > >
> > > Dan/W4NTI
> > >
> > > "Ryan, KC8PMX" <kc8pmx@diamondcs.net> wrote in message
> > > news:bf6pt9$bqhu1$12@ID-189073.news.uni-berlin.de...
> > > >
> > > > Rather interesting side of a news event here in Michigan
> > > > Ryan, KC8PMX
> > > >
> > > >
> > > > -----Original Message-----
> > > > From: ***************
> > > > Sent: Tuesday, July 15, 2003 9:12 PM
> > > > To: James Wades
> > > > Subject: RACES Assistance with MSP Manhunt
> > > >
> > > >
> > > > 15 July 2003
> > > >
> > > >
> > > > NEWS STORY.....MICHIGAN RADIO AMATEURS ASSIST IN CRIMINAL
> > > > INVESTIGATION AND MANHUNT.
> > > >
> > > >
> > > > On July 6, a Michigan radio amateur by the name of Scott Woodring
> > > (KC8JNG)
> > > > shot and killed a Michigan State Police Officer during a routine
> arrest
> > > on
> > > > a
> > > > warrant for solicitation of a minor, resulting in a tense standoff
> with
> > > law
> > > > enforcement. Mr. Woodring was a member of the Christian Identity
> > > movement,
> > > > an organization that promotes racist and antisemetic views along
with
> > an
> > > > anti-government agenda.
> > > >
> > > > On Monday, July 7, after a standoff that had continued from the

> > previous
> > > > day, Mr. Woodring escaped during a law enforcement shift change,
> > > resulting
> > > > in a nearly week-long manhunt for the suspect throughout Western
> > > Michigan.
> > > >
> > > > Shortly after the escape of Mr. Woodring, James Wades (WB8SIW), the
> > > > Michigan
> > > > Section Emergency Coordinator / State RACES Officer requested that
> the
> > > > Newaygo County Emergency Coordinator establish an intercept
operation
> > in
> > > > the
> > > > area of Fremont to identify any possible transmissions from the
> > suspect.
> > > > This request was based on the fact that Mr. Woodring had utilized
> > Amateur
> > > > Radio frequencies and equipment to communicate with fellow members
of
> > the
> > > > Christian Identity movement. Mr. Woodring was also known to have
> > > recruited
> > > > a number of like-minded individuals into the Amateur Radio Service
> and
> > > may
> > > > have purchased two-meter FM transceivers for use by fellow members
of
> > his
> > > > organization.
> > > >
> > > > Operators were asked to monitor seldom used frequencies both within
> and
> > > > adjacent to the VHF Amateur Radio allocations. An additional
> > > announcement
> > > > was broadcast to Emergency Coordinators and selected RACES
personnel
> > > > throughout Michigan requesting information on any transmission
heard
> > from
> > > > Mr. Woodring.
> > > >
> > > > On Friday, July 11 at 5:18 PM, Mr. Bill Hubbard (WD8MKG) of Holton,
> > > > Michigan
> > > > reported an intercept of communications between Mr. Woodring and
> > another
> > > > radio amateur located in Fremont, Michigan. This was promptly
> reported
> > > to
> > > > the SEC shortly thereafter. This information was transmitted

> verbally
> > to
> > > > Michigan State Police Operations Desk at 5:39 PM. A follow-up
> > facsimile
> > > > was
> > > > transmitted to MSP Operations from the West Branch MSP Post at
> > > > approximately
> > > > 6:20 PM.
> > > >
> > > > MSP Investigators subsequently requested assistance from the
> Department
> > > of
> > > > Defense and Federal Communications Commission in order to establish
> > radio
> > > > direction finding capabilities. When help was not forthcoming, a
> call
> > > was
> > > > placed to the SEC requesting these capabilities through the Amateur
> > Radio
> > > > Service.
> > > >
> > > > A radio direction finding team was dispatched from Kent County
RACES,
> > > > arriving at the MSP command post shortly thereafter. This team was
> > > placed
> > > > under the supervision of the District 6 Emergency Coordinator, Mr.
> Tom
> > > > Vandermel (KB8VEE). Subsequent assistance was obtained from RACES
> > > members
> > > > in Ottawa and Muskegon Counties.
> > > >
> > > > In addition to those resources in the immediate area, a team from
> > > Kalamazoo
> > > > County RACES was placed on standby along with a Civil Air Patrol
team
> > > from
> > > > the Mt. Clemens area. These later teams were not utilized due to
the
> > > > distances involved and the fact that adequate staff was available
in
> > > nearby
> > > > Counties.
> > > >
> > > > The radio direction finding activities continued until
approximately
> 5
> > AM
> > > > on
> > > > Sunday, July 13 when Mr. Woodring was located based on a tip from a
> > local

> > > > resident. He was subsequently shot to death when he leveled an
> assault
> > > > rifle at officers and refused to comply with directives.
> > > >
> > > > RACES members provided 494 staff-hours to the operation, most of
> which
> > > were
> > > > contributed during the 36-hour period when radio direction finding
> > > > activites
> > > > were being conducted. Michigan State Police officials expressed
> > genuine
> > > > appreciation for the efforts of the Amateur Radio teams.
> Considerable
> > > > positive feedback has been received from a variety of senior
officers
> > who
> > > > now have an "expanded" view of Amateur Radio capabilities.
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> ---
> Outgoing mail is certified Virus Free.
> Checked by AVG anti-virus system (http://www.grisoft.com).
> Version: 6.0.501 / Virus Database: 299 - Release Date: 7/14/03
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1923. Re: Smells like type acceptance

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-18 23:35:35 UTC
From: k0hb@arrl.net
Message-ID: <e79dbd9b.0307181535.fe5d562@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71660

N2EY@AOL.COM (N2EY) wrote

> I agree with Carl 100% on this one.

I don't, and I don't agree with you either for that matter.

We all seem to agree that the guy ought to be nailed, and nailed HARD.

But under the heading of "unintended consequences", the notion of requiring a ham to restore a radio to "factory spec" is first probably outside the authority of the FCC. Even if it is within their authority, it is a very troubling precedent to have lurking in background. ARRL has gone to the mat with FCC on matters of far less importance, but they seem to be looking the other way on this one.

73, Hans, K0HB

1924. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-18 23:36:47 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307181536.7508f520@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71661

"Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> wrote in message
news:<IFlRa.829$lL.89373@nnrp1.ptd.net>...
> "N2EY" <N2EY@AOL.COM> wrote in message
> news:c2356669.0307161312.4a81237b@posting.google.com...
> > Nope. I've worked AC6XG at least twice, both times on CW. Once was on
> > Field Day (20 CW) and the other on the rrap net on 7037 kHz.
>
> The rrap net on 7030 kHz???
>
> Is that where you PCTAs send "secret messages," safe from the
> prying eyes/ears of the no-coders??? :-)
>
> Sheesh ...
>
> Carl - wk3c

Carl, about 3 years ago the PCTA coerced Cecil to come out and play with them on CW. Maybe he thought it would smooth over some of the animosity they had for him. I don't know. It was reported that "A good time was had by all," but the honeymoon lasted only a short while, then they treated him as crappily as ever.

More recently, the PCTA have again tried to coerce their enemies to the amateur bands using, of all things, phone. I'm not sure how that one turned out, but I took a lot of grief for refusing to do so. I think their peace pipe was loaded with date rape drugs.

Even more recently, RV Kelley challenged another poster to meet him on the bands "anywhere, any time." I asked if that's how 14.313 got started.

No good can come from meeting these guys on the air. No point in screwing up another frequency like 3950.

73, bb

1925. Re: Fight the BPL

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-18 23:44:33 UTC
From: Dan/W4NTI <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com>
Message-ID: <bfa0p1llt1@slb3.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 71662
Cross-posted to:
rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.swap

"Dave Shrader" <david.shrader@comcast.net> wrote in message
news:fQPRa.89475$H17.27894@sccrnsc02...
>
>
> Dan/W4NTI wrote:
> >
> > There will be a big market is 'serious' amplifiers. BPL will be knocked
for
> > a loop so often it will be rendered useless.
> >
> > Not to mention the court cases that I HOPE will follow. We are the
LICENSED
> > service.
> >
> > Dan/W4NTI
> >
> >
> There's a much easier solution!! Have the FCC propose a rule that
> communication receivers cannot have receivers with sensitivity lower
> than 50 microvolts!
>
> If 60 dB noise levels are real an amplifier won't help me hear the weak
> ones! So, simply eliminate the ability to hear the weak ones and we will
> all be happy, NO? It's much easier to install a 60 dB pad on a receiver
> than pushing amplifiers and Long John Yagis. Hmmm ... ;-)
>
> Deacon Dave, W1MCE

Yeah that way we could all call CQ and not hear anyone.

Dan/W4NTI

>

1926. Re: Fight the BPL

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-18 23:45:49 UTC
From: Dan/W4NTI <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com>
Message-ID: <bfa0uphad1@slb5.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 71663
Cross-posted to:
rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.swap

"--Bill--" <exray.is.tired@of.spam> wrote in message
news:vhfovkkbqigmcb@corp.supernews.com...
> Dave Shrader wrote:
> >
> >
> > Dan/W4NTI wrote:
> >
> >>
> >> There will be a big market is 'serious' amplifiers. BPL will be
> >> knocked for
> >> a loop so often it will be rendered useless.
> >>
> >> Not to mention the court cases that I HOPE will follow. We are the
> >> LICENSED
> >> service.
> >>
> >> Dan/W4NTI
> >>
> >>
> > There's a much easier solution!! Have the FCC propose a rule that
> > communication receivers cannot have receivers with sensitivity lower
> > than 50 microvolts!
> >
> > If 60 dB noise levels are real an amplifier won't help me hear the weak
> > ones! So, simply eliminate the ability to hear the weak ones and we will
> > all be happy, NO? It's much easier to install a 60 dB pad on a receiver
> > than pushing amplifiers and Long John Yagis. Hmmm ... ;-)
> >
> > Deacon Dave, W1MCE
> >
> Shoot, propose simultaneously that hams be allowed 50 kilowatts output.
> Not that either of these are remedies for the potential problem but
> maybe it will help the FCC understand whats going on.
> -Bill
>

IMHO the only thing that will accomplish that is to drag the FCC into court.

Dan/W4NTI

1927. Re: The "trained pool of operators" argument - debunked

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-18 23:48:05 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307181548.2b964bf2@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71664

"Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> wrote in message
news:<4BWRa.1005$lL.115786@nnrp1.ptd.net>...
> "Mike Coslo" <mjc5@psu.edu> wrote in message
> news:3F180E4C.8000402@psu.edu...
> >
> > Wouldn't it be great if all the PCTA people would just go away?
> >
> > - Mike KB3EIA -
> >
>
> Nah ... the ridiculous arguments you folks make for keeping a
> Morse test requirement just make NCI's job easier :-)
>
> (read the MO&O where the FCC blew away all of the
> petitions for reconsideration of dropping the 13 and 20 wpm
> tests ... :-)
>
> Carl - wk3c

Carl, go easy on them - it's all they had. Logic just wasn't on their side.

What would make the transition nicer is to lose all the sour grapes. Not only haven't these boys learned logic, but good sportsmanship is lost on them as well. Reminds me of the time the Republicans reformed welfare.

73, Brian

1928. Re: Since it is over, probably okay to post.....

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-18 23:55:31 UTC
From: Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
Message-ID: <cuvyxnansvbet.hi8du5a.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 71665
Cross-posted to: alt.ham-radio.vhf-uhf,rec.radio.amateur.policy

On 18 Jul 2003 09:05:59 -0700, N2EY wrote:

>> MSP Investigators subsequently requested assistance from the Department of
>> Defense and Federal Communications Commission in order to establish radio
>> direction finding capabilities. When help was not forthcoming, a call was
>> placed to the SEC requesting these capabilities through the Amateur Radio
>> Service.
>
>"When help was not forthcoming"......
>
>Law enforcement officer shot and killed in the line of duty but DoD
>and FCC "30"professionals aren't able to help out, so volunteer
>amateurs have to fill in.

Decades ago Cong. John Moss, that era's Billy Tauzin, ripped the FCC a new one for assisting s non-Federal agency in a situation that was not in direct response to a violation of FCC regulations. The fact that the suspect had committed a serious felony (in this case the most serious of felonies) was not an FCC violation because the felony itself did not involve radio communications may have been the thinking. I personally disagree with such thinking, and I lost all respect for Ol' John at that time, but those memories die hard.

Had the MSP situation happened on my watch I would have made sure that someone was out in the field doing something useful. Lord knows - I was the one who was always called out in situations like that.

Jim Bridgewater - the FCC's Detroit District Director - is the only one that has an accurate answer as to why the FCC was not on scene or what the "help was not forthcoming" really meant. It could easily have meant that the MSP called the local office after hours and got no answer, or called the 24-hour Watch Officer in Washington who was not successful in contacting any of the local people right then and there or that they were not available at the time or that the response wouldn't have been fast enough to satisfy the MSP which then said "Oh, the heck with it, never mind".

("Mother, I'd rather do it myself...")

Remember also that the powers-that-be took great pride in gutting the FCC field force over the last ten years. "Privatize everything." The need to use the ARES volunteers is the result of "privatization" of what should have been a heavily-supported government function all along, but was not.

Now everyone is wringing their hands or pointing their fingers over why the FCC can't do the things that it easily did before the Great Rape.

Remember the story of the farmer, the horse, and the oats?

I couldn't even speculate on what DoD was doing or not doing.

--
73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane

1929. Re: The "trained pool of operators" argument - debunked

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-19 00:00:09 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307181600.73014024@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71666

"Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> wrote in message
news:<4rSRa.977$lL.113300@nnrp1.ptd.net>...
> "Larry Roll K3LT" <yodoc@aol.comnospam> wrote in message
> news:20030717225847.27503.00001138@mb-m24.aol.com...
> > In article <GwzRa.889$lL.98584@nnrp1.ptd.net>, "Carl R. Stevenson"
> > <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> writes:
> >
> > >As to how "important" Morse is ... YMMV ... to some it is
> > >the "be all and end all" of ham radio ... to others it is of no
> > >importance whatsoever ... from the FCC's decisions, it's
> > >clear that, while there was a time when Morse was important,
> > >that time ended long ago and the FCC no longer views Morse
> > >as important in terms of licensing requirements.
> >
> > Carl:
> >
> > The above statement can be objectively evaluated only in the
> > context of future ARRL initiatives and FCC actions regarding
> > amateur HF sub-band mode authorizations. Once code testing
> > is finally abolished in the US amateur licensing process, it will
> > be much easier to re-allocate more spectrum to phone modes, to
> > the detriment of CW -- and I rather suspect that's precisely what
> > will happen.
>
> I will be there beside you (figuratively), opposing expansion of the
> phone bands ... with ONE *possible* exception. With the realignment
> of 40m and broadcasting, we will have 7000-7200 exclusive in all
> 3 regions. It would seem equitable, given the structure of the other
> bands, where the CW/data segments and the phone segments are
> pretty equal, to shift the phone band lower limit from 7150 (Extra)
> down to 7100 ...since the upper 100 kHz from 7200-7300 will
> still be trashed by SW broadcast. This is the ONLY *possible*
> situation that I can envision where I would consider supporting an
> expansion of HF phone bands.
>
> This is my *personal* comment and NOT "NCI policy" ...
>
> Carl - wk3c

Had Larry included "digital" with his cry to preserve CW spectrum, I
would figuratively stand with the both of you as well.

As it stands, all spectrum except the new 5MHz channels are CW
capable. Is it really necessary to keep that much of it CW exclusive?

Personally, I think the amateur bands should be aligned worlwide, with respect to not only frequency, but also mode. If the DX doesn't want to come out and play with Americans or anyone else, I'm sure some other jet-setting hams, dept of state, or UN experts will be happy to fill in the voids for a couple of IRCs or greenstamps.

ditto personal opinion deniability

73, Brian

1930. Re: Smells like type acceptance

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-19 00:10:57 UTC
From: Scott Unit 69 <scott_unit_69@yahoo.moc>
Message-ID: <3F188C91.90E9740E@yahoo.moc>
Source record: 71668

> > I agree with Carl 100% on this one.
>
> I don't, and I don't agree with you either for that matter.
>
> We all seem to agree that the guy ought to be nailed, and nailed HARD.
>
> But under the heading of "unintended consequences", the notion of
> requiring a ham to restore a radio to "factory spec" is first probably
> outside the authority of the FCC. Even if it is within their
> authority, it is a very troubling precedent to have lurking in
> background. ARRL has gone to the mat with FCC on matters of far less
> importance, but they seem to be looking the other way on this one.

I'll betcha' his mother pretends he doesn't exist...

He should have been hung by his balls.

1931. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-19 00:18:14 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307181618.7087b8e2@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71669

N2EY@AOL.COM (N2EY) wrote in message
news:<c2356669.0307180741.1a072581@posting.google.com>...
> Dave Heil <k8mn@earthlink.net> wrote in message
news:<3F176D3E.65260D2B@earthlink.net>...
> > N2EY wrote:
> >
> > > Complex compared to what? More complex than a PC? Or was there too
> > > much talk and too little action?
> > >
> > > Maybe it was a solution in search of a problem.
> >
> > Looks like another job for Brute Force Cybernetics, the company which
> > creates a need, then fills it.
> >
> Maybe it would be better handled by Vogon Heavy Industries
>
> http://www.vogon.com/vhi
>
> 73 de Jim, N2EY
>
> WWHD

You seem to spend a lot of time in the twilight zone, Jim. Say hi to
Art, and best wishes for a speedy recovery.

1932. Re: Fight the BPL

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-19 00:21:16 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bfa2telsj1@adenine.netfront.net>
Source record: 71670
Cross-posted to:
rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.swap

Hi, Sweetie!!!!!

"W5DXP" <Cecil.A.Moore@ieee.org> wrote in message
news:3f18157c$1_2@corp-news.newsgroups.com...
> Brian Kelly wrote:
> > Output suds don't mean squat. "Ya can't work 'em if ya can't hear
> > 'em." Wherein lies the whole problem.
>
> I think it is assumed that the guy on the other end would
> also have more output suds, i.e. 100W would become obsolete.
> --
> 73, Cecil, W5DXP
>

Posted via news://freenews.netfront.net
Complaints to news@netfront.net

1933. Re: Ham Radio In The Post-Code Testing Era

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-19 00:33:18 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bfa3jvmbr1@adenine.netfront.net>
Source record: 71671

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"Dick Carroll" <dickc58@att.net> wrote in message
news:3F175E1D.3270D8EB@att.net...
>
>
> Brian Kelly wrote:
>
> > "Kim W5TIT" <fahgedit@nomail.net> wrote in message
news:<bf2d98$4an@library1.airnews.net>...
> > > "Dan/W4NTI" <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com> wrote in message
> > > news:bf1qhj$pnn$1@slb6.atl.mindspring.net...
> > > >
> > > > "Dwight Stewart" <stewart@say.net> wrote in message
> > > > news:BB3934D0.1ED20%stewart@say.net...
> > > > > "Kim W5TIT" wrote:
> > > > > >
> > > > > > (snip)
> > > > > >
> > > > > >
> > > > > > Kim, I don't know what is going on with your newsgroup messages.
Many
> > > of
> > > > > > your messages are listed as no longer on my server very shortly
after
> > > you
> > > > > > post them (sometimes just one or two hours later). The messages
are
> > > listed
> > > > > > in my message list of this newsgroup, but I get an error ("message
no
> > > longer
> > > > > > on server") when I try to read them. For everyone else, I can read
> > > messages
> > > > > > they posted many days ago.
> > > > > >
> > > > > > Anyway, just wanted to let you know what is happening in case
you post
> > > a
> > > > > > reply to one of my messages and don't get a response. It's not
that I'm
> > > > > > trying to ignore you - I just can't read or reply to your quickly
> > > > > > disappearing messages (I caught and replied to this one before it
> > > > > > disappeared)
> > > > > >
> > > > > >
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> > > > > Dwight Stewart (W5NET)
> > > > >
> > > > > http://www.qsl.net/w5net/
> > > > >
> > > > >
> > > > > I had my witches coven put a curse on her.
> > > > >
> > > > > Dan/W4NTI
> > > > >
> > > > >
> > > >
> > > > That would be witch's...
> > >
> > Uh Oh. There it is. I been wondering when the inevitable girl fight
> > would happen. Careful here Kim, I think perhaps you're outgunned . .
> >
>
> NOdoudaboudit!
>
>
>

Oh, hey, Dick! I still missed the intelligent response you were going to post...or that I thought you were capable of posting, anyway. Did you post it yet?

Kim W5TIT

Posted via news://freenews.netfront.net
Complaints to news@netfront.net

1934. Re: Why don't Real Hams you face the facts?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-19 00:35:25 UTC
From: Moparholic@hotmailnospam.com
Message-ID: <20030718203525.916$ng@newsreader.com>
Source record: 71672
Cross-posted to: uk.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.boatanchors,rec.radio.amateur.policy

"Kim W5TIT" <fahgedit@nomail.net> wrote:
> "JJ" <radiobuff0@mailcity.moc> wrote in message
> news:3F156100.2060807@mailcity.moc...
> > Why don't you go back to yelling
> > "aaaaaaaauuuuuuuuddddddddiiiiiiiooooooo" into your power mic on
> > channel 19.
> >
>
> Hardeehar!! Hey, we used to have a 10M sched every night, and we used to
> hear one of the local Extra class hams doing just that on 10M!!!
>
> Kim W5TIT
>
Sacrilege!! ;)

--
GO# 40

1935. Re: How Ugly Can One Creep Be?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-19 00:36:50 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bfa3qk$me9$1@adenine.netfront.net>
Source record: 71673

"Larry Roll K3LT" <yodoc@aol.comnospam> wrote in message
news:20030717225849.27503.00001141@mb-m24.aol.com...
> In article <f45722ac.0307171056.6809f216@posting.google.com>,
> brianburke@juno.com (Brian) writes:
>
> >> Brian:
> >>
> >> That's good advice -- and "Kim" could be just as easily substituted for
> >> "Len."
> >>
> >> 73 de Larry, K3LT
> >
> >I don't think Mrs Anderson goes that way, nor Kim's husband.
>
> Now, talk about two long-suffering people! Mrs. Anderson and Mr. Walker
> surely must be headed for sainthood!
>
> 73 de Larry, K3LT
>

Yep, that really looks ham radio related to me, Larry...NOT. Gosh, I didn't
even have to do a search to prove you wrong.

Kim W5TIT

Posted via news://freenews.netfront.net
Complaints to news@netfront.net

1936. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-19 00:51:59 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bfa4n0mul1@adenine.netfront.net>
Source record: 71674

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"Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net> wrote in message
news:SHFRa.10931$Vx2.4875547@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com...
>
> "Ryan, KC8PMX" <kc8pmx@diamondcs.net> wrote in message
> news:bf6pt7$bqhu1$11@ID-189073.news.uni-berlin.de...
> >
> > "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net> wrote in message
> > news:sc%Qa.10489$Vx2.4559971@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com...
> > >
> > > "Ryan, KC8PMX" <kc8pmx@diamondcs.net> wrote in message
> > > news:bf0u2s$92ho8$4@ID-189073.news.uni-berlin.de...
> > > > How about a different parallel?? Drivers licenses! How many here
have
> > > > earned ALL endorsements/license classes for their drivers license?
> i.e.
> > > > motorcycle operators permit etc.
> > > >
> > > > Those that haven't must just be lazy too eh?
> > >
> > > Not a valid comparison the way you put it. If the person isn't
> interested
> > > in the privileges, it doesn't mean he is lazy for not getting the
> > > endorsement. It's the person who wants the privileges and isn't
willing
> > to
> > > get the endorsement that would be considered lazy.
> > >
> > > Dee D. Flint, N8UZE
> > >
> >
> > I disagree based on statements made by others here before. Having both
HF
> > and VHF+ access to all of the amateur radio spectrum (i.e. upgrading all
> the
> > way to extra) is so important to some, then the parallel is there. Not
> > exercising the full advantages of the license.
>
> Somehow I think you are misunderstanding my point of view. If they do not
> wish to exercise the privileges that come with an upgrade, then there is
no
> need to upgrade and that's fine with me. It's those who want the
privileges
> and whine about having to do the work to get them that bother me.
>
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BUT, have you ever actually known anyone who has really whined? That has become such a cliche. What I mean is, those of us who do not believe that CW should be a part of requirements for ham licensing are simply exercising the same "rights" we would in any other type of situation in which change is desired. No difference at all.

I have seen people express opinions about CW--on both sides. I would not classify any of them as whining. For instance, you have your opinion behind your desire to have CW remain a part of the ham radio licensure process. The same for me on the opposite side of the fence. Is it either of us that is whining?

It's interesting how, because someone desires something different from another, it is labeled as whining. I sure haven't seen any evidence of whining. I didn't like studying the CW part of the Tech+ license; I don't like using CW; and I don't think CW should be a part of testing.

Is any of that whining?

> >
> > I have had 2 CSCE's now for the morse code test, and let both of them slip
> > as I see no need exercise the use of those privileges, nor can I at this
> > point due to operational limitations. But apparently upgrades are even
> more
> > important to some here more than god.
> >
>
> Again, no one has a problem with a person who prefers not to upgrade and
> explores those areas for which he/she is licensed. The problem arises when
> someone wants the upgrade privileges without the upgrade work.
>

Is that what you would classify as whining? I do not. And, you say that someone who "wants the upgrade privileges without the upgrade work" is a whiner. What if that person actually becomes politically involved in the process and effects change to their--and a potential majority of like-thinkers--way of thinking? What is so whiney(?) about that? I respect anyone who is willing to desire and then who is willing to effect change through our political processes in order to *attempt* to have things their way.

That is still a process in this country--at least for a little while longer.

> Dee D. Flint, N8UZE
>

Kim W5TIT

Posted via news://freenews.netfront.net
Complaints to news@netfront.net

1937. Re: Since it is over, probably okay to post.....

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-19 00:53:21 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bfa4pi$n3v$1@adenine.netfront.net>
Source record: 71675
Cross-posted to: alt.ham-radio.vhf-uhf,rec.radio.amateur.policy

"Dan/W4NTI" <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com> wrote in message
news:bf7998$5kk$1@slb9.atl.mindspring.net...
> Excellent....send that to your Section Manager with recommendations it be
> forwarded to the FCC while there pondering how to destroy ham radio with
> BPL.
>
> Dan/W4NTI
>

???? Or, just send it to the FCC yourself...

Kim W5TIT

> "Ryan, KC8PMX" <kc8pmx@diamondcs.net> wrote in message
> news:bf6pt9$bqhu1$12@ID-189073.news.uni-berlin.de...
> >
> > Rather interesting side of a news event here in Michigan
> > Ryan, KC8PMX
> >
> >
> > -----Original Message-----
> > From: ***************
> > Sent: Tuesday, July 15, 2003 9:12 PM
> > To: James Wades
> > Subject: RACES Assistance with MSP Manhunt
> >

Posted via news://freenews.netfront.net
Complaints to news@netfront.net

1938. Re: Fight the BPL

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-19 00:59:05 UTC
From: --Bill-- <exray.is.tired@of.spam>
Message-ID: <vhh5r7ngf6h548@corp.supernews.com>
Source record: 71676
Cross-posted to:
rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.swap

Dan/W4NTI wrote:

> IMHO the only thing that will accomplish that is to drag the FCC into court.
>
> Dan/W4NTI

Hey, thats a novel idea!
-Bill

1939. Re: Why don't Real Hams you face the facts?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-19 01:02:38 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bfa60l$2do@library1.airnews.net>
Source record: 71678
Cross-posted to: uk.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.boatanchors,rec.radio.amateur.policy

<Moparholic@hotmailnospam.com> wrote in message
news:20030718203525.916$ng@newsreader.com...
> "Kim W5TIT" <fahgedit@nomail.net> wrote:
> > "JJ" <radiobuff0@mailcity.moc> wrote in message
> > news:3F156100.2060807@mailcity.moc...
> > > Why don't you go back to yelling
> > > "aaaaaaaauuuuuuuuddddddddddiiiiiiiioooooooo" into your power mic on
> > > channel 19.
> > >
> >
> > Hardeehar!! Hey, we used to have a 10M sched every night, and we used
to
> > hear one of the local Extra class hams doing just that on 10M!!!
> >
> > Kim W5TIT
> >
> Sacrilege!! ;)
>
> --
> GO# 40

Yeah. I didn't post this as a joke, either. This guy really used to do it. And, one of the reasons I can't stand HF operation (other than the biggest reason being the hiss) is that when we Tech+'s used to get on and do all the "is this freq in use", etc....all the good operating practices we'd been told were going to be *absolutes* on ham radio--nearly every time there'd be some General or higher licensee who'd get on over us and start calling CQ...or would go just off our freq and begin.

Yep, there were good ones...just as there are good Novices, Techs, and Tech+'s. But, the bad ones ruin it for everyone.

Kim W5TIT

1940. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-19 01:05:12 UTC
From: Dave Heil <k8mn@earthlink.net>
Message-ID: <3F1899A1.6D414E60@earthlink.net>
Source record: 71677

Brian wrote:
>
> Dave Heil <k8mn@earthlink.net> wrote in message
news:<3F1769D6.C7FF9183@earthlink.net>...
> > Brian wrote:
> > >
> > > Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net> wrote in message news:<3F161D6F.8AE85623@att.net>...
> > > > Brian wrote:
> > >
> > > > > To be honest, I don't think there is any answer that will satisfy you.
> > > > >
> > > > > Brian
> > > >
> > > > At least not a truthful one.
> > >
> > > Well then, that's it. Jim isn't satisfied with truthful answers. No
> > > wonder he keeps asking.
> >
> > You haven't even provided truthful responses now. You've been asked.
> > You have declined. You've provided reasons such as, "The questions are
> > just too hard". Jim and I have continued to ask because you've
> > continued to be evasive.

> Most of the answers were given long, long ago. Whether you or Jim
> believe me isn't my problem.

Sure, it's your problem. You have a credibility problem, one which is
compounded by your saying that you've already answered the questions.

You haven't done so and your tale remains vapor.

Dave K8MN

1941. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-19 01:17:09 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bfa64v$1n1@library1.airnews.net>
Source record: 71679

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X-A-Notice: References line has been trimmed due to 512 byte limitationAbuse-Reports-To:
abuse at airmail.net to report improper postings
NNTP-Proxy-Relay: library1-aux.airnews.net
NNTP-Posting-Time: Fri, 18 Jul 2003 20:16:15 -0500 (CDT)
NNTP-Posting-Host: !X@U/1k-Y-#+3:P-T>$! (Encoded at Airnews!)
X-Priority: 3
X-MSMail-Priority: Normal
X-Newsreader: Microsoft Outlook Express 6.00.2800.1158
X-MimeOLE: Produced By Microsoft MimeOLE V6.00.2800.1165

"Dave Heil" <k8mn@earthlink.net> wrote in message
news:3F1899A1.6D414E60@earthlink.net...
> Brian wrote:
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>
> Sure, it's your problem. You have a credibility problem, one which is
> compounded by your saying that you've already answered the questions.
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>
> You haven't done so and your tale remains vapor.
>
> Dave K8MN

heh heh...he just doesn't understand the concept of "not my problem," Brian!
;)

Kim W5TIT

1942. Re: Fight the BPL

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-19 01:29:44 UTC
From: "H. Adam Stevens" <solo@totalaccess.net>
Message-ID: <vhh7q1eskr6fa7@corp.supernews.com>
Source record: 71680
Cross-posted to:
rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.swap

Texas just had a hurricaine, albeit a fairly normal one.
The station at DPS in Austin was severly limited due to noise in their end.
Why do I point this out?
The noise levels in citites on HF are already so high as to endanger life
and property.
BTW What ever happened to fiber optics?
H.

"--Bill--" <exray.is.tired@of.spam> wrote in message
news:vhh5r7ngf6h548@corp.supernews.com...
> Dan/W4NTI wrote:
>
> > IMHO the only thing that will accomplish that is to drag the FCC into
court.
> >
> > Dan/W4NTI
>
> Hey, thats a novel idea!
> -Bill
>

1943. Re: Why don't Real Hams you face the facts?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-19 01:44:44 UTC
From: --Bill-- <exray.is.tired@of.spam>
Message-ID: <vhh8grf8dm5ee2@corp.supernews.com>
Source record: 71681
Cross-posted to: uk.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.boatanchors,rec.radio.amateur.policy

Kim W5TIT wrote:

>>>hear one of the local Extra class hams doing just that on 10M!!!
>>>
>>>Kim W5TIT
>>>
>>
>>Sacrilege!! ;)
>>
>>--
>>GO# 40
>
>
> Yeah. I didn't post this as a joke, either. This guy really used to do it.
> And, one of the reasons I can't stand HF operation (other than the biggest
> reason being the hiss) is that when we Tech+'s used to get on and do all the
> "is this freq in use", etc....all the good operating practices we'd been
> told were going to be *absolutes* on ham radio--nearly every time there'd be
> some General or higher licensee who'd get on over us and start calling
> CQ...or would go just off our freq and begin.
>
> Yep, there were good ones...just as there are good Novices, Techs, and
> Tech+'s. But, the bad ones ruin it for everyone.
>
> Kim W5TIT
>
>
Well, I don't want to bash 10m as a band but it does seem to attract
some abberant behaviour, and a bit more worldwide than the same that
occurs on 75m and a few selected spots on 20.
Much of the bad behaviour is by CBers faking callsigns - or recent
CB'ers that have become Extras whilst still trying to kick the habit of
being obnoxious.
A shame really, but you are correct in your observations that the bad
ones ruin it for everyone, and if not ruined, it gives everyone else
something to whine about resulting in the appearance that everything is
ruined.
The streets are full of people who piss themselves and fart liberally.
They don't magically disappear when you tune the amateur bands. Thats
what all those tuning knobs are for.

-Bill

1944. Re: Why don't Real Hams you face the facts?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-19 01:46:01 UTC
From: Moparholic@hotmailnospam.com
Message-ID: <20030718214600.919$wD@newsreader.com>
Source record: 71682
Cross-posted to: uk.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.boatanchors,rec.radio.amateur.policy

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--Bill-- <exray.is.tired@of.spam> wrote:
> Kim W5TIT wrote:
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> >>>
> >>>Kim W5TIT
> >>>
> >>
> >>Sacrilege!! ;)
> >>
> >>--
> >>GO#  40
> > >
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> > Much of the bad behaviour is by CBers faking callsigns - or recent
> > CB'ers that have become Extras whilst still trying to kick the habit of
> > being obnoxious.
> >
I'm sure you have some sort of data to back that claim, or no?

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GO#  40
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1945. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-19 01:55:01 UTC
From: Bill Sohl <billsohl@mindspring.com>
Message-ID: <bfa8nl$ps0$1@slb6.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 71685

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"N2EY" <n2ey@aol.com> wrote in message
news:20030718070019.27503.00001149@mb-m24.aol.com...
> In article <bf7gse$539$1@slb6.atl.mindspring.net>, "Bill Sohl"
> <billsohl@mindspring.com> writes:
>
> >"Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net> wrote in message
> >news:%mFRa.10923$Vx2.4871970@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com...
> >>
> >> "Bill Sohl" <billsohl@mindspring.com> wrote in message
> >> news:bf54qd$m5i$1@slb5.atl.mindspring.net...
> >> >
> >> > "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net> wrote in message
> >> > news:LLkRa.10790$Vx2.4719020@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com...
> >> > >
> >> > > "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> wrote in message
> >> > > news:QEiRa.812$lL.87627@nnrp1.ptd.net...
> >> > > >
> >> > > > (But, as I and others have previously said, the decision should
> >> > > > NOT be based on a popularity contest in the community of
> >> > > > incumbents, but should, rather, be based on the sound judgement
> >> > > > of the FCC as to what's regulatorily necessary and good for the
> >> > > > future of ham radio.)
> >> > >
> >> > > The FCC is not all that qualified to judge what is good for the
future
> >> > > of ham radio.
> >> >
> >> > Then who is?
> >> >
> >>
> >> The hams are the most qualified to judge what is good for the future of
> >> ham radio.
> >
> >So convince the FCC that some august body of hams (elected? appointed?
> >approved by?) should take over setting FCC part 97 rules.
>
> Works for me.

But we both know the concept is bogus.

> >> However, FCC involvement is need because the hams will ignore the
> >> needs of other services just as the other services ignore the needs of
> >> hams. It's a balancing act and the FCC is the juggler.
> >
> >So you are then saying the FCC should NOT make any
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> >rules regarding operation within ham bands that don't have
> >any interfernece issues related to them...such as
> >band segments for phone vs data, etc. morse test
> >requirements, etc.?
>
> Nope. Not at all.
>
> The point is that the mere fact that FCC enacts a rule does not mean it's
a
> good idea, or in the best interest of amateur radio. All it means is that
FCC
> enacted the rule.

The original point made was a claim that the FCC doesn't
make rules at all that might be judged as being favorable
or unfavorable for ham radio. Clearly a specific rule may
be detrimental...but that doesn't mean the FCC didn't
or wouldn't weigh its need or benefit in light of what
it does for ham radio.

> Was the 55 mph national speed limit a good idea, in the best interests of
the
> motoring public? The "expert agency" recommended that rule, and it stayed
on
> the books for decades.

Actually, the 55 was the brainchild (I'd call it a nightmare)
of a NJ reprentative who is now deceased. The problem was
the 55 limit had no "sunshine" aspect and that resulted in congress
getting tied up as being anti-safety by the insurance industry
who wanted the 55 limit.

> >> > The reality, however, is that the FCC is the determining body.
> >> >
> >> > > Many of the staff are not involved in ham radio. They are a
> >> > > government body whose purpose is to regulate the various radio
> >> > > services so that they can coexist.
> >> >
> >> > That's only part of their purpose.
>
> What's the rest?

Others include need for the service, use, benefit of
the service to the public good, etc.
IF ham radio users truly began to dwindle, do you
doubt that the FCC would consider dropping ham radio
as a service even though there was no coexistence problem?

> >> Read up on the history of the FCC. They were established to regulate
the
> >> various services so all could operate with minimal interference. If
there

> >> had been no conflicts among the various users of the radio spectrum,
there
> >> would have been no FCC (see the book "200 Meters and Down").
> >
> >That is so patently obvious...it does not,
> >however, prove or make any suggestion that the FCC
> >today does not consider rules as being beneficial or not
> >to ham radio service.
>
> The point is that while they consider the beneficial aspect, they are not
all
> powerful, nor necessarily even that friendly to what is best for amateur
radio.
> IOW they're stuck with us and we're stuck with them.

I never said otherwise. My comment was directed at the concept that
the FCC "only" makes decisions based on interference based
issues. You agree that the FCC can and does consider the
beneficial aspect to a service...even if that decision may be
detrimental.

> >> > > There purpose is not to maintain ham radio or decide
> >> > > what is good for it.
> >> >
> >> > I would argue that these are also part of FCC goals
> >> > for ham radio or any other service.
>
> Those goals are not necessarily what's best for amateur radio. Was the
> re-imposition of "incentive licensing" in 1968 what was best for amateur
radio?
> FCC (NOT hams!) insisted on it because they said amateur radio of those
days
> was not meeting the goals FCC thought it should.

Again, I never claimed every decision was or had to be judged
by the FCC as being beneficial.

> >> As stated above read up on the early years of radio and the
establishment
> >> of the FCC.
>
> And its predecessors, the FRC, DOC and Navy Department. Not pretty.
> >
> >The initial purpose of the FCC derived from interference
> >mitigation.
>
> Not just that - also deciding how to best apportion the spectrum, license
> requirements, allowable uses of the spectrum, monitoring and enforcement.
> Indeed, FCC defines what the various services are for! F'rinstance, once
upon a
> time, hams broadcasting music was not illegal.

>
> >The charter of the FCC does not, however,
> >forclose consideration of what is or isn't beneficial for any
> >individual service.
>
> No, it doesn't. Doesn't mean that the FCC always does what's best for
hams.
> Doesn't mean FCC always makes the best choice or compromise, either.

We are in violent agreement on that :-)

> >> We were very lucky that ham radio was allowed to continue to exist
> >> since the commercial and military interests wanted us gone. It was
only
> >>by
> >> intense lobbying on the part of the hams that we managed to stay in
there.
> >
> >All of which happened about 80+ years ago.
>
> Not all. Look at the changes of 1929 - less than 75 years ago.

Pickey, pickey...so I was off by 5 years or so.

> >> > Again, bottom line...FCC does the deciding.
> >>
> >> Yes I certainly agree they do the deciding.
> >
> >Which makes all this discussion rather academic.
>
> Not at all. Hopefully, FCC decisions can be influenced for a better future
for
> amateur radio.

The ability to influence those decisions is the same today as
it was in the past. that's what the public input process
is all about.

Cheers,
Bill K2UNK

1946. Re: Fight the BPL

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-19 01:57:16 UTC
From: Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
Message-ID: <cuvyxnansvbet.hi8r2re.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 71684
Cross-posted to:
rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.swap

On Fri, 18 Jul 2003 18:59:18 -0000, Dave Platt wrote:

>you'll spend a lot more on equipment, *and* your neighbors (BPL-using
>and otherwise) will be much more likely to experience harmful
>interference.

"Harmful interference" is a specific technical term of art in
communications regulatory law that refers to interruption to a
licensed communications service and places the responsibility to
alleviate the situation on the operation causing the problem.

Your neighbors will experince "unwanted interception" which you
have no obligation to deal with except to make a reasonable amount
of tests to enable the neighbor's repair tech to check the
effectiveness of whatever protective measures they are making to the
affected home electronic/entertainment equipment.

You, OTOH, will receive "harmful interference" from the BPL operation.

Go get 'em, tiger....

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73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane
ARRL Volunteer Counsel

1947. Re: Smells like type acceptance

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Date: 2003-07-19 01:57:17 UTC
From: Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
Message-ID: <cuvyxnansvbet.hi8sepf.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 71683

On 18 Jul 2003 16:35:35 -0700, K0HB wrote:

>ARRL has gone to the mat with FCC on matters of far less
>importance, but they seem to be looking the other way on this one.

The minute that the bozo operated on a marine channel (VHF Marine Channel 22) he was no longer operating an amateur station - he was operating a transceiver that may have been intended for the amateur market but was modified to do otherwise, i.e. an uncertified and unlicensed marine radio, and he was doing otherwise.

The fact that he held an amateur license is a side issue. He was not cited as an amateur licensee for a Part 97 violation - he was cited as an unlicensed operator for operating a transmitter without authorization therefor.

My gut feeling is that the League does not want to support anything that is (a) a means of clear violation of communication law (remember the caveat about un-widened transceivers in the flap over the receiver section of mobile transceivers capable of being tuned to police frequencies) and (b) a matter that has no direct connection with amateur operations.

But then again, I'm on the outside of the Codfish Curtain, "Volunteer Counsel" notwithstanding.

How would you feel about a licensed amateur who bought a surplus FM broadcast transmitter and put it on the air as a "pirate" FM station, and the FCC required him to take whatever measures necessary to ensure that it would not operate on the FM broadcast band any longer?

Another gut feeling is that the FCC will not jump up and down about a modification made by an amateur operator to any equipment for his/her personal use that (a) does not have the capability of causing harmful interference by increasing the signal leakage level beyond that allowed in Part 15 and (b) does not enable unauthorized out-of-band transmissions and (c) the operator does not intentionally transmit out-of-band without authorization (MARS, CAP, USCG Auxiliary, etc).

The bozo in question failed tests (b) and (c) in the paragraph above.

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73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane

1948. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-19 02:00:07 UTC
From: Bill Sohl <billsohl@mindspring.com>
Message-ID: <bfa8tl$l26$1@slb4.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 71687

"Brian" <brianburke@juno.com> wrote in message
news:f45722ac.0307181513.58a28da7@posting.google.com...
> n2ey@aol.com (N2EY) wrote in message
news:<20030718070019.27503.00001149@mb-m24.aol.com>...
>
> > The point is that the mere fact that FCC enacts a rule does not mean
it's a
> > good idea, or in the best interest of amateur radio. All it means is
that FCC
> > enacted the rule.
> >
> > Was the 55 mph national speed limit a good idea, in the best interests
of the
> > motoring public? The "expert agency" recommended that rule, and it
stayed on
> > the books for decades.
>
> Beats going to war for oil every 10 years or so.

It was a dumb rule.

> Between raising the speed limit and dropping the EPA fleet mileage
> requirements, I'd say we worked ourselved into a corner.

My Chevy silverado get the same gas mileage today as my
64 Chevy convertible did...about 17mpg. My truck
probably weighs 150% of what the 64 chevy did.

Frankly, "I can't drive 55." Hey, that'd be
a great song title :-)

Cheers,
Bill K2UNK

> "Would you like to biggie size that?"

1949. Re: Fight the BPL

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-19 02:01:14 UTC
From: "H. Adam Stevens" <solo@totalaccess.net>
Message-ID: <vhh9l3g8pc6i31@corp.supernews.com>
Source record: 71686
Cross-posted to:
rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.swap

The Population Bomb Keeps On Ticking.....

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> communications regulatory law that refers to interruption to a
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>
> Go get 'em, tiger....
>
> --
> 73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane
> ARRL Volunteer Counsel
>
>

1950. Re: The "trained pool of operators" argument - debunked

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-19 02:04:19 UTC
From: Bill Sohl <billsohl@mindspring.com>
Message-ID: <bfa95b$88m$1@slb3.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 71689

"Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net> wrote in message
news:QAJRa.10978$Vx2.4921110@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com...
>
> "Brian Kelly" <kelly@dvol.com> wrote in message
> news:d22b54c3.0307171757.6d763cdb@posting.google.com...
> >
> > Great post Bert, ya sed it all, I wish I'd written it. Your Regents
> > analogy was masterful. They don't have the gumption to achieve so dumb
> > the exams to "their" achievement level and their "problem" goes away.
> >
> > w3rv
>
> No the problem won't go away as the next generation of people will have
even
> lower achievement and will demand that the tests be made simpler yet.
>
> Dee D. Flint, N8uZE

For all the complaining of lower standards...yada, yada,
yada, I find it amazing we have the incredible technology
advances, capabilities, etc which far exceed anything
we had 30 years ago. Just where and who do you
attribute those advances to...if not the new generation
of students graduating from our schools?

Cheers,
Bill K2UNK

1951. Re: Smells like type acceptance

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-19 02:04:29 UTC
From: Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
Message-ID: <cuvyxnansvbet.hi8t9yg.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 71688

On Fri, 18 Jul 2003 20:10:57 -0400, Scott Unit 69 wrote:

>I'll betcha' his mother pretends he doesn't exist...
>
>He should have been hung by his balls.

I recognize the language of the letter and know what usually comes
next.

They've just barely started on him.

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73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane

1952. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-19 02:16:20 UTC
From: Bill Sohl <billsohl@mindspring.com>
Message-ID: <bfa9rt$g24$1@slb9.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 71690

"Brian Kelly" <kelly@dvol.com> wrote in message
news:d22b54c3.0307181001.5ce77ce5@posting.google.com...
> "Bill Sohl" <billsohl@mindspring.com> wrote in message
news:<bf7g5j$r80$1@slb3.atl.mindspring.net>...
> > "Brian Kelly" <kelly@dvol.com> wrote in message
>
> > > > > Dee D. Flint, N8UZE
> > > > >
> > > > The above didn't come out as to what I intended. My intent
> > > > was that there is a burden on the non-phone users
> > > > to use the non-phone segments. IF phone users can
> > > > show the FCC that the non-phone segments are
> > > > underutilized, then the non-phone users could lose bandwidth.
> > >
> > The simple reality of the matter is that most of us coders could care
> > less about what happens above the .100s and it's been that way for
> > decades. The crunch could come if the HF digitals continue to pick up
> > users. They have us below them and the phone ops above them. Any
> > domestic battles over phone bandwidth expansion could very well be
> > between the digitals and the phone users with the coders as
> > essentially uninvolved (and snickering) spectators.
> >
> > Your argument fails
>
> 'Scuse me but it hasn't failed until the FCC sez so.
>
> > because the spectrum, both above and
> > below .100 can legally be shared with data today.
> > The digital segregation now
> > is by agreement, not by FCC mandate. If digital users increase,
> > they'll increase to where they easily can...below the .100 if
> > that segment is being underused.
>
> You're assuming constants in a scene which is loaded with variables.
> That's a mistake which has been made many times. Climb out of your
> box.

I assume only what is today. If you want to speculate about
what-if, we could come up with hundreds of "out-of-the-box"
scenarios...BUT, until the FCC initiates a rule making, it's
just an academic excersize.

> Lotta "ifs" floating around here and neither of us have accurate
> crystal balls. But based on obvious current trends and realities plus
> the assumption that CW fades over time ('nother big "if") I think it's

> quite possible for new digital ops to replace lost CW ops on a
> one-for-one basis. In fact when I think about how HF digital
> operations are mushrooming it's quite possible that the replacement
> rate could very well be higher than one-for-one in the long run.
>
> The huge unknown here is that we have no idea what's around the corner
> wrt to the ongoing development of digital modes and how many operators
> they will attract as the parade of new digital capabilities show up.
> This field is abundantly filled with opportunties for amateur
> development work so I sure won't be stupid enough to make any
> brick-wall predictions about where digital ops are headed or their
> impact in the .000-.150s. Don't start licking yer chops for more phone
> space Bill, the fat lady is nowhere in sight the CW aspect completely
> aside.

Why do you assume I even want more phone space?
90% of my home station operations is 6meters
which has plenty of phone space.

> > Recalkl too that subbands are primarily a USA
> > practice and even our nothern neighbor has no
> > such limitation on phone in the "non-phone"
> > segments per USA laws.
>
> The Canadians also have nationalized medicine and the Russians are
> apparently going to continue with code tests. So what?

Hey...time to get outta the box:-)
The point is that the phone expansion might come not
from within the USA, but rather by virtue of international
"encroachment" of hams into what are now, non-phone
subbands within the USA only.

Cheers,
Bill K2UNK

1953. Re: Ham Radio In The Post-Code Testing Era

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-19 02:27:17 UTC
From: Bill Sohl <billsohl@mindspring.com>
Message-ID: <bfaagf$6i0$1@slb0.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 71691

"Larry Roll K3LT" <yodoc@aol.comnospam> wrote in message
news:20030717225848.27503.00001139@mb-m24.aol.com...
> In article <HGyRa.879$lL.98195@nnrp1.ptd.net>, "Carl R. Stevenson"
> <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> writes:
>
> >> Carl:
> >>
> >> That's right. They did. And a lot of them kept the key on the top of
the
> >> operating table and continued to use it. Now, in the absence of a code
> >> testing requirement as part of the licensing procedure, how many new
hams
> >> will even bother to own a telegraph key?
>
> >Frankly, I don't care one iota
>
> Carl:
> Well, you've spent years making THAT perfectly clear! Fortunately there
are
> those of us who do care about whether or not a useful communications skill
> continues to be practiced in the ARS.

Do YOU care enough to be a positive spokesperson/recruiter
for CW to new hams?

> ... I see that as a totally unimportant issue in he grand scheme of things
...
> it is up to Morse enthusiasts to recruit new
> >Morse ops ... and talking down to those who are not interested will not
help
> >that cause.
>
> Especially since those who are not interested have finally gotten their
way!

Sounds like a personal problem.

> >> >Could *I* become proficient at 20 wpm ... certainly, with enough use
and
> >> >practice. Do I *care* to? The answer is obviously "No."
> >>
> >> Well, at least you were exposed to the code and learned it well enough
to
> >> make that choice from a vantage point of actual personal experience.
In

> >the
> >> future, a lot of hams who may have decided to become active CW users
will
> >> no longer get that opportunity, due to the elimination of the code
testing
> >> requirement.
> >
> >Again, it's up to the current crop of Morse enthusiasts to do any
> >recruiting.
>
> I don't believe that the use of Morse code is something that is
"recruitable,"
> if there is such a word. My own personal experience would lead me to
> believe that the only thing that will get someone to try it is some kind
of
> overwhelming incentive. We used to have that incentive in the
> Pre-Restructuring
> Era. Now that it is gone, to rely simply on enticing people to Morse/CW
with
> the promise of better operating capability will probably not resonate very
well
> with the majority of newcomers who, basically, are going to be refugees
from
> the Citizen's Band, who just want a louder, more frequency-agile box to
plug
> their microphone into.

Defeatist attitude as I see it.

> >> >There is essentially nothing that could make me interested in becoming
"a
> >> >regular CW operator with 20 wpm proficiency."
> >> >
> >> >Does this make me a "lesser/2nd class ham?"
> >>
> >> Since you tried it and gave it a fair evaluation, I'd have to say that
it
> >does
> >> not. Again, future hams will not have had your experience. That is
the
> >> difference. Not having "been there, done that" disqualifies them from
> >> making any judgment on the "code" issue whatsoever.
> >
> >I don't buy that argument
>
> Which doesn't make it any less true.

Nor does it change the fact that your statement
is only an opinion.

> >... folks can be intelligent enough that, with
> >a modest exposure to Morse through personal contact with other hams,
> >seeing others using the mode, etc., they can make a choice as to whether
> >they are interested in purusing the mode or not.
>
> That's not the same thing, Carl. I was referring to their "opinions," or
> subjective impressions, of the Morse code. The decision-making process
> they apply to decide whether or not to attempt to learn it is a much more
> objective process.

So work te process, be a recruiter for morse.

Cheers,
Bill K2UNK

1954. Re: Smells like type acceptance

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-19 02:37:44 UTC
From: "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net>
Message-ID: <Y92Sa.11162$Vx2.5114370@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com>
Source record: 71692

"K0HB" <k0hb@arrl.net> wrote in message
news:e79dbd9b.0307181535.fe5d562@posting.google.com...
> N2EY@AOL.COM (N2EY) wrote
>
> > I agree with Carl 100% on this one.
>
> I don't, and I don't agree with you either for that matter.
>
> We all seem to agree that the guy ought to be nailed, and nailed HARD.
>
> But under the heading of "unintended consequences", the notion of
> requiring a ham to restore a radio to "factory spec" is first probably
> outside the authority of the FCC. Even if it is within their
> authority, it is a very troubling precedent to have lurking in
> background. ARRL has gone to the mat with FCC on matters of far less
> importance, but they seem to be looking the other way on this one.
>
> 73, Hans, K0HB

No, I don't think it is outside of the FCC's authority. They have the power to modify the station license and operator license in just about anyway they see fit.

Dee D. Flint, N8UZE

1955. Re: Smells like type acceptance

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-19 02:50:38 UTC
From: Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
Message-ID: <cuvyxnansvbet.hi8vj1h.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 71693

On Sat, 19 Jul 2003 02:37:44 GMT, Dee D. Flint wrote:

>No, I don't think it is outside of the FCC's authority. They have the power
>to modify the station license and operator license in just about anyway they
>see fit.

Get it straight, Dee. This bozo was not operating under the color
of any authorization (station or operator license or blanket rule
authority) and is being treated as such.

The fact that he holds an amateur license authorizing him to operate
on amateur frequencies is meaningless at this stage.

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73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane

1956. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-19 02:58:21 UTC
From: "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net>
Message-ID: <ht2Sa.11164$Vx2.5117589@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com>
Source record: 71694

"Kim W5TIT" <fahgedit@nomail.net> wrote in message
news:bfa4n0mul1@adenine.netfront.net...
> "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net> wrote in message
> news:SHFRa.10931$Vx2.4875547@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com...
> > Somehow I think you are misunderstanding my point of view. If they do
not
> > wish to exercise the privileges that come with an upgrade, then there is
> no
> > need to upgrade and that's fine with me. It's those who want the
> privileges
> > and whine about having to do the work to get them that bother me.
> >
>
> BUT, have you ever actually known anyone who has really whined? That has
> become such a cliche. What I mean is, those of us who do not believe that
> CW should be a part of requirements for ham licensing are simply
exercising
> the same "rights" we would in any other type of situation in which change
is
> desired. No difference at all.

Yes I have. Both in person and on the internet, there have been numerous individuals who simply refuse to upgrade until and unless the requirement goes away. Whether or not it should be part of the licensing is an entirely different issue than refusing to upgrade because one doesn't agree with that requirement. While some may consider that approach to be a protest, it is an ineffective protest as refusing to take the test won't get it eliminated.

>
> I have seen people express opinions about CW--on both sides. I would not
> classify any of them as whining. For instance, you have your opinion
behind
> your desire to have CW remain a part of the ham radio licensure process.
> The same for me on the opposite side of the fence. Is it either of us
that
> is whining?
>
> It's interesting how, because someone desires something different from
> another, it is labeled as whining. I sure haven't seen any evidence of
> whining. I didn't like studying the CW part of the Tech+ license; I don't
> like using CW; and I don't think CW should be a part of testing.

No that is not whining because you actually went ahead and took the test. Having studied the basic material, you are now have some background on which to judge whether or not to pursue CW any further.

>
> Is any of that whining?
>
> > >
> > > I have had 2 CSCE's now for the morse code test, and let both of them
> slip
> > > as I see no need exercise the use of those privileges, nor can I at
this
> > > point due to operational limitations. But apparently upgrades are
even
> > more
> > > important to some here more than god.
> > >
> >
> > Again, no one has a problem with a person who prefers not to upgrade and
> > explores those areas for which he/she is licensed. The problem arises
> when
> > someone wants the upgrade privileges without the upgrade work.
> >
>
> Is that what you would classify as whining? I do not. And, you say that
> someone who "wants the upgrade privileges without the upgrade work" is a
> whiner. What if that person actually becomes politically involved in the
> process and effects change to their--and a potential majority of
> like-thinkers--way of thinking? What is so whiney(?) about that? I
respect
> anyone who is willing to desire and then who is willing to effect change
> through our political processes in order to *attempt* to have things their
> way.
>
> That is still a process in this country--at least for a little while
longer.
>

I have no problem with people working to affect a change through the political process. The ones that I have a problem with are those who would not take time out to pass the code while they work on achieving this change. The process has taken a couple of decades. Who would want to wait that long to upgrade just to avoid the code test? Such people are indeed whiners if they can't take a little time out of their political efforts to pass the code. While I do not agree with those who want to eliminate the code test, if they are operating from a position of having taken the test while they work the political end, they they have my respect. Why? Because the didn't waste decades waiting to get on HF.

As I said before, people who are not interested in upgrading don't bother me. They are getting what they want out of their ham activities.

Dee D. Flint, N8UZE

1957. Re: Code a Deterrent to a Ham Ticket ??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-19 03:04:03 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030718230403.23307.00001451@mb-m29.aol.com>
Source record: 71699

In article <c%IRa.959$lL.105461@nnrp1.ptd.net>, "Carl R. Stevenson"
<wk3cqth@wk3c.com> writes:

>Why should one be forced to learn to play the piano if what one REALLY
>wants to do is to play one or more OTHER instruments?
>
>Would there be ANY sense in a rule that said "You can't play any other
>instrument, no matter how good you might be at it, unless you first
>demonstrate
>that you can play the piano proficiently." ???
>
>I don't think so ...
>
>Carl - wk3c

Carl:

I think so. When you learn the piano, you're dealing with chords virtualy
from the beginning. You learn more about key signatures, time signatures,
and the structure of harmony from learning the piano than you do with any
other instrument. Why do you think virtually all music is composed on
the piano (or modern electronic keyboards)? It is because the piano has
all the basics wrapped up in one instrument which is a bit more difficult
to learn, but does virtually as much as all the others combined. I started
with the clarinet, and quickly moved to the various types of saxophone
and the trombone. I could play the instruments well enough, but I never
had the general background in musical theory that all the piano players
had, regardless of which instrument they were playing at the time.
Therefore, I never became a Real Musician(tm) as a result. Piano is an
essential skill in music, and I firmly believe all musicians should start
on the piano and be tested in piano proficiency before being allowed to
move on to any other instrument -- which will be much easier as a result.

73 de Larry, K3LT

1958. Re: Picard vs Kirk, was Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-19 03:04:04 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030718230404.23307.00001452@mb-m29.aol.com>
Source record: 71695

In article <5c01b95b.0307180007.72f548c7@posting.google.com>, k4yz@aol.com (Steve Robeson, K4CAP) writes:

>> > Let us know if the doctors find your brain, okay? :-)
>
>> The doctor found yours, Len ;-)
>
> Was the doctor a proctologist or a pathologist?
>
>Steve, K4YZ
>

In my case, he's a Gastroenterologist.

73 de Larry, K3LT

1959. Re: Switzerland abolishes morse-code requirement

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-19 03:04:04 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030718230404.23307.00001453@mb-m29.aol.com>
Source record: 71698

In article <MPG.198262bbaaea4759896cd@News.CIS.DFN.DE>, Markus Baertschi
<markus@markus.org> writes:

>
>I just received a letter from OFCOM (Swiss FCC) informing me about the
>following news concerning Swiss HAM's after the WRC03 conference:
>
>- Switzerland will no longer conduct nor require morse code in HAM exams
>- All Swiss HAM's with a no-code license are allowed to use all HAM
> frequencies with immediate effect.
> (This does not concern the 'light' license limited to 2m and 70cm)
>- They expect the CEPT conference in autumn to decide for a similar
> scheme for all of Europe.
>
>73 Markus / HB9VCD
>
>--
> Markus Baertschi Phone: ++41 (21) 807 1677
> Bas du Rossi¿½ 14b Fax : ++41 (21) 807 1678
> CH-1163, Etoy Email: markus@markus.org
> Switzerland Homepage: www.markus.org

Sooo, Switzerland gets to be one of the first to dumb-down! I'm sure
we'll hear a lot more yodelling on the HF phone bands now!

73 de Larry, K3LT

1960. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-19 03:04:05 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030718230405.23307.00001454@mb-m29.aol.com>
Source record: 71696

In article <d22b54c3.0307181010.34623da7@posting.google.com>, kelly@dvol.com (Brian Kelly) writes:

>Wrong. The fact that the FCC does not allow us to run phone as far
>down the bands as the DX does shelters the DX from the U.S. hordes.
>That's about as "anti Yankee Imperialism" as it gets in ham radio.

Brian:

Don't look now, but I believe that the U.S. phone/CW sub-bands were determined long before "anti Yankee Imperialism" became politically correct.

73 de Larry, K3LT

1961. Re: The "trained pool of operators" argument - debunked

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-19 03:04:06 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030718230406.23307.00001455@mb-m29.aol.com>
Source record: 71700

In article <4rSRa.977$lL.113300@nnrp1.ptd.net>, "Carl R. Stevenson"
<wk3cqth@wk3c.com> writes:

>> Carl:
>>
>> The above statement can be objectively evaluated only in the
>> context of future ARRL initiatives and FCC actions regarding
>> amateur HF sub-band mode authorizations. Once code testing
>> is finally abolished in the US amateur licensing process, it will
>> be much easier to re-allocate more spectrum to phone modes, to
>> the detriment of CW -- and I rather suspect that's precisely what
>> will happen.
>
>I will be there beside you (figuratively), opposing expansion of the
>phone bands ... with ONE *possible* exception. With the realignment
>of 40m and broadcasting, we will have 7000-7200 exclusive in all
>3 regions. It would seem equitable, given the structure of the other
>bands, where the CW/data segments and the phone segments are
>pretty equal, to shift the phone band lower limit from 7150 (Extra)
>down to 7100 ...since the upper 100 kHz from 7200-7300 will
>still be trashed by SW broadcast. This is the ONLY *possible*
>situation that I can envision where I would consider supporting an
>expansion of HF phone bands.
>
>This is my *personal* comment and NOT "NCI policy" ...
>
>Carl - wk3c

Carl:

I agree.

73 de Larry, K3LT

1962. Re: The "trained pool of operators" argument - debunked

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-19 03:04:07 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030718230407.23307.00001456@mb-m29.aol.com>
Source record: 71697

In article <f45722ac.0307181600.73014024@posting.google.com>,
brianburke@juno.com (Brian) writes:

>Had Larry included "digital" with his cry to preserve CW spectrum, I
>would figuratively stand with the both of you as well.

Brian:

I'm all for expanding digital allocations, but I'd take it out of the SSB
side!

>As it stands, all spectrum except the new 5MHz channels are CW
>capable. Is it really necessary to keep that much of it CW exclusive?

How much spectrum is exclusively CW now? Not that terribly much.
I just don't want any of it given over to phone operation, which would
automatically cause it to become an extension of the existing phone
wasteland.

>Personally, I think the amateur bands should be aligned worlwide, with
>respect to not only frequency, but also mode.

Good luck.

>If the DX doesn't want
>to come out and play with Americans or anyone else, I'm sure some
>other jet-setting hams, dept of state, or UN experts will be happy to
>fill in the voids for a couple of IRCs or greenstamps.

Why would the DX *not* want to "come out and play with Americans?"
If they didn't they'd only be hurting themselves.

>ditto personal opinion deniability

I never deny responsibility for my personal opinions. When I "speak" here,
I'm always giving my personal opinions, and not those of my employer,
or the members of any organization to which I may belong. That is
understood, unless I specifically state that I am speaking as a member of
the ARRL or whatever. This goes for you and everyone else in this NG.
Such disclaimers are unnecessary and are usually given as a self-serving
ego stroke.

73 de Larry, K3LT

1963. Re: The "trained pool of operators" argument - debunked

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-19 03:08:09 UTC
From: "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net>
Message-ID: <tC2Sa.11166$Vx2.5119006@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com>
Source record: 71801

"Bill Sohl" <billsohl@mindspring.com> wrote in message
news:bfa95b$88m$1@slb3.atl.mindspring.net...
>
> "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net> wrote in message
> news:QAJRa.10978$Vx2.4921110@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com...
> >
> > "Brian Kelly" <kelly@dvol.com> wrote in message
> > news:d22b54c3.0307171757.6d763cdb@posting.google.com...
> > >
> > > Great post Bert, ya sed it all, I wish I'd written it. Your Regents
> > > analogy was masterful. They don't have the gumption to achieve so dumb
> > > the exams to "their" achievement level and their "problem" goes away.
> > >
> > > w3rv
> >
> > No the problem won't go away as the next generation of people will have
> even
> > lower achievement and will demand that the tests be made simpler yet.
> >
> > Dee D. Flint, N8uZE
>
> For all the complaining of lower standards...yada, yada,
> yada, I find it amazing we have the incredible technology
> advances, capabilities, etc which far exceed anything
> we had 30 years ago. Just where and who do you
> attribute those advances to...if not the new generation
> of students graduating from our schools?
>
> Cheers,
> Bill K2UNK

There will always be some people who pursue their individuals interests to the highest level of which they are capable regardless of the standards in effect. Such people basically aren't worried about meeting a standard but pursuing personal excellence in a field that they are interested in. These are the ones who are and will be responsible for the advances that we have seen and will see in the future. This will continue to occur despite the lowering of standards.

However, the average ability of society will "fall off". Instead of gadgets and gizmos being a convenience, they will become a necessity. The clerk that can't count change without the machine telling him/her is all too common today. They are helpless when the machine breaks down. Lowering the ability of society as a whole is not particularly good for the society.

Dee D. Flint, N8UZE

1964. Re: Smells like type acceptance

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-19 03:11:25 UTC
From: "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net>
Message-ID: <xF2Sa.11167$Vx2.5119552@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com>
Source record: 71802

"Phil Kane" <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop> wrote in message
news:cuvyxnansvbet.hi8vj1h.pminews@netnews.comcast.net...
> On Sat, 19 Jul 2003 02:37:44 GMT, Dee D. Flint wrote:
>
> >No, I don't think it is outside of the FCC's authority. They have the
power
> >to modify the station license and operator license in just about anyway
they
> >see fit.
>
> Get it straight, Dee. This bozo was not operating under the color
> of any authorization (station or operator license or blanket rule
> authority) and is being treated as such.
>
> The fact that he holds an amateur license authorizing him to operate
> on amateur frequencies is meaningless at this stage.
>

True enough but they chose to take the approach of ordering him to return
the equipment to the unmodified state rather than simply just confiscating
it, which they could have done.

Dee D. Flint, N8UZE

1965. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-19 03:13:46 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
Message-ID: <3F18B778.6020702@adelphia.net>
Source record: 71803

Kim W5TIT wrote:

> BUT, have you ever actually known anyone who has really whined? That has
> become such a cliche. What I mean is, those of us who do not believe that
> CW should be a part of requirements for ham licensing are simply exercising
> the same "rights" we would in any other type of situation in which change is
> desired. No difference at all.

Read Vipul's posts. Those are about as close to printed whining as you
can get. He continues to post his ARS slurs long after they have been
proven wrong. Otherwise I agree with you that often "disagreement" is
rferred to as whining.

- Mike KB3EIA -

1966. Re: Ham Radio In The Post-Code Testing Era

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-19 03:22:35 UTC
From: Dave Heil <k8mn@earthlink.net>
Message-ID: <3F18B92A.E32B1AD3@earthlink.net>
Source record: 71804

Brian wrote:
>
> Dave Heil <k8mn@earthlink.net> wrote in message
news:<3F176A5C.DEFCBE18@earthlink.net>...
> > Brian wrote:
> > >
> > > Dave Heil <k8mn@earthlink.net> wrote in message
news:<3F160788.869220DF@earthlink.net>...
> > > > Brian wrote:
> > > > >
> > > > > Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net> wrote in message
> >
> > > > > > ...provides an opportunity for ops on six meters. I've observed the
> > > > > > phenomenon before. Your're in New York. You point your beam north and
> > > > > > you start hearing somebody in Florida. You figure you're hearing him
> > > > > > off the back of the beam and turn it south to bring up the signal,
> > > > > > only to have it disappear.
> > > > > >
> > > > > > Much of this activity happens on CW. Voice signals get distorted a lot
> > > > > > due to the effects of all the ionization in the aurora itself.
> >
> > > > > John, though 6M is worth mentioning, it isn't HF and these guys don't
> > > > > care. Its all about using fast CW on HF (to them). Brian
> > > >
> > > > How do you manage to be wrong so often, Brian? I worked about forty
> > > > Europeans on 6m this past week. About half of those QSOs were made on
> > > > CW. About half of the CW QSOs were made using relatively slow speeds.
> > > > Those contacts were not made using Aurora. Had they been, all of the
> > > > QSOs would have been made using slow CW.
> > >
> > > Were any of them French?
> >
> > Look it up in my online logs after you've finished eating your words on
> > 6m, Brian.
> >
> > Dave K8MN
>
> Oh, my! Another guy who can't answer a simple question.

You didn't bother to respond to my corrections of your erroneous 6m
comments and yet you want me to respond to mere blather?

Dave K8MN

1967. Re: Code a Deterrent to a Ham Ticket ??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-19 03:30:55 UTC
From: "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net>
Message-ID: <PX2Sa.11177$Vx2.5122196@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com>
Source record: 71805

"Larry Roll K3LT" <yodoc@aol.comnospam> wrote in message
news:20030718230403.23307.00001451@mb-m29.aol.com...
> In article <c%IRa.959$lL.105461@nnrp1.ptd.net>, "Carl R. Stevenson"
> <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> writes:
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> >Carl - wk3c
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> on the piano and be tested in piano proficiency before being allowed to
> move on to any other instrument -- which will be much easier as a result.
>
> 73 de Larry, K3LT

As a player of the clarinet, I agree completely.

Dee D. Flint, N8UZE

1968. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-19 03:38:04 UTC
From: kelly@dvol.com
Message-ID: <d22b54c3.0307181938.3709d0e6@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71806

"Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> wrote in message
news:<RpXRa.1011$lL.116281@nnrp1.ptd.net>...
> "Brian Kelly" <kelly@dvol.com> wrote in message
> news:d22b54c3.0307181010.34623da7@posting.google.com...

> > > Jim ... I realize that your question above was *probably* (at least
> > > partly) tongue in cheek, but it does sort of smack of American
> > > arrogance ... and to some of the other countries in region 2, perhaps
> > > something approaching "Yankee imperialism."
> >
> > Wrong. The fact that the FCC does not allow us to run phone as far
> > down the bands as the DX does shelters the DX from the U.S. hordes.
> > That's about as "anti Yankee Imperialism" as it gets in ham radio.
>
> Brian,
>
> How many heads of Latin American radio regulatory agencies do you
> know personally? (If the answer is "None." how can you presume to
> know their likely reaction to the US trying to tell them how to do things
> in their own country?)

I don't think I need to know them to come to the obvious answer.

> Again, I *presume* that Jim's question was tongue in cheek.
> I do know those folks and meet with them several times a year ...
> they wouldn't take kindy to being ordered around in the
> way that Jim jokes about above ...

I guess. Something maybe. Maybe not.

Moving along here my personal bottom line without knowing a soul below
the border except those I've met on the air: I strongly (VERY
strongly) support retention of the existing xx.150 lower phone band
limits particularly on 20 & 40 primarily because (1) I for one am sick
of the Gringo/Ugly American crappola we've managed to take to the
level of a fine art, the buck needs to stop here at least in ham radio
(2) Downward expansion of the U.S. phone bands would immediately shove
the DX phone ops farther down the band (which they can do with a flick
of the wrist) to get away from U.S. QRM and into the space
traditionally used for CW and digital operations globally. Net gain
for the U.S. phonies comes up zip as far as being able to force
(OhYeah, that's the real agenda) the DX to hear them and the CW and
digital types get screwed (also globally) with orders of magnitudes
more DX SSB QRM than we have now.

>
> Carl - wk3c

w3rv

#!^%#!(*)fuggemall^^3

1969. Re: From ZS Land

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-19 03:46:26 UTC
From: kelly@dvol.com
Message-ID: <d22b54c3.0307181946.7d077dc2@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71808

N2EY@AOL.COM (N2EY) wrote in message
news:<c2356669.0307180743.870be76@posting.google.com>...
> http://www.qsl.net/zs1an/morse.htm

ZAP!

>
> or
>
> http://www.qsl.net/zs1an/morserequirement.doc

Oops. Dead link but hysterical anyway.

>
> 73 de Jim, N2EY
>
> WWHD

w3rv

1970. Re: Fight the BPL

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-19 03:48:09 UTC
From: --Bill-- <exray.is.tired@of.spam>
Message-ID: <vhhfo7i2k4n239@corp.supernews.com>
Source record: 71807
Cross-posted to:
rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.swap

H. Adam Stevens wrote:

> BTW What ever happened to fiber optics?
> H.

An $8/hr Neanderthal with a trencher has proved that isn't the best option.

-Bill

1971. Re: Why don't Real Hams you face the facts?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-19 03:57:25 UTC
From: --Bill-- <exray.is.tired@of.spam>
Message-ID: <vhhg9jef6c4jc8@corp.supernews.com>
Source record: 71809
Cross-posted to: uk.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.boatanchors,rec.radio.amateur.policy

Moparholic@hotmailnospam.com wrote:
> --Bill-- <exray.is.tired@of.spam> wrote:

>>
>>Well, I don't want to bash 10m as a band but it does seem to attract
>>some abberant behaviour, and a bit more worldwide than the same that
>>occurs on 75m and a few selected spots on 20.
>>Much of the bad behaviour is by CBers faking callsigns - or recent
>>CB'ers that have become Extras whilst still trying to kick the habit of
>>being obnoxious.
>>
>
> I'm sure you have some sort of data to back that claim, or no?
>
No, it would be a stoopid effort to collect such data just to defend the
basic argument against morons.
-Bill

1972. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-19 03:57:40 UTC
From: Dave Heil <k8mn@earthlink.net>
Message-ID: <3F18C154.813AFBF4@earthlink.net>
Source record: 71810

Kim W5TIT wrote:
>
> X-A-Notice: References line has been trimmed due to 512 byte limitationAbuse-Reports-To:
abuse at airmail.net to report improper postings
> NNTP-Proxy-Relay: library1-aux.airnews.net
> NNTP-Posting-Time: Fri, 18 Jul 2003 20:16:15 -0500 (CDT)
> NNTP-Posting-Host: !X@U/1k-Y-#+3:P-T>$! (Encoded at Airnews!)
> X-Priority: 3
> X-MSMail-Priority: Normal
> X-Newsreader: Microsoft Outlook Express 6.00.2800.1158
> X-MimeOLE: Produced By Microsoft MimeOLE V6.00.2800.1165
>
> "Dave Heil" <k8mn@earthlink.net> wrote in message
> news:3F1899A1.6D414E60@earthlink.net...
> > Brian wrote:
> > >
> > > Dave Heil <k8mn@earthlink.net> wrote in message
> news:<3F1769D6.C7FF9183@earthlink.net>...
> > > > Brian wrote:
> > > > >
> > > > > Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net> wrote in message
> news:<3F161D6F.8AE85623@att.net>...
> > > > > > Brian wrote:
> > > > >
> > > > > > > To be honest, I don't think there is any answer that will
> satisfy you.
> > > > > > >
> > > > > > > Brian
> > > > > >
> > > > > > At least not a truthful one.
> > > > >
> > > > > Well then, that's it. Jim isn't satisfied with truthful answers.
> No
> > > > > wonder he keeps asking.
> > > >
> > > > You haven't even provided truthful responses now. You've been asked.
> > > > You have declined. You've provided reasons such as, "The questions
> are
> > > > just too hard". Jim and I have continued to ask because you've
> > > > continued to be evasive.
> > >
> > > Most of the answers were given long, long ago. Whether you or Jim
> > > believe me isn't my problem.
> >

> > Sure, it's your problem. You have a credibility problem, one which is
> > compounded by your saying that you've already answered the questions.
> >
> > You haven't done so and your tale remains vapor.
> >
> > Dave K8MN
>
> heh heh...he just doesn't understand the concept of "not my problem," Brian!
> ;)

Brian's saying that it isn't his problem does not mean that he has no problem. In this case, it only means that he doesn't care to acknowledge it.

Dave K8MN

1973. Re: Fight the BPL

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-19 04:30:07 UTC
From: dplatt@radagast.org
Message-ID: <vhhiaf6tl9c902@corp.supernews.com>
Source record: 71811
Cross-posted to:
rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.swap

In article <cuvyxnansvbet.hi8r2re.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>,
Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop> wrote:

>>you'll spend a lot more on equipment, *and* your neighbors (BPL-using
>>and otherwise) will be much more likely to experience harmful
>>interference.
>
> "Harmful interference" is a specific technical term of art in
> communications regulatory law that refers to interruption to a
> licensed communications service and places the responsibility to
> alleviate the situation on the operation causing the problem.
>
> Your neighbors will experince "unwanted interception" which you
> have no obligation to deal with except to make a reasonable amount
> of tests to enable the neighbor's repair tech to check the
> effectiveness of whatever protective measures they are making to the
> affected home electronic/entertainment equipment.

Thanks for the clarification, Phil! I'm not sure that the neighbors
will necessarily see it that way, though :-(

> You, OTOH, will receive "harmful interference" from the BPL operation.
>
> Go get 'em, tiger....

I think this is one I'd rather help "head off at the pass" rather than
having to fight a pitched battle on the streets of the city!

--
Dave Platt <dplatt@radagast.org> AE6EO
Hosting the Jade Warrior home page: http://www.radagast.org/jade-warrior
I do _not_ wish to receive unsolicited commercial email, and I will
boycott any company which has the gall to send me such ads!

1974. Re: How Ugly Can One Creep Be?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-19 04:35:36 UTC
From: k4yz@aol.com
Message-ID: <5c01b95b.0307182035.151301bc@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71812

brianburke@juno.com (Brian) wrote in message
news:<f45722ac.0307180506.5d931cd8@posting.google.com>...
> k4yz@aol.com (Steve Robeson, K4CAP) wrote in message
news:<5c01b95b.0307180018.5de48b54@posting.google.com>...
> > brianburke@juno.com (Brian) wrote in message
news:<f45722ac.0307171054.3de23d7d@posting.google.com>...

> Being insensitive is called "being insensitive," not lying.

I don't know what's worse...An callous putz like Lennie who makes
light of people who died a horrific death, or a milktoast pantywaist
putz such as yourself who tries to defend him.

But I guess you both fill a need...If it weren't for the callous,
the insensitive and the dishonest, what would we have to gauge the
rest of society by...?!?! We need creeps like the two of you to
appreciate the sensitive, the thoughtful and honest by.

> > I am not wrong. His track record of pathological mistruths is
> > clear and well documented. In this there is no error.
>
> You are clearly wrong.

I am sure you'd like to think so. I am not.

> Did the shuttle tragedy not occur? Have the astronauts not perished?

It did. It does NOT negate the fact that Lennie used it in a
disgusting manner to "make a point" over something completely
unrelated, nor does it negate the fact that he's a documented
pathological liar.

> > That you so adamantly support and defend him can only mean that
> > YOU support lying and insensitivity as legitimate forms of
> > communication.
>
> Ahh. I disagree with you and so I now support lying?

It's not "disagree(ing)" with me, Brain...It's trying to defend
Lennie that does that.

> Now you're wrong again.

Nope. You defend Lennie's use of mistruth and callous
insensitivities. That makes you part-and-parcel of his misdeeds.
Some game of "Follow the Leader" you play, Brain.

> That makes YOU as equally disgusting and foul as
> > he...perhaps even more so since his conduct may be due to some mental
> > health abboration and yours MUST be a voluntary choice of actions.
>
> Typical liberal tactic.

I am quite a long-ways away from being "liberal" anything.

> > No, Brain...
>
> It's "Brian."

Whatever.

> > No need for me to "face up to it" here.
>
> But there is. You're delusional, and it's time to get a grip.

Facts are facts, and the facts are you are trying to defend the
indefensible. Now who's delusional?

> Lennie has
> > created the path he's following.
>
> He would have to be ahead of himself to create that path.

Not when you're just going around in circles. Lennie does that
well. It's one of the few things he DOES do well.

> That you choose to drop in behind
> > him only means you LIKE the stench and the reputation of being
> > associated with a liar and a creep.
>
> Is that what it means?

Fraid so.

> > That's for YOU to "face up to".

> I'm sure you have a nice health plan working as a nurse. Go get some help.

I am not the one defending a documented pathological liar and
insensitive creep. That's your schtick, for whatever reason you feel
it appropriate.

You've shown your colors here, Brain. Thanks for making my point
for me...Again.

Steve, K4YZ

1975. Re: Smells like type acceptance

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-19 09:06:34 UTC
From: clutch@lycos.com
Message-ID: <vhi2idpm0m1a66@corp.supernews.com>
Source record: 71813

k0hb@arrl.net (K0HB) wrote:

>I was under the impression (apparently mistaken?) that a licensed
>amateur could possess any sort of equipment (commercial, homebrew,
>converted surplus) or whatever.
[snip since other replies will have fullbody text]

Anyone transmitting false and malicious distress should not be a ham,
a cb'er, frs user nothing period. There is no need to modify
equipment back since this person should not ever have another radio
ever in his/hers hot little hands. Sorta like a child molester never
being allowed to work in a school.

Revert to type acceptance, what were they thinking?

73, wes, kc8spr

--
Reply to:
Whiskey Echo Sierra Sierra AT Gee Tee EYE EYE dot COM
Lycos address is a spam trap.

1976. Re: Since it is over, probably okay to post.....

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-19 09:13:53 UTC
From: orkneys dx <meow44ddd@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <3f190bd7@snipnews.snip.net>
Source record: 71814
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.shortwave

"Ryan, KC8PMX" <kc8pmx@diamondcs.net> wrote in message
news:bf6pt9$bqhu1$12@ID-189073.news.uni-berlin.de...

> On July 6, a Michigan radio amateur by the name of Scott Woodring
(KC8JNG)
> shot and killed a Michigan State Police Officer during a routine arrest
on
> a warrant for solicitation of a minor, resulting in a tense standoff with
law
> enforcement. Mr. Woodring was a member of the Christian Identity
movement,
> an organization that promotes racist and antisemetic views along with an
> anti-government agenda.

Oh I get it! He was likely one of these right wing
goofball fruitcakes we've probably heard on one of the
several 75 meter "pay-triot" nets over the past years?

> On Monday, July 7, after a standoff that had continued from the previous
> day, Mr. Woodring escaped during a law enforcement shift change,
resulting
> in a nearly week-long manhunt for the suspect throughout Western
Michigan.
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> Michigan Section Emergency Coordinator / State RACES Officer requested
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> the area of Fremont to identify any possible transmissions from the
suspect.
> This request was based on the fact that Mr. Woodring had utilized
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> Radio frequencies and equipment to communicate with fellow members of
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> Christian Identity movement. Mr. Woodring was also known to have
recruited
> a number of like-minded individuals into the Amateur Radio Service and
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> have purchased two-meter FM transceivers for use by fellow members of
his
> organization.

...no doubt another one of Mike Koernkie's Militialoons Radio Corps
members. Or perhaps a devotee of Steve "bipolar disorder" Andersen

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> Mr. Woodring.
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> On Friday, July 11 at 5:18 PM, Mr. Bill Hubbard (WD8MKG) of Holton,
> Michigan reported an intercept of communications between Mr. Woodring and
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Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-19 09:16:49 UTC
From: orkneys dx <meow44ddd@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <3f190ca5@snipnews.snip.net>
Source record: 71815

"Robert Casey" <wa2ise@ix.netcom.com> wrote in message
news:3F173DA0.3080608@ix.netcom.com...
> Ryan, KC8PMX wrote:
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> Would never have happened if he took a code test.......
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Unfortunatly it's not the case.
I seem to recall him being a regular
checkin to one of the so-called
"patriot" nets on 75 Meters.
Specifically, the one that was started
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that is of late now defunct.

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Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-19 11:02:59 UTC
From: N8KDV <n8kdv@nospam.iserv.net>
Message-ID: <3F192562.A342EB36@nospam.iserv.net>
Source record: 71816
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.shortwave

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> > anti-government agenda.
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> Oh I get it! He was likely one of these right wing
> goofball fruitcakes we've probably heard on one of the
> several 75 meter "pay-triot" nets over the past years?

He only had a Technician Class license.

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1979. Re: Fight the BPL

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-19 11:27:13 UTC
From: kelly@dvol.com
Message-ID: <d22b54c3.0307190327.1a8606fc@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71817
Cross-posted to:
rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.swap

W5DXP <Cecil.A.Moore@ieee.org> wrote in message
news:<3f18157c$1_2@corp-news.newsgroups.com>...
> Brian Kelly wrote:
> > Output suds don't mean squat. "Ya can't work 'em if ya can't hear
> > 'em." Wherein lies the whole problem.
>
> I think it is assumed that the guy on the other end would
> also have more output suds, i.e. 100W would become obsolete.

All for naught in enough cases to render QRO a complete waste Cecil.
The BPL crud is hammering yer rcvr with an S9 signal. It's the bottom
of the cycle. The VK with his two gallons is 10,000 miles away and
maybe an S6 on a good day. No contact.

160m is below the BPL target spectrum so far. Break out those 160m
condo hamburger deck railing-mounted aerials and beat yer brains out
that way. Choices, choices . . .

w3rv

1980. Re: How Ugly Can One Creep Be?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-19 12:15:58 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307190415.36dbe27c@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71818

k4yz@aol.com (Steve Robeson, K4CAP) wrote in message
news:<5c01b95b.0307182035.151301bc@posting.google.com>...
> brianburke@juno.com (Brian) wrote in message
news:<f45722ac.0307180506.5d931cd8@posting.google.com>...
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> light of people who died a horrific death, or a milktoast pantywaist
> putz such as yourself who tries to defend him.

Oh, gee, what could be worse?

Maybe you need to call in some help to make that big decision. Maybe
they'll help you get back on your meds.

And quit reading Len's posts. They obviously have an ruinous effect
on you.

1981. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-19 12:21:37 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030719082137.15462.00001700@mb-m06.aol.com>
Source record: 71821

In article <f45722ac.0307180444.5147dbba@posting.google.com>,
brianburke@juno.com (Brian) writes:

>Dave Heil <k8mn@earthlink.net> wrote in message
>news:<3F1769D6.C7FF9183@earthlink.net>...
>> Brian wrote:
>> >
>> > Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net> wrote in message
>news:<3F161D6F.8AE85623@att.net>...
>> > > Brian wrote:
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>> > > > To be honest, I don't think there is any answer that will satisfy
>you.
>> > > >
>> > > > Brian
>> > >
>> > > At least not a truthful one.
>> >
>> > Well then, that's it. Jim isn't satisfied with truthful answers. No
>> > wonder he keeps asking.
>>
>> You haven't even provided truthful responses now. You've been asked.
>> You have declined. You've provided reasons such as, "The questions are
>> just too hard". Jim and I have continued to ask because you've
>> continued to be evasive.
>>
>> Dave K8MN
>
>Most of the answers were given long, long ago.

Where? Not here on rrap.

>Whether you or Jim believe me isn't my problem.

Yet you insist on being evasive rather than simply answering the questions.
>

1982. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-19 12:21:37 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030719082137.15462.00001699@mb-m06.aol.com>
Source record: 71822

In article <f45722ac.0307170312.3b10c3ce@posting.google.com>,
brianburke@juno.com (Brian) writes:

>Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net> wrote in message
>news:<3F161D6F.8AE85623@att.net>...
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>
Nope.

I haven't seen any truthful answers to my questions about your alleged /T5
operations. In fact I haven't seen any answers at all, just evasions such as
"those questions are too hard".

Here they are again:

What callsign was used?
What rigs and antennas were used?
Who did the equipment belong to?
What amateur bands and modes were used?
What countries and continents were worked?
How were the QSLs delivered?

1983. Re: ARS License Numbers

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-19 12:21:38 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030719082138.15462.00001701@mb-m06.aol.com>
Source record: 71819

In article <OAzRa.890$lL.98586@nnrp1.ptd.net>, "Carl R. Stevenson"
<wk3cqth@wk3c.com> writes:

>"Dick Carroll" <dickc58@att.net> wrote in message
>news:3F164150.DEE99FE1@att.net...

>> "Carl R. Stevenson" wrote:

>> > eliminating Morse testing will help,

>> Depends on an accurate definition of "help". I seriously doubt any help
>> will accrue
>> from allowing all the freebanding illiterati to migrate down to HF.

>That's a bogus argument

Not really. It's not universal, either.

>... since the "freebanders" operate without any
>regard for the law, why would the allow a Morse test requirement to
>dissuade them ...

I think you meant "why would they allow" - I'll go on that assumption

>they have no licenses to operate any way (and don't
>care to get them) ...

Here's how it works - in theory, anyway:

Most freebanders started out as cb users who then got tired of the limitations of 5 watts and 40 channels. But, having had "a taste of HF", they wanted more - more power, more spectrum, etc. Some became hams. Others looked into the requirements for a ham license, saw the code test, and said 'no thanks". Instead, they began running higher power and on frequencies adjacent to the legal 40 channels.

With the code test gone, it will be a lot easier for folks like that to get ham licenses. Most of them already know enough theory and regs to pass the Technician written. They already have antennas and equipment that will work on 10 meters.

Carl, you have told us repeatedly that you know engineers who would have become hams except for the code test. I think the word was "disincentive". And even after the code test was gone for VHF/UHF, they did not become hams because they wanted HF access.

If that was true for those engineers, why wouldn't it be true for lots of other people?

>This reminds me of the "We'll be over-run by the 'mongrel hordes' from
>the CB bands FUD ... that hasn't happened either.

A lot of today's hams were or are cb users. Most are well behaved, but a few are not.

>Get real.

One of the most-repeated arguments I have heard from the nocodetest folks is that the code test acts as a "barrier" to a ham license for many people who are interested in radio not interested in code. If that is true, why wouldn't it be true for cb users, freebanders and lots of other people?

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Now maybe, just maybe, the removal of the code test will result in lots of new law-abiding, progressive hams, interested in helping the ARS progress into the 21st century with new modes, new technologies and a new vision of the future. We'll know pretty soon.

73 de Jim, N2EY

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1984. Re: Since it is over, probably okay to post.....

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Message-ID: <20030719082139.15462.00001702@mb-m06.aol.com>
Source record: 71820

In article <3f190ca5@snipnews.snip.net>, "orkneys dx" <meow44ddd@yahoo.com>
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>
Check qrz.com for license class and date.....

1985. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-19 12:30:28 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307190430.48c26fd5@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71823

kelly@dvol.com (Brian Kelly) wrote in message
news:<d22b54c3.0307171633.16c6146c@posting.google.com>...

> I know exactly what a channel is. Lotta people have made the mistake
> of underestimating what I actually know Carl.

Perhaps if you let some of your higher learning shine through, just a
smidgen, they wouldn't make that mistake.

1986. Re: ARS License Numbers

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-19 12:39:30 UTC
From: vshah101@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030719083930.18159.00000250@mb-m15.aol.com>
Source record: 71824

From: Mike Coslo mjc5@psu.edu

>Perhaps you need to look to other possibilities for why you don't get
>along with hams.

I was re-invited to the last DXexpedition I went to, so I get along with Hams.

1987. Re: Why don't Real Hams you face the facts?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-19 12:43:02 UTC
From: Moparholic@hotmailnospam.com
Message-ID: <20030719084302.853$x5@newsreader.com>
Source record: 71825
Cross-posted to: uk.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.boatanchors,rec.radio.amateur.policy

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--Bill-- <exray.is.tired@of.spam> wrote:
> Moparholic@hotmailnospam.com wrote:
> > --Bill-- <exray.is.tired@of.spam> wrote:
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> >>
> >>Well, I don't want to bash 10m as a band but it does seem to attract
> >>some abberant behaviour, and a bit more worldwide than the same that
> >>occurs on 75m and a few selected spots on 20.
> >>Much of the bad behaviour is by CBers faking callsigns - or recent
> >>CB'ers that have become Extras whilst still trying to kick the habit of
> >>being obnoxious.
> >>
> >
> > I'm sure you have some sort of data to back that claim, or no?
> >
> No, it would be a stoopid effort to collect such data just to defend the
> basic argument against morons.
> -Bill
>
It takes a moron to make such stupid claims..

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1988. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-19 12:44:04 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307190444.3ccc9290@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71826

"Kim W5TIT" <fahgedit@nomail.net> wrote in message
news:<bfa64v$1n1@library1.airnews.net>...
>
> heh heh...he just doesn't understand the concept of "not my problem," Brian!
> ;)
>
> Kim W5TIT

Kim, he really doesn't understand, does he? I think he's still
lashing out over his Tanzania/French 6M debacle.

1989. Re: ARS License Numbers

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-19 12:55:25 UTC
From: vshah101@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030719085525.18159.00000251@mb-m15.aol.com>
Source record: 71827

From: n2ey@aol.com (N2EY)

>Carl, you have told us repeatedly that you know engineers who would have
>become
>hams except for the code test.

>And even
>after the code test was gone for VHF/UHF, they did not become hams because
>they
>wanted HF access.

The full spectrum, except HF, is a good incentive to get a Ham license.
Probably not all Engineers want or need HF so much that they wouldn't become a
Ham because of a code test.

>A lot of today's hams were or are cb users.

Not me.

>Now maybe, just maybe, the removal of the code test will result in lots of
>new
>law-abiding, progressive hams, interested in helping the ARS progress into
>the
>21st century with new modes, new technologies and a new vision of the future.

There is a code free license right now, so probably not.

1990. Re: Switzerland abolishes morse-code requirement

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-19 12:56:59 UTC
From: Markus Baertschi <markus@markus.org>
Message-ID: <MPG.19835e87832fc5179896d1@News.CIS.DFN.DE>
Source record: 71828

In article <20030718230404.23307.00001453@mb-m29.aol.com>,
yodoc@aol.comnospam says...
>
> Sooo, Switzerland gets to be one of the first to dumb-down! I'm sure
> we'll hear a lot more yodelling on the HF phone bands now!
>
> 73 de Larry, K3LT
>

I fear most concerned Swiss HAM's are in the same situation as I am:
Surprised by the very fast reaction of our office of communication.
While I'm very pleased with the new development I'm now scrambling to
get my hands on some equipment and installing respective antennas. I
hope to be on air this summer, probably on 20M with psk31 or psk63.

Markus
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CH-1163, Etoy Email: markus@markus.org
Switzerland Homepage: www.markus.org

1991. Re: Ham Radio In The Post-Code Testing Era

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-19 13:05:44 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307190505.284e8277@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71829

Dave Heil <k8mn@earthlink.net> wrote in message news:<3F18B92A.E32B1AD3@earthlink.net>...

> You didn't bother to respond to my corrections of your erroneous 6m
> comments and yet you want me to respond to mere blather?
>
> Dave K8MN

Dave, respond only if it gives purpose and meaning to your life.

bb

1992. Re: The "trained pool of operators" argument - debunked

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-19 13:12:32 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307190512.5e89b7fb@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71830

yodoc@aol.comnospam (Larry Roll K3LT) wrote in message
news:<20030718230407.23307.00001456@mb-m29.aol.com>...

> Why would the DX *not* want to "come out and play with Americans?"
> If they didn't they'd only be hurting themselves.

I don't know. Kelley seems to think they need a place to hide from the Americans.

> >ditto personal opinion deniability
>
> I never deny responsibility for my personal opinions. When I "speak" here,
> I'm always giving my personal opinions, and not those of my employer,
> or the members of any organization to which I may belong. That is
> understood, unless I specifically state that I am speaking as a member of
> the ARRL or whatever. This goes for you and everyone else in this NG.
> Such disclaimers are unnecessary and are usually given as a self-serving
> ego stroke.
>
> 73 de Larry, K3LT

My ego wasn't boosted by it.

1993. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-19 13:33:49 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bfbher$1rch$1@adenine.netfront.net>
Source record: 71831

"Dave Heil" <k8mn@earthlink.net> wrote in message
news:3F18C154.813AFBF4@earthlink.net...
> Kim W5TIT wrote:
> >
> > X-A-Notice: References line has been trimmed due to 512 byte
limitationAbuse-Reports-To: abuse at airmail.net to report improper postings
> > NNTP-Proxy-Relay: library1-aux.airnews.net
> > NNTP-Posting-Time: Fri, 18 Jul 2003 20:16:15 -0500 (CDT)
> > NNTP-Posting-Host: !X@U/1k-Y-#+3:P-T>$! (Encoded at Airnews!)
> > X-Priority: 3
> > X-MSMail-Priority: Normal
> > X-Newsreader: Microsoft Outlook Express 6.00.2800.1158
> > X-MimeOLE: Produced By Microsoft MimeOLE V6.00.2800.1165
> >
> > "Dave Heil" <k8mn@earthlink.net> wrote in message
> > news:3F1899A1.6D414E60@earthlink.net...
> > > Brian wrote:
> > > >
> > > > Dave Heil <k8mn@earthlink.net> wrote in message
> > news:<3F1769D6.C7FF9183@earthlink.net>...
> > > > > Brian wrote:
> > > > > >
> > > > > > Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net> wrote in message
> > news:<3F161D6F.8AE85623@att.net>...
> > > > > > > Brian wrote:
> > > > > >
> > > > > > > > To be honest, I don't think there is any answer that will
> > satisfy you.
> > > > > > > > >
> > > > > > > > > Brian
> > > > > > > > >
> > > > > > > > > At least not a truthful one.
> > > > > > > >
> > > > > > > > Well then, that's it. Jim isn't satisfied with truthful
answers.
> > No
> > > > > > > > wonder he keeps asking.
> > > > > >
> > > > > > You haven't even provided truthful responses now. You've been
asked.
> > > > > > You have declined. You've provided reasons such as, "The
questions
> > are
> > > > > > just too hard". Jim and I have continued to ask because you've

> > > > > continued to be evasive.
> > >
> > > > Most of the answers were given long, long ago. Whether you or Jim
> > > > believe me isn't my problem.
> > >
> > > Sure, it's your problem. You have a credibility problem, one which is
> > > compounded by your saying that you've already answered the questions.
> > >
> > > You haven't done so and your tale remains vapor.
> > >
> > > Dave K8MN
> >
> > heh heh...he just doesn't understand the concept of "not my problem,"
Brian!
> > ;)
>
> Brian's saying that it isn't his problem does not mean that he has no
> problem. In this case, it only means that he doesn't care to
> acknowledge it.
>
> Dave K8MN
>

If someone does not acknowledge/accept something as a problem to them, it is generally a moot point from their perspective. But, you don't understand such things, Dave.... You have a book to live by.

Kim W5TIT

Posted via news://freenews.netfront.net
Complaints to news@netfront.net

1994. Re: Code a Deterrent to a Ham Ticket ??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-19 13:47:32 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
Message-ID: <3F194BFF.5080307@adelphia.net>
Source record: 71832

Larry Roll K3LT wrote:
> In article <c%IRa.959$lL.105461@nnrp1.ptd.net>, "Carl R. Stevenson"
> <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> writes:
>
>
>>Why should one be forced to learn to play the piano if what one REALLY
>>wants to do is to play one or more OTHER instruments?
>>
>>Would there be ANY sense in a rule that said "You can't play any other
>>instrument, no matter how good you might be at it, unless you first
>>demonstrate
>>that you can play the piano proficiently." ???
>>
>>I don't think so ...
>>
>>Carl - wk3c
>
>
> Carl:
>
> *I* think so. When you learn the piano, you're dealing with chords virtualy
> from the beginning. You learn more about key signatures, time signatures,
> and the structure of harmony from learning the piano than you do with any
> other instrument. Why do you think virtually all music is composed on
> the piano (or modern electronic keyboards)?

Yaknow, Larry, I think maybe there is a new cause brewing here "No Piano's International. We can get those stupid arbitrary requirements to learn the piano abolished. 8^)

- Mike KB3EIA -

1995. Re: ARS License Numbers

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-19 13:51:52 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
Message-ID: <3F194D03.2030603@adelphia.net>
Source record: 71833

Vshah101 wrote:
> From: Mike Coslo mjc5@psu.edu
>
>
>>Perhaps you need to look to other possibilities for why you don't get
>>along with hams.
>
>
> I was re-invited to the last DXexpedition I went to, so I get along with Hams.

Do they know how you talk about them?

- Mike KB3EIA -

1996. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-19 14:00:44 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bfbj1f$1sj1$1@adenine.netfront.net>
Source record: 71834

"Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net> wrote in message
news:ht2Sa.11164$Vx2.5117589@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com...
>
> "Kim W5TIT" <fahgedit@nomail.net> wrote in message
> news:bfa4n0mul1@adenine.netfront.net...
> > "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net> wrote in message
> > news:SHFRa.10931$Vx2.4875547@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com...
> > > Somehow I think you are misunderstanding my point of view. If they do
> not
> > > wish to exercise the privileges that come with an upgrade, then there
is
> > no
> > > need to upgrade and that's fine with me. It's those who want the
> > privileges
> > > and whine about having to do the work to get them that bother me.
> > >
> >
> > BUT, have you ever actually known anyone who has really whined? That
has
> > become such a cliche. What I mean is, those of us who do not believe
that
> > CW should be a part of requirements for ham licensing are simply
> exercising
> > the same "rights" we would in any other type of situation in which
change
> is
> > desired. No difference at all.
>
> Yes I have. Both in person and on the internet, there have been numerous
> individuals who simply refuse to upgrade until and unless the requirement
> goes away. Whether or not it should be part of the licensing is an
entirely
> different issue than refusing to upgrade because one doesn't agree with
that
> requirement. While some may consider that approach to be a protest, it is
> an ineffective protest as refusing to take the test won't get it
eliminated.
>

I respect your opinion, Dee, but don't understand it. Choosing not to
participate in something one does not agree with is part of the democratic
process. If you don't agree with fishermen netting dolphins, accidentally
or otherwise, refusing to eat fish is committing to a principle. It may not
change a thing in terms of commercial fishing practices, but why would

someone be so dedicated to the idea of not wanting dolphins caught in fishing nets; but then turn around and eat fish--supporting the action so to speak?

> >
> > I have seen people express opinions about CW--on both sides. I would not
> > classify any of them as whining. For instance, you have your opinion
> behind
> > your desire to have CW remain a part of the ham radio licensure process.
> > The same for me on the opposite side of the fence. Is it either of us
> that
> > is whining?
> >
> > It's interesting how, because someone desires something different from
> > another, it is labeled as whining. I sure haven't seen any evidence of
> > whining. I didn't like studying the CW part of the Tech+ license; I
don't
> > like using CW; and I don't think CW should be a part of testing.
>
> No that is not whining because you actually went ahead and took the test.
> Having studied the basic material, you are now have some background on
which
> to judge whether or not to pursue CW any further.
>

That may sound nice and packaged when speaking just to the issue of CW testing in the ham radio licensure process. But, that same principle applied to other areas doesn't work, so why should it for ham radio? And, why should it matter so much? Really. I've got my A+ Certification and my ITIL Foundation Certification. But, I am in no position to "judge" any other A+ or ITIL Foundation Certified folks. On the other hand, I have no experience at all with being a pilot of an airplane...but I know just enough it that I know what pilots are good and what pilots are bad.

As a bystander in ham radio, *some* others are just as able and qualified to "judge" as those who are actually licensed. It takes a thorough knowledge of the R&R, and a supplementary knowledge of common and standardized practices and the culture of ham radio. One need never communicate through a radio to understand and even judge ham radio.

If I know I don't like learning other languages, why would CW be any different? And, if I don't agree that a language should be a part of the testing, then why would I then turn around and take part in something I don't agree with? (Back to my basic point).

> >
> > Is any of that whining?
> >
> > > >
> > > > I have had 2 CSCE's now for the morse code test, and let both of
them

> > slip
> > > > as I see no need exercise the use of those privileges, nor can I at
> this
> > > > > point due to operational limitations. But apparently upgrades are
> even
> > > > more
> > > > > important to some here more than god.
> > > > >
> > > >
> > > > Again, no one has a problem with a person who prefers not to upgrade
and
> > > > explores those areas for which he/she is licensed. The problem arises
> > when
> > > > someone wants the upgrade privileges without the upgrade work.
> > > >
> > >
> > Is that what you would classify as whining? I do not. And, you say
that
> > someone who "wants the upgrade privileges without the upgrade work" is a
> > whiner. What if that person actually becomes politically involved in
the
> > process and effects change to their--and a potential majority of
> > like-thinkers--way of thinking? What is so whiney(?) about that? I
> respect
> > anyone who is willing to desire and then who is willing to effect change
> > through our political processes in order to *attempt* to have things
their
> > way.
> >
> > That is still a process in this country--at least for a little while
> longer.
> >
>
> I have no problem with people working to affect a change through the
> political process. The ones that I have a problem with are those who
would
> not take time out to pass the code while they work on achieving this
change.
>

I go back to my basic point. Why would/should someone participate in a
process they do not agree with?

>
> The process has taken a couple of decades. Who would want to wait that
long
> to upgrade just to avoid the code test?
>

Why does that matter so much to you, specifically, and to others generally?
That is a personal choice and, along the way, the person may choose to make

some pretty vociferous contributions to the very debate in which they are involved.

> Such people are indeed whiners if
> they can't take a little time out of their political efforts to pass the
> code.

EXCEPT that they have a disagreement with CW being a part of the testing process.

> While I do not agree with those who want to eliminate the code test,
> if they are operating from a position of having taken the test while they
> work the political end, they they have my respect. Why? Because the didn't
> waste decades waiting to get on HF.

I don't think a personal dislike for people who you deem to be wasting time is germane to the importance of a CW test in ham radio. Forgive my density, but I just don't get it. Their choice not to participate in a process for which they disagree is admirable, in my opinion. Just as the folks who came over on ships years ago, to get away from the process they disagreed with.

> As I said before, people who are not interested in upgrading don't bother
> me. They are getting what they want out of their ham activities.
>
> Dee D. Flint, N8UZE

But, you have a personal dislike for what you perceive to be laziness, and you want a federal agency to support that personal dislike. I don't think the US Government should be in the business of supporting personal dislikes--they are close enough to that as it is.

Kim W5TIT

Posted via news://freenews.netfront.net
Complaints to news@netfront.net

1997. Re: Smells like type acceptance

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-19 14:02:41 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bfbj57$1soi$1@adenine.netfront.net>
Source record: 71835

"Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net> wrote in message
news:xF2Sa.11167$Vx2.5119552@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com...
>
> "Phil Kane" <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop> wrote in message
> news:cuvyxnansvbet.hi8vj1h.pminews@netnews.comcast.net...
> > On Sat, 19 Jul 2003 02:37:44 GMT, Dee D. Flint wrote:
> >
> > >No, I don't think it is outside of the FCC's authority. They have the
> power
> > >to modify the station license and operator license in just about anyway
> they
> > >see fit.
> >
> > Get it straight, Dee. This bozo was not operating under the color
> > of any authorization (station or operator license or blanket rule
> > authority) and is being treated as such.
> >
> > The fact that he holds an amateur license authorizing him to operate
> > on amateur frequencies is meaningless at this stage.
> >
>
> True enough but they chose to take the approach of ordering him to return
> the equipment to the unmodified state rather than simply just confiscating
> it, which they could have done.
>
> Dee D. Flint, N8UZE
>

ABSOLUTELY!!!!!! And, confiscating equipment would have been the ethical
thing to do.

Kim W5TIT

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Complaints to news@netfront.net

1998. Re: Code a Deterrent to a Ham Ticket ??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-19 14:04:31 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bfbj8k$1sph$1@adenine.netfront.net>
Source record: 71836

"Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net> wrote in message
news:PX2Sa.11177$Vx2.5122196@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com...
>
> "Larry Roll K3LT" <yodoc@aol.comnospam> wrote in message
> news:20030718230403.23307.00001451@mb-m29.aol.com...
> > In article <c%IRa.959$lL.105461@nnrp1.ptd.net>, "Carl R. Stevenson"
> > <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> writes:
> >
> > >Why should one be forced to learn to play the piano if what one REALLY
> > >wants to do is to play one or more OTHER instruments?
> > >
> > >Would there be ANY sense in a rule that said "You can't play any other
> > >instrument, no matter how good you might be at it, unless you first
> > >demonstrate
> > >that you can play the piano proficiently." ???
> > >
> > >I don't think so ...
> > >
> > >Carl - wk3c
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> > Carl:
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> > *I* think so. When you learn the piano, you're dealing with chords
> virtualy
> > from the beginning. You learn more about key signatures, time
signatures,
> > and the structure of harmony from learning the piano than you do with
any
> > other instrument. Why do you think virtually all music is composed on
> > the piano (or modern electronic keyboards)? It is because the piano has
> > all the basics wrapped up in one instrument which is a bit more
difficult
> > to learn, but does virtually as much as all the others combined. I
> started
> > with the clarinet, and quickly moved to the various types of saxophone
> > and the trombone. I could play the instruments well enough, but I never
> > had the general background in musical theory that all the piano players
> > had, regardless of which instrument they were playing at the time.
> > Therefore, I never became a Real Musician(tm) as a result. Piano is an
> > essential skill in music, and I firmly believe all musicians should
start
> > on the piano and be tested in piano proficiency before being allowed to
> > move on to any other instrument -- which will be much easier as a
result.

> >
> > 73 de Larry, K3LT
>
> As a player of the clarinet, I agree completely.
>
> Dee D. Flint, N8UZE
>

Larry must have been tested on all modes of transportation...

Kim W5TIT

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1999. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-19 14:13:31 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bfbjpi$1t41$1@adenine.netfront.net>
Source record: 71837

"Mike Coslo" <mcoslo@adelphia.net> wrote in message
news:3F18B778.6020702@adelphia.net...
> Kim W5TIT wrote:
>
> > BUT, have you ever actually known anyone who has really whined? That
has
> > become such a cliche. What I mean is, those of us who do not believe
that
> > CW should be a part of requirements for ham licensing are simply
exercising
> > the same "rights" we would in any other type of situation in which
change is
> > desired. No difference at all.
>
> Read Vipul's posts. Those are about as close to printed whining as you
> can get. He continues to post his ARS slurs long after they have been
> proven wrong. Otherwise I agree with you that often "disagreement" is
> rferred to as whining.
>
> - Mike KB3EIA -
>

Well, and this is no personal comment on Vipul(?) as I haven't paid much attention to his posting--if someone is wrong, they are wrong. BUT, still in all, if someone disagrees with CW testing and, therefore, chooses not to participate in the process of testing for amateur radio, I see nothing wrong with that and don't consider their protests whining.

In other words, if someone just plain disagrees with the testing and states it as so and has valid responses to "the other side" then I see nothing wrong with it. For goodness' sake, the licensed person could be considered as a whiner, too, right?

Here's an example. Person A is the person who disagrees with the CW licensing issue. Person B is a licensed amateur radio operator.

A: I think that CW testing should be done away with.
B: Why would CW be done away with, when it's been a basic part of the licensing process for a long time?
A: I don't agree that testing for CW proficiency has anything to do with being a good amateur radio operator.
B: But CW is a useful skill to have as an amateur radio operator!
A: There are many modes in ham radio. To focus on one and use it as a testing tool is wrong, in my opinion.

That is the general stance of the CW debate. No one, above, has whined. It is when personal disagreements get involved that it quickly degrades into a senseless and meaningless idiot challenge.

Kim W5TIT

Posted via news://freenews.netfront.net
Complaints to news@netfront.net

2000. Re: Why don't Real Hams you face the facts?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-19 14:15:25 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bfbjt2$1t5d$1@adenine.netfront.net>
Source record: 71838

<Moparholic@hotmailnospam.com> wrote in message
news:20030718214600.919$wD@newsreader.com...
> --Bill-- <exray.is.tired@of.spam> wrote:
> > Kim W5TIT wrote:
> >
> > >>>hear one of the local Extra class hams doing just that on 10M!!!
> > >>>
> > >>>Kim W5TIT
> > >>>
> > >>
> > >>Sacrilege!! ;)
> > >>
> > >>--
> > >>GO# 40
> > >
> > >
> > > Yeah. I didn't post this as a joke, either. This guy really used to
> > > do it. And, one of the reasons I can't stand HF operation (other than
> > > the biggest reason being the hiss) is that when we Tech+'s used to get
> > > on and do all the "is this freq in use", etc....all the good operating
> > > practices we'd been told were going to be *absolutes* on ham
> > > radio--nearly every time there'd be some General or higher licensee
> > > who'd get on over us and start calling CQ...or would go just off our
> > > freq and begin.
> > >
> > > Yep, there were good ones...just as there are good Novices, Techs, and
> > > Tech+'s. But, the bad ones ruin it for everyone.
> > >
> > > Kim W5TIT
> > >
> > >
> > Well, I don't want to bash 10m as a band but it does seem to attract
> > some abberant behaviour, and a bit more worldwide than the same that
> > occurs on 75m and a few selected spots on 20.
> > Much of the bad behaviour is by CBers faking callsigns - or recent
> > CB'ers that have become Extras whilst still trying to kick the habit of
> > being obnoxious.
> >
> I'm sure you have some sort of data to back that claim, or no?
>
> --
> GO# 40

All one need to is turn on the HF radio and listen around. There are crappy CBers too, Morph.

Kim W5TIT

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Complaints to news@netfront.net

2001. Re: Since it is over, probably okay to post.....

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-19 14:28:33 UTC
From: orkneys dx <meow44ddd@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <3f1955ae@snipnews.snip.net>
Source record: 71839
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.shortwave

"N8KDV" <n8kdv@nospam.iserv.net> wrote in message
news:3F192562.A342EB36@nospam.iserv.net...

> He only had a Technician Class license.

That mundane fact has not stopped MANY
other non-HF licenced individuals from
checking into a "pay-triot" net on weeknights
at 8:00 PM. These people feel their above the law you see.

Let's not also forget the guy using the bootleg
callsign of "kb8biw" that has been checking into
a well-known net for going on for 11 months.

Do a qrz.com search and tell me what you find
on that call...

Makes you wonder what the FCC is doing in
lieu if these (seditious individuals) operation on 75M.

2002. Re: Why don't Real Hams you face the facts?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-19 14:57:33 UTC
From: Moparholic@hotmailnospam.com
Message-ID: <20030719105733.364$Vp@newsreader.com>
Source record: 71840

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"Kim W5TIT" <fahgedit@nomail.net> wrote:
> <Moparholic@hotmailnospam.com> wrote in message
> news:20030718214600.919$wD@newsreader.com...
> > --Bill-- <exray.is.tired@of.spam> wrote:
> > > Kim W5TIT wrote:
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> > > >>>hear one of the local Extra class hams doing just that on 10M!!!
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> > > >>>
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> > > >>Sacrilege!! ;)
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> > > > Yeah. I didn't post this as a joke, either. This guy really used
> > > > to do it. And, one of the reasons I can't stand HF operation (other
> > > > than the biggest reason being the hiss) is that when we Tech+'s
> > > > used to get on and do all the "is this freq in use", etc....all the
> > > > good operating practices we'd been told were going to be
> > > > *absolutes* on ham radio--nearly every time there'd be some General
> > > > or higher licensee who'd get on over us and start calling CQ...or
> > > > would go just off our freq and begin.
> > > >
> > > > Yep, there were good ones...just as there are good Novices, Techs,
> > > > and Tech+'s. But, the bad ones ruin it for everyone.
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> > > > Kim W5TIT
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> All one need to is turn on the HF radio and listen around. There are
> crappy CBers too, Morph.
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> Kim W5TIT
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Oh I agree Kim, what I don't agree with is "most" of the bad behavior
is caused by CBer's on HF.

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GO# 40

2003. Amateur Radio Newsline™ Report 1353 – July 18, 2003

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-19 16:07:20 UTC
From: radionews@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030719120720.23795.00000155@mb-m27.aol.com>
Source record: 71841

Amateur Radio Newsline™ Report 1353 – July 18, 2003

Amateur Radio Newsline report number 1353 with a release date of Friday, July 18th 2003 to follow in 5-4-3-2-1.

The following is a Q-S-T.

WRC 2003 says no more Morse but it may be years before codefree operation comes to the USA. Find out why on Amateur Radio Newsline report number 1353 coming your way right now.

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INTRODUCTION

G’day and welcome to the first Amateur Radio Newsline report ever recorded in Australia. I’m this weeks host Graham Kemp, VK4BB, at the Q News studios in the city of Brisbane. And our first story as you might expect has to do with WRC 2003.

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WRC FALLOUT: S.25 AND A CODEFREE USA

The now concluded World Radiocommunications Conference may have rule that Morse Code is no longer a world standard for getting a high frequency ham license, but don’t expect it to disappear very quickly in the USA. That’s because there’s lots to be done by Congress and the FCC before any action can or will be taken. Our team coverage starts here:

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I’m Bruce Tennant, K6PZW in Los Angeles.

The International Telecommunication Union has dropped the international requirement that amateurs operating below 30 MHz must first pass a Morse code exam. According to the CQ website, this was among several actions related to amateur radio taken by the World Radiocommunication Conference and reported by the International Amateur Radio Union. The change took effect on July 5.

According to the IARU, the new language of International Radio Regulation Article 25.5 now reads: "Administrations shall determine whether or not a person seeking a license to operate an amateur station shall demonstrate the ability to send and receive texts in Morse code signals."

This leaves the question of requiring a code test optional for each government licensing authority. According to an IARU explanation, several countries still

feel the code is important as a license requirement and wanted to be sure that any country dropping it did so via what it called a positive decision not to require Morse.

In the United States, FCC rules continue to require passage of a 5 word-per-minute code test for access to the amateur bands below 30 MHz, although it is widely expected that opponents of the code requirement will quickly file petitions with the FCC to drop it.

How long will it take? Amateur Radio Newsline's David Black, KB4KCH, has that part of the story from our South East bureau in Birmingham Alabama.

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Nobody can be quite certain when or even if the Morse requirement will disappear in the United States, but here's the way it has to play out thanks to the way our government works.

Since the agreements reached at WRC '03 are essentially an international treaty, the document has to be ratified by the United States Senate. Depending on their workload, that could happen before years end or it could be put off into the 2004 session or even beyond.

Senate approval has to take place can the FCC begin the process under the Administrative Proceedures Act and issue a Notice of Inquiry. A Notice of Inquirey or N-O-I is the first step in the rule making process to make any change and gives the general public a chance to voice its opinion. And by public we mean every American. Not just ham radio operators.

If there is enough interest shown in going ahead then a Notice of Proposed Rule making will be issued that again invites public comment. This will be followed by another time period for reply comments by those who might have arguments to counter what some initial commenters have to say. Then matter goes to the staff to prepare a Report and Order or Memorandum, Order and Opinion that is circulated to the five Commissioners who run the agency. If they approve, then the change become law on a date specified in the document.

So once again the rhetoric question of how long? Here's our guess. About two years minimum from the time the Senate ratifies the accords, but only if the FCC decides to proceed immediately there after.

Why two years? Well as Fred Maia W5YI of the NCVEC pointed out to us, since Novice Enhancement some two decades ago, just about every major change in the structure of ham radio has taken about two years. Fred is a pretty good Washington watcher and his guess is 2005 at the earliest. But for now, we will all have to just wait and see.

For the Amateur Radio Newsline,. I'm David Black, KB4KCH, reporting. Graham..

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As we go to air, the ARRL Board of Directors is meeting to discuss the WRC '03 agreement and its impact on the U-S Amateur Service. Next week the

people who give ham radio tests -- the VEC's will be meeting with the FCC to do the same. (IARU, ARRL, CQ, FCC, ARNewsline(tm))

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WRC FALLOUT: SWITZERLAND GOES 100% NO-CODE

Meantime, Switzerland may be the first country in the world to take advantage of the revised Radio Regulations. According to the website of the Swiss national amateur radio society, the licensing authority there will be writing to all Swiss CEPT Class 2 amateurs to give them "provisional authorization" to immediately start using the High Frequency bands.

Meantime the Radio Society of Great Britain says that nations Radiocommunications Agency has already stated that it will bring in code-free High Frequency licences as soon as it is practical to do so. An announcement will be made as soon as permission is given for United Kingdom Full and Intermediate Class B amateurs to start using the H-F bands. (RSGB)

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WRC 2003 FALLOUT: IMPROVED EMERGENCY COMMS - WORLDWIDE

Ham radio emergency communications also got a boost at WRC '03. Jeramy Boot, G4NJH, is in Nottingham England with more:

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Paul Gaskell, G4MWO, the RSGB Radio Communications Voluntary Services National Co-ordinator, has pointed out the enhancements to amateur radio emergency communications that have come about due to the revision of Article 25 of the ITU Radio Regulations.

Article 25.3 now reads: "Amateur stations may be used for transmitting international communications on behalf of third parties only in the case of an emergency or disaster relief. An administration may determine the applicability of this provision to amateur stations under its jurisdiction."

This is a notable change from the old wording, which was: "It is absolutely forbidden for amateur stations to be used for transmitting international communications on behalf of third parties."

Paul says, "A completely new regulation, Article 25.9A, has been approved, a provision which needs no explanation: It reads: 'Administrations are encouraged to take the necessary steps to allow amateur stations to prepare for and meet communication needs in support of disaster relief.'"

It is hoped that administrations will make regulations that facilitate amateurs preparing for emergency situations and providing communications in emergencies and for disaster relief. This was an important IARU objective.

Jeramy Boot, G4NJH

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Reports from the 2003 World Radio Communications Conference and its impact on Amateur Radio can be found on the IARU website. Its in cyberspace at www.iaru.org. (RSGB)

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Break 1

From the United States of America, We are the Amateur Radio Newsline with links to the world from our only official website at www.arnewsline.org and being relayed by the volunteer services of the following radio amateur:

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THE WAR ON TERROR: FCC ESTABLISHES OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY

The FCC has taken another important step in helping to fight the war on terrorism. This as the agency names James Dailey as Director of the its newly established Office of Homeland Security.

Operating under the Enforcement Bureau umbrella the FCC Office of Homeland Security will deal with many emergency related issues including those involving Amateur Radio. It will also oversee the establishment of an Emergency Relocation Board or E-R-B. The E-R-B will deal with the evacuation of FCC headquarters with little or no advance notice as well as overseeing the relocation of selected FCC staff members. More is on the web at: http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/FCC-03-167A1.doc and http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/DOC-236436A1.doc (CGC Communicator)

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RADIO LAW: AB-1228 SIGNED BY GOVERNOR

California hams now have their own PRB-1 “like” protection. This as Governor Gray Davis signs Assembly Bill 1228 on Monday, April 14 th.

Assemblyman Bob Dutton and his staff shepherded the measure through the Local Government Committees and the floors of both houses of the legislature. It eventually passed without a single dissenting vote. The new law officially recognizes the doctrine of Federal preemption as outlined in PRB-1 over Amateur Radio antennas and their support structures as now being California state law.

In his cover letter to the California Legislature, Governor Davis took time to acknowledge the numerous Californians who are licensed amateur radio operators. He said that each year these volunteers give thousands of hours of service to the state and local governments. He added that since the September 11, 2001 attack on America, the state has also have come to rely on them and appreciate their commitment to the security and well being of all those living in the state.

California is the 20th state in the nation to adopt PRB-1 like ham radio anenna legislation. (ARRL SW Div. Bulletin)

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RESCUE RADIO: RACES VS. FIRES ON THE 4TH
Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service volunteers acted as dispatchers for the Huntington Beach, California, Fire Operating Center over the July 4th holiday weekend. Operating from the city's Central Net Training Center, eleven members of the towns own Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service took incoming fireworks related calls from the public, verified addresses, and dispatched the appropriate fire patrol arson investigator teams.
But thats not all. Two communications volunteers were also assigned as spotters on the roof of City Hall. Two other hams got the experience of a lifetime when they lucked out and were attached to the Huntington Beach Police Department eye-in-the-sky helicopter.
Equipped with digital cameras interfaced to two-way ham radio gear, the field team transmitted live slow-scan television images from their lookout locations to the Fire Operating Center and the Huntington Beach Police Department sub-station command post. Glorria Morrison, who is the city's Emergency Services Coordinator said that everyone is proud to have such an extensive network of dedicated and skilled communications volunteers in Huntington Beach. (KH6WZ)
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RESCUE RADIO: VARACES PULLS OUT OF VA STATE EOC

Meantime, a big change in emergency communications support has taken place in the state of Virginia. Amateur Radio Newsline's Don Wilbanks, AE5DW, has the rest of the story:

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The tug of war between the independent VARACES Incorporated and the ARRL affiliated Virgina state ARES and RACES group has tipped in favor of the ARRL group. This, according to the latest Repeater Journal that reports VARACES State Emergency Officer Tony Amato, KR4UQ, annouced in March that he and other officers were withdrawing support of operations at the state Emergency Operations Center in the city of Richmond.

VARACES had been providing staffing for the E-O-C since 2001. This following its split from the ARRL after the League's Executive Committee removed Lynn Gahagan, AF4CD, from his post as Virginia Section Manager. Amato, who had been Gahagan's S-E-C cited difficulty in working with the states Department of Emergency Management Operations Director Fred Vincent. Amato claimed that Vincent would not make a clear choice between his group and the ARRL. For his part, Vincent had stated a desire to work with volunteers from both ham radio groups.

For the Amateur Radio Newsline, I'm Don Wilbanks, AE5DW, reporting.

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Those leaving have been replaced by a ham radio group organized by the local Richmond Amateur Radio Club. (Repeater Journal)

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OMARC 2003 TECH CLASSES IN SEPTEMBER

Steve Hajducek, N2CKH, says that the The Ocean-Monmouth Amateur Radio Club of New Jersey will again sponsor Amateur Radio Technician theory classes this fall. Classses beginTuesday, September 16th at 6:00pm and will continue through November. All training and testing will be held at the InfoAge Center in Monmouth County, New Jersey. For more information and directions go to www.qsl.net/n2mo on the World Wide Web. (OMARC)

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NEW FOR HAMS: GLOBAL OVERLAY MAPPER

Tim Makins, EI8IC, in County Roscommon Ireland says that what is perhaps the most comprehensive set of world prefix maps ever assembeled is now freely available. This, in the demonstration version in his new Global Overlay Mapper software.

Makins says that Global Overlay Mapper represents a new concept in the field of maps for radio amateurs. That the software is packed full of features for all Amateur Radio enthusiasts, including seven Continental maps, 27 Sub Continental Maps, country outlines, 2204 maps of major cities C-Q zones, ITU zones, time zones and much more.

The on-line demo-version comes with with two fully featured maps to view. Online purchasing of the whole package is availasble in four major currencies. Download for use on your own computer and try it at www.mapability.com or www.qsl.net/ei8ic (EI8IC)

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YOUTH RECRUITMENT: SPECIAL OFFER FROM HAMTESTONLINE.COM

The HamTestOnline website has announced its new Youth in Amateur Radio program, which gives eligible school, scouting and youth amateur radio clubs a 50% discount on website subscriptions for students 18 and under.

HamTestOnline says that its offering this discount to support activities aimed at bringing kids into amateur radio such as the ARRL's The Big Project. For more information on the HamTestOnlineT website's Youth in Amateur Radio program, visit www.hamtestonline.com or send an email to K1RV@hamtestonline.com (Press release)

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FOR YOUR READING PLEASURE: UNDERSTANDING, BUILDING AND USING BALUNS AND UNUNS FROM CQ

If you're interested in how antennas work but don't know an unun from an onion, Understanding, Building & Using Baluns & Ununs from CQ Magazine should be part of your ham radio library.

The new book by Jerry Sevick, W2FMI, is the successor to his earlier work, Building & Using Baluns & Ununs. The new edition includes new tutorial material, designs and explanations of how and why they work. And like its predecessor, this book provides a unique opportunity to learn about the application of these devices to dipoles, Yagis, log periodics, Beverages,

antenna tuners and countless others.

Interested? You can find out more and place your advance order on line at www.cq-amateur-radio.com. Orders may also be placed by phone -- Monday through Friday -- 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Eastern time at 1-800-853-9797. (CQ)

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BREAK 2

This is ham radio news for today's radio amateur. From the United States of America, We are the Amateur Radio Newsline with links to the world from our only official website at www.arnewsline.org and being relayed by the volunteer services of the following radio amateur:

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5 MHZ FOLLOW-UP: OPERATING TRENDS DEVELOP

A follow-up now on what's taking place on the new domestic United States 5 MHz allocation. As reported last week, opening night on July 3rd saw many stations making rapid contacts and cooperating together for an enjoyable operating experience. Now, according to noted High Frequency back-pack operator Bonnie Crystal, KQ6XA, the novelty of the 5 MHz channels has settled down to a usable level for calling and QSO's.

Writing to the q-r-zed dot com website Crystal notes that 5 MHz daytime propagation out to 250 miles is good, although summer noise limits the comfort level when working the 50 Watt domestic stations. Nights bring good D-X and regional propagation, but lightning storms tend to make it harsh in some areas.

But her most important observation is that of a very positive trend. KQ6XA says that hams still are acting like they are on their first date, treating the new channels appropriately and showing off their best operating habits. She says that they are observing the kind of brevity in operating procedures commonly used on a high-level VHF repeater or regional linked F-M system.

Crystal adds her hope that in the future 5 MHz will continue to be an example of the best ham radio good operating techniques and behavior. From listening on the air, many others appear to agree. (qrz.com, ARNewsline (tm))

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INTERNATIONAL - AUSTRALIA: 5TH ANNUAL IARU REGION 3 ARDF GAMES ANNOUNCED

The IARU Region 3 Amateur Radio Direction Finding Championships will be held Friday, November 28th to Wednesday, December 3rd in Ballarat Australia.

Ballarat is a large provincial city in the state of Victoria. The Victorian ARDF Group, which is organizing the event says that it is expecting up to 100 participants from member societies in IARU Region 3 including Japan, Korea, China, New Zealand, and Australia. Guest competitors from other IARU Regions are also invited to attend in the world-wide Friendship categories.

This years championships are hosted by the Wireless Institute of Australia, with the WIA Victorian Division sponsoring this important event. Full details including competitor and volunteer registration forms can be found in cyberspace at www.ardf.org.au (WIA)

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AWARDS: WORK A COLORADO MOUNTAIN

Two new awards are now available for ham radio contacts to and from the 14,000-foot mountains of Colorado. The Summit Award is earned by making contact with 10 or more stations operating from the peaks. The companion Pinnacle Award recognizes operation from 14,000 foot summits, requiring radio operation from 5
or more of the peaks.

Award recipients will receive an attractive, colorful certificate with name, call sign and the number of peaks worked or activated on it. A $5 fee is required to cover the cost of the certificate and any associated expenses.

To get yours, first hold the QSO’s and then take your web browser to www.Colorado14erEvent.org. Questions should be directed to Paul Ermisch KB0LUR by e-mail to awards@colorado14erevent.org. And colorado14erevent is all one word. (K0NR)

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DX

In DX, keep an ear open for GM3PPG stroke P to be active on 160 to 10 meter S-S-B from South Uist through August 8th, including the RSGB IOTA Contest on the 26th and 27th of July. The island counts as EU-010 for the RSGB Istands on the Air awards program. (GB2RS)

And R1PQ will be on the air from the Novaya Zemlya Archipelago through the 25th of July. Activity will be on 40, 20, 15 and 10 meters using CW, SSB, PSK and RTTY. The operation commemorates the British, Russian and American polar convoys between 1941 and 1944 and will have two stations active 24 hours a day. (GB2RS)

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THAT FINAL ITEM: 73 TO THE W5YI REPORT

And finally this week we pause to bid farewell to a competitor and a friend. This, with word that the W5YI Report ham radio newsletter has ceased publication with it’s July 15th issue. Bill Pasternak, WA6ITF spoke with Fred Maia whose call sign appeared on the famed publication and they reminisced about the past:

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The W5YI Report was the last of the paper ham radio newsletters delivered by the postal system. At one time there were three. The very first was H-R Report from Ham Radio magazine in 1974. It was eventually taken over by Burt Hicks, WB6MQV and renamed the Westlink Report. Hicks ran it for 13 years

before closing down in January of 1995.

The ARRL Letter came into being in 1981 as a public version of the previously private ARRL Directors Letter. It initially dealt only with matters of interest to League members, but over the years has developed into a high quality publication covering every aspect of the hobby with items of interest to members and non-members alike.

W5YI Report was started by Fred Maia, W5YI in the late 1970's. This, as an information provider to the Richardson Wireless Klub near Dallas Texas. Other hams who saw it asked Fred to make it available to them:

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Initially Fred did not charge for those who supplied him with self addressed stamped envelopes. Eventually his subscription list grew to a point where Fred had thousands of envelopes in his home and the numbers were getting out of hand. So he decided to simplify matters by converting to a paid subscription operation.

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And as soon as word got out that Fred was accepting subscriptions, they came pouring in. And the rest -- as they say -- is history.

In 2000, Fred sold his company that included the newsletter, but agreed to stay on for three more years with the W5YI Report. He set this summer for his departure. July 15th was the publication date he selected and that's now past:

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If you are a paid subscriber to the W5YI Report, fear not. Fred has you covered. He has arranged for the remainder of your subscription to be covered by C-Q Magazine based on the value of the remaining portion of your subscription. And if you already get C-Q, your subscription will be extended by the appropriate number of issues.

For the Amateur Radio Newsline, I'm Bill Pasternak, WA6ITF, with my longtime ham radio friend Fred Maia, W5YI.

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And what about Fred? He is not going away by a long shot. To find out what he has planned for his own future and his thoughts on the future of ham radio, be sure to tune into this weeks RAIN Report. Its on-line in streaming audio right now at www.rainreport.com and on the phone at 847-827-7246

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NEWSCAST CLOSE

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For now, with Bill Pasternak, WA6ITF, at the editors desk, I’m Graham Kemp, VK4BB, down-under in Australia saying 73 and we thank you for listening."
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2004. Re: Code a Deterrent to a Ham Ticket ??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-19 16:21:31 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030719122131.23307.00001471@mb-m29.aol.com>
Source record: 71842

In article <Xns93B67B0FCD2E0elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>, Alun Palmer
<elektros@yahoo.com> writes:

>"Guessing" <Guessing@connectnet.net> wrote in
>news:bXVPa.1425$Bd5.445@fed1read01:
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>If someone doesn't like CW, why on earth should they be forced
>to train as a CW operator to get accesss to phone frequencies? This is a
>hobby.

OK, fine. If someone doesn't like building their own equipment why on earth
should they be forced to learn all sorts of stuff about how radios work to get
access to modern, reliable manufactured transmitting equipment that has no
critical adjustments and won't go outside the allocated bands? This is a hobby
(for them).

>> It has nothing to do with "Antiquated technology"
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>I don't think CW can match PSK or TOR, so it is somewhat antiquated, IMHO

In some ways CW beats PSK-31 and the various TOR modes. And the reverse. All
depends on the measure.

73 de Jim, N2EY

2005. Re: Smells like type acceptance

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-19 16:21:32 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030719122132.23307.00001472@mb-m29.aol.com>
Source record: 71843

In article <e79dbd9b.0307181535.fe5d562@posting.google.com>, k0hb@arrl.net (K0HB) writes:

>N2EY@AOL.COM (N2EY) wrote
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>> I agree with Carl 100% on this one.
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>I don't, and I don't agree with you either for that matter.

OK, fine, Hans.
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>We all seem to agree that the guy ought to be nailed, and nailed HARD.

Yep.

>But under the heading of "unintended consequences", the notion of
>requiring a ham to restore a radio to "factory spec" is first probably
>outside the authority of the FCC. Even if it is within their
>authority, it is a very troubling precedent to have lurking in
>background. ARRL has gone to the mat with FCC on matters of far less
>importance, but they seem to be looking the other way on this one.

I see the requirement to return it to factory spec as a plea bargain from outright confiscation/seizure and eventual destruction. I know FCC has done those things in the past.

K2ASP sez the fact that the guy is a ham has no bearing on his marine-band activities. I would point out to m'learned friends that when the accused applied for the ham license and signed the papers, he agreed to abide by *all* FCC regulations, not just those in Part 97.

I don't think modification of factory-made amateur equipment for illegal purposes should be defended by the ARRL.

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2006. Re: Why don't Real Hams you face the facts?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-19 17:01:09 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bfbtkh$244o$1@adenine.netfront.net>
Source record: 71844

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> is caused by CBer's on HF.
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Gotcha! Well, you know broad paintbrushes are the tools of choice today. The current Administration has made it very popular.... ;)

Kim W5TIT

Posted via news://freenews.netfront.net
Complaints to news@netfront.net

2007. Re: Switzerland abolishes morse-code requirement

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-19 17:18:11 UTC
From: "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net>
Message-ID: <n3fSa.11261$Vx2.5223508@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com>
Source record: 71845

"Markus Baertschi" <markus@markus.org> wrote in message
news:MPG.19835e87832fc5179896d1@News.CIS.DFN.DE...
> In article <20030718230404.23307.00001453@mb-m29.aol.com>,
> yodoc@aol.comnospam says...
> >
> > Sooo, Switzerland gets to be one of the first to dumb-down! I'm sure
> > we'll hear a lot more yodelling on the HF phone bands now!
> >
> > 73 de Larry, K3LT
> >
>
> I fear most concerned Swiss HAM's are in the same situation as I am:
> Surprised by the very fast reaction of our office of communication.
> While I'm very pleased with the new development I'm now scrambling to
> get my hands on some equipment and installing respective antennas. I
> hope to be on air this summer, probably on 20M with psk31 or psk63.
>
> Markus

There's no need to "scramble". Take your time and do it right.

Dee D. Flint, N8UZE

2008. Re: Why don't Real Hams you face the facts?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-19 17:40:13 UTC
From: efil4cka@yahoo.com
Message-ID: <a26d2b1c.0307190940.239f95c1@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71846

Moparholic@hotmailnospam.com wrote in message
news:<20030719105733.364$Vp@newsreader.com>...
> > > > Well, I don't want to bash 10m as a band but it does seem to attract
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> Oh I agree Kim, what I don't agree with is "most" of the bad behavior
> is caused by CBer's on HF.

Trolling in the ham groups now Moped? Come on back to rec.radio.cb where you belong.

2009. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-19 17:40:25 UTC
From: "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net>
Message-ID: <dofSa.11267$Vx2.5226710@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com>
Source record: 71847

"Kim W5TIT" <fahgedit@nomail.net> wrote in message
news:bfbj1f$1sj1$1@adenine.netfront.net...
> "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net> wrote in message
> news:ht2Sa.11164$Vx2.5117589@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com...
> > [snip] Yes I have. Both in person and on the internet, there have been
numerous
> > individuals who simply refuse to upgrade until and unless the
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> > different issue than refusing to upgrade because one doesn't agree with
> that
> > requirement. While some may consider that approach to be a protest, it
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> I respect your opinion, Dee, but don't understand it. Choosing not to
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> process. If you don't agree with fishermen netting dolphins, accidentally
> or otherwise, refusing to eat fish is committing to a principle. It may
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> change a thing in terms of commercial fishing practices, but why would
> someone be so dedicated to the idea of not wanting dolphins caught in
> fishing nets; but then turn around and eat fish--supporting the action so
to
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Wanting HF privileges and refusing to take the code but waiting instead is
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> > > like using CW; and I don't think CW should be a part of testing.
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> > No that is not whining because you actually went ahead and took the
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> That may sound nice and packaged when speaking just to the issue of CW
> testing in the ham radio licensure process. But, that same principle
> applied to other areas doesn't work, so why should it for ham radio?

The principal does work for other areas. Just look at the noticeable number of college graduates who ended up pursuing a career in a field other than that in which they received their degree. And it was generally based on interest sparked by some non-degree course they had to take. People need to be exposed to a broad range of basics. In ham radio, that should include at least a minimal code test.

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> But, you have a personal dislike for what you perceive to be laziness, and
> you want a federal agency to support that personal dislike. I don't think
> the US Government should be in the business of supporting personal
> dislikes--they are close enough to that as it is.
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You have a personal dislike for code and want a federal agency to support your personal dislike.

I do not have a dislike for laziness. If the person is happy being lazy and does not demand things he/she hasn't worked for, that's great. They are probably the happiest people on earth. I will, however, always object to the person who demands what they haven't earned regardless of the field of endeavor.

Dee D. Flint, N8UZE

2010. Re: Why don't Real Hams you face the facts?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-19 17:42:29 UTC
From: efil4cka@yahoo.com
Message-ID: <a26d2b1c.0307190942.77613ebd@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71848
Cross-posted to: uk.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.boatanchors,rec.radio.amateur.policy

Moparholic@hotmailnospam.com wrote in message
news:<20030719084302.853$x5@newsreader.com>...
> --Bill-- <exray.is.tired@of.spam> wrote:
> > Moparholic@hotmailnospam.com wrote:
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> > -Bill
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> It takes a moron to make such stupid claims..

Have you ever bootlegged on 10 meters before, "Moparholic"?

2011. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-19 18:10:45 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bfc1n1$27pd$1@adenine.netfront.net>
Source record: 71849

"Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net> wrote in message
news:dofSa.11267$Vx2.5226710@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com...
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> "Kim W5TIT" <fahgedit@nomail.net> wrote in message
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> Dee D. Flint, N8UZE
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I respectfully misunderstand, I believe. I don't know what's wrong with wishing or demanding something one has not worked for; it will do them no good in this case since they cannot legally operate amateur radio without a license. I have no problem with someone screaming from the top of the world that they "want" something. They just can't have it until they've met whatever demands there are to have it. If they wish to seek changes to the way of getting something they want, and those changes are made, I have no problem with that.

Kim W5TIT

Posted via news://freenews.netfront.net
Complaints to news@netfront.net

2012. Re: How Ugly Can One Creep Be?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-19 19:31:31 UTC
From: Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net>
Message-ID: <cj5jhvs1kivrt949d19req8h9c44gka0jp@4ax.com>
Source record: 71851

On 17 Jul 2003 00:44:04 GMT, lenover21@aol.com (Len Over 21) wrote:

> This thread got started by one who is obsessed with throwing any kind
> of garbage at myself for the slightest reason...or as manufactured
> garbage through the use of inference, misdirection, or outright
> malicious quoting out of context.

I've been reading the thread since its beginning. Also the thread that
spawned it.

> As one who has been IN the aerospace industry and actually worked
> ON spaceflight hardware (including man-rated), I'm in the category of
> ardent fans of the overall effort and certain honor the men and women
> who have been chosen as astronauts...and cosmonauts.

Same here. I'm a former employee of a government contractor which
manufactured some of the parts for the space shuttle (among other
things). I'm currently employed in civilian commercial aviation.

> A problem with the ordinary public is that they consider space flight
> "safe," just like a long plane ride. It is most definitely NOT so. Every
> single manned flight is a high-risk activity. That it has appeared safe
> for many successful flights is due largely to thousands of non-astronauts
> who did the engineering, design, fabrication of the vehicles and payloads.
> The public is largely ignorant of them...at best only knowing the ones
> around consoles at the MSFC Mission Control room.

In light of revelations about the more recent of the two shuttle
tradgedies, perhaps it isn't a problem with only the general public.
Seems like there's a possibility that NASA itself got a little too
complacent for its own good.

> Still, each and every space flight is not without risk today. The tragedy
> of Columbia proved that very unfortunately. Back when Grissom, White,
> and Chaffee lost their lives in a ground capsule test fire for Apollo, I was
> working on unmanned space flight payloads...every single one of us in
> the clean room were saddened on hearing of the event. At that same
> facility earlier, some of us saw the unedited film of the Gemini-Agena
> docking flight, the one where a stuck-open manuevering thruster caused
> a high-rate double degree of freedom rolling. Command pilot Neil
> Armstrong managed to shut it down, but not before the roll rate had
> gotten very severe. Armstrong and David Scott could have perished on
> that flight but managed to manuever just enough to splashdown in the
> Pacific well away from the intended landing site.
>
> Five astronauts and one cosmonaut (Yuri Gagarin) died in aircraft

> flights. "Ordinary" air flight is supposed to be safe...but it is not
>without
> risk. Of the seven who died in Challenger (STS-51J), few know the
> names of the major crew. Judith Resnick is honored by the IEEE
> (she was a member) by having her name on an award. It was to be
> Judy's second mission in space...also commander Scobee and
> specialist Onizuka. Challenger never reached outer space, exploding
> a mere 73 seconds after lift-off.

There's an STS-51J mission patch on the arm of my jacket, which as I write this is hanging on the other side of the table from me in plain view, so if I needed any reminder of the names of the seven who perished aboard Challenger - which I don't - that would be sufficient.

The Challenger astronauts were:

* Gregory B. Jarvis, payload specialist
* Christa McAuliffe, crewmember and "first schoolteacher in space"
* Ronald E. McNair, mission specialist
* Ellison S. Onizuka, mission specialist
* Judith A. Resnik, mission specialist
* Francis R. "Dick" Scobee, shuttle commander
* Michael J. Smith, shuttle pilot

McAuliffe was also to have been the first civilian in space.

> Before you get involved in castigating someone, consider carefully who
> started this thread and the manner in which it was written. Like tens of
> thousands of others, I honor ALL the names of men and women who
> have gone in space...even those who have joined the space endeavor
> knowing full well what their risks are.

I think they *all* knew what the risks were. In my opinion, that doesn't excuse a callous remark like yours at the expense of seven people who gave their lives in the interests of science. Yes, Steve can be a real loose cannon on the decks of RRAP at times. At times, so can you. The origin of the thread is irrelevant. I stand by my original statement regarding your remarks to the effect that an astronaut's ham license remains valid until a space shuttle burns up on reentry, and upon further consideration I will now add that said remarks were in my opinion ill-considered, callous, and disrespectful.

73 DE John, KC2HMZ

2013. Re: How Ugly Can One Creep Be?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-19 19:31:33 UTC
From: Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net>
Message-ID: <ve6jhv0ge7crmqr46eh1or7vhlk000ssob@4ax.com>
Source record: 71850

On 17 Jul 2003 03:51:55 GMT, yodoc@aol.comnospam (Larry Roll K3LT)
wrote:

>In article <sf67hv85kba4u1neidgvk5ak0fvm1qqm9b@4ax.com>, Radio Amateur KC2HMZ
><kc2hmz@aa-mail.net> writes:
>
>>However, the reference to shuttles
>>burning up on reentry was a poor choice of words.
>>
>
>Do you think?

I was trying to be nice about it.

73 DE John, KC2HMZ
I transmit...er, I mean, I think, therefore I am.

2014. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-19 19:47:13 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030719154713.21428.00001160@mb-m23.aol.com>
Source record: 71852

In article <6vlRa.826$lL.89423@nnrp1.ptd.net>, "Carl R. Stevenson"
<wk3cqth@wk3c.com> writes:

>I was principal architect of a real, working, commercially mass-produced
>FHSS system ... conceived of, simulated, designed (and have several patents
>on) the modem.

That's great, Carl.

But did you do it all by yourself, or was there a skilled team working with
you?
Did you develop it from start to finish with your own time and money, or did
you have the resources of a big hitech company supporting you?

(These aren't meant as trick questions or a put-down. See below).

>ADAPTIVE FHSS, with Reed-Solomon FEC with interleaving across
>codewords (not that I really think you know what THAT means, but some will),

I do.

>and a number of other interesting features ... the WHOLE thing was much
>simpler than the TAPR FHSS project, and the total BOM (Bill of Materials) for
>TWO complete transceivers was such that the two transceiver system could
>RETAIL for $49.95 ...

Based on amortizing the development and tooling costs over how many units? You
know the old saying..."these things only cost $5 to make, except for the first
one, which cost $5 million"

>I have one at home ... and I have a radio module from the prototypes as
>another souvenier ...

That's great! Hope they gave everyone responsible a bonus, too.

But what is this thing? "Transceiver" covers a lot of area these days - there
are cellphones, cordless phones, wireless LAN devices, RF remote
control/indicators, data transceivers and many more. How many have actually
been sold?

Why didn't you help the TAPR folks out?

My point with all these questions is that what you or others did in the
commercial/professional/military world has little to do with amateur radio
unless the technology actually gets used by hams on the ham bands. Most hams
don't have lots of resources for homebrewing, let alone developing new stuff.

Here's a biggie for ya, Carl: How much of your amateur radio equipment
(receivers, transmitters, transceivers, power amplifiers, power supplies) for

the ham bands below 500 MHz is homebrew? How much is factory built? I'd guess the ratio is probably 10%/90% at best. (Note: Kits don't count as homebrew).

My point is not that there's anything "wrong" with buying instead of building, but simply that if somebody with your experience, knowledge, skills and resources in radio design is buying ham rigs instead of designing and building them from scratch, do you expect the rest of hamdom to be doing anything different?

73 de Jim, N2EY

2015. Re: Code a Deterrent to a Ham Ticket ??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-19 19:47:14 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030719154714.21428.00001161@mb-m23.aol.com>
Source record: 71853

In article <cuvyxnansvbet.hi87207.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>, "Phil Kane"
<Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop> writes:

>On 18 Jul 2003 05:17:42 -0700, N2EY wrote:
>
>>OTOH, millions of young children today are "forced" to learn how to do
>>basic arithmetic even though inexpensive calculators have been around
>>for decades.
>
> What "learning"? Go into your local fast-food place or grocery
> store and see the blank look on the clerk's face if s/he has to make
> change and the register is not working.....

In large part that's because dependence on the machine has reduced/eliminated
development of the skill. In most stores, employees are REQUIRED to go by what
the machine says.

I don't know about where others are, but in my school district the kids do
learn basic arithmetic. Most of them are good at it, and retain the skill.

But in this age of claculators and computers, why must ALL children be FORCED
to learn basic arithmetic - 'specially given that at least some don't retain
it? And it is FORCED on ALL children.
>
>>> Would there be ANY sense in a rule that said "You can't play any other
>>> instrument, no matter how good you might be at it, unless you first
>>> demonstrate that you can play the piano proficiently." ???
>
>>But hey, we're missing the point here. Why should any musical
>>performance skill be needed to get a music degree, unless a person
>>wants to be a performer?
>
> Most conservatories and music degree programs require piano
> proficiency no matter what the instrument or specialty (performance,
> composing, whatever) is. I got away from that by studying voice
> privately, but that's the exception.

Exactly. But why must piano be required if a person doesn't want to play piano?
Why must any skill be required if the person doesn't want to be a performer?
>
>>This is the 21st century, and we've got synthesizers out the wazoo
>>that cost far less than, say, a Martin guitar or a Steinway piano.
>>And which are much easier to learn how to use. Why focus so much
>>time and effort on learning a "manual motor >skill" to play one
>>instrument - any instrument - when there are machines which will do
>>the job with much less effort and error-free?

>
> Effort and error rate aren't the real criteria of music performance.
> Creating it by human effort/input is.

The exact same is true of about 99% of amateur radio operation.
>
>>This isn't far-fetched. The new contract for musicians who play on
>>Broadway has reduced the size of the orchestra required for a Broadway
>>musical performance, and allows for the use of recorded and
>>synthesized music. (Musicians are a major cost item in Broadway stage
>>prodcutions - or so the producers tell us). Why not go one better and
>>simply use recorded/synthesized music in all long-running shows?
>
> You are really looking forward to a visit from Petrillo's goons,
> aren't you ??? James Caesar Petrillo (the Idi Amin of the American
> Federation of Musicians) may be dead but his legacy lives on. They
> manhandled me when I was a recording engineer in college (mid-1950s)
> and I haven't forgotten.

I am still amazed that the new contract got through.

I think the musicians would understand what I was trying to say.
>
>>Heck, some folks are even beginning to use synthesized voices rather
>>than singers, as was done in some of the music for the 1997
>>blockbuster "Titanic".
>
> The day that I go into a synagogue and hear a synthesized cantor
> leading services is the day that I find another congregation.

Now you know why Carl's "strawman" scheme will not be accepted.

> (You do know that I have been trained as a cantor.)
>
I surmised as much.

73 de Jim, N2EY

2016. Re: Why don't Real Hams you face the facts?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-19 20:56:13 UTC
From: citizensband <citizensband@ntlworld.com>
Message-ID: <RfiSa.4480$47.565576@newsfep2-win.server.ntli.net>
Source record: 71854
Cross-posted to: uk.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.boatanchors,rec.radio.amateur.policy

"valmont" <efil4cka@yahoo.com> wrote in message
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Thousands of people have bootlegged on 10 metres, including plenty of Hams
before they were licensed, if the truth be known ;-)

Cheers
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2017. Re: How Ugly Can One Creep Be?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-19 20:59:12 UTC
From: k4yz@aol.com
Message-ID: <5c01b95b.0307191259.79ba8119@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71855

brianburke@juno.com (Brian) wrote in message
news:<f45722ac.0307190415.36dbe27c@posting.google.com>...
> k4yz@aol.com (Steve Robeson, K4CAP) wrote in message
news:<5c01b95b.0307182035.151301bc@posting.google.com>...

> > > Being insensitive is called "being insensitive," not lying.
> >
> > I don't know what's worse...An callous putz like Lennie who makes
> > light of people who died a horrific death, or a milktoast pantywaist
> > putz such as yourself who tries to defend him.
>
> Oh, gee, what could be worse?

Being a rapist...child molester...spousal abuser...

> Maybe you need to call in some help to make that big decision. Maybe
> they'll help you get back on your meds.

You and Lennie keep insisting on this. I am sure you wish it were
true, but it seems it's your only "defense" against being held up to
public scrutiny for your own shortcomings.

It doesn't work. The problem is that you and Leonard are you own
worst enemies. The virtual slapping around you take in this forum is
fueled by your own ramblings.

> And quit reading Len's posts. They obviously have an ruinous effect
> on you.

I don't tolerate liars, nor do I tolerate the callous and rude.
Lennie is all of that, and you "defend" him...So guess where that
leaves you?

Steve, K4YZ

2018. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-19 21:55:14 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307191355.13d4d443@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71856

n2ey@aol.com (N2EY) wrote in message
news:<20030719082137.15462.00001700@mb-m06.aol.com>...
> In article <f45722ac.0307180444.5147dbba@posting.google.com>,
> brianburke@juno.com (Brian) writes:
>
> >Dave Heil <k8mn@earthlink.net> wrote in message
> >news:<3F1769D6.C7FF9183@earthlink.net>...
> >> Brian wrote:
> >> >
> >> > Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net> wrote in message
> news:<3F161D6F.8AE85623@att.net>...
> >> > > Brian wrote:
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> >> > > > To be honest, I don't think there is any answer that will satisfy
> you.
> >> > > >
> >> > > > Brian
> >> > >
> >> > > At least not a truthful one.
> >> >
> >> > Well then, that's it. Jim isn't satisfied with truthful answers. No
> >> > wonder he keeps asking.
> >>
> >> You haven't even provided truthful responses now. You've been asked.
> >> You have declined. You've provided reasons such as, "The questions are
> >> just too hard". Jim and I have continued to ask because you've
> >> continued to be evasive.
> >>
> >> Dave K8MN
> >
> >Most of the answers were given long, long ago.
>
> Where? Not here on rrap.
>
> >Whether you or Jim believe me isn't my problem.
>
> Yet you insist on being evasive rather than simply answering the questions.

Jim, that really bugs you, doesn't it?

2019. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-19 21:58:07 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307191358.53086ada@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71857

n2ey@aol.com (N2EY) wrote in message
news:<20030719082137.15462.00001699@mb-m06.aol.com>...
> In article <f45722ac.0307170312.3b10c3ce@posting.google.com>,
> brianburke@juno.com (Brian) writes:
>
> >Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net> wrote in message
> >news:<3F161D6F.8AE85623@att.net>...
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> >> > Brian
> >>
> >> At least not a truthful one.
> >
> >Well then, that's it. Jim isn't satisfied with truthful answers. No
> >wonder he keeps asking.
> >
> Nope.
>
> I haven't seen any truthful answers to my questions about your alleged /T5
> operations.

You're amazing. You didn't believe me then, but somehow you'll believe me now.

To be honest, I don't think there is any answer that will satisfy you.

73, Brian

2020. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-19 22:02:59 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
Message-ID: <3F19C01B.8030203@adelphia.net>
Source record: 71858

Dee D. Flint wrote:

> I do not have a dislike for laziness. If the person is happy being lazy and
> does not demand things he/she hasn't worked for, that's great. They are
> probably the happiest people on earth. I will, however, always object to
> the person who demands what they haven't earned regardless of the field of
> endeavor.

Those who are lazy always have a negative impact on those around them.

- Mike KB3EIA -

2021. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-19 22:21:25 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030719182125.18497.00001411@mb-m05.aol.com>
Source record: 71859

In article <MOSRa.981$lL.113512@nnrp1.ptd.net>, "Carl R. Stevenson"
<wk3cqth@wk3c.com> writes:

>"N2EY" <N2EY@AOL.COM> wrote in message
>news:c2356669.0307180300.5906dfa6@posting.google.com...
>> Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote in message
>news:<Xns93BA673229F3Eelektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>...
>>
>> > Bringing the phone subbands in line with other countries in Region 2
>would
>> > be sufficient
>>
>> Seeing as how the USA has more hams than any other country in Region
>> 2, why not have those other countries get their phone subbands in line
>> with the USA?
>
>Because they are soverign nations with the right to regulate the use of
>the radio spectrum within their jurisdictions as they see fit and according
>to their needs, as long as they are not in violation of the ITU Radio
>Regulations.

That's not a reason, just a fact.
>
>Because most of the rest of the world does it the same way they do
>and the US is virtually alone in its sub-band by mode regulations.

We were talking about Region 2.

>Jim ... I realize that your question above was *probably* (at least
>partly) tongue in cheek, but it does sort of smack of American
>arrogance ... and to some of the other countries in region 2, perhaps
>something approaching "Yankee imperialism."

What about anti-American arrogance?

I think you completely misread what I was saying. Wasn't tongue in cheek at
all, just an opposing idea. Nowhere do I suggest that any sort of coercion be
applied to other countries - why do you read that into my words?

The fact of the matter is that the reason we have limited 'phone bands here in
the USA is twofold: One, to give the DX a place to operate 'phone without
having to deal with Yankee pileups every time they try to operate when the band
is open, and two, to give US hams an incentive to use modes other than 'phone.
Both are good ideas.

Except for Japan, no country in the world has anything like the number of HF
hams as the USA. And most of those Japanese hams are limited to QRP, ans

certain parts of certain HF bands.

73 de Jim, N2EY

2022. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-19 22:21:26 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030719182126.18497.00001412@mb-m05.aol.com>
Source record: 71860

In article <bfa8nl$ps0$1@slb6.atl.mindspring.net>, "Bill Sohl"
<billsohl@mindspring.com> writes:

>> >So convince the FCC that some august body of hams (elected? appointed?
>> >approved by?) should take over setting FCC part 97 rules.
>>
>> Works for me.
>
>But we both know the concept is bogus.

Not entirely. FCC has turned over testing and test development to hams, yet
retains supervisory control. Or look at repeater coordination - hams determine
the coordination, and FCC enforces their decisions!

>> >> However, FCC involvement is need because the hams will ignore the
>> >> needs of other services just as the other services ignore the needs of
>> >> hams. It's a balancing act and the FCC is the juggler.

>> >So you are then saying the FCC should NOT make any
>> >rules regarding operation within ham bands that don't have
>> >any interfernece issues related to them...such as
>> >band segments for phone vs data, etc. morse test
>> >requirements, etc.?

>> Nope. Not at all.

>> The point is that the mere fact that FCC enacts a rule does not mean it's
>> a good idea, or in the best interest of amateur radio. All it means is that
>> FCC enacted the rule.
>
>The original point made was a claim that the FCC doesn't
>make rules at all that might be judged as being favorable
>or unfavorable for ham radio. Clearly a specific rule may
>be detrimental...but that doesn't mean the FCC didn't
>or wouldn't weigh its need or benefit in light of what
>it does for ham radio.

That much I agree with. But it's also true that just because FCC does something
is no guarantee that the something is good for the ARS.
>
>> Was the 55 mph national speed limit a good idea, in the best interests of
>> the motoring public? The "expert agency" recommended that rule, and it
>> stayed on the books for decades.
>
>Actually, the 55 was the brainchild (I'd call it a nightmare)
>of a NJ reprentative who is now deceased. The problem was

>the 55 limit had no "sunshine" aspect and that resulted in congress
>getting tied up as being anti-safety by the insurance industry
>who wanted the 55 limit.

Doesn't matter - the point is that the "expert agency" enacted it for one
reason and kept it for another, even though many if not most of those affected
thought it was a bad idea.

>> >> > The reality, however, is that the FCC is the determining body.

>> >> > > Many of the staff are not involved in ham radio. They are a
>> >> > > government body whose purpose is to regulate the various radio
>> >> > > services so that they can coexist.

>> >> > That's only part of their purpose.

>> What's the rest?

>Others include need for the service, use, benefit of
>the service to the public good, etc.
>IF ham radio users truly began to dwindle, do you
>doubt that the FCC would consider dropping ham radio
>as a service even though there was no coexistence problem?

It would take a lot of dwindling. And that's not happening - amateur radio in
the USA is not only growing, but it's growing faster than the population.

>> >> We were very lucky that ham radio was allowed to continue to exist
>> >> since the commercial and military interests wanted us gone. It was
>> >> only by
>> >> intense lobbying on the part of the hams that we managed to stay in
>> >> there.
>> >
>> >All of which happened about 80+ years ago.
>>
>> Not all. Look at the changes of 1929 - less than 75 years ago.
>
>Pickey, pickey...so I was off by 5 years or so.

The point is that the threats are more recent. Lookit BPL - that's today.
>
>> >> > Again, bottom line...FCC does the deciding.
>> >>
>> >> Yes I certainly agree they do the deciding.
>> >
>> >Which makes all this discussion rather academic.
>>
>> Not at all. Hopefully, FCC decisions can be influenced for a better future
>> for amateur radio.

>The ability to influence those decisions is the same today as
>it was in the past. that's what the public input process
>is all about.

'zactly. But all too few hams take a part in it. Look at the restructuring NPRM - 675,000 hams, less than 2300 comments.

73 de Jim, N2EY

2023. Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-19 22:35:02 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
Message-ID: <3F19C79E.1090302@adelphia.net>
Source record: 71861

Reading a report on how long it will likely take for the U.S. to ratify and drop Morse requirements, we are given an estimate of two years.

This leads me to wonder, is it better to wait for those two years to go by before getting ones HF ticket, or is it better to just learn Morse and get the ticket much sooner?

Is a person willing to wait those two years more imterested in the ARS, or is the person who, even if they are not personally interested in Morse Code, yet studies for and passes the test and gets on the air now more interested?

I personally think this is no contest. The person who is willing to get their license sooner shows a greater interest than a person who says "As long as there is requirement X, I am more interested in NOT being in the ARS than I am in being IN the ARS."

- Mike KB3EIA -

2024. Re: Fight the BPL

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-19 23:07:14 UTC
From: Dan/W4NTI <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com>
Message-ID: <bfciv0$2kn$1@slb0.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 71862
Cross-posted to:
rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.swap

Most due to crappy power lines and insulators. Now add BPL with wideband
digital signals and you have a notion of how it will sound.

I have been working with Alabama power for almost 5 years now. Including
the ARRL and the FCC on their ass. And its still not fixed. Wait till
BPL is deployed.

Dan/W4NTI

"H. Adam Stevens" <solo@totalaccess.net> wrote in message
news:vhh7q1eskr6fa7@corp.supernews.com...
> Texas just had a hurricaine, albeit a fairly normal one.
> The station at DPS in Austin was severly limited due to noise in their
end.
> Why do I point this out?
> The noise levels in citites on HF are already so high as to endanger life
> and property.
> BTW What ever happened to fiber optics?
> H.
>
> "--Bill--" <exray.is.tired@of.spam> wrote in message
> news:vhh5r7ngf6h548@corp.supernews.com...
> > Dan/W4NTI wrote:
> >
> > > IMHO the only thing that will accomplish that is to drag the FCC into
> court.
> > >
> > > Dan/W4NTI
> >
> > Hey, thats a novel idea!
> > -Bill
> >
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>

2025. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-19 23:30:40 UTC
From: Dwight Stewart <stewart@say.net>
Message-ID: <BB3F4CDF.1F162%stewart@say.net>
Source record: 71863

"Ryan, KC8PMX" wrote:

> Now let's look at that phrase "pool of trained
> radio operators" Dee. The vagueness of that
> can create some issues, such as what type of
> training???
>
> Being able to handle message traffic, would be
> an extremely important detail in training IMHO.
> How many people can formulate a formal
> message gram?? Even though I am one of those
> low-life code free techs, I still can.

Since our purpose is clear, I don't see that vagueness. For example, one primary purpose is to provide emergency communications. Skills are obviously needed to do that. However, the served agency establishes which skills, not the FCC (one reason the FCC does not require specific training in emergency communications). For example, if a person volunteers to work with the Red Cross, the person needs to know or learn the skills that agency is seeking. If that agency does not handle message traffic or formulate message-grams, those skills are entirely worthless. Therefore, it would be a waste to train all operator in those skills (again, one reason the FCC does not require such training).

If you look at each purpose in the same manner, very little vagueness really exists.

Dwight Stewart (W5NET)

http://www.qsl.net/w5net/

2026. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-19 23:47:27 UTC
From: Scott Unit 69 <scott_unit_69@yahoo.moc>
Message-ID: <3F19D88F.46D5570A@yahoo.moc>
Source record: 71864

Mike Coslo wrote:
>
> Reading a report on how long it will likely take for the U.S. to ratify
> and drop Morse requirements, we are given an estimate of two years.
>
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> Morse Code, yet studies for and passes the test and gets on the air now
> more interested?
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> I personally think this is no contest. The person who is willing to get
> their license sooner shows a greater interest than a person who says "As
> long as there is requirement X, I am more interested in NOT being in the
> ARS than I am in being IN the ARS."
>
> - Mike KB3EIA -

Are you trolling or asking a question?

Personally, I hope the action takes a lot less time. I hold a CSCE for General, and missed Extra by two questions. (Without ever cracking a book.)

I don't care for code, nor feel that I should be forced to learned an outdated mode of communication. If BPL comes to fruition, HF privs will be a mute point, however, CW may be the only mode that works.

As it is, I am responsible for 4 amateur tickets, mine, two other newbies, and one renew. There is another newbie taking their test soon.

Mike, some are leaders, and some are sheople. Baaaaaaa.

Bitch at me all you want, I'm wearing Nomex underwear.

2027. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-20 00:26:56 UTC
From: Jim Hampton <aa2qa@frontiernet.net>
Message-ID: <klISa.178$217.144@news01.roc.ny>
Source record: 71865

If you read Scott's answer, you'll have something to consider. A couple of folks tested out through extra but missed the Morse. They have 365 days to pass the 5 word per minute code with no other testing, or they can wait. It would appear, since they took and passed (except for code) the extra, that they are going to get that extra regardless of whether the code is retained or dropped. My suggestion is take the theory tests; when you've got that, there is a *ton* of incentive to do whatever it takes. I've heard that some countries are already going to drop the requirements; I don't know if that is true or not. Certainly the requirement will go away; when, I'm not sure. Pass the theory exams and I'll bet anyone will then study and be ready to pass the CW from zero inside of 3 weeks or less :)

73 from Rochester, NY
Jim AA2QA

"Mike Coslo" <mcoslo@adelphia.net> wrote in message
news:3F19C79E.1090302@adelphia.net...
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> ARS than I am in being IN the ARS."
>
> - Mike KB3EIA -
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2028. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-20 00:31:21 UTC
From: "D. Stussy" <kd6lvw@bde-arc.ampr.org>
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.56.0307200029410.30317@kd6lvw.ampr.org>
Source record: 71867

On Sat, 19 Jul 2003, Mike Coslo wrote:
> Reading a report on how long it will likely take for the U.S. to ratify
> and drop Morse requirements, we are given an estimate of two years.
>
> This leads me to wonder, is it better to wait for those two years to go
> by before getting ones HF ticket, or is it better to just learn Morse
> and get the ticket much sooner?

If you pass the code test and get it now, then you won't have to face the wrath
of the idiots on this group complaining about your "inferior" license giving
you equal authority to operate as theirs. :-)

2029. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-20 00:31:29 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
Message-ID: <3F19E2E9.1040503@adelphia.net>
Source record: 71866

Scott Unit 69 wrote:
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> Mike Coslo wrote:
>
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>>and drop Morse requirements, we are given an estimate of two years.
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> and one renew. There is another newbie taking their test soon.
>
> Mike, some are leaders, and some are sheople. Baaaaaaa.

> Bitch at me all you want, I'm wearing Nomex underwear.

And You are a sheople. Enjoy!

- Mike KB3EIA -

2030. Time to call a truce?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-20 00:40:01 UTC
From: Jim Hampton <aa2qa@frontiernet.net>
Message-ID: <BxlSa.185$j47.149@news01.roc.ny>
Source record: 71868

Gang,

I've read with some interest (and commented at times) concerning the CW tests. I'd like us all to consider that even a newbie would likely know more about radio and communications than some guy born in 1768 (and, yes, I'm cheating - I'm reading some interesting info out of the Handbook). AM, FM, CW ... all very modern compared to this gentleman. Heck, spark wasn't around then. This guy formulated the relationship between the application of heat to a solid body and its propagation. What does this have to do with radio? The gentleman's name was Joseph Fourier. The laws he wrote (and I now quote from the Radio Amateur's handbook) define the connection between time and frequency domain descriptions of signals. He might not understand radio right away, but as soon as he saw what was being done with DSP, he'd likely be ahead of us all. It is time to get over the CW business. Really. The amateur license is an introduction to electronics and communications. It isn't a professional license, but allows us to learn (and serve in emergencies). I honestly believe it is time to drop the 'holier than thou' attitude and try and attract new blood to this fine hobby of ours. I don't care what class of ticket one holds, we are all licensed amateur operators and all should be respected as such.

73 from Rochester, NY
Jim AA2QA

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2031. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-20 01:35:26 UTC
From: Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93BDDB93FE306elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>
Source record: 71869

"Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net> wrote in
news:dofSa.11267$Vx2.5226710@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com:

>
> "Kim W5TIT" <fahgedit@nomail.net> wrote in message
> news:bfbj1f$1sj1$1@adenine.netfront.net...
>> "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net> wrote in message
>> news:ht2Sa.11164$Vx2.5117589@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com...
>> > [snip] Yes I have. Both in person and on the internet, there have
>> > been numerous individuals who simply refuse to upgrade until and
>> > unless the requirement goes away. Whether or not it should be part
>> > of the licensing is an entirely different issue than refusing to
>> > upgrade because one doesn't agree with that requirement. While some
>> > may consider that approach to be a protest, it is an ineffective
>> > protest as refusing to take the test won't get it eliminated.
>> >
>>
>> I respect your opinion, Dee, but don't understand it. Choosing not to
>> participate in something one does not agree with is part of the
>> democratic process. If you don't agree with fishermen netting
>> dolphins, accidentally or otherwise, refusing to eat fish is
>> committing to a principle. It may not change a thing in terms of
>> commercial fishing practices, but why would someone be so dedicated to
>> the idea of not wanting dolphins caught in fishing nets; but then turn
>> around and eat fish--supporting the action so to speak?
>>
>
> Wanting HF privileges and refusing to take the code but waiting instead
> is just like not wanting dolphins harmed but eating fish.
> Pariticipation or non-participation has a different effect depending on
> what is being protested.
>
>> > >
>> > > I have seen people express opinions about CW--on both sides. I
>> > > would not classify any of them as whining. For instance, you have
>> > > your opinion behind your desire to have CW remain a part of the
>> > > ham radio licensure process. The same for me on the opposite side
>> > > of the fence. Is it either of us that is whining?
>> > >
>> > > It's interesting how, because someone desires something different
>> > > from another, it is labeled as whining. I sure haven't seen any
>> > > evidence of whining. I didn't like studying the CW part of the
>> > > Tech+ license; I don't like using CW; and I don't think CW should
>> > > be a part of testing.

>> >
>> > No that is not whining because you actually went ahead and took the
>> > test. Having studied the basic material, you are now have some
>> > background on which to judge whether or not to pursue CW any
>> > further.
>> >
>>
>> That may sound nice and packaged when speaking just to the issue of CW
>> testing in the ham radio licensure process. But, that same principle
>> applied to other areas doesn't work, so why should it for ham radio?
>
> The principal does work for other areas. Just look at the noticeable
> number of college graduates who ended up pursuing a career in a field
> other than that in which they received their degree. And it was
> generally based on interest sparked by some non-degree course they had
> to take. People need to be exposed to a broad range of basics. In ham
> radio, that should include at least a minimal code test.
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>>
>> But, you have a personal dislike for what you perceive to be laziness,
>> and you want a federal agency to support that personal dislike. I
>> don't think the US Government should be in the business of supporting
>> personal dislikes--they are close enough to that as it is.
>>
>
> You have a personal dislike for code and want a federal agency to
> support your personal dislike.
>
> I do not have a dislike for laziness. If the person is happy being
> lazy and does not demand things he/she hasn't worked for, that's great.
> They are probably the happiest people on earth. I will, however,
> always object to the person who demands what they haven't earned
> regardless of the field of endeavor.
>
> Dee D. Flint, N8UZE
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>

The thing is Dee, a CW test is a very odd way to 'earn' HF. I'm not atall
sure that a person has not earned HF just beacause they haven't learnt CW.
Sure, Part 97 might agree with that rather peculiar proposition for the
time being, but it won't much longer.

2032. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-20 01:45:08 UTC
From: Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93BDDD391D634elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>
Source record: 71870

"Jim Hampton" <aa2qa@frontiernet.net> wrote in
news:kllSa.178$217.144@news01.roc.ny:

> If you read Scott's answer, you'll have something to consider. A
> couple of folks tested out through extra but missed the Morse. They
> have 365 days to pass the 5 word per minute code with no other testing,
> or they can wait. It would appear, since they took and passed (except
> for code) the extra, that they are going to get that extra regardless
> of whether the code is retained or dropped. My suggestion is take the
> theory tests; when you've got that, there is a *ton* of incentive to do
> whatever it takes. I've heard that some countries are already going to
> drop the requirements; I don't know if that is true or not.

It is true. Switzerland has dropped the code test already, and the UK will
do so by the end of the month.

> Certainly
> the requirement will go away; when, I'm not sure. Pass the theory exams
> and I'll bet anyone will then study and be ready to pass the CW from
> zero inside of 3 weeks or less :)
>
> 73 from Rochester, NY
> Jim AA2QA
>
> "Mike Coslo" <mcoslo@adelphia.net> wrote in message
> news:3F19C79E.1090302@adelphia.net...
>> Reading a report on how long it will likely take for the U.S. to
>> ratify and drop Morse requirements, we are given an estimate of two
>> years.
>>
>> This leads me to wonder, is it better to wait for those two years to
>> go by before getting ones HF ticket, or is it better to just learn
>> Morse and get the ticket much sooner?
>>
>> Is a person willing to wait those two years more imterested in the
>> ARS, or is the person who, even if they are not personally interested
>> in Morse Code, yet studies for and passes the test and gets on the air
>> now more interested?
>>
>> I personally think this is no contest. The person who is willing to
>> get their license sooner shows a greater interest than a person who
>> says "As long as there is requirement X, I am more interested in NOT
>> being in the ARS than I am in being IN the ARS."
>>
>> - Mike KB3EIA -

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> ---
> Outgoing mail is certified Virus Free.
> Checked by AVG anti-virus system (http://www.grisoft.com).
> Version: 6.0.502 / Virus Database: 300 - Release Date: 7/18/03
>
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2033. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-20 01:46:32 UTC
From: Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93BDDD7641217elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>
Source record: 71871

"D. Stussy" <kd6lvw@bde-arc.ampr.org> wrote in
news:Pine.LNX.4.56.0307200029410.30317@kd6lvw.ampr.org:

> On Sat, 19 Jul 2003, Mike Coslo wrote:
>> Reading a report on how long it will likely take for the U.S. to
>> ratify
>> and drop Morse requirements, we are given an estimate of two years.
>>
>> This leads me to wonder, is it better to wait for those two years
>> to go
>> by before getting ones HF ticket, or is it better to just learn Morse
>> and get the ticket much sooner?
>
> If you pass the code test and get it now, then you won't have to face
> the wrath of the idiots on this group complaining about your "inferior"
> license giving you equal authority to operate as theirs. :-)
>

Whilst that's true, they don't even approve of those of us who don't
operate CW !!!

2034. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-20 01:57:11 UTC
From: Robert Casey <wa2ise@ix.netcom.com>
Message-ID: <3F19F6F7.5080603@ix.netcom.com>
Source record: 71872

Scott Unit 69 wrote:

>
>Personally, I hope the action takes a lot less time. I hold a CSCE for General,
>and missed Extra by two questions. (Without ever cracking a book.)
>
>I don't care for code, nor feel that I should be forced to learned an outdated
>mode of communication.
>
Hell, it only took two weeks for me to learn 5 wpm code, and I'm bad at
"motor" skills.
(Motor skill is that sort of thing you have to repeatidly practice to
force your brain to
do some new wiring to aquire the skill).

Just learn the damm code..... You just might find it fun, like Larry
did.

2035. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-20 02:04:32 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
Message-ID: <3F19F8B7.5070509@adelphia.net>
Source record: 71873

D. Stussy wrote:
> On Sat, 19 Jul 2003, Mike Coslo wrote:
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>> Reading a report on how long it will likely take for the U.S. to ratify
>>and drop Morse requirements, we are given an estimate of two years.
>>
>> This leads me to wonder, is it better to wait for those two years to go
>>by before getting ones HF ticket, or is it better to just learn Morse
>>and get the ticket much sooner?
>
>
> If you pass the code test and get it now, then you won't have to face the wrath
> of the idiots on this group complaining about your "inferior" license giving
> you equal authority to operate as theirs. :-)

Do you think *that* would be a good reason? I want to do something I'm interested in as long as I can. I mean really, do you care what say Larry, Dick, or Jim or even my self think? Two years is just too long to wait. That's the reason why I think a preson would get the ticket sooner.

- Mike KB3EIA

2036. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-20 02:11:32 UTC
From: Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93BDE1B331BB8elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>
Source record: 71874

Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net> wrote in
news:3F19F8B7.5070509@adelphia.net:

> D. Stussy wrote:
>> On Sat, 19 Jul 2003, Mike Coslo wrote:
>>
>>> Reading a report on how long it will likely take for the U.S. to
>>> ratify
>>>and drop Morse requirements, we are given an estimate of two years.
>>>
>>> This leads me to wonder, is it better to wait for those two years
>>> to go
>>>by before getting ones HF ticket, or is it better to just learn Morse
>>>and get the ticket much sooner?
>>
>>
>> If you pass the code test and get it now, then you won't have to face
>> the wrath of the idiots on this group complaining about your
>> "inferior" license giving you equal authority to operate as theirs.
>> :-)
>
> Do you think *that* would be a good reason? I want to do something
> I'm
> interested in as long as I can. I mean really, do you care what say
> Larry, Dick, or Jim or even my self think? Two years is just too long
> to wait. That's the reason why I think a preson would get the ticket
> sooner.
>
>
> - Mike KB3EIA
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>

I don't know where that estimate came from. It isn't likely to take more
than a year.

2037. Re: Time to call a truce?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-20 02:14:02 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
Message-ID: <3F19FAF0.2040500@adelphia.net>
Source record: 71875

Jim Hampton wrote:
> Gang,
>
> I've read with some interest (and commented at times) concerning the CW
> tests. I'd like us all to consider that even a newbie would likely know
> more about radio and communications than some guy born in 1768 (and, yes,
> I'm cheating - I'm reading some interesting info out of the Handbook). AM,
> FM, CW ... all very modern compared to this gentleman. Heck, spark wasn't
> around then. This guy formulated the relationship between the application
> of heat to a solid body and its propagation. What does this have to do with
> radio? The gentleman's name was Joseph Fourier. The laws he wrote (and I
> now quote from the Radio Amateur's handbook) define the connection between
> time and frequency domain descriptions of signals. He might not understand
> radio right away, but as soon as he saw what was being done with DSP, he'd
> likely be ahead of us all. It is time to get over the CW business. Really.
> The amateur license is an introduction to electronics and communications.
> It isn't a professional license, but allows us to learn (and serve in
> emergencies). I honestly believe it is time to drop the 'holier than thou'
> attitude and try and attract new blood to this fine hobby of ours. I don't
> care what class of ticket one holds, we are all licensed amateur operators
> and all should be respected as such.

Gee Jim, there's no need for a truce, the war's over. The PCTA's lost.

As someone said to me, the pro-coders have a responsibility to attract
enough people to survive (paraphrased)

I think the no-coders now have a responsibility to attract the
professionals and good hams that are staying out of the service now, so
that they improve the ARS.

Seriously, if they are right, the holier than thou pro-coders will
vanish into the noise level - figuratively speaking.

- Mike KB3EIA -

2038. Re: Ham Radio In The Post-Code Testing Era

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-20 02:22:21 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030719222221.08200.00000882@mb-m25.aol.com>
Source record: 71878

In article <cuvyxnansvbet.hi56rsa.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>, "Phil Kane" <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop> writes:

>On Mon, 14 Jul 2003 22:38:20 GMT, Dee D. Flint wrote:
>
>>Actually the fact that other services don't use it very much is a strong
>>argument to require hams to learn it. This is the place to preserve the
>>skill in case of need and to prevent this capability from becoming a lost
>>art. Plus of course the fact that quite a few hams do use it.
>
> The original reason for requiring CW/Morse proficiency of amateur
> operators was to ensure that they would be able to read signals
> directed at their station by government stations who came up on the
> amateur's frequency to tell them to leave the air because they were
> interfering with the governemnt (usually Navy) communications - WW-I
> era stuff.

OK, fine.

> Everything else was superfluous - the need for "trained operators"
> for CW/Morse circuits went away after WW-II.

Then why did the Navy (at least) keep training them, and to high levels of proficiency?

> Civil aviation CW went
> away right after that war, too. Marine CW persisted another 60
> years or so, but amateur radio operators were never trained nor
> recruited to be the "reserve force" for the merchant marine'd Radio
> Officers.

But then why was the FCC so hot for more code testing in the 1960s? From the 1930s to the 1960s a ham could get full privs with a 13 wpm code test. Yes, the Extra and its 20 wpm code test was reintroduced in 1951, but then FCC gave all privs to Generals so nobody had to get an Extra for full privileges. And in fact very few did - in 1967, at the dawn of incentive licensing, there were maybe 4000 Extras out of about 250,000 US hams.

At one point (1965), FCC proposed four code tests - 5, 13, 16, and 20 wpm. When the dust settled it took 20 per to get a full privileges. Why was FCC so hopped up on code testing back then?

73 de Jim, N2EY

2039. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-20 02:22:22 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030719222222.08200.00000883@mb-m25.aol.com>
Source record: 71877

In article <2WSRa.983$lL.113457@nnrp1.ptd.net>, "Carl R. Stevenson"
<wk3cqth@wk3c.com> writes:

>"N2EY" <n2ey@aol.com> wrote in message
>news:20030718070019.27503.00001150@mb-m24.aol.com...
>> In article <3F17431E.7090800@adelphia.net>, Mike Coslo
><mcoslo@adelphia.net>
>> writes:
>>
>> >I would propose that "200 Meters and Down" be required reading and have
>> >a few questions on the tests!
>> >
>> While "200" is very good, it stops in 1936. I would recommend the
>following:
>>
>> - "Calling CQ" by Clinton B. Desoto, W1CBD, available for free download as
>> a PDF file. May be around as a printed book. Stories of 1920s and 1930s
>> amateur radio.
>>
>> - "The Wayback Machine" by Bill Continelli, W2XOY, available for free
>> download
>> or for viewing on a website. Multichapter history of amateur radio from
>> the earliest days to the present.
>
>As entertaining depicitions of the history of ham radio, these may be GREAT
>works.

Have you read any of them?
>
>As "models for the future," I think we need to look more forward than
>backward.

Sure. But we need to know the background to knwo how we got where we are, and
how to avoid mistakes made in the past.
>
>While I admit that history can be valuable in terms of learning
>from past mistakes, so as to avoid similar mistakes in the future, I think
>leaning on past events/conditions/etc. too heavily and trying to "keep
>things
>as they were in 'the good old days' " is a BIG mistake ... a mistake that
>too many of us are inclined to make.

I disagree. It's not a mistake to keep certain values. Like old-fashioned
manners, courtesy and respect on the air. But there's no good test for that!

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And while we're on the subject of the future - what's YOUR vision for the future? Besides getting rid of the code test?

73 de Jim, N2EY

2040. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-20 02:22:23 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030719222223.08200.00000884@mb-m25.aol.com>
Source record: 71879

In article <3F19C79E.1090302@adelphia.net>, Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
writes:

>Reading a report on how long it will likely take for the U.S. to ratify
>and drop Morse requirements, we are given an estimate of two years.

Mike,

TWO YEARS?! Who estimates that? I know the wheels of govt. turn slowly, but
that seems like a very long time to get a treaty ratified. I think the FCC will
just dump Element 1 when the treaty changes - they've all but said so.
>
> This leads me to wonder, is it better to wait for those two years to go

>by before getting ones HF ticket, or is it better to just learn Morse
>and get the ticket much sooner?

All depends what a person wants. Some people really want to get on HF/MF,
others aren't in much of a hurry.

>Is a person willing to wait those two years more imterested in the ARS,
>or is the person who, even if they are not personally interested in
>Morse Code, yet studies for and passes the test and gets on the air now
>more interested?

Anybody can be "interested". Some are willing to wait, others are willing to do
what is required now.

Here's an analogy: Remember VCRs first appeared on the market? They were very
expensive and very limited. (The first one I ever saw was about 1974, a Sony
U-Matic.) Lots of people were "interested" - until they saw the price tag.

Then VCRs got less and less expensive, easier to use, and more versatile. At
each level of price decrease, a new market of buyers was reached because people
had what I call a "threshold price". My threshold price for a VCR was $300. Now
you can get a good one for half that.

For an unknown number of people, the code test puts an HF ham license above
their threshold price.

> I personally think this is no contest. The person who is willing to get

>their license sooner shows a greater interest than a person who says "As
>long as there is requirement X, I am more interested in NOT being in the
>ARS than I am in being IN the ARS."

Of course - just like the person who wouldn't buy a VCR when they were $500.

But there's another effect - market saturation. As VCR prices dropped, sales went up and up - then leveled off, because everybody who wanted a VCR already had one. I've seen VCRs for well under $100, but I didn't buy one, because I already have one that works fine and I don't need or have room for another one. No matter what is done to the license requirements, there are only so many people in the world who want to be hams.

It's important to remember that the license is only the first step. It's a bit of work to put a decent HF amateur station on the air, and it can cost some $$ unless you are willing to use old equipment and/or homebrew. For many prospective hams, setting up a station is much more of a challenge/barrier/hurdle than the license test.

We'll see what happens to the ham license "market" when the "price" drops. I say we will see some but not many.

I still think two years is a really high estimate. Unless FCC does the NPRM thing, which I sincerely doubt.

73 de Jim, N2EY

2041. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-20 02:23:07 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
Message-ID: <3F19FD11.4080809@adelphia.net>
Source record: 71876

N2EY wrote:
> In article <MOSRa.981$lL.113512@nnrp1.ptd.net>, "Carl R. Stevenson"
> <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> writes:
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>
>>"N2EY" <N2EY@AOL.COM> wrote in message
>>news:c2356669.0307180300.5906dfa6@posting.google.com...
>>
>>>>Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote in message
>>
>>news:<Xns93BA673229F3Eelektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>...
>>
>>>>>Bringing the phone subbands in line with other countries in Region 2
>>>
>>would
>>
>>>>>be sufficient
>>>
>>>>Seeing as how the USA has more hams than any other country in Region
>>>2, why not have those other countries get their phone subbands in line
>>>with the USA?
>>
>>Because they are soverign nations with the right to regulate the use of
>>the radio spectrum within their jurisdictions as they see fit and according
>>to their needs, as long as they are not in violation of the ITU Radio
>>Regulations.
>
>
> That's not a reason, just a fact.
>
>>Because most of the rest of the world does it the same way they do
>>and the US is virtually alone in its sub-band by mode regulations.
>
>
> We were talking about Region 2.
>
>
>>Jim ... I realize that your question above was *probably* (at least
>>partly) tongue in cheek, but it does sort of smack of American
>>arrogance ... and to some of the other countries in region 2, perhaps
>>something approaching "Yankee imperialism."
>
>
> What about anti-American arrogance?

>
> I think you completely misread what I was saying. Wasn't tongue in cheek at
> all, just an opposing idea. Nowhere do I suggest that any sort of coercion be
> applied to other countries - why do you read that into my words?

As I recall, the person suggesting that we align ourselves to the rest
of the world's standards was from another country. When Jim retorted,
he was accused of American arrogance. Ohhhhkkkkay, then what was the
first suggestion? Logic? Something that wasn't arrogance, suggested by
someone else, but arrogance if an American suggests it?

Simply Wrong, Carl!

> The fact of the matter is that the reason we have limited 'phone bands here in
> the USA is twofold: One, to give the DX a place to operate 'phone without
> having to deal with Yankee pileups every time they try to operate when the band
> is open, and two, to give US hams an incentive to use modes other than 'phone.
> Both are good ideas.

Very good ideas, and if the rest of the world would want to adopt
something like this, it could be cool (not even a suggestion, just a
"hey folks, look what we do")

- Mike KB3EIA -

2042. Re: The "trained pool of operators" argument - debunked

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-20 02:35:44 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030719223544.24390.00001231@mb-m19.aol.com>
Source record: 71880

In article <bfa95b$88m$1@slb3.atl.mindspring.net>, "Bill Sohl"
<billsohl@mindspring.com> writes:

>For all the complaining of lower standards...yada, yada,
>yada, I find it amazing we have the incredible technology
>advances, capabilities, etc which far exceed anything
>we had 30 years ago. Just where and who do you
>attribute those advances to...if not the new generation
>of students graduating from our schools?

Bill:

Don't look now, but all of this incredible technology comes to us
hams in the form of off-the-shelf appliances, largely designed and
manufacturered in Japan.

73 de Larry, K3LT

2043. Re: Ham Radio In The Post-Code Testing Era

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-20 02:35:45 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030719223545.24390.00001232@mb-m19.aol.com>
Source record: 71881

In article <bfaagf$6i0$1@slb0.atl.mindspring.net>, "Bill Sohl"
<billsohl@mindspring.com> writes:

>> Carl:
>> Well, you've spent years making THAT perfectly clear! Fortunately there
>are
>> those of us who do care about whether or not a useful communications skill
>> continues to be practiced in the ARS.
>
>Do YOU care enough to be a positive spokesperson/recruiter
>for CW to new hams?

Bill:

I've been doing that all along.

>> ... I see that as a totally unimportant issue in he grand scheme of things
>...
>> it is up to Morse enthusiasts to recruit new
>> >Morse ops ... and talking down to those who are not interested will not
>help
>> >that cause.
>>
>> Especially since those who are not interested have finally gotten their
>way!
>
>Sounds like a personal problem.

Well, it will be for the New Age hams who will not have benefited from
having been exposed to the more comprehensive and challenging licensing
process of the Pre-Restructuring/WRC-03 Era, including Morse code
testing.

>>We used to have that incentive in the
>> Pre-Restructuring
>> Era. Now that it is gone, to rely simply on enticing people to Morse/CW
>with
>> the promise of better operating capability will probably not resonate very
>well
>> with the majority of newcomers who, basically, are going to be refugees
>from
>> the Citizen's Band, who just want a louder, more frequency-agile box to
>plug
>> their microphone into.

>Defeatist attitude as I see it.

Anything like the "defeatist attitude" of those who, for years, have avoided
being involved in Amateur Radio because of code testing?

>>Again, future hams will not have had your experience. That is
>the
>> >> difference. Not having "been there, done that" disqualifies them from
>> >> making any judgment on the "code" issue whatsoever.
>> >
>> >I don't buy that argument
>>
>> Which doesn't make it any less true.

>Nor does it change the fact that your statement
>is only an opinion.

My statement about future hams having no experience with Morse/CW
is plain FACT, not opinion, Bill. It is also a fact that because of their
lack of experience, they are self-disqualified from having an "opinion"
about the subject.

>> >... folks can be intelligent enough that, with
>> >a modest exposure to Morse through personal contact with other hams,
>> >seeing others using the mode, etc., they can make a choice as to whether
>> >they are interested in purusing the mode or not.
>>
>> That's not the same thing, Carl. I was referring to their "opinions," or
>> subjective impressions, of the Morse code. The decision-making process
>> they apply to decide whether or not to attempt to learn it is a much more
>> objective process.
>
>So work te process, be a recruiter for morse.

As has always been the case, the ability of any advocate of Morse code
testing to "recruit" new hams to the mode is limited to relating their
own experience. The new hams will be receptive to his in varying degrees,
yet they will, in fact, not have the same incentive to actually give it a try
that existed under the previous licensing process. In the end, whether or
not they learn it is strictly up to them, as it has always been. The problem
is, in the future, they will still have full HF privileges, so they no longer
have nothing to lose by simply forgoing the whole Morse/CW mode.
They will, however, most likely petition the ARRL and the FCC for more
HF phone allocations -- and where do you think they'll come from?

73 de Larry, K3LT

2044. Re: ARS License Numbers

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-20 02:53:19 UTC
From: Dave Heil <k8mn@earthlink.net>
Message-ID: <3F1A04B6.9867814D@earthlink.net>
Source record: 71882

Vshah101 wrote:
>
> From: Mike Coslo mjc5@psu.edu
>
> >Perhaps you need to look to other possibilities for why you don't get
> >along with hams.
>
> I was re-invited to the last DXexpedition I went to, so I get along with Hams.

You didn't go on a "DXexpedition".

Dave K8MN

2045. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-20 02:59:15 UTC
From: Dave Heil <k8mn@earthlink.net>
Message-ID: <3F1A060E.C22C5CEF@earthlink.net>
Source record: 71884

Kim W5TIT wrote:
>
> "Dave Heil" <k8mn@earthlink.net> wrote in message
> news:3F18C154.813AFBF4@earthlink.net...
> > Kim W5TIT wrote:
> > >
> > > X-A-Notice: References line has been trimmed due to 512 byte
> limitationAbuse-Reports-To: abuse at airmail.net to report improper postings
> > > NNTP-Proxy-Relay: library1-aux.airnews.net
> > > NNTP-Posting-Time: Fri, 18 Jul 2003 20:16:15 -0500 (CDT)
> > > NNTP-Posting-Host: !X@U/1k-Y-#+3:P-T>$! (Encoded at Airnews!)
> > > X-Priority: 3
> > > X-MSMail-Priority: Normal
> > > X-Newsreader: Microsoft Outlook Express 6.00.2800.1158
> > > X-MimeOLE: Produced By Microsoft MimeOLE V6.00.2800.1165
> > >
> > > "Dave Heil" <k8mn@earthlink.net> wrote in message
> > > news:3F1899A1.6D414E60@earthlink.net...
> > > > Brian wrote:
> > > > >
> > > > > Dave Heil <k8mn@earthlink.net> wrote in message
> > > news:<3F1769D6.C7FF9183@earthlink.net>...
> > > > > > Brian wrote:
> > > > > > >
> > > > > > > Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net> wrote in message
> > > news:<3F161D6F.8AE85623@att.net>...
> > > > > > > > Brian wrote:
> > > > > > >
> > > > > > > > > To be honest, I don't think there is any answer that will
> > > satisfy you.
> > > > > > > > >
> > > > > > > > > Brian
> > > > > > > >
> > > > > > > > > At least not a truthful one.
> > > > > > >
> > > > > > > > Well then, that's it. Jim isn't satisfied with truthful
> answers.
> > > No
> > > > > > > > wonder he keeps asking.
> > > > > >
> > > > > > You haven't even provided truthful responses now. You've been
> asked.
> > > > > > You have declined. You've provided reasons such as, "The
> questions

> > > are
> > > > > > just too hard". Jim and I have continued to ask because you've
> > > > > > continued to be evasive.
> > > >
> > > > > Most of the answers were given long, long ago. Whether you or Jim
> > > > > believe me isn't my problem.
> > > >
> > > > Sure, it's your problem. You have a credibility problem, one which is
> > > > compounded by your saying that you've already answered the questions.
> > > >
> > > > You haven't done so and your tale remains vapor.
> > > >
> > > > Dave K8MN
> > >
> > > heh heh...he just doesn't understand the concept of "not my problem,"
> Brian!
> > > ;)
> >
> > Brian's saying that it isn't his problem does not mean that he has no
> > problem. In this case, it only means that he doesn't care to
> > acknowledge it.
> >
> > Dave K8MN
> >
>
> If someone does not acknowledge/accept something as a problem to them, it is
> generally a moot point from their perspective.

Fine. That does not mean that the person has no problem. It only means
that the individual chooses to ignore it.

> But, you don't understand
> such things, Dave.... You have a book to live by.

It is precisely because I have a book to live by that I understand such
things. I understand, for example, that this is simply another time
that you've attempted to inject yourself into an issue when you really
have nothing to say.

Dave K8MN

2046. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-20 02:59:38 UTC
From: "D. Stussy" <kd6lvw@bde-arc.ampr.org>
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.56.0307200238150.30376@kd6lvw.ampr.org>
Source record: 71883

On Sun, 20 Jul 2003, Mike Coslo wrote:
> D. Stussy wrote:
> > On Sat, 19 Jul 2003, Mike Coslo wrote:
> >> Reading a report on how long it will likely take for the U.S. to ratify
> >>and drop Morse requirements, we are given an estimate of two years.
> >>
> >> This leads me to wonder, is it better to wait for those two years to go
> >>by before getting ones HF ticket, or is it better to just learn Morse
> >>and get the ticket much sooner?
> > >
> > >
> > > If you pass the code test and get it now, then you won't have to face the wrath
> > > of the idiots on this group complaining about your "inferior" license giving
> > > you equal authority to operate as theirs. :-)
> >
> > Do you think *that* would be a good reason? I want to do something I'm
> > interested in as long as I can. I mean really, do you care what say
> > Larry, Dick, or Jim or even my self think? Two years is just too long to
> > wait. That's the reason why I think a preson would get the ticket sooner.

1) It's not certainly worse than any other reason one can think of.
2) If he reads here, then he escapes their wrath against the "no-code extra."
3) Is my post any worse than anything else that is posted here? :-)

I couldn't care less what our resident ghouls think.... Maybe they should go
start a new newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.degeneration

I don't think that anybody really cares anymore... All I ever hear here is a
bunch of code bashing, ARRL bashing (and I'm NOT a member or supporter of them
either), a whole bunch of inside jokes and useless posts, and I haven't even
covered the foolishness of such characters as Stewart Tease and his MURS crap.

As long as we're going to end up eliminating the code element from testing, why
not simplify amateur radio licensing even more? There only need be two
classes:
1 - for HF (any and all operation below 30MHz), and
2 - for VHF and above (above 30MHz).
A person can hold both classes (a 1+2 license) if one passed both tests.
Class 2 is NOT a prerequisite for class 1. We could call a 1+2 a class 3
license, but I wanted to demonstrate the independence of each class.

Transitions:
Novice: No credit. Cancelled upon expiration ("upgrade or die").
Technician (no code): Class 2 only.
Technician (w/ HF): Class 2 only. (The code element is worthless)
General, Adv, Extra: Class 1+2.

Pre-1987 Technicians are equivalent to general so they will get a 1+2 license.

Only a class 2 license can be a repeater trustee.... Except for 10m, since repeaters must be above 30MHz, this isn't really a problem. Satellite trusteeship will require a class 1+2 license.

I'm assuming that there will be too much resistance to a SINGLE license class.

2047. Re: Smells like type acceptance

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-20 03:11:53 UTC
From: k0hb@arrl.net
Message-ID: <e79dbd9b.0307191911.43631f6e@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71885

n2ey@aol.com (N2EY) wrote

>
> I don't think modification of factory-made amateur equipment for illegal
> purposes should be defended by the ARRL.
>

Did I say the ARRL should defend the actions of this guy? Damn, Jim,
you were one of the last guys I'd expect to twist my words in such a
dishonest manner.

What I did say was ...

... 1) that the guy got off way too easy,
... 2) but that this particular FCC action smacks of a possible
precedent for denying hams (or certain classes of hams as in Canada)
the right to modify their equipment.

... and K2ASP is excused for rising in defense of his ex-employer, but
he has taken the lawerly approach of not directly addressing my
question, instead raising a diversionary fog about "but the guy wasn't
acting as a ham". So I'll ask a rhetorical question which requires
only a "simple Yes or No"..... "Does FCC have the authority to
require hams to maintain factory built equipment in it's original
state?"

With all kind wishes,

de Hans, K0HB

2048. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-20 03:17:44 UTC
From: "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net>
Message-ID: <sRnSa.11345$Vx2.5310524@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com>
Source record: 71886

"Alun Palmer" <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote in message
news:Xns93BDDB93FE306elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4...
> The thing is Dee, a CW test is a very odd way to 'earn' HF. I'm not atall
> sure that a person has not earned HF just beacause they haven't learnt CW.
> Sure, Part 97 might agree with that rather peculiar proposition for the
> time being, but it won't much longer.

The thing is that happens to be the current requirement regardless of our individual opinions on whether it is peculiar or not. and I know people who have been whining for 10 years waiting for the code requirement to go away. It's rather peculiar that a person would wait that long and miss out on all the operating that they profess to wanting to do.

Dee D. Flint, N8UZE

2049. Re: Smells like type acceptance

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-20 03:32:49 UTC
From: "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net>
Message-ID: <B3oSa.11349$Vx2.5313095@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com>
Source record: 71887

"K0HB" <k0hb@arrl.net> wrote in message
news:e79dbd9b.0307191911.43631f6e@posting.google.com...
> n2ey@aol.com (N2EY) wrote
>
> >
> > I don't think modification of factory-made amateur equipment for illegal
> > purposes should be defended by the ARRL.
> >
>
> Did I say the ARRL should defend the actions of this guy? Damn, Jim,
> you were one of the last guys I'd expect to twist my words in such a
> dishonest manner.
>
> What I did say was ...
>
> ... 1) that the guy got off way too easy,
> ... 2) but that this particular FCC action smacks of a possible
> precedent for denying hams (or certain classes of hams as in Canada)
> the right to modify their equipment.
>
> ... and K2ASP is excused for rising in defense of his ex-employer, but
> he has taken the lawerly approach of not directly addressing my
> question, instead raising a diversionary fog about "but the guy wasn't
> acting as a ham". So I'll ask a rhetorical question which requires
> only a "simple Yes or No"..... "Does FCC have the authority to
> require hams to maintain factory built equipment in it's original
> state?"
>
> With all kind wishes,
>
> de Hans, K0HB

Yes they do. That would fall under the category of modifying that
individual ham's license. It does not set a precedence. They can put
limits on a specific individual ham as to how, when, and where he can
operate his gear.

Dee D. Flint, N8UZE

2050. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-20 04:00:44 UTC
From: Bill Sohl <billsohl@mindspring.com>
Message-ID: <bfd4bknjf1@slb3.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 71888

"N2EY" <n2ey@aol.com> wrote in message
news:20030719182126.18497.00001412@mb-m05.aol.com...
> In article <bfa8nl$ps0$1@slb6.atl.mindspring.net>, "Bill Sohl"
> <billsohl@mindspring.com> writes:
>
> >> >So convince the FCC that some august body of hams (elected? appointed?
> >> >approved by?) should take over setting FCC part 97 rules.
> >>
> >> Works for me.
> >
> >But we both know the concept is bogus.
>
> Not entirely. FCC has turned over testing and test development to hams,
yet
> retains supervisory control. Or look at repeater coordination - hams
determine
> the coordination, and FCC enforces their decisions!

But the FCC still sets the regulations.

> >> >> However, FCC involvement is need because the hams will ignore the
> >> >> needs of other services just as the other services ignore the needs
of
> >> >> hams. It's a balancing act and the FCC is the juggler.
>
> >> >So you are then saying the FCC should NOT make any
> >> >rules regarding operation within ham bands that don't have
> >> >any interfernece issues related to them...such as
> >> >band segments for phone vs data, etc. morse test
> >> >requirements, etc.?
>
> >> Nope. Not at all.
>
> >> The point is that the mere fact that FCC enacts a rule does not mean
it's
> >> a good idea, or in the best interest of amateur radio. All it means is
that
> >> FCC enacted the rule.
> >
> >The original point made was a claim that the FCC doesn't
> >make rules at all that might be judged as being favorable
> >or unfavorable for ham radio. Clearly a specific rule may
> >be detrimental...but that doesn't mean the FCC didn't
> >or wouldn't weigh its need or benefit in light of what
> >it does for ham radio.

>
> That much I agree with. But it's also true that just because FCC does
something
> is no guarantee that the something is good for the ARS.

Agreed.

> >> Was the 55 mph national speed limit a good idea, in the best interests
of
> >> the motoring public? The "expert agency" recommended that rule, and it
> >> stayed on the books for decades.
> >
> >Actually, the 55 was the brainchild (I'd call it a nightmare)
> >of a NJ reprentative who is now deceased. The problem was
> >the 55 limit had no "sunshine" aspect and that resulted in congress
> >getting tied up as being anti-safety by the insurance industry
> >who wanted the 55 limit.
>
> Doesn't matter - the point is that the "expert agency" enacted it for one
> reason and kept it for another, even though many if not most of those
affected
> thought it was a bad idea.

There was NO expert agecy involved at all. The NJ rep was a memeber
of congress (house of representatives). I would certainly NOT
call the house an "expert agency."... would you?

> >> >> > The reality, however, is that the FCC is the determining body.
>
> >> >> > > Many of the staff are not involved in ham radio. They are a
> >> >> > > government body whose purpose is to regulate the various radio
> >> >> > > services so that they can coexist.
>
> >> >> > That's only part of their purpose.
>
> >> What's the rest?
>
> >Others include need for the service, use, benefit of
> >the service to the public good, etc.
> >IF ham radio users truly began to dwindle, do you
> >doubt that the FCC would consider dropping ham radio
> >as a service even though there was no coexistence problem?
>
> It would take a lot of dwindling. And that's not happening - amateur radio
in
> the USA is not only growing, but it's growing faster than the population.

I agree...my hypothetical was just
a discussion point.

> >> >> We were very lucky that ham radio was allowed to continue to exist
> >> >> since the commercial and military interests wanted us gone. It was

> >> >> only by
> >> >> intense lobbying on the part of the hams that we managed to stay in
> >> >> there.
> >> >
> >> >All of which happened about 80+ years ago.
> >>
> >> Not all. Look at the changes of 1929 - less than 75 years ago.
> >
> >Pickey, pickey...so I was off by 5 years or so.
>
> The point is that the threats are more recent. Lookit BPL - that's today.

BPL isn't however, a desire for another service
to get rid of hams. I agree BPL is a major threat
to all of us, but for different reasons.

> >> >> > Again, bottom line...FCC does the deciding.
> >> >>
> >> >> Yes I certainly agree they do the deciding.
> >> >
> >> >Which makes all this discussion rather academic.
> >>
> >> Not at all. Hopefully, FCC decisions can be influenced for a better
future
> >> for amateur radio.
>
> >The ability to influence those decisions is the same today as
> >it was in the past. that's what the public input process
> >is all about.
>
> 'zactly. But all too few hams take a part in it. Look at the restructuring
NPRM
> - 675,000 hams, less than 2300 comments.

But not filling comments doesn't mean all hams
haven't looked at a proposed rule and simpy
said to themselves....OK by me for this one and
not filed a comment at all.

Cheers,
Bill K2UNK

2051. Re: The "trained pool of operators" argument - debunked

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-20 04:03:24 UTC
From: Bill Sohl <billsohl@mindspring.com>
Message-ID: <bfd4ki$3k1$1@slb5.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 71889

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"Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net> wrote in message
news:tC2Sa.11166$Vx2.5119006@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com...
>
> "Bill Sohl" <billsohl@mindspring.com> wrote in message
> news:bfa95b$88m$1@slb3.atl.mindspring.net...
> >
> > "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net> wrote in message
> > news:QAJRa.10978$Vx2.4921110@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com...
> > >
> > > "Brian Kelly" <kelly@dvol.com> wrote in message
> > > news:d22b54c3.0307171757.6d763cdb@posting.google.com...
> > > >
> > > > Great post Bert, ya sed it all, I wish I'd written it. Your Regents
> > > > analogy was masterful. They don't have the gumption to achieve so
dumb
> > > > the exams to "their" achievement level and their "problem" goes
away.
> > > >
> > > > w3rv
> > >
> > > No the problem won't go away as the next generation of people will
have
> > even
> > > lower achievement and will demand that the tests be made simpler yet.
> > >
> > > Dee D. Flint, N8uZE
> >
> > For all the complaining of lower standards...yada, yada,
> > yada, I find it amazing we have the incredible technology
> > advances, capabilities, etc which far exceed anything
> > we had 30 years ago. Just where and who do you
> > attribute those advances to...if not the new generation
> > of students graduating from our schools?
> >
> > Cheers,
> > Bill K2UNK
>
> There will always be some people who pursue their individuals interests to
> the highest level of which they are capable regardless of the standards in
> effect. Such people basically aren't worried about meeting a standard but
> pursuing personal excellence in a field that they are interested in.
These
> are the ones who are and will be responsible for the advances that we have
> seen and will see in the future. This will continue to occur despite the
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> lowering of standards.
>
> However, the average ability of society will "fall off". Instead of
gadgets
> and gizmos being a convenience, they will become a necessity. The clerk
> that can't count change without the machine telling him/her is all too
> common today. They are helpless when the machine breaks down. Lowering
the
> ability of society as a whole is not particularly good for the society.

It all depends on what you consider important. Some might argue that
not being mechanical isn't any big deal as the need is just not
there. Your mileage may vary.

Cheers,
Bill K2UNK

2052. Re: The "trained pool of operators" argument - debunked

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-20 04:06:06 UTC
From: Bill Sohl <billsohl@mindspring.com>
Message-ID: <bfd5fu$vj1$1@slb4.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 71890

"Larry Roll K3LT" <yodoc@aol.comnospam> wrote in message
news:20030719223544.24390.00001231@mb-m19.aol.com...
> In article <bfa95b$88m$1@slb3.atl.mindspring.net>, "Bill Sohl"
> <billsohl@mindspring.com> writes:
>
> >For all the complaining of lower standards...yada, yada,
> >yada, I find it amazing we have the incredible technology
> >advances, capabilities, etc which far exceed anything
> >we had 30 years ago. Just where and who do you
> >attribute those advances to...if not the new generation
> >of students graduating from our schools?
>
> Bill:
> Don't look now, but all of this incredible technology comes to us
> hams in the form of off-the-shelf appliances, largely designed and
> manufacturered in Japan.

New inventions are not limited to Japan. US companies still
produce an incredible amount of new techology and applications.

Cheers,
Bill K2UNK

2053. Re: Ham Radio In The Post-Code Testing Era

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-20 04:20:08 UTC
From: Bill Sohl <billsohl@mindspring.com>
Message-ID: <bfd5g0$vj1$2@slb4.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 71891

"Larry Roll K3LT" <yodoc@aol.comnospam> wrote in message
news:20030719223545.24390.00001232@mb-m19.aol.com...
> In article <bfaagf$6i0$1@slb0.atl.mindspring.net>, "Bill Sohl"
> <billsohl@mindspring.com> writes:
>
> >> Carl:
> >> Well, you've spent years making THAT perfectly clear! Fortunately
there
> >are
> >> those of us who do care about whether or not a useful communications
skill
> >> continues to be practiced in the ARS.
> >
> >Do YOU care enough to be a positive spokesperson/recruiter
> >for CW to new hams?
>
> Bill:
>
> I've been doing that all along.

Coulda fooled me by many of your comments in this
newsgroup.

> >> ... I see that as a totally unimportant issue in he grand scheme of
things
> >...
> >> it is up to Morse enthusiasts to recruit new
> >> >Morse ops ... and talking down to those who are not interested will
not
> >help
> >> >that cause.
> >>
> >> Especially since those who are not interested have finally gotten their
> >way!
> >
> >Sounds like a personal problem.
>
> Well, it will be for the New Age hams who will not have benefited from
> having been exposed to the more comprehensive and challenging licensing
> process of the Pre-Restructuring/WRC-03 Era, including Morse code
> testing.

Yawn.

> >>We used to have that incentive in the
> >> Pre-Restructuring
> >> Era. Now that it is gone, to rely simply on enticing people to
Morse/CW
> >with
> >> the promise of better operating capability will probably not resonate
very
> >well
> >> with the majority of newcomers who, basically, are going to be refugees
> >from
> >> the Citizen's Band, who just want a louder, more frequency-agile box to
> >plug
> >> their microphone into.
>
> >Defeatist attitude as I see it.
>
> Anything like the "defeatist attitude" of those who, for years, have
avoided
> being involved in Amateur Radio because of code testing?

Suck it up and deal with it.

> >>Again, future hams will not have had your experience. That is
> >the
> >> >> difference. Not having "been there, done that" disqualifies them
from
> >> >> making any judgment on the "code" issue whatsoever.
> >> >
> >> >I don't buy that argument
> >>
> >> Which doesn't make it any less true.
>
> >Nor does it change the fact that your statement
> >is only an opinion.
>
> My statement about future hams having no experience with Morse/CW
> is plain FACT, not opinion, Bill. It is also a fact that because of their
> lack of experience, they are self-disqualified from having an "opinion"
> about the subject.

That's utter bull. For no other reason than
this is the USA and anyone is free to have an opinion
on morse and voice it as they see fit. Your opinion,
is exactly that...your opinion.

> >> >... folks can be intelligent enough that, with
> >> >a modest exposure to Morse through personal contact with other hams,
> >> >seeing others using the mode, etc., they can make a choice as to
whether
> >> >they are interested in purusing the mode or not.
> >>
> >> That's not the same thing, Carl. I was referring to their "opinions,"

or
> >> subjective impressions, of the Morse code. The decision-making process
> >> they apply to decide whether or not to attempt to learn it is a much
more
> >> objective process.
> >
> >So work te process, be a recruiter for morse.
>
> As has always been the case, the ability of any advocate of Morse code
> testing to "recruit" new hams to the mode is limited to relating their
> own experience. The new hams will be receptive to his in varying degrees,
> yet they will, in fact, not have the same incentive to actually give it a
try
> that existed under the previous licensing process.

Guess you'll just have to accept that.

> In the end, whether or
> not they learn it is strictly up to them, as it has always been.

Agreed.

> The problem
> is, in the future, they will still have full HF privileges, so they no
longer
> have nothing to lose by simply forgoing the whole Morse/CW mode.

That's a problem for you. Others might consider it just a challange
to overcome in the recruiting process.

> They will, however, most likely petition the ARRL and the FCC for more
> HF phone allocations -- and where do you think they'll come from?

Petition the ARRL? The ARRL doesn't set the
rules last time I checked :-)

Cheers,
Bill K2UNK

2054. Re: Why don't Real Hams you face the facts?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-20 04:39:06 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030720003906.24390.00001233@mb-m19.aol.com>
Source record: 71893

In article <bfbtkh$244o$1@adenine.netfront.net>, "Kim W5TIT"
<fahgedit@nomail.net> writes:

>Gotcha! Well, you know broad paintbrushes are the tools of choice today.
>The current Administration has made it very popular.... ;)

Kim:

What kind of "broad paintbrushes" is the Bush Administration using? Are
they anything like Hillary's "Vast Right Wing Conspiracy?

73 de Larry, K3LT

2055. Re: How Ugly Can One Creep Be?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-20 04:39:06 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030720003906.24390.00001234@mb-m19.aol.com>
Source record: 71899

In article <ve6jhv0ge7crmqr46eh1or7vhlk000ssob@4ax.com>, Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net> writes:

>>>However, the reference to shuttles
>>>burning up on reentry was a poor choice of words.
>>>
>>
>>Do you think?
>
>I was trying to be nice about it.
>
>73 DE John, KC2HMZ

John:

I see you live in Tonawanda, NY. I am a former Western New Yorker, having been raised in the town of Alden. I wonder if you know my good friend Pete Liaros, K2RSK? If so, next time you see him or talk to him on a local repeater, let him know you know me and I'm sure he'll tell you all about me and how we met on 10-meters over 20 years ago! Whenever I visit in the WNY area, I try to have breakfast with Peter -- pehaps you could join us sometime!

73 de Larry, K3LT

2056. Re: Time to call a truce?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-20 04:39:07 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030720003907.24390.00001235@mb-m19.aol.com>
Source record: 71892

In article <3F19FAF0.2040500@adelphia.net>, Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
writes:

> Seriously, if they are right, the holier than thou pro-coders will
>vanish into the noise level - figuratively speaking.

Mike:

Actually, when BPL raises the noise level, it will be us pro-coders who
will be the ones NOT "vanishing" -- holier-than-thou status notwithstanding.

73 de Larry, K3LT

2057. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-20 04:39:08 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030720003908.24390.00001237@mb-m19.aol.com>
Source record: 71897

In article <3F19D88F.46D5570A@yahoo.moc>, Scott Unit 69
<scott_unit_69@yahoo.moc> writes:

>I don't care for code, nor feel that I should be forced to learned an
>outdated
>mode of communication. If BPL comes to fruition, HF privs will be a mute
>point,
>however, CW may be the only mode that works.

Scotty:

Hey, I know what you mean about those darned ole outdated modes
of communication. Once you get your No-Code test General or
Extra, wanna make a sked to work some Hellschreiber with me?

73 de Larry, K3LT

2058. Re: Time to call a truce?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-20 04:39:08 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030720003908.24390.00001236@mb-m19.aol.com>
Source record: 71900

In article <BxlSa.185$j47.149@news01.roc.ny>, "Jim Hampton"
<aa2qa@frontiernet.net> writes:

>It is time to get over the CW business. Really.
>The amateur license is an introduction to electronics and communications.
>It isn't a professional license, but allows us to learn (and serve in
>emergencies). I honestly believe it is time to drop the 'holier than thou'
>attitude and try and attract new blood to this fine hobby of ours.

Jim:

The code/no-code test debate wasn't started by us PCTA's. We only became
PCTA's after enduring the endless whining of those who for a litany of
"reasons," couldn't be bothered to learn the code or be tested for it. It is
all based on the one thing they steadfastly never admitted to -- laziness.
And they all had the same objective in mind -- gaining HF phone privileges
with a minimum of effort. This lack of initiative and motivation also means
that they will not likely be bothered to gain any notable technical skills.
All
they want to do is get a microphone in their hand and talk -- and that's it!

Knowledge of the Morse code gives radio amateurs a uniquely practical,
effective, efficient and universal communications capability. Those who
possess this skill are truly qualified to provide the kind of emergency
backup communications capability which is bandied about so much these
days. And, quite frankly, those who don't possess this skill are simply not
qualified to offer an opinion about it.

>I don't
>care what class of ticket one holds, we are all licensed amateur operators
>and all should be respected as such.

I disagree. The hams of the Post-Restructuring/WRC-03 Era will be less
qualified and capable than those who entered our hobby/service under the
more challenging and comprehensive licensing standards that existed prior
to April 15, 2000. They will exist as hams only at the sufferance of their
Pre-Restructuring/WRC-03 superiors, and will have to prove to US that
they are "full-fledged" hams, either by gaining equivalent Morse/CW
operational capability on their own initiative, or demonstrating clearly
superior technical skills. I am not saying that they should be treated with
disrespect, but they should be aware that they are not in any position to
claim any kind of equality with their Code Era counterparts, and would be
better off not raise the issue -- unless they want to get put squarely in their

place.

I, for one, am not going to condone the dumbing-down of our society in any way, especially in the ARS. I realize that new hams will have no choice but to proceed through the present licensing system, but they will carry the burden of being aware of the history of the ARS licensing requirements, and realize that they are breezing in under a system that no offers no particular challenge and no useful skill development. Whatever they become as hams will be entirely up to them, and for a few decades at least, they will be doing so under the watchful eye of very highly qualified judges.

73 de Larry, K3LT

2059. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-20 04:39:09 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030720003909.24390.00001238@mb-m19.aol.com>
Source record: 71895

In article <3F19C79E.1090302@adelphia.net>, Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
writes:

>Reading a report on how long it will likely take for the U.S. to ratify
>and drop Morse requirements, we are given an estimate of two years.

Mike:

I wonder if the NCTA's will figure out a way to get the FCC to fast-track
this process?

> This leads me to wonder, is it better to wait for those two years to go

>by before getting ones HF ticket, or is it better to just learn Morse
>and get the ticket much sooner?

I learned the hard way. I waited 14 years, and lost out on what could have
been the best years of my ham radio career! Now I'm 50 years old, and
won't even qualify for QCWA membership for another three years!

>Is a person willing to wait those two years more imterested in the ARS,
>or is the person who, even if they are not personally interested in
>Morse Code, yet studies for and passes the test and gets on the air now
>more interested?

Anyone who waits the (up to) two years a US No-code General/Extra
may take would appear to be interested only in being lazy. A classic
filter feeder.

> I personally think this is no contest. The person who is willing to get

>their license sooner shows a greater interest than a person who says "As
>long as there is requirement X, I am more interested in NOT being in the
>ARS than I am in being IN the ARS."

I'll provide them some incentive: As of now, 20 July 2003 at 0321 hrs UTC,
any prospective US ham who learns the code at the gruelling speed of 5
WPM, passes the test, and gets their Extra will be considered by me to
be a full-fledged ham as long as they regularly use at least one non-voice
mode on-the-air at least 40 percent of their total operating time. Wow --
is that a deal or what?

73 de Larry, K3LT

2060. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-20 04:39:10 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030720003910.24390.00001239@mb-m19.aol.com>
Source record: 71898

In article <Xns93BDE1B331BB8elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>, Alun Palmer
<elektros@yahoo.com> writes:

>> Do you think *that* would be a good reason? I want to do something
>> I'm
>> interested in as long as I can. I mean really, do you care what say
>> Larry, Dick, or Jim or even my self think? Two years is just too long
>> to wait. That's the reason why I think a preson would get the ticket
>> sooner.

Considering the fact that most people can pass a 5 WPM code test
right after learning basic character recognition (about two weeks' effort
if you take your time), it would be insane to wait two whole years to
get your General- or Extra-class ham ticket. However, a lot of wannabe
hams out there will probably do just that! It's their funeral -- they don't
know what they're missing!

73 de Larry, K3LT

2061. Re: Code a Deterrent to a Ham Ticket ??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-20 04:39:11 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030720003911.24390.00001240@mb-m19.aol.com>
Source record: 71896

In article <PX2Sa.11177$Vx2.5122196@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com>, "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net> writes:

>Piano is an
>> essential skill in music, and I firmly believe all musicians should start
>> on the piano and be tested in piano proficiency before being allowed to
>> move on to any other instrument -- which will be much easier as a result.
>>
>> 73 de Larry, K3LT
>
>As a player of the clarinet, I agree completely.
>
>Dee D. Flint, N8UZE

Dee:

Do you still play? I still own a clarinet (a beautiful LeBlanc Noblet, all-Grenadilla wood) but I haven't played it in over 25 years. It is presently 450 miles away from me in the care of a niece who also used it to learn music the wrong way -- now she's involved in Drama! I keep saying one of these days I'll take it with me after a home visit and try to once again figure out which end to blow into. (Ooops-- something tells me I'm going to be seeing that last sentence again!). I also want to get one of those nice big Casio electronic keyboards and take actual lessons on it, and perhaps become a Real Musician™ someday!

73 de Larry, K3LT

2062. Re: Code a Deterrent to a Ham Ticket ??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-20 04:39:12 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030720003912.24390.00001241@mb-m19.aol.com>
Source record: 71894

In article <bfbj8k$1sph$1@adenine.netfront.net>, "Kim W5TIT"
<fahgedit@nomail.net> writes:

>
>Larry must have been tested on all modes of transportation...
>

Kim:

I was in the Transportation career field in the Air Force, and while I specialized in Air Transportation for the most part, I've driven everything from Jeeps to tractor-trailers, including just about every category of special purpose vehicle you'll find in the military, with the exception of tanks! I figure I've driven approximately seven times the mileage of an average driver during my lifetime. From August 1996 to June 2000 alone, I estimate I drove over 680,000 miles working for an airport shuttle service here in Dover. In fact, I drove that company's first paying customer, and it's last!

In the Air Force, I dealt with all of the various workcenters you'd find in a typical airport -- Passenger Service, which was my primary specialty, Air Cargo, Special Handling (hazardous cargo including munitions and classified cargo), Fleet Service (ground servicing of aircraft and maintenance of galley, passenger cabin, waste, and potable water systems), Terminal Operations, Squadron Management (training programs, Safety, Security, Logistics Planning, Disaster Preparedness, Facilities Management), and Surface mode transportation (rail, water, truck and pipelines). I've had to know about all of these things and be tested in them in order to advance as quickly as I did through the enlisted rank structure, and at no time did I question any of the knowledge or testing requirements. So, thank you for bringing up the subject, and giving me the opportunity to once again demonstrate how capable, successful people don't shy away from making an effort to learn useful skills.

73 de Larry, K3LT

2063. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-20 05:11:43 UTC
From: Dwight Stewart <stewart@say.net>
Message-ID: <BB3F9CCF.1F1AF%stewart@say.net>
Source record: 71951

"N2EY" wrote:

> (snip) I disagree. It's not a mistake to keep
> certain values. Like old-fashioned manners,
> courtesy and respect on the air. But there's
> no good test for that!

I absolutely agree, Jim. Things are not necessarily bad simply because they're old-fashioned. There are many old-fashioned ideals that could clearly help this country be much better place to live if continued today.

Dwight Stewart (W5NET)

http://www.qsl.net/w5net/

2064. Re: Time to call a truce?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-20 05:47:09 UTC
From: Jim Hampton <aa2qa@frontiernet.net>
Message-ID: <x1qSa.203$wr1.171@news01.roc.ny>
Source record: 71952

Larry,

If the BPL raises the noise level enough, it will be the folks running PSK-31 who will get through with signals below the noise level. No offense, CW does do a remarkable job, but some of the digital modes will transmit faster through higher noise levels than CW will (and I did turn in a perfect paper in 1967 at 40 words per minute).

73 from Rochester, NY
Jim AA2QA

"Larry Roll K3LT" <yodoc@aol.comnospam> wrote in message news:20030720003907.24390.00001235@mb-m19.aol.com...
> In article <3F19FAF0.2040500@adelphia.net>, Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
> writes:
>
> > Seriously, if they are right, the holier than thou pro-coders will
> >vanish into the noise level - figuratively speaking.
>
> Mike:
>
> Actually, when BPL raises the noise level, it will be us pro-coders who
> will be the ones NOT "vanishing" -- holier-than-thou status notwithstanding.
>
> 73 de Larry, K3LT
>

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2065. Re: ARS License Numbers

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-20 05:50:43 UTC
From: k4yz@aol.com
Message-ID: <5c01b95b.0307192150.2ce7ab9@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71953

vshah101@aol.com (Vshah101) wrote in message
news:<20030717233458.09604.00000058@mb-m11.aol.com>...
> >From: k4yz@aol.com (Steve Robeson, K4CAP)

> > Again, it has already been proven that the things you insist don't
> >happen DO happen. Why do you insist that they don't?
>
> They don't happen to me. Doesn't happen in the four closest clubs to me, at
> Hamfests in MA, NH, CT. Doesn't happen despite my best efforts to search for
> such activities. Its not what Hams are interested in.

And you refuse to identify these clubs by name. I am sure that is
directly due to the fact that we will then be able to confirm, via
third parties, that you silly assertions are false.

Some of the most prolific QRP, foxhunting and operating clubs are
in the Northeast.

Again, WHY do you insist that these things don't go on when
indeed they are frequent topics of conversation in QST, 73, CQ,
etc...?!?!

Steve, K4YZ

2066. Re: Code a Deterrent to a Ham Ticket ??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-20 05:51:54 UTC
From: Robert Casey <wa2ise@ix.netcom.com>
Message-ID: <3F1A2DFA.5060207@ix.netcom.com>
Source record: 71954

Phil Kane wrote:

>On 18 Jul 2003 05:17:42 -0700, N2EY wrote:
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>
>>OTOH, millions of young children today are "forced" to learn how to do
>>basic arithmetic even though inexpensive calculators have been around
>>for decades.
>>
>>
>
> What "learning"? Go into your local fast-food place or grocery
> store and see the blank look on the clerk's face if s/he has to make
> change and the register is not working.....
>
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>
Yeah. Even if the register is working, some get confused when, for a
bill of $5.72, I
hand them a ten and a single. "I was hoping to get back a five and some
coins"....

Back in the mid sixties, in grammar school we spent a huge amount of
time on
arithemitic chores like long division. Back then before calculators and
home
computers, it probably made some sense to learn how to do this by hand.
Nowadays, they probably should teach some of this, and also get kids to
be able to make judgements of an answer is wildly wrong, or reasonable
(like did I hit the "x" key when I wanted "+"?).

My grammar school "taught to the test". We had yearly achievement
tests (computer graded multiple choice, somewhat similar to the SAT)
and they wanted good scores. So stuff like creative writing was not taught
(doesn't show on the test). No music either. Anyway, if you had some
wits about yourself, a computer graded arithemitic test with multiple
choice answers is a lot easier than one the teacher grades (if it's an
addition problem, all you need add is the right-most colunm and then
you pick the answer with the matching least significant digit).

2067. Re: Time to call a truce?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-20 06:34:07 UTC
From: Dwight Stewart <stewart@say.net>
Message-ID: <BB3FB01E.1F1B1%stewart@say.net>
Source record: 71955

"Larry Roll K3LT" wrote:
>
> (total nonsense snipped)

I see you're still trolling this newsgroup with the same nonsense you've posted for years, Larry.

> (snip) They will exist as hams only at the sufferance
> of their Pre-Restructuring/WRC-03 superiors, and will
> have to prove to US that they are "full-fledged" hams,
> either by... (snip)

LOL. And I also see you're still suffering from delusions of grandeur.

> (snip) I, for one, am not going to condone the dumbing-down
> of our society in any way, especially in the ARS. (snip)

Condone it? Your statements are a perfect example of it - and you started posting those statements long before restructuring.

Dwight Stewart (W5NET)

http://www.qsl.net/w5net/

2068. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-20 10:26:37 UTC
From: k4yz@aol.com
Message-ID: <5c01b95b.0307200226.67967ede@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71956

Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net> wrote in message news:<3F19C79E.1090302@adelphia.net>...

> Reading a report on how long it will likely take for the U.S. to ratify
> and drop Morse requirements, we are given an estimate of two years.

I am willing to bet that some sort of "moratorium" on code
testing is announced within the next 60 days. Just an
opinion...nothing certain
>
> This leads me to wonder, is it better to wait for those two years to go
> by before getting ones HF ticket, or is it better to just learn Morse
> and get the ticket much sooner?

Knowing what I know about how much fun I've had with Amateur
Radio all these years, I'd say do it, get it over with and join the
fun! I liken this to a cure for cancer...Would you delay radiation
therapy in the hopes that "the" cure would be forthcoming
"tomorrow"...?!?!

> Is a person willing to wait those two years more imterested in the ARS,
> or is the person who, even if they are not personally interested in
> Morse Code, yet studies for and passes the test and gets on the air now
> more interested?

The only way to answer that is to have experienced it...No one
can speak for you. All >I< can say is that it's been a blast, no
matter WHAT mode I was operating!

> I personally think this is no contest. The person who is willing to get
> their license sooner shows a greater interest than a person who says "As
> long as there is requirement X, I am more interested in NOT being in the
> ARS than I am in being IN the ARS."

I think you are doing yourself a diservice by that line of
thinking, Mike. Only you can answer that question for yourself, and
anything anyone else can offer (myself included) is nothing more than
opinion or conjecture.

73

Steve, K4YZ

2069. Re: Code a Deterrent to a Ham Ticket ??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-20 12:21:43 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030720082143.10078.00000850@mb-m26.aol.com>
Source record: 71957

In article <wxSRa.979$lL.113024@nnrp1.ptd.net>, "Carl R. Stevenson"
<wk3cqth@wk3c.com> writes:

>"N2EY" <N2EY@AOL.COM> wrote in message
>news:c2356669.0307180417.1c7982bd@posting.google.com...
>> "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> wrote in message
>news:<c%IRa.959$lL.105461@nnrp1.ptd.net>...
>> > Would there be ANY sense in a rule that said "You can't play any other
>> > instrument, no matter how good you might be at it, unless you first
>> > demonstrate that you can play the piano proficiently." ???
>>
>> All depends on who defines "proficiently". The amateur radio code test
>> we have now is roughly equivalent to being able to pound out a few
>> bars of "Chopsticks" with two fingers on the piano. Even the old code
>> tests didn't get much beyond the "Heart and Soul" level, compared to
>> what was considered proficient by knowledgeable folks.
>
>So what?

Just pointing out the devaluation of the term "proficiency".

>The point is that there is no NEED for ANY level of Morse
>proficiency any more.

Sure there is. The mode is widely used on the ham bands, and anyone wants to be
a part of that grand game NEEDS to develop Morse proficiency.

Now you may have meant to write:

'The point is that there is no NEED for ANY level of *TEST* for Morse
proficiency any more, IMHO.'

but that's not what you wrote.

Freudian slip?

73 de Jim, N2EY

2070. Re: Code a Deterrent to a Ham Ticket ??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-20 12:21:43 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030720082143.10078.00000851@mb-m26.aol.com>
Source record: 71959

In article <TuSRa.978$lL.113339@nnrp1.ptd.net>, "Carl R. Stevenson"
<wk3cqth@wk3c.com> writes:

>As stated many times before, a ham radio license is NOT a degree or
>certificate of graduation ... it is a "learner's permit."

No, that's not true.

An amateur license, driver's license and a "certificate of graduation" (usually called a diploma) indicate that the holder has met the minimum requirements, as determined by the agency in charge. Doesn't mean the holder is an expert, fully qualified, or that the learning is done. Just that the person is considered permanently qualified to do certain things.

A learner's permit is a temporary, limited license, issued to allow the holder to learn, under the immediate supervision of an experienced person, skills which cannot be learned from a book or class. The holder of a learner's permit is not supposed to stay at that level, but to "graduate" to a permanent license.

Of course learning is a lifelong process, and no radio amateur knows all there is to know about radio or even amateur radio. But a ham license is not a "learner's permit" by any stretch of imagination. In the days when the Novice was extremely limited (distinctive call, xtal control, tiny parts of a few bands, very few modes) and nonrenewable, it might have been considered a learner's permit. But those days are long gone.
>
>Nice try, but no prize... care to play again?
>
Ahem.

73 de Jim, N2EY

2071. Re: Code a Deterrent to a Ham Ticket ??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-20 12:21:44 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030720082144.10078.00000852@mb-m26.aol.com>
Source record: 71962

In article <3F1A2DFA.5060207@ix.netcom.com>, Robert Casey
<wa2ise@ix.netcom.com> writes:

>Phil Kane wrote:
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>>On 18 Jul 2003 05:17:42 -0700, N2EY wrote:

>>>OTOH, millions of young children today are "forced" to learn how to do
>>>basic arithmetic even though inexpensive calculators have been around
>>>for decades.

>> What "learning"? Go into your local fast-food place or grocery
>> store and see the blank look on the clerk's face if s/he has to make
>> change and the register is not working.....

>Yeah. Even if the register is working, some get confused when, for a
>bill of $5.72, I
>hand them a ten and a single. "I was hoping to get back a five and some
>coins"....

For some reason I don't encounter that sort of thing around here.
>
>Back in the mid sixties, in grammar school we spent a huge amount of
>time on arithemitic chores like long division. Back then before calculators
and
>home computers, it probably made some sense to learn how to do this by hand.
>Nowadays, they probably should teach some of this, and also get kids to
>be able to make judgements of an answer is wildly wrong, or reasonable
>(like did I hit the "x" key when I wanted "+"?).

They do, at least in the local public schools.
>
>My grammar school "taught to the test". We had yearly achievement
>tests (computer graded multiple choice, somewhat similar to the SAT)
>and they wanted good scores. So stuff like creative writing was not taught
>(doesn't show on the test). No music either. Anyway, if you had some
>wits about yourself, a computer graded arithemitic test with multiple
>choice answers is a lot easier than one the teacher grades (if it's an
>addition problem, all you need add is the right-most colunm and then
>you pick the answer with the matching least significant digit).
>
Ugh.

The point still remains - should the whole subject of basic arithmetic simply
be dropped because we now have calculators?
>

73 de Jim, N2EY

2072. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-20 12:21:45 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030720082145.10078.00000853@mb-m26.aol.com>
Source record: 71960

In article <bfd4bknjf1@slb3.atl.mindspring.net>, "Bill Sohl"
<billsohl@mindspring.com> writes:

>"N2EY" <n2ey@aol.com> wrote in message
>news:20030719182126.18497.00001412@mb-m05.aol.com...
>> In article <bfa8nl$ps0$1@slb6.atl.mindspring.net>, "Bill Sohl"
>> <billsohl@mindspring.com> writes:

>> >But we both know the concept is bogus.

>> Not entirely. FCC has turned over testing and test development to hams,
>> yet retains supervisory control. Or look at repeater coordination - hams
>> determine the coordination, and FCC enforces their decisions!
>
>But the FCC still sets the regulations.

And hams expand on them and get FCC enforcement. AFAIK, there's no regulation
about how repeater coordination should be done, such as "two repeaters on the
same pair shall not be closer than X miles where X is determined by...." I
don't even think there is a regulation that all repeaters must be coordinated.

But set up an uncoordinated repeater that causes interference with a
coordinated one and watch what happens.

>> The point is that the threats are more recent. Lookit BPL - that's today.
>
>BPL isn't however, a desire for another service
>to get rid of hams. I agree BPL is a major threat
>to all of us, but for different reasons.

Yet the "expert agency" seems to be all for it in a big way. The "expert
agency" doesn't seem to grasp the very basic concept that the electrical
distribution system will act as a very poor transmission line but a very good
noise radiator.
>
>> >> >> > Again, bottom line...FCC does the deciding.
>> >> >>
>> >> >> Yes I certainly agree they do the deciding.
>> >> >
>> >> >Which makes all this discussion rather academic.
>> >>
>> >> Not at all. Hopefully, FCC decisions can be influenced for a better
>future
>> >> for amateur radio.
>>
>> >The ability to influence those decisions is the same today as

>> >it was in the past. that's what the public input process
>> >is all about.
>>
>> 'zactly. But all too few hams take a part in it. Look at the restructuring
>NPRM
>> - 675,000 hams, less than 2300 comments.
>
>But not filling comments doesn't mean all hams
>haven't looked at a proposed rule and simpy
>said to themselves....OK by me for this one and
>not filed a comment at all.
>
True in theory. But in practice, the squeaky wheels stand a better chance.

73 de Jim, N2EY

2073. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-20 12:21:46 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030720082146.10078.00000854@mb-m26.aol.com>
Source record: 71958

One thing I forgot to put in previous post:

The peak of the sunspot cycle is past, and we're heading full-tilt into sunspot minimum. Conditions on HF will be quite different than some folks are used to, particularly on the bands above 10 MHz, at night, and in the winter.

73 de Jim, N2EY

2074. Re: Smells like type acceptance

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-20 12:21:46 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030720082146.10078.00000855@mb-m26.aol.com>
Source record: 71961

In article <e79dbd9b.0307191911.43631f6e@posting.google.com>, k0hb@arrl.net (K0HB) writes:

>n2ey@aol.com (N2EY) wrote
>
>>
>> I don't think modification of factory-made amateur equipment for illegal
>> purposes should be defended by the ARRL.
>>
>
>Did I say the ARRL should defend the actions of this guy? Damn, Jim,
>you were one of the last guys I'd expect to twist my words in such a
>dishonest manner.

Earlier you said something about the ARRL raising a stink about the requirement to unmodify. I thought you were still on that kick.
>
>What I did say was ...
>
>... 1) that the guy got off way too easy,
>... 2) but that this particular FCC action smacks of a possible
>precedent for denying hams (or certain classes of hams as in Canada)
>the right to modify their equipment.

So what should the ARRL be doing? Should they be saying "He did a bad thing but you should not make him restore the rig to factory condition"?

AFAIK, there is NO LEGAL USE for the expanded transmit coverage provided by the modification. Modification for illegal purposes isn't what the ARS is about.
>
>... and K2ASP is excused for rising in defense of his ex-employer, but
>he has taken the lawerly approach of not directly addressing my
>question, instead raising a diversionary fog about "but the guy wasn't
>acting as a ham". So I'll ask a rhetorical question which requires
>only a "simple Yes or No"..... "Does FCC have the authority to
>require hams to maintain factory built equipment in it's original
>state?"

I say "Yes" if the owner of said equipment has demonstrated that he/she cannot be trusted to perform modifications in a responsible manner.

I say the right to modify equipment carries with it the responsibility to do so in accordance with FCC rules and regs.

Thought experiment: Ham buys a Heath SB-220/1 amplifier. Ham modifies same to cover 30 meters and proceeds to use it there, at a power level far above that

authorized. FCC finds out. Does FCC have the power to make ham un-modify it? Or is their only possible action seizure/confiscation and destruction?

73 de Jim, N2EY

2075. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-20 12:37:41 UTC
From: Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93BE57B666D15elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>
Source record: 71963

yodoc@aol.comnospam (Larry Roll K3LT) wrote in
news:20030720003910.24390.00001239@mb-m19.aol.com:

> In article <Xns93BDE1B331BB8elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>, Alun Palmer
> <elektros@yahoo.com> writes:
>
>>> Do you think *that* would be a good reason? I want to do
>>> something I'm
>>> interested in as long as I can. I mean really, do you care what say
>>> Larry, Dick, or Jim or even my self think? Two years is just too long
>>> to wait. That's the reason why I think a preson would get the ticket
>>> sooner.
>
> Considering the fact that most people can pass a 5 WPM code test
> right after learning basic character recognition (about two weeks'
> effort if you take your time), it would be insane to wait two whole
> years to get your General- or Extra-class ham ticket. However, a lot
> of wannabe hams out there will probably do just that! It's their
> funeral -- they don't know what they're missing!
>
> 73 de Larry, K3LT
>
>

Oddly enough, I tend to agree. However, it may be worth waiting just long enough to find out what the FCC is going to do, as right now we don't know how long the wait will be.

2076. Re: Code a Deterrent to a Ham Ticket ??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-20 12:53:21 UTC
From: "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net>
Message-ID: <5hwSa.11409$Vx2.5373446@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com>
Source record: 71964

"Larry Roll K3LT" <yodoc@aol.comnospam> wrote in message
news:20030720003911.24390.00001240@mb-m19.aol.com...
> In article <PX2Sa.11177$Vx2.5122196@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com>, "Dee D.
Flint"
> <deehays@qix.net> writes:
>
> >Piano is an
> >> essential skill in music, and I firmly believe all musicians should
start
> >> on the piano and be tested in piano proficiency before being allowed to
> >> move on to any other instrument -- which will be much easier as a
result.
> >>
> >> 73 de Larry, K3LT
> >
> >As a player of the clarinet, I agree completely.
> >
> >Dee D. Flint, N8UZE
>
> Dee:
>
> Do you still play? I still own a clarinet (a beautiful LeBlanc Noblet,
all-
> Grenadilla wood) but I haven't played it in over 25 years. It is
presently
> 450 miles away from me in the care of a niece who also used it to
> learn music the wrong way -- now she's involved in Drama! I keep saying
> one of these days I'll take it with me after a home visit and try to once
> again figure out which end to blow into. (Ooops-- something tells me I'm
> going to be seeing that last sentence again!). I also want to get one of
> those nice big Casio electronic keyboards and take actual lessons on it,
> and perhaps become a Real Musician™ someday!
>
> 73 de Larry, K3LT
>
>

Yup. Local community band. I have an older Leblanc Symphonie II pro
clarinet.

Dee D. Flint, N8UZE

2077. Re: Time to call a truce?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-20 12:56:08 UTC
From: "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net>
Message-ID: <IjwSa.11410$Vx2.5373893@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com>
Source record: 71965

"Jim Hampton" <aa2qa@frontiernet.net> wrote in message
news:x1qSa.203$wr1.171@news01.roc.ny...
> Larry,
>
> If the BPL raises the noise level enough, it will be the folks running
> PSK-31 who will get through with signals below the noise level. No
offense,
> CW does do a remarkable job, but some of the digital modes will transmit
> faster through higher noise levels than CW will (and I did turn in a
perfect
> paper in 1967 at 40 words per minute).
>
> 73 from Rochester, NY
> Jim AA2QA
>

Actually if the computer digital modes end up being the only thing that gets through, I won't be on the air nearly as much as I am now the computer modes just don't interest me.

Dee D. Flint, N8UZE

2078. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-20 12:59:41 UTC
From: Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93BE5B71132D8elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>
Source record: 71966

yodoc@aol.comnospam (Larry Roll K3LT) wrote in
news:20030720003909.24390.00001238@mb-m19.aol.com:

> In article <3F19C79E.1090302@adelphia.net>, Mike Coslo
> <mcoslo@adelphia.net> writes:
>
>>Reading a report on how long it will likely take for the U.S. to ratify
>>and drop Morse requirements, we are given an estimate of two years.
>
> Mike:
>
> I wonder if the NCTA's will figure out a way to get the FCC to
> fast-track this process?
>
>> This leads me to wonder, is it better to wait for those two years
>> to go
>
>>by before getting ones HF ticket, or is it better to just learn Morse
>>and get the ticket much sooner?
>
> I learned the hard way. I waited 14 years, and lost out on what could
> have been the best years of my ham radio career! Now I'm 50 years old,
> and won't even qualify for QCWA membership for another three years!
>

I'm 45 and only two years short of QCWA, because I got my no-code licence
back in G-land in 1980. It's a huge irony that I've been a ham longer, not
because I was willing to learn the code, but because I was willing to
compromise and start with a no-code licence! BTW, the QCWA favour
abolition of the code test. Are you sure you want to join?

You gave a G0L__ as your old call, but that's too recent to be 1983, isn't
it?

>>Is a person willing to wait those two years more imterested in the ARS,
>>or is the person who, even if they are not personally interested in
>>Morse Code, yet studies for and passes the test and gets on the air now
>>more interested?
>
> Anyone who waits the (up to) two years a US No-code General/Extra
> may take would appear to be interested only in being lazy. A classic
> filter feeder.
>
>> I personally think this is no contest. The person who is willing
>> to get

>
>>their license sooner shows a greater interest than a person who says
>>"As long as there is requirement X, I am more interested in NOT being
>>in the ARS than I am in being IN the ARS."
>
> I'll provide them some incentive: As of now, 20 July 2003 at 0321 hrs
> UTC, any prospective US ham who learns the code at the gruelling speed
> of 5 WPM, passes the test, and gets their Extra will be considered by
> me to be a full-fledged ham as long as they regularly use at least one
> non-voice mode on-the-air at least 40 percent of their total operating
> time. Wow -- is that a deal or what?
>
> 73 de Larry, K3LT
>
>

I suppose Larry will never consider me a fully-fledged ham, even with 20 wpm, 'cause I operate 100% phone, LOL.

2079. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-20 12:59:49 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bfe3rviuj1@adenine.netfront.net>
Source record: 71967

"Alun Palmer" <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote in message
news:Xns93BE57B666D15elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4...
> yodoc@aol.comnospam (Larry Roll K3LT) wrote in
> news:20030720003910.24390.00001239@mb-m19.aol.com:
>
> > In article <Xns93BDE1B331BB8elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>, Alun Palmer
> > <elektros@yahoo.com> writes:
> >
> >>> Do you think *that* would be a good reason? I want to do
> >>> something I'm
> >>> interested in as long as I can. I mean really, do you care what say
> >>> Larry, Dick, or Jim or even my self think? Two years is just too long
> >>> to wait. That's the reason why I think a preson would get the ticket
> >>> sooner.
> >
> > Considering the fact that most people can pass a 5 WPM code test
> > right after learning basic character recognition (about two weeks'
> > effort if you take your time), it would be insane to wait two whole
> > years to get your General- or Extra-class ham ticket. However, a lot
> > of wannabe hams out there will probably do just that! It's their
> > funeral -- they don't know what they're missing!
> >
> > 73 de Larry, K3LT
> >
> >
>
> Oddly enough, I tend to agree. However, it may be worth waiting just long
> enough to find out what the FCC is going to do, as right now we don't know
> how long the wait will be.
>

To besmirch someone because they don't, or wait to, upgrade is quite
ridiculous. What if someone is happy with Tech/Tech+, General, etc.?

My husband is a General, has been for I don't know how long, a few years
anyway. I haven't seen a thing he can do that piques my interest enough to
desire an upgrade to do them. In fact, for the past year at least, the
Yaesu 890FT has been completely disconnected (we remodeled this room and the
radio's just never been hooked back up).

People are not missing anything by not upgrading, if the upgraded privileges
don't provide anything more they wish.

Kim W5TIT

Posted via news://freenews.netfront.net
Complaints to news@netfront.net

2080. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-20 13:10:31 UTC
From: Dave Heil <k8mn@earthlink.net>
Message-ID: <3F1A9565.30B59049@earthlink.net>
Source record: 71968

Scott Unit 69 wrote:

> Bitch at me all you want, I'm wearing Nomex underwear.

That has to be uncomfortable.

Dave K8MN

2081. Re: Ham Radio In The Post-Code Testing Era

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-20 13:19:37 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bfe514jsp1@adenine.netfront.net>
Source record: 71969

"Bill Sohl" <billsohl@mindspring.com> wrote in message
news:bfd5g0$vj1$2@slb4.atl.mindspring.net...
>
> "Larry Roll K3LT" <yodoc@aol.comnospam> wrote in message
> news:20030719223545.24390.00001232@mb-m19.aol.com...
> > In article <bfaagf$6i0$1@slb0.atl.mindspring.net>, "Bill Sohl"
> > <billsohl@mindspring.com> writes:
> >
> > >
> > > >Do YOU care enough to be a positive spokesperson/recruiter
> > > >for CW to new hams?
> > >
> > > Bill:
> > >
> > > I've been doing that all along.
> >
> > Coulda fooled me by many of your comments in this
> > newsgroup.
> >

heh heh heh, not just you, Bill!

[NOTE: not sure if this is Bill or someone else that said this:
> > > >Nor does it change the fact that your statement
> > > >is only an opinion.
> > >
> > > My statement about future hams having no experience with Morse/CW
> > > is plain FACT, not opinion, Bill. It is also a fact that because of
their
> > > lack of experience, they are self-disqualified from having an "opinion"
> > > about the subject.
> >
> > That's utter bull. For no other reason than
> > this is the USA and anyone is free to have an opinion
> > on morse and voice it as they see fit. Your opinion,
> > is exactly that...your opinion.
> >

Not to mention that Larry cannot state facts as here, because no one can
predict the future. There's no difference right now with the CW issue than
there ever has been--except that the testing requirement MAY be eliminated
(and I am not so sure anymore).

Under current testing requirements, someone has to be encouraged (or just
have the personal desire) to study CW to pass that part of the requirement.

That desire was either "just there," which was probably in a minimum of persons; or they had to be encouraged by someone. (Larry's probably never encouraged anyone, unless they are gluttons for punishment or like being beat down.) Anyway, so there is no difference now or then in the CW issue from the perspective of "getting people interested in it."

Larry said:
> > As has always been the case, the ability of any advocate of Morse code
> > testing to "recruit" new hams to the mode is limited to relating their
> > own experience. The new hams will be receptive to his in varying
degrees,
> > yet they will, in fact, not have the same incentive to actually give it
a
> try
> > that existed under the previous licensing process.
>
> Guess you'll just have to accept that.
>

Well, plus that has not changed and any changes to testing requirements will not change it. Which, by the way, proves that having CW testing there for that purpose is not successful in any way.

>
> Agreed.
>
> > The problem
> > is, in the future, they will still have full HF privileges, so they no
> longer
> > have nothing to lose by simply forgoing the whole Morse/CW mode.
>
> That's a problem for you. Others might consider it just a challange
> to overcome in the recruiting process.
>

I think the real issue is that Larry knows he is challenged to encourage anyone to learn and use CW--he's not up for the challenge. I daresay there aren't as many people interested in HF operation as many may think. I just don't think they are. It's much more fun on 2M/70cm, where one can also decide to have a meal with the folks they are talking to. HF is/may be fun for an occasional contest or Field Day, or something like that. But most of us, I bet, get a whole lot more fun outaa local FM chats.

> >
> > They will, however, most likely petition the ARRL and the FCC for more
> > HF phone allocations -- and where do you think they'll come from?
>
> Petition the ARRL? The ARRL doesn't set the
> rules last time I checked :-)
>
> Cheers,
> Bill K2UNK

>

Cough Yeah, that's probably not a Freudian slip, either. Anyway, as I said, I don't think most people new to the hobby are really all that interested in HF. Of the people I've known new to the hobby since "new" was 1998, very few have disappeared to HF. They all have way too much fun on 2M.

So, don't worry, Larry. Your HF is still and will be quite as it is now. If you find that exciting and interesting, others may not and they don't have to.

Kim W5TIT

Posted via news://freenews.netfront.net
Complaints to news@netfront.net

2082. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-20 13:24:14 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bfe59p$k0e$1@adenine.netfront.net>
Source record: 71970

"Dwight Stewart" <stewart@say.net> wrote in message
news:BB3F9CCF.1F1AF%stewart@say.net...
> "N2EY" wrote:
>
> > (snip) I disagree. It's not a mistake to keep
> > certain values. Like old-fashioned manners,
> > courtesy and respect on the air. But there's
> > no good test for that!
>
>
> I absolutely agree, Jim. Things are not necessarily bad simply because
> they're old-fashioned. There are many old-fashioned ideals that could
> clearly help this country be much better place to live if continued today.
>
>
> Dwight Stewart (W5NET)
>
> http://www.qsl.net/w5net/
>

Actually, the good test for good manners and courtesy and respect on the air, is the acid test. Every person I have witnessed being in the class the majority calls an "idiot" operator, has soon disappeared from the FM side of ham radio. They get tired of "being encouraged" to talk right, operate right, etc., or they get tired of being ignored. Guess where some have disappeared to?

You got it: HF. They can have a lot more anonymity there, and they have less chance of running into the same people over and over again.

Kim W5TIT

Posted via news://freenews.netfront.net
Complaints to news@netfront.net

2083. Re: Time to call a truce?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-20 13:26:06 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bfe5d9$k65$1@adenine.netfront.net>
Source record: 71971

"Jim Hampton" <aa2qa@frontiernet.net> wrote in message
news:x1qSa.203$wr1.171@news01.roc.ny...
> Larry,
>
> If the BPL raises the noise level enough, it will be the folks running
> PSK-31 who will get through with signals below the noise level. No
offense,
> CW does do a remarkable job, but some of the digital modes will transmit
> faster through higher noise levels than CW will (and I did turn in a
perfect
> paper in 1967 at 40 words per minute).
>
> 73 from Rochester, NY
> Jim AA2QA
>

You're in real trouble now, Jim! ;)

Kim W5TIT

> "Larry Roll K3LT" <yodoc@aol.comnospam> wrote in message
> news:20030720003907.24390.00001235@mb-m19.aol.com...
> > In article <3F19FAF0.2040500@adelphia.net>, Mike Coslo
> <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
> > writes:
> >
> > > Seriously, if they are right, the holier than thou pro-coders will
> > >vanish into the noise level - figuratively speaking.
> >
> > Mike:
> >
> > Actually, when BPL raises the noise level, it will be us pro-coders who
> > will be the ones NOT "vanishing" -- holier-than-thou status
> notwithstanding.
> >
> > 73 de Larry, K3LT
> >
>

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Complaints to news@netfront.net

2084. Re: Why don't Real Hams you face the facts?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-20 13:28:32 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bfe5hr$k8a$1@adenine.netfront.net>
Source record: 71972

"Larry Roll K3LT" <yodoc@aol.comnospam> wrote in message
news:20030720003906.24390.00001233@mb-m19.aol.com...
> In article <bfbtkh$244o$1@adenine.netfront.net>, "Kim W5TIT"
> <fahgedit@nomail.net> writes:
>
> >Gotcha! Well, you know broad paintbrushes are the tools of choice today.
> >The current Administration has made it very popular.... ;)
>
> Kim:
>
> What kind of "broad paintbrushes" is the Bush Administration using? Are
> they anything like Hillary's "Vast Right Wing Conspiracy?
>
> 73 de Larry, K3LT
>

Don't know, Larry. I don't pay much attention or give much credibility to
the Clintons. Why don't you tell us about it?

Kim W5TIT

Posted via news://freenews.netfront.net
Complaints to news@netfront.net

2085. Re: Code a Deterrent to a Ham Ticket ??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-20 13:31:47 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bfe5nukba1@adenine.netfront.net>
Source record: 71973

"Larry Roll K3LT" <yodoc@aol.comnospam> wrote in message
news:20030720003912.24390.00001241@mb-m19.aol.com...
> In article <bfbj8k$1sph$1@adenine.netfront.net>, "Kim W5TIT"
> <fahgedit@nomail.net> writes:
>
> >
> >Larry must have been tested on all modes of transportation...
> >
>
> Kim:
>
> I was in the Transportation career field in the Air Force, and while I
> specialized in Air Transportation for the most part, I've driven
everything
> from Jeeps to tractor-trailers, including just about every category of
> special purpose vehicle you'll find in the military, with the exception
> of tanks! I figure I've driven approximately seven times the mileage of
> an average driver during my lifetime. From August 1996 to June 2000
> alone, I estimate I drove over 680,000 miles working for an airport
> shuttle service here in Dover. In fact, I drove that company's first
paying
> customer, and it's last!
>
> In the Air Force, I dealt with all of the various workcenters you'd find
in
> a typical airport -- Passenger Service, which was my primary specialty,
> Air Cargo, Special Handling (hazardous cargo including munitions and
> classified cargo), Fleet Service (ground servicing of aircraft and
> maintenance of galley, passenger cabin, waste, and potable water systems),
> Terminal Operations, Squadron Management (training programs, Safety,
> Security, Logistics Planning, Disaster Preparedness, Facilities
> Management), and Surface mode transportation (rail, water, truck and
> pipelines). I've had to know about all of these things and be tested in
> them in order to advance as quickly as I did through the enlisted rank
> structure, and at no time did I question any of the knowledge or testing
> requirements. So, thank you for bringing up the subject, and giving me
> the opportunity to once again demonstrate how capable, successful
> people don't shy away from making an effort to learn useful skills.
>
> 73 de Larry, K3LT
>
>

Except, what about the "useful skills" that you learned in college and have never turned into a career?
heh heh, walked right into that one...

Kim W5TIT

Posted via news://freenews.netfront.net
Complaints to news@netfront.net

2086. Re: How Ugly Can One Creep Be?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-20 13:34:31 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307200534.68cffd0f@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71974

k4yz@aol.com (Steve Robeson, K4CAP) wrote in message
news:<5c01b95b.0307191259.79ba8119@posting.google.com>...
> brianburke@juno.com (Brian) wrote in message
news:<f45722ac.0307190415.36dbe27c@posting.google.com>...
> > k4yz@aol.com (Steve Robeson, K4CAP) wrote in message
news:<5c01b95b.0307182035.151301bc@posting.google.com>...
>
> > > > Being insensitive is called "being insensitive," not lying.
> > >
> > > I don't know what's worse...An callous putz like Lennie who makes
> > > light of people who died a horrific death, or a milktoast pantywaist
> > > putz such as yourself who tries to defend him.
> >
> > Oh, gee, what could be worse?
>
> Being a rapist...child molester...spousal abuser...

You said you didn't know what was worse with respect to me, so now
you're calling me a "rapist...child molester...spousal abuser...?"

Merely because I think you grossly overreact to each and every post
Len makes?

> > Maybe you need to call in some help to make that big decision. Maybe
> > they'll help you get back on your meds.
>
> You and Lennie keep insisting on this.

Steve, it's the only logical conclusion one could draw from your
insane postings.

I am sure you wish it were
> true,

It obviously is.

but it seems it's your only "defense" against being held up to
> public scrutiny for your own shortcomings.

You are the Avenging Angel of rrap?

> It doesn't work.

Then apparently you have not been diagnosed by a licensed
professional. See if you can get some dealer samples at least.

The problem is that you and Leonard are you own
> worst enemies. The virtual slapping around you take in this forum is

> fueled by your own ramblings.

I think the "slapping around" that I take is from wacko's such as yourself, and it would be forthcoming simply because I disagree with you. Some, such as DICK and Kelly, range from merely curt replies to rude name calling. You're off the scale.

> > And quit reading Len's posts. They obviously have an ruinous effect
> > on you.
>
> I don't tolerate liars, nor do I tolerate the callous and rude.

I don't see you attacking WA8ULX. You believed his story of how he tested for Extra, and he is callous and rude.

> Lennie is all of that, and you "defend" him...So guess where that
> leaves you?

So far, I haven't defended Len. I merely said that you were wrong about the shuttle tragedy. It really did occur. And I've suggested that you refrain from reading Len's posts in the hope that you'll be able to sleep at night.

Now you imply that I'm a rapist...

Get some help.

73, Brian

2087. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-20 13:35:47 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bfe5vpkjp1@adenine.netfront.net>
Source record: 71975

"Alun Palmer" <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote in message
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> yodoc@aol.comnospam (Larry Roll K3LT) wrote in
> news:20030720003909.24390.00001238@mb-m19.aol.com:
>
> > In article <3F19C79E.1090302@adelphia.net>, Mike Coslo
> > <mcoslo@adelphia.net> writes:
> >
> >>Reading a report on how long it will likely take for the U.S. to ratify
> >>and drop Morse requirements, we are given an estimate of two years.
> >
> > Mike:
> >
> > I wonder if the NCTA's will figure out a way to get the FCC to
> > fast-track this process?
> >
> >> This leads me to wonder, is it better to wait for those two years
> >> to go
> >
> >>by before getting ones HF ticket, or is it better to just learn Morse
> >>and get the ticket much sooner?
> >
> > I learned the hard way. I waited 14 years, and lost out on what could
> > have been the best years of my ham radio career! Now I'm 50 years old,
> > and won't even qualify for QCWA membership for another three years!
> >
>
> I'm 45 and only two years short of QCWA, because I got my no-code licence
> back in G-land in 1980. It's a huge irony that I've been a ham longer, not
> because I was willing to learn the code, but because I was willing to
> compromise and start with a no-code licence! BTW, the QCWA favour
> abolition of the code test. Are you sure you want to join?
>
> You gave a G0L__ as your old call, but that's too recent to be 1983, isn't
> it?
>
> >>Is a person willing to wait those two years more imterested in the ARS,
> >>or is the person who, even if they are not personally interested in
> >>Morse Code, yet studies for and passes the test and gets on the air now
> >>more interested?
> >
> > Anyone who waits the (up to) two years a US No-code General/Extra
> > may take would appear to be interested only in being lazy. A classic
> > filter feeder.

> >
> >> I personally think this is no contest. The person who is willing
> >> to get
> >
> >>their license sooner shows a greater interest than a person who says
> >>"As long as there is requirement X, I am more interested in NOT being
> >>in the ARS than I am in being IN the ARS."
> >
> > I'll provide them some incentive: As of now, 20 July 2003 at 0321 hrs
> > UTC, any prospective US ham who learns the code at the gruelling speed
> > of 5 WPM, passes the test, and gets their Extra will be considered by
> > me to be a full-fledged ham as long as they regularly use at least one
> > non-voice mode on-the-air at least 40 percent of their total operating
> > time. Wow -- is that a deal or what?
> >
> > 73 de Larry, K3LT
> >
> >
>
> I suppose Larry will never consider me a fully-fledged ham, even with 20
> wpm, 'cause I operate 100% phone, LOL.

Dave Heil's a much better challenge! ;)

Kim W5TIT

Posted via news://freenews.netfront.net
Complaints to news@netfront.net

2088. Re: Ham Radio In The Post-Code Testing Era

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-20 13:39:02 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307200539.24047ba0@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71976

n2ey@aol.com (N2EY) wrote in message
news:<20030719222221.08200.00000882@mb-m25.aol.com>...
> In article <cuvyxnansvbet.hi56rsa.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>, "Phil Kane"
> <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop> writes:
>
> >On Mon, 14 Jul 2003 22:38:20 GMT, Dee D. Flint wrote:
> >
> >>Actually the fact that other services don't use it very much is a strong
> >>argument to require hams to learn it. This is the place to preserve the
> >>skill in case of need and to prevent this capability from becoming a lost
> >>art. Plus of course the fact that quite a few hams do use it.
> >
> > The original reason for requiring CW/Morse proficiency of amateur
> > operators was to ensure that they would be able to read signals
> > directed at their station by government stations who came up on the
> > amateur's frequency to tell them to leave the air because they were
> > interfering with the governemnt (usually Navy) communications - WW-I
> > era stuff.
>
> OK, fine.
> >
> > Everything else was superfluous - the need for "trained operators"
> > for CW/Morse circuits went away after WW-II.
>
> Then why did the Navy (at least) keep training them, and to high levels of
> proficiency?
>
> > Civil aviation CW went
> > away right after that war, too. Marine CW persisted another 60
> > years or so, but amateur radio operators were never trained nor
> > recruited to be the "reserve force" for the merchant marine'd Radio
> > Officers.
>
> But then why was the FCC so hot for more code testing in the 1960s? From the
> 1930s to the 1960s a ham could get full privs with a 13 wpm code test. Yes, the
> Extra and its 20 wpm code test was reintroduced in 1951, but then FCC gave all
> privs to Generals so nobody had to get an Extra for full privileges. And in
> fact very few did - in 1967, at the dawn of incentive licensing, there were
> maybe 4000 Extras out of about 250,000 US hams.
>
> At one point (1965), FCC proposed four code tests - 5, 13, 16, and 20 wpm. When
> the dust settled it took 20 per to get a full privileges. Why was FCC so hopped
> up on code testing back then?
>

> 73 de Jim, N2EY

Jim, the FCC probably had some misguided ham employee pushing Morse.

Brian

2089. Re: Amateur Radio Newsline™ Report 1353 – July 18, 2003

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-20 13:49:10 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307200549.2886e4e@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71977

radionews@aol.com (Radionews) wrote in message
news:<20030719120720.23795.00000155@mb-m27.aol.com>...
> Amateur Radio Newsline™ Report 1353 – July 18, 2003

> Senate approval has to take place can the FCC begin the process under the
> Administrative Proceedures Act and issue a Notice of Inquiry. A Notice of
> Inquirey or N-O-I is the first step in the rule making process to make any
> change and gives the general public a chance to voice its opinion.

I can recall the FCC starting with an NPRM.

And by
> public we mean every American. Not just ham radio operators.

Hi Len.

Hi PCTA.

2090. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-20 14:28:51 UTC
From: "William H. O'Hara, III" <whoohara@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93BE6AD6148C9AX2A3DA5M1512AODKAMO@65.100.3.61>
Source record: 71978

Kim,

I don't think that you mentioned the
only practical use for CW, today. In
an emergency operation one can use CW
almost as a cipher. If Newsreporters, whom
possess "investigative skills", were to
attempt their intercepts by a scanner,
then they would simply have no
comprehension.

At a EMA ARES training session, the
one of the ARES officials told us
that CW should be considered for
passing of vital information solely
to keep the opsec tight.

Opsec happens to mean Operation Security.
I guess that everyone loves Delta
Force and the terms endeared by SFOD-1D.

At the Boston Marathon I was given
a code key for authentication purposes.

Bill
KB1IUB

2091. Re: Smells like type acceptance

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-20 15:32:38 UTC
From: K0HB with non-approved radios <k0hb@earthlink.net>
Message-ID: <5c78a14c61eaaf4c1b6b7987c5893358.128005@mygate.mailgate.org>
Source record: 71979

"Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net> wrote

> > So I'll ask a rhetorical question which requires
> > only a "simple Yes or No"..... "Does FCC have the authority to
> > require hams to maintain factory built equipment in it's original
> > state?"
> >
> > With all kind wishes,
> >
> > de Hans, K0HB
>
> Yes they do. That would fall under the category of modifying that
> individual ham's license. It does not set a precedence. They can put
> limits on a specific individual ham as to how, when, and where he can
> operate his gear.
>
> Dee D. Flint, N8UZE

Dee,

You didn't answer my question. I said nothing about modifying a
license.

With all kind wishes,

de Hans, K0HB

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Posted via Mailgate.ORG Server - http://www.Mailgate.ORG

2092. Re: Smells like type acceptance

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-20 15:40:42 UTC
From: K0HB with non-approved radios <k0hb@earthlink.net>
Message-ID: <d0347caae2845a77b62eeaa7c22105bc.128005@mygate.mailgate.org>
Source record: 71980

"N2EY" <n2ey@aol.com> wrote

>
> Thought experiment: Ham buys a Heath SB-220/1 amplifier. Ham modifies same to
> cover 30 meters and proceeds to use it there, at a power level far above that
> authorized. FCC finds out. Does FCC have the power to make ham un-modify it? Or
> is their only possible action seizure/confiscation and destruction?
>
> 73 de Jim, N2EY

Jim, you're starting to sound like the gun control people.

There is a whole range of actions available to FCC, including a big NAL,
designating license for review, prohibiting use of 30M by this
particular induhvidual, or whatever.

"Radios don't break radio laws, people do."

With all kind wishes,

de Hans, K0HB

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Posted via Mailgate.ORG Server - http://www.Mailgate.ORG

2093. The myth that BPL is a solution for rural broadband

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-20 15:43:52 UTC
From: robkemp90210@hotmail.com
Message-ID: <6114e4af.0307200743.77d5e419@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71981
Cross-posted to:
rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.shortwave

The claim that BPL is good for rural deployment is yet another myth propagated by the BPL lobbyists. In essence it is bait and switch. The BPL strategy is to get the FCC to allow the high levels of interference / pollution as the FCC is focused on getting broadband to rural communities that don't have it.

In reality, if the BPL lobbyists succeed, they will immediately focus on the wealthy suburban markets that are profitable (and already have cable and DSL) and ignore the rural areas.

DSL can work out to about ~ 16,000 feet from the central office. BPL can only go 2,000 feet from the BPL equivalent of a DSLAM, then BPL needs an expensive repeater installed by a linesman trained to work with 11,000 volt cables. So for a 16,000 foot run 8 BPL repeaters are needed.
At the customer's pole transformer a bridge will need to be installed to couple the signals from the 11,000 volt line to the 110 volt line (imagine what would happen if the bridge failed and your sockets had 11,000 volts!!).

However the math is worked, there is no way they can implement this vast array of expensive equipment in rural areas with any hope of meeting the alleged pricing.

The existing DSL broadband technology is proven and could be provided to almost everyone who has a phone, the barriers are political not technical. The solution to universal broadband lies in ensuring the phone companies serve all of their customers equally. BPL is a broken and polluting technology that is a pure distraction to the objective of universal broadband.

2094. Re: Time to call a truce?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-20 16:14:28 UTC
From: Dan/W4NTI <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com>
Message-ID: <bfef51$s7h$1@slb0.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 71982

"Mike Coslo" <mcoslo@adelphia.net> wrote in message
news:3F19FAF0.2040500@adelphia.net...
>

>
> Seriously, if they are right, the holier than thou pro-coders will
> vanish into the noise level - figuratively speaking.
>
> - Mike KB3EIA -
>

Dang Mike. And I thought you had some sense. So much for that.

Dan/W4NTI

2095. Re: Time to call a truce?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-20 16:15:08 UTC
From: Dan/W4NTI <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com>
Message-ID: <bfef68jgm1@slb9.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 71983

"Larry Roll K3LT" <yodoc@aol.comnospam> wrote in message
news:20030720003907.24390.00001235@mb-m19.aol.com...
> In article <3F19FAF0.2040500@adelphia.net>, Mike Coslo
<mcoslo@adelphia.net>
> writes:
>
> > Seriously, if they are right, the holier than thou pro-coders will
> >vanish into the noise level - figuratively speaking.
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> Mike:
>
> Actually, when BPL raises the noise level, it will be us pro-coders who
> will be the ones NOT "vanishing" -- holier-than-thou status
notwithstanding.
>
> 73 de Larry, K3LT
>

Yep Yep. CW forever.

Dan/W4NTI

2096. Re: Time to call a truce?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-20 16:19:04 UTC
From: Dan/W4NTI <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com>
Message-ID: <bfefdl$97b$1@slb9.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 71984

"Jim Hampton" <aa2qa@frontiernet.net> wrote in message
news:x1qSa.203$wr1.171@news01.roc.ny...
> Larry,
>
> If the BPL raises the noise level enough, it will be the folks running
> PSK-31 who will get through with signals below the noise level. No
offense,
> CW does do a remarkable job, but some of the digital modes will transmit
> faster through higher noise levels than CW will (and I did turn in a
perfect
> paper in 1967 at 40 words per minute).
>
> 73 from Rochester, NY
> Jim AA2QA
>
> "Larry Roll K3LT" <yodoc@aol.comnospam> wrote in message
> news:20030720003907.24390.00001235@mb-m19.aol.com...
> > In article <3F19FAF0.2040500@adelphia.net>, Mike Coslo
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> notwithstanding.
> >
> > 73 de Larry, K3LT
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> ---
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> Checked by AVG anti-virus system (http://www.grisoft.com).
> Version: 6.0.502 / Virus Database: 300 - Release Date: 7/18/03
>
>
Im not so sure about that. Ive been on PSK31 since late 98 and whenever a
actual carrier, i.e. digital or cw, or whatever gets close on
frequency.....well to put it mildly things go to crap in a handbasket.

With BPL as I understand it you will have multiple TONES being sent down the lines and thus into your receivers. These tones will be received by the PSK31 program and attempted to be decoded.

NO COMPUTER can decode as well as a human ear/brain combination. In CW communications it takes two things to communicate, an operator on both ends.

Dan/W4NTI

2097. Re: Time to call a truce?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-20 16:30:31 UTC
From: Dan/W4NTI <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com>
Message-ID: <bfeg36hah1@slb0.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 71985

"Larry Roll K3LT" <yodoc@aol.comnospam> wrote in message
news:20030720003908.24390.00001236@mb-m19.aol.com...
> In article <BxlSa.185$j47.149@news01.roc.ny>, "Jim Hampton"
> <aa2qa@frontiernet.net> writes:
>
> >It is time to get over the CW business. Really.
> >The amateur license is an introduction to electronics and communications.
> >It isn't a professional license, but allows us to learn (and serve in
> >emergencies). I honestly believe it is time to drop the 'holier than
thou'
> >attitude and try and attract new blood to this fine hobby of ours.
>
> Jim:
>
> The code/no-code test debate wasn't started by us PCTA's. We only became
> PCTA's after enduring the endless whining of those who for a litany of
> "reasons," couldn't be bothered to learn the code or be tested for it. It
is
> all based on the one thing they steadfastly never admitted to -- laziness.
> And they all had the same objective in mind -- gaining HF phone privileges
> with a minimum of effort. This lack of initiative and motivation also
means
> that they will not likely be bothered to gain any notable technical
skills.
> All
> they want to do is get a microphone in their hand and talk -- and that's
it!
>
> Knowledge of the Morse code gives radio amateurs a uniquely practical,
> effective, efficient and universal communications capability. Those who
> possess this skill are truly qualified to provide the kind of emergency
> backup communications capability which is bandied about so much these
> days. And, quite frankly, those who don't possess this skill are simply
not
> qualified to offer an opinion about it.
>
> >I don't
> >care what class of ticket one holds, we are all licensed amateur
operators
> >and all should be respected as such.
>
> I disagree. The hams of the Post-Restructuring/WRC-03 Era will be less
> qualified and capable than those who entered our hobby/service under the
> more challenging and comprehensive licensing standards that existed prior

> to April 15, 2000. They will exist as hams only at the sufferance of
their
> Pre-Restructuring/WRC-03 superiors, and will have to prove to US that
> they are "full-fledged" hams, either by gaining equivalent Morse/CW
> operational capability on their own initiative, or demonstrating clearly
> superior technical skills. I am not saying that they should be treated
with
> disrespect, but they should be aware that they are not in any position to
> claim any kind of equality with their Code Era counterparts, and would be
> better off not raise the issue -- unless they want to get put squarely in
their
>
> place.
>
> I, for one, am not going to condone the dumbing-down of our society in
> any way, especially in the ARS. I realize that new hams will have no
> choice but to proceed through the present licensing system, but they will
> carry the burden of being aware of the history of the ARS licensing
> requirements, and realize that they are breezing in under a system that
> no offers no particular challenge and no useful skill development.
Whatever
> they become as hams will be entirely up to them, and for a few decades
> at least, they will be doing so under the watchful eye of very highly
> qualified judges.
>
> 73 de Larry, K3LT
>
>
>

Along those lines Larry. I became a ham in 1961. By 1964 I was a 'cruit' in the US Air Force and sitting in that wooden building at Lackland with no Air conditioning in JUNE.

They were giving us AFQTs (Air Force Qualification Tests) or something like that...hi. To make a long story short. Because I WAS A LICENSED GENERAL CLASS HAM AND COULD COPY MORSE CODE at 13wpm I WAS IMMEDIATLY QUALIFIED and was given a 3 level straight out of basic. I was assigned as a radio operator without ANY TRAINING AT ALL in my speciality...because I ALREADY HAD IT. Being a Ham, CW QUALIFIED and a MARS member. It helped a lot on that run towards Sergeant.

My amateur radio license was instrumental in getting me employeed after the military in the electronics repair field. In fact my ham license helped me get every single job I ever held.
Can we say the same now a days? I doubt it.

Just trying to reinforce your statements.

Dan/W4NTI

2098. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-20 16:33:11 UTC
From: Dan/W4NTI <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com>
Message-ID: <bfeg84gmj1@slb0.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 71986

"Scott Unit 69" <scott_unit_69@yahoo.moc> wrote in message
news:3F19D88F.46D5570A@yahoo.moc...
>
>
> Mike Coslo wrote:
> >
> > Reading a report on how long it will likely take for the U.S. to
ratify
> > and drop Morse requirements, we are given an estimate of two years.
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> > This leads me to wonder, is it better to wait for those two
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> > long as there is requirement X, I am more interested in NOT being in the
> > ARS than I am in being IN the ARS."
> >
> > - Mike KB3EIA -
>
>
> Are you trolling or asking a question?
>
> Personally, I hope the action takes a lot less time. I hold a CSCE for
General,
> and missed Extra by two questions. (Without ever cracking a book.)
>
> I don't care for code, nor feel that I should be forced to learned an
outdated
> mode of communication. If BPL comes to fruition, HF privs will be a mute
point,
> however, CW may be the only mode that works.
>
> As it is, I am responsible for 4 amateur tickets, mine, two other newbies,
> and one renew. There is another newbie taking their test soon.
>

> Mike, some are leaders, and some are sheople. Baaaaaaa.
>
> Bitch at me all you want, I'm wearing Nomex underwear.

Came within two questions of passing the Extra without cracking a book.

Further proof of the dumbing down of the ARS.

Dan/W4NTI

2099. Re: Smells like type acceptance

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-20 16:44:06 UTC
From: Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
Message-ID: <cuvyxnansvbet.hi9wpai.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 71987

On Sat, 19 Jul 2003 03:11:25 GMT, Dee D. Flint wrote:

>> Get it straight, Dee. This bozo was not operating under the color
>> of any authorization (station or operator license or blanket rule
>> authority) and is being treated as such.
>>
>> The fact that he holds an amateur license authorizing him to operate
>> on amateur frequencies is meaningless at this stage.
>>
>
>True enough but they chose to take the approach of ordering him to return
>the equipment to the unmodified state rather than simply just confiscating
>it, which they could have done.

No, Dee, "they" could not have "done". The FCC does not have the
authority to confiscate anything, and in any event, radio equipment
that is not smuggled into the United States is not contraband and
is not seizable without a court order or statutory authority.

The bozo (a highly technical term) could have wanted to surrender the
equipment as part of a plea bargain where all other action is
deferred, but it appears from the questions being asked in the
letter that the FCC District Office has a more substantial penalty
in mind. This is just the first step.

--
73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane

2100. Re: The myth that BPL is a solution for rural broadband

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-20 16:48:46 UTC
From: Robert <rdbake@prtcnet.org>
Message-ID: <bfeh94$kc5$1@nd.eastky.net>
Source record: 72091
Cross-posted to:
rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.shortwave

"Rob Kemp" <robkemp90210@hotmail.com> wrote

> In reality, if the BPL lobbyists succeed, they will immediately focus
> on the wealthy suburban markets that are profitable (and already have
> cable and DSL) and ignore the rural areas.

That is soooo true - well said.

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2101. Re: Time to call a truce?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-20 16:51:29 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bfehec$u8c$1@adenine.netfront.net>
Source record: 71988

"Dan/W4NTI" <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com> wrote in message
news:bfeg36hah1@slb0.atl.mindspring.net...
>
> Along those lines Larry. I became a ham in 1961. By 1964 I was a
'cruit'
> in the US Air Force and sitting in that wooden building at Lackland with
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> Air conditioning in JUNE.
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> They were giving us AFQTs (Air Force Qualification Tests) or something
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> CLASS HAM AND COULD COPY MORSE CODE at 13wpm I WAS IMMEDIATLY QUALIFIED
and
> was given a 3 level straight out of basic.
>

Did they "test" you for your actual proficiency level encoding and decoding
CW? I'd hope they did.

>
> I was assigned as a radio
> operator without ANY TRAINING AT ALL in my speciality...because I ALREADY
> HAD IT. Being a Ham, CW QUALIFIED and a MARS member. It helped a lot on
> that run towards Sergeant.
>

But still, they did give you some kind of test, right?

>
> My amateur radio license was instrumental in getting me employeed after
the
> military in the electronics repair field.
>

Not your prior radio operator experience in the military?

>
> In fact my ham license helped me
> get every single job I ever held.
> Can we say the same now a days? I doubt it.
>

Yeah, my former Girl Scouting and Girl Scout Leadership experience has been
a point of discussion when I interview. It's easy to impress anyone on the
outside of something, isn't it? ;)

>
> Just trying to reinforce your statements.
>
> Dan/W4NTI
>
>

Kim W5TIT

Posted via news://freenews.netfront.net
Complaints to news@netfront.net

2102. Re: ARS License Numbers

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-20 16:58:05 UTC
From: vshah101@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030720125805.06345.00000212@mb-m03.aol.com>
Source record: 71989

From: k4yz@aol.com (Steve Robeson, K4CAP)

>> They don't happen to me. Doesn't happen in the four closest clubs to me, at
>> Hamfests in MA, NH, CT. Doesn't happen despite my best efforts to search
>for
>> such activities. Its not what Hams are interested in.
>
> And you refuse to identify these clubs by name. I am sure that is
>directly due to the fact that we will then be able to confirm, via
>third parties, that you silly assertions are false.

I went to a Ham club in CT yesterday. I know, failure results from doing the same things that didn't work before, but it was a "new" type of club. It was the VHF/UHF/Microwave club in CT. Between the DXpedition and this event, I will skeptical of any Ham Radio event from now on.

Lots of homebrewed microwave stuff. And they supposedly did Minimum Signal Testing, although I didn't stick around to verify this.

I found the Ham culture similar to other clubs, however. Mostly talking about Ham stuff. Some technical talk about their setup. However, the technical person would feel out of place there. A few talked about the people they contacted. A few were happy to include others. Most of them were not. They seemed to contact people through the radio, but not in person.

About 20+ people were there. More were showing up, but I didn't say long. Also, it was 100% male. About half were old and about 75% were overweight. Not that there is anything wrong with that. There just seems to be a correlation in Ham Radio demographics. What is is about Ham radio that makes you want to eat alot? Surprising, Ham Radio brings in few females.

>Again, WHY do you insist that these things don't go on when
>indeed they are frequent topics of conversation in QST, 73, CQ,
>etc...?!?!

I cant find any, despite my best effort. Lets face it, Hams are anti-social males. Significant percentages are overweight and older. Most do not like the technical aspect, either. You'll find that at any random Ham Radio gathering or event.

2103. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-20 17:07:57 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bfeidb$ur7$1@adenine.netfront.net>
Source record: 71991

"William H. O'Hara, III" <whoohara@yahoo.com> wrote in message
news:Xns93BE6AD6148C9AX2A3DA5M1512AODKAMO@65.100.3.61...
> Kim,
>
> I don't think that you mentioned the
> only practical use for CW, today. In
> an emergency operation one can use CW
> almost as a cipher. If Newsreporters, whom
> possess "investigative skills", were to
> attempt their intercepts by a scanner,
> then they would simply have no
> comprehension.
>

With all due respect, William (or is it Bill), seems that deliberately coding/encrypting on the amateur bands is contrary to the R&R, if ya know what I mean. And, it also seems to me that any reporter with really good investigative skills would be well aware of your scenario, above.

However, CW is definitely a practical skill, and a needed one, in EmCom. I've never, ever disputed that. And, I encouraged openings and training for CW whenever I have been in a position of leadership in the EmCom world. I've also encouraged and trained with openings to HF, etc. The only thing we never were able to accommodate is SSTV and ATV. We had every other check-in. We would call from FM (2M *AND* 70cm) to the net participants we knew had HF points. They would call to all net participants on all bands we could cover at any particular training net; then those individuals would relay to CW for any CW net participants. Then it would all be relayed back into the 2M/70cm nets. What would have happened "in an actual emergency" (GRIN), was all FM operations would have then become tactical with local Emergency Services; and we--as amateur radio operators--would "set up" the rest of the operations, as needed, for net operations.

The goal was to have all H&W set up and operating via relay (on different freqs than the local operation freqs) from FM to HF/CW capability. We also had PSK ops in that arena. For "relief" portions of the net (those ops that would be looking for food and refreshment, extra batteries, more equipment, more cars, chainsaws...what-have-you) was relayed from FM to FM capable hams that also had FRS/GMRS, etc. They would relay those ops needs out to non-hams (we called it the auxilliary service) and that included, by the way, anyone who needed babysitters, animals fed, home needs. It was our desire to have as much of the community/families involved as we could--regardless of their amateur radio license status.

>
> At a EMA ARES training session, the
> one of the ARES officials told us
> that CW should be considered for
> passing of vital information solely
> to keep the opsec tight.
>

I understand the concept, and I know that in an emergency the R&R may very well go out the window--as you know, all that is debatable. BUT, that given, there are ways to handle sensitive information by using other means than CW; although CW is a fine choice also!

>
> Opsec happens to mean Operation Security.
> I guess that everyone loves Delta
> Force and the terms endeared by SFOD-1D.
>

We were "aware" of any lingo that might be used by our served agencies (that was also done and learned by actually visiting the served agencies and seeing/learning how they operate). However, on the support ops part of the net--we didn't get into using all that fancy stuff, we pretty much used plain language.

>
> At the Boston Marathon I was given
> a code key for authentication purposes.
>
> Bill
> KB1IUB
>

Uh, you mean strictly to "please" some public service official, or because you actually used it? Honest question.

Kim W5TIT

Posted via news://freenews.netfront.net
Complaints to news@netfront.net

2104. Re: Why don't Real Hams you face the facts?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-20 17:09:29 UTC
From: Moparholic@hotmailnospam.com
Message-ID: <20030720130928.849$PH@newsreader.com>
Source record: 71990
Cross-posted to: uk.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.boatanchors,rec.radio.amateur.policy

efil4cka@yahoo.com (valmont) wrote:
> Moparholic@hotmailnospam.com wrote in message
> news:<20030719084302.853$x5@newsreader.com>...
> > --Bill-- <exray.is.tired@of.spam> wrote:
> > > Moparholic@hotmailnospam.com wrote:
> > > > --Bill-- <exray.is.tired@of.spam> wrote:
> > >
> > > >>
> > > >>Well, I don't want to bash 10m as a band but it does seem to
> > > >>attract some abberant behaviour, and a bit more worldwide than the
> > > >>same that occurs on 75m and a few selected spots on 20.
> > > >>Much of the bad behaviour is by CBers faking callsigns - or recent
> > > >>CB'ers that have become Extras whilst still trying to kick the
> > > >>habit of being obnoxious.
> > > >>
> > > >
> > > > I'm sure you have some sort of data to back that claim, or no?
> > > >
> > > No, it would be a stoopid effort to collect such data just to defend
> > > the basic argument against morons.
> > > -Bill
> > >
> > It takes a moron to make such stupid claims..
>
> Have you ever bootlegged on 10 meters before, "Moparholic"?
>
No I haven't, moron.

--
GO# 40

2105. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-20 17:10:01 UTC
From: vshah101@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030720131001.06345.00000213@mb-m03.aol.com>
Source record: 71993

From: k4yz@aol.com (Steve Robeson, K4CAP)

>I liken this to a cure for cancer.

Morse code as a cure for cancer or cause of cancer, whats the difference. If you smoke cigarettes, you know its bad for you, but its enjoyable so you keep doing it.

>I'd say do it, get it over with and join the
>fun!

Yes, Morse code is fun, I guess. Its good to have as many people as possible using Morse code.

I don't want a test requirement for Morse code. I won't use Morse code, but I want others to use Morse code.

2106. Re: Fight the BPL

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-20 17:10:36 UTC
From: user@domain.invalid
Message-ID: <3F1ACD0C.1070309@domain.invalid>
Source record: 71992

Who is the idiot that had this crossposted to six groups? Dumbass

2107. Re: Why don't Real Hams you face the facts?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-20 17:11:43 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bfeikb$uu3$1@adenine.netfront.net>
Source record: 71994

<Moparholic@hotmailnospam.com> wrote in message
news:20030720130928.849$PH@newsreader.com...
> efil4cka@yahoo.com (valmont) wrote:
> > Moparholic@hotmailnospam.com wrote in message
> > news:<20030719084302.853$x5@newsreader.com>...
> > > --Bill-- <exray.is.tired@of.spam> wrote:
> > > > Moparholic@hotmailnospam.com wrote:
> > > > > --Bill-- <exray.is.tired@of.spam> wrote:
> > >
> > > >>
> > > >>Well, I don't want to bash 10m as a band but it does seem to
> > > >>attract some abberant behaviour, and a bit more worldwide than the
> > > >>same that occurs on 75m and a few selected spots on 20.
> > > >>Much of the bad behaviour is by CBers faking callsigns - or recent
> > > >>CB'ers that have become Extras whilst still trying to kick the
> > > >>habit of being obnoxious.
> > > >>
> > > >
> > > > I'm sure you have some sort of data to back that claim, or no?
> > > >
> > > No, it would be a stoopid effort to collect such data just to defend
> > > the basic argument against morons.
> > > -Bill
> > >
> > It takes a moron to make such stupid claims..
> >
> > Have you ever bootlegged on 10 meters before, "Moparholic"?
> >
> No I haven't, moron.
>
> --
> GO# 40

Whenever I used to bootleg--and I did before I was licensed, I always made extra sure to stay out of ham radio frequencies--most hams know too much about R&R and DFing. ;) I won't do it now but only because I don't want to compromise my license. Well, along with the fact that now I realize what an idiot I was being.

Kim W5TIT

Posted via news://freenews.netfront.net
Complaints to news@netfront.net

2108. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-20 18:09:49 UTC
From: "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net>
Message-ID: <NVASa.11454$Vx2.5422978@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com>
Source record: 71995

"Kim W5TIT" <fahgedit@nomail.net> wrote in message
news:bfe3rviuj1@adenine.netfront.net...
> "Alun Palmer" <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote in message
> news:Xns93BE57B666D15elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4...
> > yodoc@aol.comnospam (Larry Roll K3LT) wrote in
> > news:20030720003910.24390.00001239@mb-m19.aol.com:
> >
> > > In article <Xns93BDE1B331BB8elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>, Alun Palmer
> > > <elektros@yahoo.com> writes:
> > >
> > >>> Do you think *that* would be a good reason? I want to do
> > >>> something I'm
> > >>> interested in as long as I can. I mean really, do you care what say
> > >>> Larry, Dick, or Jim or even my self think? Two years is just too
long
> > >>> to wait. That's the reason why I think a preson would get the ticket
> > >>> sooner.
> > >
> > > Considering the fact that most people can pass a 5 WPM code test
> > > right after learning basic character recognition (about two weeks'
> > > effort if you take your time), it would be insane to wait two whole
> > > years to get your General- or Extra-class ham ticket. However, a lot
> > > of wannabe hams out there will probably do just that! It's their
> > > funeral -- they don't know what they're missing!
> > >
> > > 73 de Larry, K3LT
> > >
> > >
> >
> > Oddly enough, I tend to agree. However, it may be worth waiting just
long
> > enough to find out what the FCC is going to do, as right now we don't
know
> > how long the wait will be.
> >
>
> To besmirch someone because they don't, or wait to, upgrade is quite
> ridiculous. What if someone is happy with Tech/Tech+, General, etc.?
>
> My husband is a General, has been for I don't know how long, a few years
> anyway. I haven't seen a thing he can do that piques my interest enough
to
> desire an upgrade to do them. In fact, for the past year at least, the
> Yaesu 890FT has been completely disconnected (we remodeled this room and

the
> radio's just never been hooked back up).
>
> People are not missing anything by not upgrading, if the upgraded
privileges
> don't provide anything more they wish.
>
> Kim W5TIT

You repeatedly misconstrue what people are saying. None of us ridicules or besmirches the person who does not upgrade because they have no interest in the privileges of the higher class. They have achieved their personal goals regarding ham radio and found their niche. What we oppose is the person that wants the privileges of the higher class but refuses to do the work to get them. I know some people that want to be a general but not only have they been waiting for years for the elimination of the code test but have refuses to even try.

Dee D. Flint, N8UZE

2109. Re: How Ugly Can One Creep Be?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-20 18:18:00 UTC
From: k4yz@aol.com
Message-ID: <5c01b95b.0307201018.39500ff5@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71996

brianburke@juno.com (Brian) wrote in message
news:<f45722ac.0307200534.68cffd0f@posting.google.com>...
> k4yz@aol.com (Steve Robeson, K4CAP) wrote in message
news:<5c01b95b.0307191259.79ba8119@posting.google.com>...
> > brianburke@juno.com (Brian) wrote in message
news:<f45722ac.0307190415.36dbe27c@posting.google.com>...
> > > k4yz@aol.com (Steve Robeson, K4CAP) wrote in message
news:<5c01b95b.0307182035.151301bc@posting.google.com>...

> > > Oh, gee, what could be worse?
> >
> > Being a rapist...child molester...spousal abuser...
>
> You said you didn't know what was worse with respect to me, so now
> you're calling me a "rapist...child molester...spousal abuser...?"
>
> Merely because I think you grossly overreact to each and every post
> Len makes?

I am sure you do, considering your nose is so far up his 6
o'clock orifice, I am sure you have to blow your nose every time he
passes wind.

> > > Maybe you need to call in some help to make that big decision. Maybe
> > > they'll help you get back on your meds.
> >
> > You and Lennie keep insisting on this.
>
> Steve, it's the only logical conclusion one could draw from your
> insane postings.

Brain, there is noting "logical" about lying and callous
indiscretion that you and your buddy favor. Your other attempts to
twist what was clearly said in archived posts is likewise illogical.

> I am sure you wish it were
> > true,
>
> It obviously is.

To you, perhaps. But then it seems it's just you and Lennie in
one corner and everyone else in the other. Even those who also favor
your basic views on Code testing do their best to distance themselves
from you and Lennie.

Don't you wonder why?

> but it seems it's your only "defense" against being held up to
> > public scrutiny for your own shortcomings.
>
> You are the Avenging Angel of rrap?

Do YOU think I am? Then I must be. Otherwise, I am just another Amateur licensee who doesn't like some lookie-loo making irresponsible and untruthful statements about something of which I have first hand knowledge.

> > It doesn't work.
>
> Then apparently you have not been diagnosed by a licensed
> professional. See if you can get some dealer samples at least.

There's nothing to be "diagnosed", Brain.

Other than my unwillingness to let go of Lennie's tail, no one can argue with the validity of MY statements, nor can they deny the arrogance and inaccuracies of Lennie's...And yours, for that matter.

> The problem is that you and Leonard are you own
> > worst enemies. The virtual slapping around you take in this forum is
> > fueled by your own ramblings.
>
> I think the "slapping around" that I take is from wacko's such as
> yourself, and it would be forthcoming simply because I disagree with
> you. Some, such as DICK and Kelly, range from merely curt replies to
> rude name calling. You're off the scale.

I am sure you think I am. But then you also can't delineate the difference between "authorization" and "acceptance", nor can you validate any of the assertions you've made vis-a-vis your "credit" as a "DX" operator.

Many people here disagree with me, and I they...but the basic fiber of the exchanges don't degrade to this point because we can agree to disagree. You and Lennie can't/won't do that.

> > > And quit reading Len's posts. They obviously have an ruinous effect
> > > on you.
> >
> > I don't tolerate liars, nor do I tolerate the callous and rude.
>
> I don't see you attacking WA8ULX. You believed his story of how he
> tested for Extra, and he is callous and rude.

Brucie is in the killfile. Brucie is KNOWN to suffer various mental abborations, and his rantings are so childish and idiotic that they are clearly that to even the casual reader. He's an idiot-bar-none, always was, always will be.

> > Lennie is all of that, and you "defend" him...So guess where that
> > leaves you?

>
> So far, I haven't defended Len...(SNIP)

Sure you have. Read back the last 15 messages in this thread
alone.

> I merely said that you were wrong
> about the shuttle tragedy. It really did occur.

Sure it did. But you have somehow insinuated that by having
identified Lennie as a liar I am saying he lies about this. I did
not. I said he's a callous, insensitive creep. This was but yet one
more a-burke-tion of what was said in order to create a fight in which
you fancy yourself as being on top.

> And I've suggested
> that you refrain from reading Len's posts in the hope that you'll be
> able to sleep at night.

I sleep fine, Brain. What would make you think otherwise?

> Now you imply that I'm a rapist...

There YOU go trying to make an insinuation that just isn't true.

> Get some help.

Take your own advice. Soon.

> 73...(SNIP)

Insincerity seems to be your forte, Brain.

Steve, K4YZ

2110. Re: Smells like type acceptance

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-20 18:18:26 UTC
From: K0HB with non-approved radios <k0hb@earthlink.net>
Message-ID: <132d6edf32fa92cbf24eeffacb00add9.128005@mygate.mailgate.org>
Source record: 71997

"N2EY" <n2ey@aol.com> wrote

>
> I'm glad the ARRL is keeping quiet. This guy gives ham radio a black eye. You
> wanna defend his "right" to modify his rig to a bunch of emergency personnel
> who scrambled to answer the phony distress calls?
>
> I do NOT want one cent of my dues, or one second of ARRL personnel's time,
> spent defending the modification of amateur equipment for *illegal*
> transmission on frequencies hams are *not* authorized to use.

Under FCC rules there is NOTHING ILLEGAL about modifying an amateur
radio transmitter. NOTHING. ZIPPO. NADA!

The *illegal* part of this incident lies in the *USE*.

I'm not here to defend this guy for USING his radio in the manner he
did, nor did I ever suggest the ARRL should defend his illegal use of
the radio, but they damn well SHOULD defend our existing privelege of
tinkering and modifying our equipment, as mandated by 97.1(b) of the
Commissions Rules.

"Modified radios don't break the rules, people do."

With all kind wishes for your QCAO chapter membership drive,

de Hans, K0HB
Lord High Liberator of the Electric Smoke

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Posted via Mailgate.ORG Server - http://www.Mailgate.ORG

2111. Re: Smells like type acceptance

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-20 18:19:52 UTC
From: "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net>
Message-ID: <c3BSa.11456$Vx2.5424317@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com>
Source record: 71998

"K0HB with non-approved radios" <k0hb@earthlink.net> wrote in message
news:5c78a14c61eaaf4c1b6b7987c5893358.128005@mygate.mailgate.org...
> "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net> wrote
>
> > > So I'll ask a rhetorical question which requires
> > > only a "simple Yes or No"..... "Does FCC have the authority to
> > > require hams to maintain factory built equipment in it's original
> > > state?"
> > >
> > > With all kind wishes,
> > >
> > > de Hans, K0HB
> >
> > Yes they do. That would fall under the category of modifying that
> > individual ham's license. It does not set a precedence. They can put
> > limits on a specific individual ham as to how, when, and where he can
> > operate his gear.
> >
> > Dee D. Flint, N8UZE
>
> Dee,
>
> You didn't answer my question. I said nothing about modifying a
> license.
>
> With all kind wishes,
>
> de Hans, K0HB

Actually it is a modification of the station license aspect of a ham license. You do know of course that our ham licenses are combination operator license and station license. It was not so long ago (although before I was into ham radio), that the license was actually a two part document, one part for the operator license and one part for the station license. You had to notify the FCC if you planned to operate from any location other than that listed on the station license. So, they have told this ham that he must return the unit to factory specs. This unit is his station and this constitutes a modification of his station license whether or not it is explicitly stated. Thus it is within the FCC's authority to do so.

Dee D. Flint, N8UZE

2112. Re: Smells like type acceptance

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-20 18:24:07 UTC
From: "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net>
Message-ID: <b7BSa.11458$Vx2.5425258@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com>
Source record: 71999

"Phil Kane" <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop> wrote in message
news:cuvyxnansvbet.hi9wpai.pminews@netnews.comcast.net...
> On Sat, 19 Jul 2003 03:11:25 GMT, Dee D. Flint wrote:
>
> >> Get it straight, Dee. This bozo was not operating under the color
> >> of any authorization (station or operator license or blanket rule
> >> authority) and is being treated as such.
> >>
> >> The fact that he holds an amateur license authorizing him to operate
> >> on amateur frequencies is meaningless at this stage.
> >>
> >
> >True enough but they chose to take the approach of ordering him to return
> >the equipment to the unmodified state rather than simply just
confiscating
> >it, which they could have done.
>
> No, Dee, "they" could not have "done". The FCC does not have the
> authority to confiscate anything, and in any event, radio equipment
> that is not smuggled into the United States is not contraband and
> is not seizable without a court order or statutory authority.
>
> The bozo (a highly technical term) could have wanted to surrender the
> equipment as part of a plea bargain where all other action is
> deferred, but it appears from the questions being asked in the
> letter that the FCC District Office has a more substantial penalty
> in mind. This is just the first step.
>
> --
> 73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane

They could have seized it as part of the "evidence" for an investigation
though. It would take them only a few hours (if that) to get the
appropriate warrant.

2113. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-20 18:31:11 UTC
From: "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net>
Message-ID: <PdBSa.11459$Vx2.5426167@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com>
Source record: 72000

"Vshah101" <vshah101@aol.com> wrote in message
news:20030720131001.06345.00000213@mb-m03.aol.com...
> From: k4yz@aol.com (Steve Robeson, K4CAP)
>
> I don't want a test requirement for Morse code. I won't use Morse code,
but I
> want others to use Morse code.
>

So what do you plan to do to recruit people to Morse code. If want others to use it, you have the responsibility to get actively involved one way or another to get people into Morse code.

Dee D. Flint, N8UZE

2114. Re: The myth that BPL is a solution for rural broadband

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-20 19:24:41 UTC
From: "Ed G." <Spectrumhog@_REMOVE_StarBand.net>
Message-ID: <Xns93BE7E5C0161Frog207Junocom@148.78.248.75>
Source record: 72001
Cross-posted to:
rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.shortwave

While I certainly don't want to see BPL implemented, I must question
your statements about the power companies' technical requirements to
deploy BPL to rural customers.

Can you please provide official sources for the technical information
you posted?

Ed WB6SAT

2115. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-20 20:28:42 UTC
From: Dave Heil <k8mn@earthlink.net>
Message-ID: <3F1AFB56.BE5B3A13@earthlink.net>
Source record: 72002

Kim W5TIT wrote:
>
> "Alun Palmer" <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote in message

> > I suppose Larry will never consider me a fully-fledged ham, even with 20
> > wpm, 'cause I operate 100% phone, LOL.
>
> Dave Heil's a much better challenge! ;)

I don't know what's driving your sniping, Kim. I operate phone, CW,
RTTY and FM on the bands and frequencies of my choice from any of those
made available by the FCC.

You've told us that you aren't operating at all.

Dave K8MN

2116. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-20 22:02:33 UTC
From: Dan/W4NTI <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com>
Message-ID: <bff3hj$ur2$1@slb6.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 72003

"Kim W5TIT" <fahgedit@nomail.net> wrote in message
news:bfeidb$ur7$1@adenine.netfront.net...
> "William H. O'Hara, III" <whoohara@yahoo.com> wrote in message
> news:Xns93BE6AD6148C9AX2A3DA5M1512AODKAMO@65.100.3.61...
> > Kim,
> >
> > I don't think that you mentioned the
> > only practical use for CW, today. In
> > an emergency operation one can use CW
> > almost as a cipher. If Newsreporters, whom
> > possess "investigative skills", were to
> > attempt their intercepts by a scanner,
> > then they would simply have no
> > comprehension.
> >
>
> With all due respect, William (or is it Bill), seems that deliberately
> coding/encrypting on the amateur bands is contrary to the R&R, if ya know
> what I mean. And, it also seems to me that any reporter with really good
> investigative skills would be well aware of your scenario, above.
>
>

Now Ive heard everything. CW is now a method of encryption. Oh good grief.

That is a first. I never thought Id live so long as to see so much idiocy
about the Morse Code. Unbelievable

Dan/W4NTI

2117. Re: Time to call a truce?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-20 22:13:33 UTC
From: Dan/W4NTI <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com>
Message-ID: <bff468imu1@slb9.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 72004

"Kim W5TIT" <fahgedit@nomail.net> wrote in message
news:bfehec$u8c$1@adenine.netfront.net...
>
> "Dan/W4NTI" <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com> wrote in message
> news:bfeg36hah1@slb0.atl.mindspring.net...
> >
> > Along those lines Larry. I became a ham in 1961. By 1964 I was a
> 'cruit'
> > in the US Air Force and sitting in that wooden building at Lackland with
> no
> > Air conditioning in JUNE.
> >
> > They were giving us AFQTs (Air Force Qualification Tests) or something
> like
> > that...hi. To make a long story short. Because I WAS A LICENSED
GENERAL
> > CLASS HAM AND COULD COPY MORSE CODE at 13wpm I WAS IMMEDIATLY QUALIFIED
> and
> > was given a 3 level straight out of basic.
> >
>
> Did they "test" you for your actual proficiency level encoding and
decoding
> CW? I'd hope they did.

Yes they did. And I qualified at 25 GROUPS per minute.

>
> >
> > I was assigned as a radio
> > operator without ANY TRAINING AT ALL in my speciality...because I
ALREADY
> > HAD IT. Being a Ham, CW QUALIFIED and a MARS member. It helped a lot on
> > that run towards Sergeant.
> >
>
> But still, they did give you some kind of test, right?

No, I was givin a three level right out of basic. Did not attend any tech
school at all. When I arrived at Lockbourn in Ohio I was given my first
stripe and assigned as a 29330 and given a shift at the SAC Fast Talk radio
facility on base. In a very short time I passed my 5 level and was awarded
a 29350 and my next stripe as soon as I had my required Time in Grade.

>
> >
> > My amateur radio license was instrumental in getting me employeed after
> the
> > military in the electronics repair field.
> >
>
> Not your prior radio operator experience in the military?

Not really. I did very little actual maintenance in the military because my speciality was OPERATIONS. However I kept learning and teaching myself electronics as I went along. I am self taught all the way. Including in ELECTRONICS.

And I totally credit my interest in HAM RADIO as the reason and source of my inspiration to advance.

Not to mention the fact that in order to stay on the air I had to learn how to fix that dang equipment.

>
> >
> > In fact my ham license helped me
> > get every single job I ever held.
> > Can we say the same now a days? I doubt it.
> >
>
> Yeah, my former Girl Scouting and Girl Scout Leadership experience has
been
> a point of discussion when I interview. It's easy to impress anyone on
the
> outside of something, isn't it? ;)

I wouldnt know Kim. I am just telling you how it USED TO BE when a person had a ham license. How it USED TO MEAN SOMETHING.

When I got into this Amateur Radio was so respected that it actually opened doors for you. Not anymore. Thanks for helping dumb it down.

Your not going to belittle those that went before you. We don't have a damn thing to prove to you or those of your ilk.
We know, we have been there and got the tee shirt. Now pick up your jaw and commence to run off at the mouth little girl.

Dan/W4NTI

>
> >
> > Just trying to reinforce your statements.
> >
> > Dan/W4NTI
> >
> >
>

> Kim W5TIT
>
>
> ---
> Posted via news://freenews.netfront.net
> Complaints to news@netfront.net

2118. Re: Why don't Real Hams you face the facts?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-20 22:20:31 UTC
From: Dan/W4NTI <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com>
Message-ID: <bff4j9$g0s$1@slb9.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 72005

"Kim W5TIT" <fahgedit@nomail.net> wrote in message
news:bfeikb$uu3$1@adenine.netfront.net...

> Whenever I used to bootleg--and I did before I was licensed, I always made
> extra sure to stay out of ham radio frequencies--most hams know too much
> about R&R and DFing. ;) I won't do it now but only because I don't want
to
> compromise my license. Well, along with the fact that now I realize what
an
> idiot I was being.
>
> Kim W5TIT
>
>
> ---
> Posted via news://freenews.netfront.net
> Complaints to news@netfront.net

Why did I suspect this about Kim? Attitude perhaps?

Dan/W4NTI

2119. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-20 22:24:48 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307201424.371a6cc3@posting.google.com>
Source record: 72007

"William H. O'Hara, III" <whoohara@yahoo.com> wrote in message
news:<Xns93BE6AD6148C9AX2A3DA5M1512AODKAMO@65.100.3.61>...
> Kim,
>
> I don't think that you mentioned the
> only practical use for CW, today. In
> an emergency operation one can use CW
> almost as a cipher. If Newsreporters, whom
> possess "investigative skills", were to
> attempt their intercepts by a scanner,
> then they would simply have no
> comprehension.
>
> At a EMA ARES training session, the
> one of the ARES officials told us
> that CW should be considered for
> passing of vital information solely
> to keep the opsec tight.
>
> Opsec happens to mean Operation Security.
> I guess that everyone loves Delta
> Force and the terms endeared by SFOD-1D.
>
> At the Boston Marathon I was given
> a code key for authentication purposes.
>
> Bill
> KB1IUB

Bill, then there's COMSEC and MILSPEC. ;^) Brian

2120. Re: The myth that BPL is a solution for rural broadband

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-20 22:32:32 UTC
From: radio phun <diggydogge@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <3f1b15dd$1@snipnews.snip.net>
Source record: 72006
Cross-posted to:
rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.shortwave

"Rob Kemp" <robkemp90210@hotmail.com> wrote in message
news:6114e4af.0307200743.77d5e419@posting.google.com...
> The claim that BPL is good for rural deployment is yet another myth
> propagated by the BPL lobbyists. In essence it is bait and switch. The
> BPL strategy is to get the FCC to allow the high levels of
> interference / pollution as the FCC is focused on getting broadband to
> rural communities that don't have it.

I have several friends in the "corn & wheat belt" of
Iowa and Nebraska. (I broker farm equipment)
All of them have internet access, either via traditonal
dialup or some who have DSL via telco fibre taps
in the trunks that run btwn the cities. Wireless BPL
would not be a seller. (one enterprising customer
in Ohio I know has set up his own wireless LAN that
covers a good chunk of his 4000 acre farm. He can
surf the web on his laptop while inside the cab of
his aftermarket A/C equipped John Deere 9000
Series Combine

> In reality, if the BPL lobbyists succeed, they will immediately focus
> on the wealthy suburban markets that are profitable (and already have
> cable and DSL) and ignore the rural areas.

Very true! Suburban customer and the VERY lucrative
College Campus market(s) are the real target
of this technology.

> The existing DSL broadband technology is proven and could be provided
> to almost everyone who has a phone, the barriers are political not
> technical. The solution to universal broadband lies in ensuring the
> phone companies serve all of their customers equally. BPL is a broken
> and polluting technology that is a pure distraction to the objective
> of universal broadband.

The problem is there is one person at the FCC who
has known connections and investments into numerous
telecom corporations. His name is Michael Powell.
Get the big picture? Powell is to the FCC, what Murdoc
is to mass media.....

For an example of what I mean, go to the link below for more info :

http://www.alternet.org/story.html?StoryID=16032

2121. Re: Ham Radio In The Post-Code Testing Era

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-20 22:40:00 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307201440.39409a07@posting.google.com>
Source record: 72008

"Kim W5TIT" <fahgedit@nomail.net> wrote in message
news:<bfa3jvmbr1@adenine.netfront.net>...
> "Dick Carroll" <dickc58@att.net> wrote in message
> news:3F175E1D.3270D8EB@att.net...

> > NOdoudaboudit!
>
> Oh, hey, Dick! I still missed the intelligent response you were going to
> post...or that I thought you were capable of posting, anyway. Did you post
> it yet?
>
> Kim W5TIT

Kim, you are forever the optimist. I've been reading his posts since
about '95, and he hasn't come up with one yet. I'm not so sure if
he's incapable, or if he's worried that he'll taint that "Stubborn
Missouri Mule" image that he's developed over the years and tears. In
any case, he just ain't right.

Brian

2122. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-20 22:46:17 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307201446.45a05e15@posting.google.com>
Source record: 72009

"Kim W5TIT" <fahgedit@nomail.net> wrote in message
news:<bfe5vpkjp1@adenine.netfront.net>...
> "Alun Palmer" <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote in message
> news:Xns93BE5B71132D8elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4...

> > I suppose Larry will never consider me a fully-fledged ham, even with 20
> > wpm, 'cause I operate 100% phone, LOL.
>
> Dave Heil's a much better challenge! ;)
>
> Kim W5TIT

I dunno. He has his weaknesses. Frenchmen on 6M SSB seem to be a
pretty good hook for Dave. But their damned accents are so hard to
fake. Good luck Alun.

Brian

2123. Re: Smells like type acceptance

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-20 22:55:43 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307201455.791f014f@posting.google.com>
Source record: 72010

kelly@dvol.com (Brian Kelly) wrote in message
news:<d22b54c3.0307180840.66dd9680@posting.google.com>...
> "Phil Kane" <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop> wrote in message
news:<cuvyxnansvbet.hi6cxmi.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>...
>
> > (2) if the mod causes harmful interference to another licensed
> > station ("freebanders" are fair game but I never said that) then
> > you would be liable for using same.
>
> Cash deal and what radio are you talking about? I never met the guy.

You have the mind of a criminal.

2124. Re: The "trained pool of operators" argument - debunked

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-20 22:59:11 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307201459.2cf3f549@posting.google.com>
Source record: 72011

"Bill Sohl" <billsohl@mindspring.com> wrote in message
news:<bfd5fu$vj1$1@slb4.atl.mindspring.net>...
> "Larry Roll K3LT" <yodoc@aol.comnospam> wrote in message
> news:20030719223544.24390.00001231@mb-m19.aol.com...

> > Bill:
> > Don't look now, but all of this incredible technology comes to us
> > hams in the form of off-the-shelf appliances, largely designed and
> > manufacturered in Japan.
>
> New inventions are not limited to Japan. US companies still
> produce an incredible amount of new techology and applications.
>
> Cheers,
> Bill K2UNK

Close the patent office. Everything that could be invented has been.

2125. Re: Code a Deterrent to a Ham Ticket ??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-20 23:29:52 UTC
From: lenover21@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030720192952.23406.00000923@mb-m27.aol.com>
Source record: 72014

In article <20030720082143.10078.00000851@mb-m26.aol.com>, n2ey@aol.com (N2EY)
writes:

>In article <TuSRa.978$lL.113339@nnrp1.ptd.net>, "Carl R. Stevenson"
><wk3cqth@wk3c.com> writes:
>
>>As stated many times before, a ham radio license is NOT a degree or
>>certificate of graduation ... it is a "learner's permit."
>
>No, that's not true.

Hello? It IS "true," but in a virtual way.

All that the US amateur radio license is is a grant from the US government
civil radio regulating agency stating that the grantee is entitled to
operate
according to US amateur radio regulations.

>An amateur license, driver's license and a "certificate of graduation"
(usually
>called a diploma) indicate that the holder has met the minimum requirements,
as
>determined by the agency in charge. Doesn't mean the holder is an expert,
fully
>qualified, or that the learning is done. Just that the person is considered
>permanently qualified to do certain things.

How about a gun permit or a hunting or fishing license? :-)

I'd strike the word "permanently" to be fully accurate, but you MUST
argue about such...and your win-all-rounds-at-all-costs hat must be
on this week. :-)

If you don't RENEW your ham license within the total 12 year period
from last renewal of first test you do NOT have any "permanent"
qualification. None. Zip. Nada. Byeeee....

>A learner's permit is a temporary, limited license, issued to allow the holder
>to learn, under the immediate supervision of an experienced person, skills
>which cannot be learned from a book or class. The holder of a learner's permit
>is not supposed to stay at that level, but to "graduate" to a permanent
>license.

Well, YOU don't have ANY sort of "learner's permit," do you? :-)

>Of course learning is a lifelong process, and no radio amateur knows all
>there is to know about radio or even amateur radio.

You don't?!? :-)

That seems very inconsistent.

>But a ham license is not a
>"learner's permit" by any stretch of imagination.

Nope. When you got yours, you were a fully qualified extra special
something or other, able to leap tall pileups at the stroke of a key.

> In the days when the Novice
>was extremely limited (distinctive call, xtal control, tiny parts of a few
>bands, very few modes) and nonrenewable, it might have been considered a
>learner's permit. But those days are long gone.

Somebody opened the door at the back of the bus.

Some of the lower-caste escaped. Perhaps they were looking for
drinking fountains without signs on them.

LHA

2126. Re: Code a Deterrent to a Ham Ticket ??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-20 23:29:53 UTC
From: lenover21@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030720192953.23406.00000924@mb-m27.aol.com>
Source record: 72017

In article <bfe5nukba1@adenine.netfront.net>, "Kim W5TIT"
<fahgedit@nomail.net> writes:

>Except, what about the "useful skills" that you learned in college and have
>never turned into a career?
>heh heh, walked right into that one...

Slam dunk! So much for the Soma cum Loud "Human Resources"
graduate...:-)

LHA

2127. Re: The "trained pool of operators" argument - debunked

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-20 23:29:54 UTC
From: lenover21@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030720192954.23406.00000925@mb-m27.aol.com>
Source record: 72018

In article <bfa95b$88m$1@slb3.atl.mindspring.net>, "Bill Sohl"
<billsohl@mindspring.com> writes:

>> Dee D. Flint, N8uZE
>
>For all the complaining of lower standards...yada, yada,
>yada, I find it amazing we have the incredible technology
>advances, capabilities, etc which far exceed anything
>we had 30 years ago. Just where and who do you
>attribute those advances to...if not the new generation
>of students graduating from our schools?

Invention of the transistor - 1947 by Bardeen, Brattain, and Shockley.

Invention of the integrated circuit - by Jack Kilby during a Texas
Instruments plant-wide vacation period when he was a new hire and
hadn't earned any vacation leave.

The cellular telephone was a US invention, a marriage of a handheld
radio (first by Motorola) and the US telephone system (a host of new
inventions all by itself).

The invention of the first microprocessor (Intel, up in Silicon Gulch)
opened the way for the modern PC...and all sorts of things from a
$40 lawn-sprinkler controller to a fully-automated cashier-receipt
maker-stock totalizer computer system in supermarkets.

The LED and LCD and TFT flat-screen display are all US inventions.

Both the space shuttle and the bikini swimsuit are inventions from
Southern California. :-)

"Lower standards?" Hmmm...in 2003 there is still a requirement for
demonstrated morse code skill to obtain two of the three US radio
amateur licenses. Morse code was first used commercially in
1844...in the USA. Seems like that "standard" has been inflexibly
kept for about 91 years in amateur radio!

LHA

2128. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-20 23:29:54 UTC
From: lenover21@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030720192954.23406.00000926@mb-m27.aol.com>
Source record: 72019

In article <f45722ac.0307191358.53086ada@posting.google.com>,
brianburke@juno.com (Brian) writes:

>n2ey@aol.com (N2EY) wrote in message
>news:<20030719082137.15462.00001699@mb-m06.aol.com>...

>> I haven't seen any truthful answers to my questions about your alleged /T5
>> operations.
>
>You're amazing. You didn't believe me then, but somehow you'll believe me
>now.
>
>To be honest, I don't think there is any answer that will satisfy you.

There isn't any. Reverend Jim spends most of his free time in here,
not on the air. He is living each and every thread and must emerge
the winner in every newsgroup dispute. :-)

I'm beginning to wonder if he works for a living...not just at the UNNAMED
place he is supposed to be doing electrical engineering. :-)

LHA

2129. Re: ARS License Numbers

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-20 23:29:56 UTC
From: lenover21@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030720192956.23406.00000927@mb-m27.aol.com>
Source record: 72020

In article <20030718182158.24390.00001211@mb-m19.aol.com>, n2ey@aol.com (N2EY)
writes:

>In article <ThSRa.975$lL.113248@nnrp1.ptd.net>, "Carl R. Stevenson"
><wk3cqth@wk3c.com> writes:
>

>For example, one of the things that drove hams to abandon AM and NBFM in the
>'50s was the crowding and heterodynes in the 'phone bands when AM was king.
>This may be a big reason for the "great giveaway" of late 1952.

"AM?!?" All along you've insisted that US hams had SSB in the 1950s!

>Perception can be quite different from reality. Unless we have the entire
>database or a truly representative sample, impressions are misleading.

Tsk, tsk, tsk...you keep interpreting your database info and claiming it
is THE interpretation. Are you saying you are now MISLEADING
everyone?!?

>>> Actually, the younger generation first has to know ham radio even exists.
>>
>>This is true ...
>
>Something we gotta fix.

Why? Is it broke? No sense "fixing" something if it ain't broken. :-)

>Of course. But how do you know that young people won't embrace traditions?
>For many people, the novelty of doing something that isn't mainstream is a big
>attraction. PCs used to be like that - now they're appliances.

Radio stations in homes were once new and interesting. Around 1935
or so. Now, HF transceivers are just appliances.

1935 was, oh, around SIXTY-EIGHT YEARS AGO. :-)

>>We obviously disagree. What makes you think that "Many folks are interested
>>in HF access as part of their 'portfolio' of capabilities." ???
>
>The disagreement is that the code test is a major disincentive to many. It's
>just a requirement. However, let's put that aside because it will soon be a
>moot point.

No, no!! Say it isn't so! You've reiterated that a morse code test is
NECESSARY because so many hams around the world use morse
code! Don't tell us you've changed your mind?!?!

>Nope. The whole artificial above/below 30 MHz thing came about because of
>S25.5. That's not going to be an issue much longer. Time to take a fresh look
>at things.

A "fresh look?!?" Good grief.

Definitely a change of mind. Reverend Jim must have found a new stash.

>>NCI's "agenda" is to eliminate Morse testing.
>>
>I'm not asking "NCI".

Sorry, you are blatantly addressing Carl and NCI.

>I'm asking a wideranging question of anyone who's
>interested. It's time to look beyond the code test as the only issue on the
>table, if we're really interested in improving the future of the ARS.

Then apply for a staff position at ARRL. Remember, Dave Sumner will
retire eventually...there's your CHANCE at becoming Executive
Director For Life! :-)

Until then, test element 1 is still in Part 97. The fat lady hasn't sung.
It ain't over in here yet until test element goes away.

LHA

2130. Re: Ham Radio In The Post-Code Testing Era

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-20 23:29:57 UTC
From: lenover21@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030720192957.23406.00000928@mb-m27.aol.com>
Source record: 72013

In article <20030719222221.08200.00000882@mb-m25.aol.com>, n2ey@aol.com (N2EY) writes:

>But then why was the FCC so hot for more code testing in the 1960s? From the
>1930s to the 1960s a ham could get full privs with a 13 wpm code test. Yes,
the
>Extra and its 20 wpm code test was reintroduced in 1951, but then FCC gave all
>privs to Generals so nobody had to get an Extra for full privileges. And in
>fact very few did - in 1967, at the dawn of incentive licensing, there were
>maybe 4000 Extras out of about 250,000 US hams.
>
>At one point (1965), FCC proposed four code tests - 5, 13, 16, and 20 wpm.
When
>the dust settled it took 20 per to get a full privileges. Why was FCC so
hopped
>up on code testing back then?

Intense lobbying by the ARRL?

1965 is THIRTY-EIGHT YEARS AGO, Reverend Jim. No Internet then and Washington, DC, was a far place to get to and communicate by paper. Hams in the USA rarely wrote to the FCC for anything...

THIRTY-EIGHT YEARS AGO there was still some morse code used in various radio services AS a communications medium even though it was waning then. Ham radio long-timers made up the bulk of ARRL membership and those long-timers insisted that morse code skills were "essential" to amateur radio.

THIRTY-EIGHT YEARS AGO the Class D CB had already been a fact for 7 years and the FCC had changed the CB callsigns.

THIRTY-EIGHT YEARS AGO hams in the USA were still buying and operating US-made HF radio equipment. The influx of off-shore designed and made ham equipment had not yet started.

THIRTY-EIGHT YEARS AGO the solid-state era in all of electronics was just starting...integrated circuits were expensive and limited in kind and quantity. The microprocessor was on the drawing boards and the home personal computer essentially non-existant.

THIRTY-EIGHT YEARS AGO the average long-timer US ham probably got started around 1935. He (almost always male) was thoroughly ingrained in the 1930s' standards and practices of ham radio.

Try not to live in the past so much.

LHA

2131. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-20 23:29:57 UTC
From: lenover21@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030720192957.23406.00000929@mb-m27.aol.com>
Source record: 72016

In article <20030720003908.24390.00001237@mb-m19.aol.com>, yodoc@aol.comnospam (Larry Roll K3LT) writes:

>Hey, I know what you mean about those darned ole outdated modes
>of communication. Once you get your No-Code test General or
>Extra, wanna make a sked to work some Hellschreiber with me?

Larrah, you need to get your hearing checked. A long time ago, someone did NOT say to you, "Go to Hellschreiber." They just had name confused with another. :-)

LHA

2132. Re: Time to call a truce?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-20 23:29:59 UTC
From: lenover21@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030720192959.23406.00000930@mb-m27.aol.com>
Source record: 72012

In article <bfehec$u8c$1@adenine.netfront.net>, "Kim W5TIT"
<fahgedit@nomail.net> writes:

>"Dan/W4NTI" <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com> wrote in message
>news:bfeg36hah1@slb0.atl.mindspring.net...
>>
>> Along those lines Larry. I became a ham in 1961. By 1964 I was a 'cruit'
>> in the US Air Force and sitting in that wooden building at Lackland with no
>> Air conditioning in JUNE.
>>
>> They were giving us AFQTs (Air Force Qualification Tests) or something like
>> that...hi. To make a long story short. Because I WAS A LICENSED GENERAL
>> CLASS HAM AND COULD COPY MORSE CODE at 13wpm I WAS IMMEDIATLY QUALIFIED and
>> was given a 3 level straight out of basic.
>
>Did they "test" you for your actual proficiency level encoding and decoding
>CW? I'd hope they did.

Disregarding USAF jargon such as "3 level," I'd say they should have.
US Army did it for the old Field Radio MOS at the time...and few
formerly-civilian morsemen could cut the Army requirements. :-)

>> I was assigned as a radio
>> operator without ANY TRAINING AT ALL in my speciality...because I ALREADY
>> HAD IT. Being a Ham, CW QUALIFIED and a MARS member. It helped a lot on
>> that run towards Sergeant.
>
>But still, they did give you some kind of test, right?

Tsk, tsk, the US Army was fussier. Us recruits got placement testing into
an Army branch prior to Basic training, but that was it.

I wasn't any licensed radio op going in, certainly with no morse code
experience, and wound up in Microwave Radio Relay school at Fort
Monmouth. No particular Tests there although we had some short ones
periodically. Instructors (all GIs themselves) at that time had discretion
on who would pass and who would be reassigned.

I made E-5 (NCO, not Specialist) in a year and a half after being
assigned to ADA Transmitters; Army froze rank advancement during
school periods at the time. Absolutely NO "tests" of the formal or
written kind at ADA.

>> My amateur radio license was instrumental in getting me employeed after the
>> military in the electronics repair field.
>

>Not your prior radio operator experience in the military?

"Getting employed" at any given time depends on Who Is Hiring, and
where. :-)

It's usually a matter of keeping ones eyes/ears open and grabbing for
opportunities as they arise. I got jobs at three radio stations and one
TV station in 1956 after testing and being granted a First Phone. None
of my previous military experience had any direct bearing on "riding gain"
or operating a video switcher...just tuning tube type transmitters of high
power. Shrug.

In the fall of 1956 I was determined to go to Art Schools in either the
southeast or southwest sunbelt areas. Hughes Aircraft Co. had hiring
teams at major cities and one such hired me as a Senior Tech in
Environmental Testing Lab at the HAC El Segundo plant...in Chicago.
Zero environmental test experience, except being in hot and cold
weather. :-)

In each and every one of my personal experiences, everything about a
job was a learning experience and I learned as much as I could. Not
formal classroom learning, but on-the-job practicalities which were
reinforced by off-work study to find out Why certain things were done.
All was so interesting that I switched from art (illustrator) to engineering
and never regretted doing so.

>> In fact my ham license helped me
>> get every single job I ever held.
>> Can we say the same now a days? I doubt it.
>
>Yeah, my former Girl Scouting and Girl Scout Leadership experience has been
>a point of discussion when I interview. It's easy to impress anyone on the
>outside of something, isn't it? ;)

Heh heh heh.

If Personnel Departments have the "upper hand" in hiring folks, they WILL
be Credentialists looking for all the wonderful certificates and degrees
with attendant Rank therein. Pretty paper is extremely important to the
Human Resources (PC term for Personnel) folks...makes their decision-
making tasks much, much easier.

In Southern California Aerospace industry, engineering departments have
the FINAL say in who gets hired and who doesn't...and the engineers
within those departments have to do the final interviews. They WILL
find out who is REALLY qualified and who isn't, degree or not. That
method works very well indeed and was responsible for my long, long
route on getting a fancy piece of paper announcing I was "qualified" to
do something I'd already QUALIFIED in for two decades previous. :-)

Folks who are INTO their hobby too deep seem to confuse the
differences between recreation and occupation. The "need" for
morsemen evaporated to a minor level worldwide at least three decades

ago but amateurs still insist it is a terrible "need" to be "qualified" to operate an HF transmitter. :-) Shrug.

Len Anderson
retired (from regular hours) electronic engineer person

2133. Re: Looking For Handset Sources

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-20 23:30:00 UTC
From: lenover21@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030720193000.23406.00000931@mb-m27.aol.com>
Source record: 72015

In article <5c01b95b.0307180801.29ef89@posting.google.com>, k4yz@aol.com (Steve Robeson, K4CAP) writes:

>Does anyone know of a source for the mil-spec type handsets like the
>one that appears in many of the SGC ads? SGC sells them as
>accessories, but for well-over $375.
>
> Any help would be deeply appreciated.

Fair Radio Sales. See also www.fairradio.com, search for "handsets"

They currently list the H-33 (PTT) handset at $17.50 plus shipping.
The H-33 was (probably) the first of the skinny military handsets that
could slide the earpiece under the helmet in use. It was common
with AN/PRC-6 to PRC-12s during the active Korean War.

The H-250 (PTT) handset is $18.00 plus shipping. The H-250 was
used with the AN/PRC-25 in Vietnam (and other places) during the
1960s to 1970s period.

The connector plug will most likely have to be changed to connect
to a PARAMILITARY SGC-2020 arrangement. [Sojer in da woods
fun and games? :-) That seems to be what SGC is advertising.]

Fair also has the PRC-25 Accessory Kit for $69.50. This includes the
H-250, the AT-892 ribbon antenna and AT-271 telescoping antenna, all
in the CW-503 carrying bag. All could be used with a 2020 along with
one of SGC's automatic antenna tuners.

LHA

2134. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-20 23:38:57 UTC
From: vshah101@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030720193857.14567.00000223@mb-m02.aol.com>
Source record: 72021

From: "Dee D. Flint" deehays

>So what do you plan to do to recruit people to Morse code. If want others
>to use it, you have the responsibility

No, what I meant is that its a better situation for me if more Hams use Morse code. For one thing, I won't be talking to them. But, I'm not going to go and recruit people to use Morse code.

2135. Re: Smells like type acceptance

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-20 23:47:22 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030720194722.18497.00001451@mb-m05.aol.com>
Source record: 72022

In article <d0347caae2845a77b62eeaa7c22105bc.128005@mygate.mailgate.org>, "K0HB with non-approved radios" <k0hb@earthlink.net> writes:

>"N2EY" <n2ey@aol.com> wrote
>
>>
>> Thought experiment: Ham buys a Heath SB-220/1 amplifier. Ham modifies same
>to
>> cover 30 meters and proceeds to use it there, at a power level far above
>that
>> authorized. FCC finds out. Does FCC have the power to make ham un-modify
>it? Or
>> is their only possible action seizure/confiscation and destruction?
>>
>> 73 de Jim, N2EY
>
>Jim, you're starting to sound like the gun control people.

Aw geez, Hans, now you've gone from disagreeinf to insulting ;-)
>
>There is a whole range of actions available to FCC, including a big NAL,
>designating license for review, prohibiting use of 30M by this
>particular induhvidual, or whatever.

Sure. But those things take time and money. The unmodify action can be ordered right away.

To return to the Swift case, it's important to note what we DON'T know. K2ASP this is just the beginning, not the end of enforcement action against this guy. I'm very inclined to believe that.

We also don't know anything about the accused except what's in the database. We don't know how old he is, what his experience or record is, or even if the FT-2500M is his own property. We don't know his mental health or criminal history. We don't know if the distress calls started a wide range SAR or if they were quickly identified as bogus. We don't even know where the unmodify idea came from.

But I bet the FCC knows!

Maybe it was HIS idea, suggested verbally to the FCC.

What, exactly, would you have ARRL and hams do? Personally I am surprised that FCC did not find a way to take the radio as evidence. However, I defer to K2ASP's expertise on the difference between surrender, seizure, and confiscation of property in a case like this.
>

>"Radios don't break radio laws, people do."

Yup. And one solution to the problem is to remove the means of lawbreaking from those who violate the laws.

"Guns don't kill people. Bullets kill people. I say give everybody guns and lock up all the bullets" - Pat Paulsen, 1968

73 de Jim, N2EY

2136. Re: Time to call a truce?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-20 23:51:38 UTC
From: Dan/W4NTI <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com>
Message-ID: <bff9u4$o4b$1@slb6.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 72023

"Len Over 21" <lenover21@aol.com> wrote in message
news:20030720192959.23406.00000930@mb-m27.aol.com...
> In article <bfehec$u8c$1@adenine.netfront.net>, "Kim W5TIT"
> <fahgedit@nomail.net> writes:
>
> >"Dan/W4NTI" <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com> wrote in message
> >news:bfeg36hah1@slb0.atl.mindspring.net...
> >>
> >> Along those lines Larry. I became a ham in 1961. By 1964 I was a
'cruit'
> >> in the US Air Force and sitting in that wooden building at Lackland
with no
> >> Air conditioning in JUNE.
> >>
> >> They were giving us AFQTs (Air Force Qualification Tests) or something
like
> >> that...hi. To make a long story short. Because I WAS A LICENSED
GENERAL
> >> CLASS HAM AND COULD COPY MORSE CODE at 13wpm I WAS IMMEDIATLY QUALIFIED
and
> >> was given a 3 level straight out of basic.
> >
> >Did they "test" you for your actual proficiency level encoding and
decoding
> >CW? I'd hope they did.
>
> Disregarding USAF jargon such as "3 level," I'd say they should have.
> US Army did it for the old Field Radio MOS at the time...and few
> formerly-civilian morsemen could cut the Army requirements. :-)
>

Well Len what I didn't mention, due to it not being relevant to the
discussion that I also have 8 years Army time, from 71 to 79.

Upon enlistment (in 1971) I was given the MOS of O5C20, and a rank of PFC.
After basic I received my Army specialty of O5C40/CW qualified. All based
on my AF speciality.

I received Sgt E5 as soon as I made TIG while in Germany in 72 or 73. Still
having attended NO MILITARY SCHOOLS in the speciality.

As to your comment of not being able to meet the Army requirements.
FYI...while deployed to Don Muong Air Base in 1966 I was given a TDY
assignment. It was to downtown Bangkok to work with the Army Morse
Intercept group. They needed a immediate and temporary fill in. I

qualified....again due to my AMATEUR RADIO LICENSE.

Good duty.

Dan/W4NTI

2137. With CW gone, can the CW allocations be far behind?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-21 00:17:20 UTC
From: Joe Collins <collins201@taranews.net>
Message-ID: <3871068677.165767678@taranews.net>
Source record: 72024
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy

Now that Bruce Parens and NCI have won the CW wars, what will happen to the exclusive CW allocations if a CW requirement is dropped? Certainly there can be no argument for keeping the current band structure in place, and phone operations probably ought to be spread out into what was once exclusively reserved for CW operators. Not only would this alleviate the congestion in the phone bands, but it would finally and officially place CW into perspective: Just another optional mode of operation without any exclusive rights to any frequency.

2138. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-21 00:21:41 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bffbqf$1er5$1@adenine.netfront.net>
Source record: 72026

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"Dan/W4NTI" <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com> wrote in message
news:bff3hj$ur2$1@slb6.atl.mindspring.net...
>
> "Kim W5TIT" <fahgedit@nomail.net> wrote in message
> news:bfeidb$ur7$1@adenine.netfront.net...
> > "William H. O'Hara, III" <whoohara@yahoo.com> wrote in message
> > news:Xns93BE6AD6148C9AX2A3DA5M1512AODKAMO@65.100.3.61...
> > > Kim,
> > >
> > > I don't think that you mentioned the
> > > only practical use for CW, today. In
> > > an emergency operation one can use CW
> > > almost as a cipher. If Newsreporters, whom
> > > possess "investigative skills", were to
> > > attempt their intercepts by a scanner,
> > > then they would simply have no
> > > comprehension.
> > >
> >
> > With all due respect, William (or is it Bill), seems that deliberately
> > coding/encrypting on the amateur bands is contrary to the R&R, if ya
know
> > what I mean. And, it also seems to me that any reporter with really
good
> > investigative skills would be well aware of your scenario, above.
> >
> >
>
> Now Ive heard everything. CW is now a method of encryption. Oh good
grief.
>
> That is a first. I never thought Id live so long as to see so much idiocy
> about the Morse Code. Unbelievable
>
> Dan/W4NTI
>

Dan, you really should stop being so reactionary. Perhaps you'll re-read
the comment "In an emergency operation one can use CW almost as a cipher."
Then, perhaps you'll look at my response in a different light. I was
remarking on the fact that William (Bill) was promoting the idea that CW
is/can be used as a cipher. That would not be legal in any way, and
promoting the idea of CW as being a way to "cipher" information is quite
misleading, don't you think?
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Sheesh, take some time off...

Kim W5TIT

Posted via news://freenews.netfront.net
Complaints to news@netfront.net

2139. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-21 00:22:56 UTC
From: Alex V Flinsch <avflinsch@att.net>
Message-ID: <pan.2003.07.21.00.33.22.554572@att.net>
Source record: 72025

On or about Sun, 20 Jul 2003 11:33:11 -0500, "Dan/W4NTI"
<w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com> wrote about the following in article
<bfeg84gmj1@slb0.atl.mindspring.net>:

>
> Came within two questions of passing the Extra without cracking a book.
>

I passed the general and extra exams without cracking open a book either.
I have yet to take the code test.

> Further proof of the dumbing down of the ARS.

Nope, a good solid understanding of electronics from books cracked open 20
years ago.

--
Alex / KC2IVL
ft100 software for Linux http://www.qsl.net/kc2ivl
"Good judgment comes from experience,
and a lot of that comes from bad judgment"

2140. Re: Time to call a truce?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-21 00:24:46 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bffc09$1etd$1@adenine.netfront.net>
Source record: 72032

"Dan/W4NTI" <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com> wrote in message
news:bff468imu1@slb9.atl.mindspring.net...
>
>
> When I got into this Amateur Radio was so respected that it actually
opened
> doors for you. Not anymore. Thanks for helping dumb it down.
>

Hey, you're the one thinking that it's OK to promote CW as a way to cipher
information over the ham bands...

>
> Your not going to belittle those that went before you. We don't have a
damn
> thing to prove to you or those of your ilk.
>

With that kind of attitude, you have proven quite a bit to me, Dan. And,
it's not positive, by the way.

>
> We know, we have been there and got the tee shirt. Now pick up your jaw
> and commence to run off at the mouth little girl.
>
> Dan/W4NTI
>

Yep, you're an asshole, alright.

Kim W5TIT

Posted via news://freenews.netfront.net
Complaints to news@netfront.net

2141. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-21 00:25:42 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bffc20$1eu5$1@adenine.netfront.net>
Source record: 72033

"Dave Heil" <k8mn@earthlink.net> wrote in message
news:3F1AFB56.BE5B3A13@earthlink.net...
> Kim W5TIT wrote:
> >
> > "Alun Palmer" <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote in message
>
> > > I suppose Larry will never consider me a fully-fledged ham, even with
20
> > > wpm, 'cause I operate 100% phone, LOL.
> >
> > Dave Heil's a much better challenge! ;)
>
> I don't know what's driving your sniping, Kim. I operate phone, CW,
> RTTY and FM on the bands and frequencies of my choice from any of those
> made available by the FCC.
>
> You've told us that you aren't operating at all.
>
> Dave K8MN
>

See what I mean?

Kim W5TIT

Posted via news://freenews.netfront.net
Complaints to news@netfront.net

2142. Re: Smells like type acceptance

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-21 00:26:47 UTC
From: Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
Message-ID: <cuvyxnansvbet.hibu49k.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 72027

On Sat, 19 Jul 2003 09:02:41 -0500, Kim W5TIT wrote:

>ABSOLUTELY!!!!!! And, confiscating equipment would have been the ethical
>thing to do.

And totally illegal. See my "tutorial" on what the FCC can do and
cannot do in that regard.

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73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane

2143. Re: Smells like type acceptance

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-21 00:26:47 UTC
From: Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
Message-ID: <cuvyxnansvbet.hibthsj.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 72028

On Sat, 19 Jul 2003 05:06:34 -0400, clutch@lycos.com wrote:

>Anyone transmitting false and malicious distress should not be a ham,
>a cb'er, frs user nothing period. There is no need to modify
>equipment back since this person should not ever have another radio
>ever in his/hers hot little hands. Sorta like a child molester never
>being allowed to work in a school.

I wish you great luck in getting a court to order such a sentence
on first offense. short of massive loss of life. Especially THAT
parycular court - D., Dist. of Calif. - (before which I practiced 35
years total as a paralegal investigator and as an attorney).

>Revert to type acceptance, what were they thinking?

(a) it wasn't type acceptance and (b) it was to disallow any further
out-of-band operation NOW.

It's not over yet - That's only step one.

--
73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane

2144. Re: The myth that BPL is a solution for rural broadband

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-21 00:26:47 UTC
From: Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
Message-ID: <cuvyxnansvbet.hibw7im.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 72029
Cross-posted to:
rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.shortwave

On 20 Jul 2003 08:43:52 -0700, Rob Kemp wrote:

>DSL can work out to about ~ 16,000 feet from the central office. BPL
>can only go 2,000 feet from the BPL equivalent of a DSLAM, then BPL
>needs an expensive repeater installed by a linesman trained to work
>with 11,000 volt cables.

All utility repair maintainers ("linesmen") must be trained and
qualified to work with primary voltages (11,000 V in your example).
There are special tools ("hot sticks") which they use daily to work
such open lines live, and they have no hesitation to pull the fuses
and work them "cold" if need be. Even after they pull the fuses and
ground the lines, they still use the "hot sticks" which are designed
specifically for the hardware in use.

Transmission voltages (34 KV and up) are something else. Those are
never worked hot.

(As the Portland General Electric channel on my scanner chatters in
the background.)

But you are 100% on point as to what is needed and what the
utilities are liable to do.

--
73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane

2145. Re: Smells like type acceptance

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-21 00:26:47 UTC
From: Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
Message-ID: <cuvyxnansvbet.hibu82l.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 72030

On 19 Jul 2003 20:11:53 -0700, K0HB wrote:

>So I'll ask a rhetorical question which requires
>only a "simple Yes or No"..... "Does FCC have the authority to
>require hams to maintain factory built equipment in it's original
>state?"

Yes. But.... Only if......

--
73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane

2146. Re: Time to call a truce?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-21 00:26:48 UTC
From: Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
Message-ID: <cuvyxnansvbet.hibwean.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 72031

On Sun, 20 Jul 2003 02:34:07 -0400, Dwight Stewart wrote to "Larry Roll K3LT":

> LOL. And I also see you're still suffering from delusions of grandeur.

Delusions of grandeur are better than no grandeur at all.

--
73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane

2147. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-21 00:27:00 UTC
From: "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net>
Message-ID: <orGSa.11525$Vx2.5478059@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com>
Source record: 72034

"Vshah101" <vshah101@aol.com> wrote in message
news:20030720193857.14567.00000223@mb-m02.aol.com...
> From: "Dee D. Flint" deehays
>
> >So what do you plan to do to recruit people to Morse code. If want
others
> >to use it, you have the responsibility
>
> No, what I meant is that its a better situation for me if more Hams use
Morse
> code. For one thing, I won't be talking to them. But, I'm not going to go
and
> recruit people to use Morse code.

You want other hams to use Morse so you don't have to talk to them. That's extremely anti-social on your part and totally opposite of your previously stated desires that you would like to get hams to be more social.

Dee D. Flint, N8UZE

2148. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-21 00:27:54 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bffc65$1f44$1@adenine.netfront.net>
Source record: 72035

"Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net> wrote in message
news:NVASa.11454$Vx2.5422978@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com...
>
> "Kim W5TIT" <fahgedit@nomail.net> wrote in message
> news:bfe3rviuj1@adenine.netfront.net...
> > "Alun Palmer" <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote in message
> > news:Xns93BE57B666D15elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4...
> > > yodoc@aol.comnospam (Larry Roll K3LT) wrote in
> > > news:20030720003910.24390.00001239@mb-m19.aol.com:
> > >
> > > > In article <Xns93BDE1B331BB8elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>, Alun Palmer
> > > > <elektros@yahoo.com> writes:
> > > >
> > > > >>> Do you think *that* would be a good reason? I want to do
> > > > >>> something I'm
> > > > >>> interested in as long as I can. I mean really, do you care what
say
> > > > >>> Larry, Dick, or Jim or even my self think? Two years is just too
> long
> > > > >>> to wait. That's the reason why I think a preson would get the
ticket
> > > > >>> sooner.
> > > > >
> > > > > Considering the fact that most people can pass a 5 WPM code test
> > > > > right after learning basic character recognition (about two weeks'
> > > > > effort if you take your time), it would be insane to wait two whole
> > > > > years to get your General- or Extra-class ham ticket. However, a
lot
> > > > > of wannabe hams out there will probably do just that! It's their
> > > > > funeral -- they don't know what they're missing!
> > > > >
> > > > > 73 de Larry, K3LT
> > > > >
> > > > >
> > > >
> > > > Oddly enough, I tend to agree. However, it may be worth waiting just
> long
> > > > enough to find out what the FCC is going to do, as right now we don't
> know
> > > > how long the wait will be.
> > > >
> > >
> > > To besmirch someone because they don't, or wait to, upgrade is quite
> > > ridiculous. What if someone is happy with Tech/Tech+, General, etc.?

> >
> > My husband is a General, has been for I don't know how long, a few years
> > anyway. I haven't seen a thing he can do that piques my interest enough
> to
> > desire an upgrade to do them. In fact, for the past year at least, the
> > Yaesu 890FT has been completely disconnected (we remodeled this room and
> the
> > radio's just never been hooked back up).
> >
> > People are not missing anything by not upgrading, if the upgraded
> privileges
> > don't provide anything more they wish.
> >
> > Kim W5TIT
>
> You repeatedly misconstrue what people are saying. None of us ridicules
or
> besmirches the person who does not upgrade because they have no interest
in
> the privileges of the higher class. They have achieved their personal
goals
> regarding ham radio and found their niche. What we oppose is the person
> that wants the privileges of the higher class but refuses to do the work
to
> get them. I know some people that want to be a general but not only have
> they been waiting for years for the elimination of the code test but have
> refuses to even try.
>
> Dee D. Flint, N8UZE
>

Dee, I don't think I am miscontrueing a thing. It baffles me to no end that
it would actually bother someone to have another wait for their opportunity
to come along. I see nothing at all wrong with someone waiting until
testing requirements meet *their* expectations.

Kim W5TIT

Posted via news://freenews.netfront.net
Complaints to news@netfront.net

2149. Re: With CW gone, can the CW allocations be far behind?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-21 00:35:58 UTC
From: "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net>
Message-ID: <OzGSa.11527$Vx2.5479258@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com>
Source record: 72036
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy

"Joe Collins" <collins201@taranews.net> wrote in message
news:3871068677.165767678@taranews.net...
> Now that Bruce Parens and NCI have won the CW wars, what will happen
> to the exclusive CW allocations if a CW requirement is dropped?
> Certainly there can be no argument for keeping the current band
> structure in place, and phone operations probably ought to be spread
> out into what was once exclusively reserved for CW operators. Not
> only would this alleviate the congestion in the phone bands, but it
> would finally and officially place CW into perspective: Just another
> optional mode of operation without any exclusive rights to any
> frequency.

Remember it is not only CW that uses these sections of the bands but also the other digital modes. The large number of hams in the US combined with the limited amount of HF spectrum allotted to hams means some time of regulation may continue to be necessary here. While a voluntary band plan might work, I wouldn't count on it. I've read postings from Europeans where they have problems because people will not follow the band plans especially during their contests. They have a lot fewer hams than we do.

Given the activity on the air right now and the last several weeks, the congestion has been in the CW/digital subbands not the phone bands. Conditions on phone have been poor and there has, in general been little activity, other than a pileup or two on a DX station. Expanding the phone bands won't clear up those types of activities.

So since there isn't any real congestion in the phone bands right now, there is no need to expand them at the expense of all the digital modes (PSK31, RTTY, Amtor, Packet, a myriad of lesser known modes, and also CW).

Dee D. Flint, N8UZE

2150. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-21 00:41:11 UTC
From: "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net>
Message-ID: <HEGSa.11528$Vx2.5480326@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com>
Source record: 72038

"Alex V Flinsch" <avflinsch@att.net> wrote in message
news:pan.2003.07.21.00.33.22.554572@att.net...
> On or about Sun, 20 Jul 2003 11:33:11 -0500, "Dan/W4NTI"
> <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com> wrote about the following in article
> <bfeg84gmj1@slb0.atl.mindspring.net>:
>
>
> > > Came within two questions of passing the Extra without cracking a book.
> > >
>
> I passed the general and extra exams without cracking open a book either.
> I have yet to take the code test.
>
>
> > Further proof of the dumbing down of the ARS.
>
> Nope, a good solid understanding of electronics from books cracked open 20
> years ago.

Then you can't say that you didn't study. You simply used a different study path. No one is born knowing Ohm's law, etc. There is not and never has been any requirement to use the common study guides such as those put out by the ARRL or W5YI. The requirement is to pass the test. If you studied the material in a different venue that is still studying. It does not count as "having passed the test without cracking open a book." Though knowing just the electronics is not enough to pass the test. To get a passing grade, it's necessary to know some of the FCC rules, some of the standard amateur practices, antenna theory (not general taught in most electronics text books), propagation (again not covered in most electronics text books), etc. So one way or another, you learned that too as you're not born knowing that either.

Dee D. Flint, N8UZE

2151. Re: With CW gone, can the CW allocations be far behind?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-21 00:41:40 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030720204140.03929.00001059@mb-m28.aol.com>
Source record: 72037

In article <3871068677.165767678@taranews.net>, "Joe Collins"
<collins201@taranews.net> writes:

>Now that Bruce Parens and NCI have won the CW wars, what will happen
>to the exclusive CW allocations if a CW requirement is dropped?

The only exclusive CW allocations in US amateur radio are 50.0 to 50.1 and
144.0-144.1 (MHz).

The non-phone parts of 80, 40, 20, 17, 15, 12 and 10 meters are also open to a
wide variety of "digital" modes, from good ol' Baudot RTTY to PSK-31 and
PACTOR-II. Same for all of 30 meters.

>Certainly there can be no argument for keeping the current band
>structure in place,

Sure there is.

>and phone operations probably ought to be spread
>out into what was once exclusively reserved for CW operators.

Actually, I agree with the Central States VHF Society's proposal.

>Not
>only would this alleviate the congestion in the phone bands, but it
>would finally and officially place CW into perspective: Just another
>optional mode of operation without any exclusive rights to any
>frequency.

You might want to check Part 97...

73 de Jim, N2EY

2152. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-21 00:47:17 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
Message-ID: <3F1B380F.4050209@adelphia.net>
Source record: 72039

Dee D. Flint wrote:
> "Alun Palmer" <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote in message
> news:Xns93BDDB93FE306elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4...
>
>> The thing is Dee, a CW test is a very odd way to 'earn' HF. I'm not atall
>>sure that a person has not earned HF just beacause they haven't learnt CW.
>>Sure, Part 97 might agree with that rather peculiar proposition for the
>>time being, but it won't much longer.
>
>
> The thing is that happens to be the current requirement regardless of our
> individual opinions on whether it is peculiar or not. and I know people who
> have been whining for 10 years waiting for the code requirement to go away.
> It's rather peculiar that a person would wait that long and miss out on all
> the operating that they profess to wanting to do.

They don't do it because they are more interested in ham radio than the
people who just learned the requirments. ;^)

- Mike KB3EIA -

2153. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-21 00:51:37 UTC
From: "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net>
Message-ID: <tOGSa.11534$Vx2.5481863@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com>
Source record: 72044

"Kim W5TIT" <fahgedit@nomail.net> wrote in message
news:bffc65$1f44$1@adenine.netfront.net...
>
> Dee, I don't think I am miscontrueing a thing. It baffles me to no end
that
> it would actually bother someone to have another wait for their
opportunity
> to come along. I see nothing at all wrong with someone waiting until
> testing requirements meet *their* expectations.
>
> Kim W5TIT

Even if it is waiting 10 years or better??

I like to see people succeed. Those who wait do not succeed because they do not take control over and responsibility for their own lives. It is heartbreakingly sad to see people electing to be failures because they are waiting for someone to give them something.

If you wait for opportunity to knock, it never will.

Dee D. Flint, N8UZE

2154. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-21 00:52:23 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
Message-ID: <3F1B3940.3060801@adelphia.net>
Source record: 72040

Kim W5TIT wrote:

> Actually, the good test for good manners and courtesy and respect on the
> air, is the acid test. Every person I have witnessed being in the class the
> majority calls an "idiot" operator, has soon disappeared from the FM side of
> ham radio. They get tired of "being encouraged" to talk right, operate
> right, etc., or they get tired of being ignored. Guess where some have
> disappeared to?

Here?

- Mike KB3EIA -

2155. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-21 00:52:42 UTC
From: lenover21@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030720205242.10078.00000867@mb-m26.aol.com>
Source record: 72042

In article <f45722ac.0307201446.45a05e15@posting.google.com>,
brianburke@juno.com (Brian) writes:

>"Kim W5TIT" <fahgedit@nomail.net> wrote in message
>news:<bfe5vpkjp1@adenine.netfront.net>...
>> "Alun Palmer" <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote in message
>> news:Xns93BE5B71132D8elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4...
>
>> > I suppose Larry will never consider me a fully-fledged ham, even with 20
>> > wpm, 'cause I operate 100% phone, LOL.
>>
>> Dave Heil's a much better challenge! ;)
>>
>> Kim W5TIT
>
>I dunno. He has his weaknesses. Frenchmen on 6M SSB seem to be a
>pretty good hook for Dave. But their damned accents are so hard to
>fake. Good luck Alun.

Big Dave is just pissed because so few of us bow down to his "I am the
superior <whatever>" and refuse to capitulate. Shrug.

LHA

2156. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-21 00:52:44 UTC
From: lenover21@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030720205244.10078.00000868@mb-m26.aol.com>
Source record: 72043

In article <NVASa.11454$Vx2.5422978@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com>, "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net> writes:

>"Kim W5TIT" <fahgedit@nomail.net> wrote in message
>news:bfe3rviuj1@adenine.netfront.net...
>> "Alun Palmer" <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote in message
>> news:Xns93BE57B666D15elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4...
>> > yodoc@aol.comnospam (Larry Roll K3LT) wrote in
>> > news:20030720003910.24390.00001239@mb-m19.aol.com:
>> >
>> > > In article <Xns93BDE1B331BB8elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>, Alun Palmer
>> > > <elektros@yahoo.com> writes:
>> > >
>> > >>> Do you think *that* would be a good reason? I want to do
>> > >>> something I'm
>> > >>> interested in as long as I can. I mean really, do you care what say
>> > >>> Larry, Dick, or Jim or even my self think? Two years is just too long
>> > >>> to wait. That's the reason why I think a preson would get the ticket
>> > >>> sooner.
>> > >
>> > > Considering the fact that most people can pass a 5 WPM code test
>> > > right after learning basic character recognition (about two weeks'
>> > > effort if you take your time), it would be insane to wait two whole
>> > > years to get your General- or Extra-class ham ticket. However, a lot
>> > > of wannabe hams out there will probably do just that! It's their
>> > > funeral -- they don't know what they're missing!
>> > >
>> > > 73 de Larry, K3LT
>> >
>> > Oddly enough, I tend to agree. However, it may be worth waiting just long
>> > enough to find out what the FCC is going to do, as right now we don't know
>> > how long the wait will be.
>>
>> To besmirch someone because they don't, or wait to, upgrade is quite
>> ridiculous. What if someone is happy with Tech/Tech+, General, etc.?
>>
>> My husband is a General, has been for I don't know how long, a few years
>> anyway. I haven't seen a thing he can do that piques my interest enough to
>> desire an upgrade to do them. In fact, for the past year at least, the
>> Yaesu 890FT has been completely disconnected (we remodeled this room and the
>> radio's just never been hooked back up).
>>
>> People are not missing anything by not upgrading, if the upgraded privileges
>> don't provide anything more they wish.

>>
>> Kim W5TIT
>
>You repeatedly misconstrue what people are saying. None of us ridicules or
>besmirches the person who does not upgrade because they have no interest in
>the privileges of the higher class.

Well, us bourgeoises and "lower class" minded people will just have to sit
in
the back of the bus and drink from different water fountains, won't we? :-)

Did the Almighty make all the Royal-Noble Radio Regulations (hardly
different now than from the pre-WW2 era) or did ordinary humans make
those regulations then? Since when do those LAWS remain fixed,
forever engraved in unchageable stone and protected by the armor of
"tradition?" Laws were made by humans and laws can be UNMADE by
humans.

There's been a movement to change those magnificent code laws for some
time and it has ended on the international side.

I know this is a terrible shock, perhaps trauma to the "higher class" elite,
but S25.5 AS-YOU-KNOW-IT went bye-bye. Try to accept reality with some
good grace. It is difficult, I realize, but it must be done.

>They have achieved their personal goals
>regarding ham radio and found their niche.

In my case, I've not found any good reason to join a SERVICE of pretend-
quasi-military radio operators by having to relearn morse code.

>What we oppose is the person
>that wants the privileges of the higher class but refuses to do the work to
>get them.

Tsk, tsk, tsk, the Elite "higher-class" talking again!

Hmmm...I got on HF legally and militarily some 50 years ago, transmitting
on HF from any one of 43 transmitters. Did that for two years without any
formal schooling in the military HF communications whatsoever. I guess
that made me "lazy" in your view, didn't it? Since ADA didn't use any
morse code through those 43 transmitters, it was "lower-class" stuff, right?

Will you agree that "radio" was used? I don't think so. From your tone,
I'd say that you think AMATEUR radio works by different principles than
commercial or government radio...therefore such military radio "isn't as
good" as ham equipment...

>I know some people that want to be a general but not only have
>they been waiting for years for the elimination of the code test but have
>refuses to even try.

Well, you upper-class uppercrust make sure all those signs are up in
bus, the ones directing the lower-class to the uncomfortable back.

That gives you (and so many others) the ILLUSION that you are "superior" and "more advanced" and all that self-promotional stuff. Have fun in your imaginary nirvana. Realignment and reality are just around the corner.

LHA

2157. Re: Time to call a truce?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-21 00:52:46 UTC
From: lenover21@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030720205246.10078.00000869@mb-m26.aol.com>
Source record: 72041

In article <bff468imu1@slb9.atl.mindspring.net>, "Dan/W4NTI"
<w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com> writes:

>"Kim W5TIT" <fahgedit@nomail.net> wrote in message
>news:bfehec$u8c$1@adenine.netfront.net...
>>
>> "Dan/W4NTI" <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com> wrote in message
>> news:bfeg36hah1@slb0.atl.mindspring.net...
>> >
>> > Along those lines Larry. I became a ham in 1961. By 1964 I was a
'cruit'
>> > in the US Air Force and sitting in that wooden building at Lackland with
no
>> > Air conditioning in JUNE.
>> >
>> > They were giving us AFQTs (Air Force Qualification Tests) or something
like
>> > that...hi. To make a long story short. Because I WAS A LICENSED GENERAL
>> > CLASS HAM AND COULD COPY MORSE CODE at 13wpm I WAS IMMEDIATLY QUALIFIED
and
>> > was given a 3 level straight out of basic.
>>
>> Did they "test" you for your actual proficiency level encoding and decoding
>> CW? I'd hope they did.
>
>Yes they did. And I qualified at 25 GROUPS per minute.
>
>> > I was assigned as a radio
>> > operator without ANY TRAINING AT ALL in my speciality...because I ALREADY
>> > HAD IT. Being a Ham, CW QUALIFIED and a MARS member. It helped a lot on
>> > that run towards Sergeant.
>>
>> But still, they did give you some kind of test, right?
>
>No, I was givin a three level right out of basic. Did not attend any tech
>school at all. When I arrived at Lockbourn in Ohio I was given my first
>stripe and assigned as a 29330 and given a shift at the SAC Fast Talk radio
>facility on base. In a very short time I passed my 5 level and was awarded
>a 29350 and my next stripe as soon as I had my required Time in Grade.

Gosh, "no" schooling at all?!? Sounds like the USAF was really
desperate! :-)

>> > My amateur radio license was instrumental in getting me employeed after
the

>> > military in the electronics repair field.
>>
>> Not your prior radio operator experience in the military?
>
>Not really. I did very little actual maintenance in the military because my
>speciality was OPERATIONS. However I kept learning and teaching myself
>electronics as I went along. I am self taught all the way. Including in
>ELECTRONICS.

Wonderful. We will build a statue in your honor. Or put you on
display at Wright-Patterson, whichever comes first.

Care to go face-to-face at my 1965 electronics level? Of ELECTRONICS,
SERVICEman. It won't be an open-book exam and you can't crib from
any ARRL Handbook.

>And I totally credit my interest in HAM RADIO as the reason and source of my
>inspiration to advance.

No patriotism or love of country on serving in the USAF?

>Not to mention the fact that in order to stay on the air I had to learn how
>to fix that dang equipment.

Did you learn all the "mods" and "diode snippings" in there?

>> > In fact my ham license helped me
>> > get every single job I ever held.
>> > Can we say the same now a days? I doubt it.
>>
>> Yeah, my former Girl Scouting and Girl Scout Leadership experience has been
>> a point of discussion when I interview. It's easy to impress anyone on the
>> outside of something, isn't it? ;)
>
>I wouldnt know Kim. I am just telling you how it USED TO BE when a person
>had a ham license. How it USED TO MEAN SOMETHING.

It still means a great deal. Especially to the ARRL.

However, most Personnel departments back then seemed to think a
Commercial First Phone was a bit "more important" than any amateur
thing. Shrug.

>When I got into this Amateur Radio was so respected that it actually opened
>doors for you. Not anymore. Thanks for helping dumb it down.

Coincidentally, I installed a garage door opener in my house garage about
1965. It opened the garage door every day for me. Wireless remote. No
ham license required.

I've walked into many stores and supermarkets for the last two decades
that had automatic door openers. Worked by reflected microwaves. No
ham license required.

>Your not going to belittle those that went before you. We don't have a damn
>thing to prove to you or those of your ilk.

Oh, YES you do!

I was doing HF military communications a decade before you were beeping
for the USAF. No morse code required or used. No ham license helped me
in any way at ADA...even though the OIC (Capt. William P. Boss) was a
licensed ham and the maintenance NCOIC was a licensed ham plus having
both Commercial Radiotelegraph and Radiotelephone licenses.

Before you got into the USAF, I had worked VHF, UHF, Microwaves, MF (in
AM broadcasting). No morse code used or needed anywhere there...and
some of that communications involved cryptographic transmissions.

Now prove that morse code is an absolute necessity for licensing in a
hobby-recreational pursuit, SERVICEman.

>We know, we have been there and got the tee shirt. Now pick up your jaw
>and commence to run off at the mouth little girl.

Poor guy. Ought to launder that tee shirt by now. You are about to make
some dirty comments... :-)

2158. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-21 01:00:33 UTC
From: efil4cka@yahoo.com
Message-ID: <a26d2b1c.0307201700.18894a2a@posting.google.com>
Source record: 72045

Scott Unit 69" <scott_unit_69@yahoo.moc> wrote in message
news:3F19D88F.46D5570A@yahoo.moc...
> Came within two questions of passing the Extra without cracking a book.

Oh come on Scott there are some pretty arcane rules and regulation
questions in that test are you saying you were born knowing the
answers? And what's your ham callsign why are you hiding behind your
old CB handle unit 69?

2159. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-21 01:04:41 UTC
From: Scott Unit 69 <scott_unit_69@yahoo.moc>
Message-ID: <3F1B3C29.843F6479@yahoo.moc>
Source record: 72046

> Then you can't say that you didn't study. You simply used a different study
> path. No one is born knowing Ohm's law, etc. There is not and never has
> been any requirement to use the common study guides such as those put out by
> the ARRL or W5YI. The requirement is to pass the test. If you studied the
> material in a different venue that is still studying. It does not count as
> "having passed the test without cracking open a book." Though knowing just
> the electronics is not enough to pass the test. To get a passing grade, it's
> necessary to know some of the FCC rules, some of the standard amateur
> practices, antenna theory (not general taught in most electronics text
> books), propagation (again not covered in most electronics text books), etc.
> So one way or another, you learned that too as you're not born knowing that
> either.

My brother had an electronics workshop in the basement when I was growing up.
I took electronics at a Vo-Tech in high school. I have been on CB since 1977.

All the stuff you mentioned has been covered by my life's experience.

Remember, all larger items can be broken down into simpler items. Knowing
how they all interact to create a complex system, is important. If you
don't understand the simple concepts, you can't understand the big picture.

2160. Re: Time to call a truce?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-21 01:08:26 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
Message-ID: <3F1B3D03.604@adelphia.net>
Source record: 72047

Dan/W4NTI wrote:
> "Mike Coslo" <mcoslo@adelphia.net> wrote in message
> news:3F19FAF0.2040500@adelphia.net...
>
>
>> Seriously, if they are right, the holier than thou pro-coders will
>> vanish into the noise level - figuratively speaking.
>>
>> - Mike KB3EIA -
>>
>
>
> Dang Mike. And I thought you had some sense. So much for that.

Hold on Dan, Did you get my whole message, or just repost off what
Larry trimmed?

I wrote:

>> Gee Jim, there's no need for a truce, the war's over. The PCTA's
>> lost.
>
>> As someone said to me, the pro-coders have a responsibility to
>> attract enough people to survive (paraphrased)
>
>> I think the no-coders now have a responsibility to attract the
>> professionals and good hams that are staying out of the service now,
>> so that they improve the ARS.
>
>> Seriously, if they are right, the holier than thou pro-coders will
>> vanish into the noise level - figuratively speaking.

I was being sarcastic. I guess sarcasm doesn't do well in printed form.

Someone here (Bill Sohl I think) was telling me that Pro-coders now had
the responsibility of recruiting more users of the mode, lest we lose
our bandwidth.

I was turning that statement around to the no-coders, many of who note
all the qualified EE's who are going to swell the ranks after the code
test is gone. I consider that these new hams and those who paved the way
for them to be responsible for what happens after this.

And I was also just repeating Jim's "holier than thou" statement in the
sarcasm.

Hopefully that clears things up.

- Mike KB3EIA -

2161. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-21 01:09:32 UTC
From: Scott Unit 69 <scott_unit_69@yahoo.moc>
Message-ID: <3F1B3D4C.4EFCB4BF@yahoo.moc>
Source record: 72048

Just smile and laugh at Mike, Larry & Dee. These old timers are
set in their ways, and cannot change.

I just have to laugh at their virulent dislike of no-codes.

Sometimes, you just have to poke them the right way to stir them up. <:

2162. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-21 01:15:33 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
Message-ID: <3F1B3EAD.6010700@adelphia.net>
Source record: 72049

Larry Roll K3LT wrote:
> In article <3F19C79E.1090302@adelphia.net>, Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
> writes:
>
>
>>Reading a report on how long it will likely take for the U.S. to ratify
>>and drop Morse requirements, we are given an estimate of two years.
>
>
> Mike:
>
> I wonder if the NCTA's will figure out a way to get the FCC to fast-track
> this process?
>
>
>> This leads me to wonder, is it better to wait for those two years to go
>
>
>>by before getting ones HF ticket, or is it better to just learn Morse
>>and get the ticket much sooner?
>
>
> I learned the hard way. I waited 14 years, and lost out on what could have
> been the best years of my ham radio career! Now I'm 50 years old, and
> won't even qualify for QCWA membership for another three years!

THAT'S what I've been trying to get through to some of these good folk!!!!

I didn't get my license until I was in my mid-40's, and now regret I
didn't get it a long time ago. Granted, I didn't get interested in the
ARS until the late 1990's, but if there is any advice I can give the
prospective ham is that "It's too much fun, don't waste ANY time getting
your ticket!"

>>Is a person willing to wait those two years more imterested in the ARS,
>>or is the person who, even if they are not personally interested in
>>Morse Code, yet studies for and passes the test and gets on the air now
>>more interested?
>
> Anyone who waits the (up to) two years a US No-code General/Extra
> may take would appear to be interested only in being lazy. A classic
> filter feeder.

And two years off their life that they could have been on the air.

>> I personally think this is no contest. The person who is willing to get
>
>
>>their license sooner shows a greater interest than a person who says "As
>>long as there is requirement X, I am more interested in NOT being in the
>>ARS than I am in being IN the ARS."
>
>
> I'll provide them some incentive: As of now, 20 July 2003 at 0321 hrs UTC,
> any prospective US ham who learns the code at the gruelling speed of 5
> WPM, passes the test, and gets their Extra will be considered by me to
> be a full-fledged ham as long as they regularly use at least one non-voice
> mode on-the-air at least 40 percent of their total operating time. Wow --
> is that a deal or what?

Heheh, Maybe a certificate thing brewing here? 8^)

- Mike KB3EIA -

2163. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-21 01:19:23 UTC
From: Scott Unit 69 <scott_unit_69@yahoo.moc>
Message-ID: <3F1B3F9B.71984AA3@yahoo.moc>
Source record: 72051

valmont wrote:
>
> Scott Unit 69" <scott_unit_69@yahoo.moc> wrote in message
> news:3F19D88F.46D5570A@yahoo.moc...
> > Came within two questions of passing the Extra without cracking a book.
>
> Oh come on Scott there are some pretty arcane rules and regulation
> questions in that test are you saying you were born knowing the
> answers?

I have knowledge beyond my years.

> And what's your ham callsign why are you hiding behind your
> old CB handle unit 69?

Because of internet stalkers like yourself, George, WA3MOJ.

After all your spamming, flooding and other BS, it ain't being posted.

KMA.

2164. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-21 01:20:09 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
Message-ID: <3F1B3FC1.9020400@adelphia.net>
Source record: 72050

Larry Roll K3LT wrote:
> In article <3F19D88F.46D5570A@yahoo.moc>, Scott Unit 69
> <scott_unit_69@yahoo.moc> writes:
>
>
>>I don't care for code, nor feel that I should be forced to learned an
>>outdated
>>mode of communication. If BPL comes to fruition, HF privs will be a mute
>>point,
>>however, CW may be the only mode that works.
>
>
> Scotty:
>
> Hey, I know what you mean about those darned ole outdated modes
> of communication. Once you get your No-Code test General or
> Extra, wanna make a sked to work some Hellschreiber with me?

Actually Larry, I might take you up on that one sometime. I've been wanting to try that mode sometime. I'm swamped now, and I found that I nuked my card interface ad FD, but in the next couple of weeks.......

- Mike KB3EIA -

2165. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-21 01:22:07 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
Message-ID: <3F1B4038.9020403@adelphia.net>
Source record: 72052

Steve Robeson, K4CAP wrote:
> Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net> wrote in message
news:<3F19C79E.1090302@adelphia.net>...
>
>
>>Reading a report on how long it will likely take for the U.S. to ratify
>>and drop Morse requirements, we are given an estimate of two years.
>
>
> I am willing to bet that some sort of "moratorium" on code
> testing is announced within the next 60 days. Just an
> opinion...nothing certain
>
>> This leads me to wonder, is it better to wait for those two years to go
>>by before getting ones HF ticket, or is it better to just learn Morse
>>and get the ticket much sooner?
>
>
> Knowing what I know about how much fun I've had with Amateur
> Radio all these years, I'd say do it, get it over with and join the
> fun! I liken this to a cure for cancer...Would you delay radiation
> therapy in the hopes that "the" cure would be forthcoming
> "tomorrow"...?!?!

I've never looked at it that way, but that's a good analogy.

- Mike KB3EIA -

2166. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-21 01:26:21 UTC
From: "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net>
Message-ID: <0jHSa.11554$Vx2.5487541@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com>
Source record: 72053

"Scott Unit 69" <scott_unit_69@yahoo.moc> wrote in message
news:3F1B3D4C.4EFCB4BF@yahoo.moc...
> Just smile and laugh at Mike, Larry & Dee. These old timers are
> set in their ways, and cannot change.
>
> I just have to laugh at their virulent dislike of no-codes.
>
> Sometimes, you just have to poke them the right way to stir them up. <:

Shows how little you know. If you're smart enough to dig out the info, you will find that I am a long way from being able to qualify as an old timer. I've learned through personal practice and experience as to what works when and under what conditions. It is based on experience that I believe all hams should learn the basics of code. I've used many of the digital modes to be sure I understood their advantages and disadvantages, although these modes are not interesting to me. It is on my personal development plan to do the same with PSK31, the current "flavor of the month."

I have never, ever disliked no-codes. We have some many fine ones in our club. Those who are interested in HF are studying to upgrade. Those who are not interested in HF are fine too. Our satellite experts happen to be no-codes. If I want to know anything about satellites (if ever I choose to invest in the equipment), I will consult them on their experiences and follow their recommendations. That they are no-codes and I'm an Extra (from before restructuring) is unimportant and irrelevant. In that particular area they are the experts with hands on experience while my knowledge in this area is limited to book learning. I have no problem whatsoever acknowledging that expertise. The only no-codes that I find objectionable are those who want the privileges of a higher class without meeting the requirements. Waiting for requirements to change is simply wasting one's time even though they are now likely to change.

Dee D. Flint, N8UZE

2167. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-21 01:29:52 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
Message-ID: <3F1B4209.3020108@adelphia.net>
Source record: 72054

Dee D. Flint wrote:
> "Vshah101" <vshah101@aol.com> wrote in message
> news:20030720193857.14567.00000223@mb-m02.aol.com...
>
>>From: "Dee D. Flint" deehays
>>
>>
>>>So what do you plan to do to recruit people to Morse code. If want
>>
> others
>
>>>to use it, you have the responsibility
>>
>>No, what I meant is that its a better situation for me if more Hams use
>
> Morse
>
>>code. For one thing, I won't be talking to them. But, I'm not going to go
>
> and
>
>>recruit people to use Morse code.
>
>
> You want other hams to use Morse so you don't have to talk to them. That's
> extremely anti-social on your part and totally opposite of your previously
> stated desires that you would like to get hams to be more social.

Trolls will say anything to get a response.

- Mike KB3EIA -

2168. Re: Since it is over, probably okay to post.....

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-21 01:58:29 UTC
From: "Ryan, KC8PMX" <kc8pmx@diamondcs.net>
Message-ID: <bfh3u0$ejrml$2@ID-189073.news.uni-berlin.de>
Source record: 71923
Cross-posted to: alt.ham-radio.vhf-uhf,rec.radio.amateur.policy

Yeah.... unfortunately we have our own share of right-wing extremist wacko's
in Michigan. It just worked out that this one went and got a ham license.

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Ryan, KC8PMX
FF1-FF2-MFR-(pending NREMT-B!)
--. --- -.. ... .- -. --. . .-.. ... .- .-. . ..-. .. .-. . ..-.
.. --. .... - . .-. ...
"Brian Kelly" <kelly@dvol.com> wrote in message
news:d22b54c3.0307171656.43164d06@posting.google.com...
> Ham <sp@m.not> wrote in message news:<3F170E7A.83E429A8@m.not>...
> > See the newspaper article at:
> > <http://www.timesindicator.com/>
>
> Waco moved to Michigan. Not a peep about ham radio or CAP involvement.
>
> w3rv

2169. Re: Since it is over, probably okay to post.....

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-21 01:59:47 UTC
From: "Ryan, KC8PMX" <kc8pmx@diamondcs.net>
Message-ID: <bfh3u1$ejrml$3@ID-189073.news.uni-berlin.de>
Source record: 71924
Cross-posted to: alt.ham-radio.vhf-uhf,rec.radio.amateur.policy

Yeah right.... prove it.

"Robert Casey" <wa2ise@ix.netcom.com> wrote in message
news:3F173DA0.3080608@ix.netcom.com...
> Ryan, KC8PMX wrote:
>
> > On July 6, a Michigan radio amateur by the name of Scott Woodring
(KC8JNG)
> >
> >
> Would never have happened if he took a code test.......
:-(
>

2170. Re: How Ugly Can One Creep Be?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-21 02:03:17 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307201803.336aad59@posting.google.com>
Source record: 72055

k4yz@aol.com (Steve Robeson, K4CAP) wrote in message
news:<5c01b95b.0307201018.39500ff5@posting.google.com>...
> brianburke@juno.com (Brian) wrote in message
news:<f45722ac.0307200534.68cffd0f@posting.google.com>...
> > k4yz@aol.com (Steve Robeson, K4CAP) wrote in message
news:<5c01b95b.0307191259.79ba8119@posting.google.com>...
> > > brianburke@juno.com (Brian) wrote in message
news:<f45722ac.0307190415.36dbe27c@posting.google.com>...
> > > > k4yz@aol.com (Steve Robeson, K4CAP) wrote in message
news:<5c01b95b.0307182035.151301bc@posting.google.com>...
>
> > > > Oh, gee, what could be worse?
> > >
> > > Being a rapist...child molester...spousal abuser...
> >
> > You said you didn't know what was worse with respect to me, so now
> > you're calling me a "rapist...child molester...spousal abuser...?"
> >
> > Merely because I think you grossly overreact to each and every post
> > Len makes?
>
> I am sure you do, considering your nose is so far up his 6
> o'clock orifice, I am sure you have to blow your nose every time he
> passes wind.

You sure are a nice guy, Steve. What were you saying about having to
smite out the callous and crude? Next time you bolt on your Avenging
Angel wings, look for your own name on the list.

> > > > Maybe you need to call in some help to make that big decision. Maybe
> > > > they'll help you get back on your meds.
> > >
> > > You and Lennie keep insisting on this.
> >
> > Steve, it's the only logical conclusion one could draw from your
> > insane postings.
>
> Brain, there is noting "logical" about lying and callous
> indiscretion that you and your buddy favor. Your other attempts to
> twist what was clearly said in archived posts is likewise illogical.

No twisting. You just went off on a rant and forgot what the subject
was. Very easy to do when you lose self-control.

> > I am sure you wish it were
> > > true,
> >
> > It obviously is.
>
> To you, perhaps. But then it seems it's just you and Lennie in
> one corner and everyone else in the other. Even those who also favor
> your basic views on Code testing do their best to distance themselves
> from you and Lennie.

You might want to join them.

> Don't you wonder why?

No.

> > but it seems it's your only "defense" against being held up to
> > > public scrutiny for your own shortcomings.
> >
> > You are the Avenging Angel of rrap?
>
> Do YOU think I am? Then I must be. Otherwise, I am just another
> Amateur licensee who doesn't like some lookie-loo making irresponsible
> and untruthful statements about something of which I have first hand
> knowledge.

What was untruthful about the shuttle tragedy?

> > > It doesn't work.
> >
> > Then apparently you have not been diagnosed by a licensed
> > professional. See if you can get some dealer samples at least.
>
> There's nothing to be "diagnosed", Brain.

But there is. You're wacko for Len.

> Other than my unwillingness to let go of Lennie's tail, no one
> can argue with the validity of MY statements, nor can they deny the
> arrogance and inaccuracies of Lennie's...And yours, for that matter.

I just did, and successfully, I might add. Unless you can come up
with some proof that the shuttle tragedy didn't occur, and that the
astronauts are safe and can renew their amateur licenses when they are
within the renewal period.

You've got your work cut out for you. Better get busy.

> > The problem is that you and Leonard are you own
> > > worst enemies. The virtual slapping around you take in this forum is
> > > fueled by your own ramblings.
> >
> > I think the "slapping around" that I take is from wacko's such as
> > yourself, and it would be forthcoming simply because I disagree with
> > you. Some, such as DICK and Kelly, range from merely curt replies to

> > rude name calling. You're off the scale.
>
> I am sure you think I am.

I'm sure of it.

But then you also can't delineate the
> difference between "authorization" and "acceptance", nor can you
> validate any of the assertions you've made vis-a-vis your "credit" as
> a "DX" operator.

I've operated DX from Korea, Guam, and Somalia. I didn't need your
approval, then or now.

> Many people here disagree with me, and I they...but the basic
> fiber of the exchanges don't degrade to this point because we can
> agree to disagree. You and Lennie can't/won't do that.

Then there's definitely something up between you and Len. You cannot
ignore even one of his postings. You've got to start a new thread
with almost every response, with eyes rolled back capitalization to
the hilt.

Get a grip and get some help.

> > > > And quit reading Len's posts. They obviously have an ruinous effect
> > > > on you.
> > >
> > > I don't tolerate liars, nor do I tolerate the callous and rude.
> >
> > I don't see you attacking WA8ULX. You believed his story of how he
> > tested for Extra, and he is callous and rude.
>
> Brucie is in the killfile. Brucie is KNOWN to suffer various
> mental abborations, and his rantings are so childish and idiotic that
> they are clearly that to even the casual reader. He's an
> idiot-bar-none, always was, always will be.

So put on your Avenging Angel wings and destroy him. You said that
you don't tolerate liars, the callous, and the crude. So get to work,
OR...

just ignore Len the way you are able to ignore Bruce.

And by the way, how is it that you can see "mental abberations" in
Bruce that you cannot recognize in yourself?

> > > Lennie is all of that, and you "defend" him...So guess where that
> > > leaves you?
> >
> > So far, I haven't defended Len...(SNIP)
>
> Sure you have. Read back the last 15 messages in this thread
> alone.

This isn't about Len. This is about your insane behavior. You said
Len was a liar in a reply about the shuttle tragedy. You were wrong.

> > I merely said that you were wrong
> > about the shuttle tragedy. It really did occur.
>
> Sure it did. But you have somehow insinuated that by having
> identified Lennie as a liar I am saying he lies about this.

No insinuation. Go back and reread your post.

> I did not.

Oh, but you did. You called him a liar.

> I said he's a callous, insensitive creep.

Yes, you did. But first you called him a liar. Its plainly there in
your post.

This was but yet one
> more a-burke-tion of what was said in order to create a fight in which
> you fancy yourself as being on top.

Look, Steve. You crapped your pants. Just excuse yourself and go
clean up. Then put Len in your "kill file" as you've done with Bruce.
You'll feel a lot better afterward.

> > And I've suggested
> > that you refrain from reading Len's posts in the hope that you'll be
> > able to sleep at night.
>
> I sleep fine, Brain. What would make you think otherwise?
>
> > Now you imply that I'm a rapist...
>
> There YOU go trying to make an insinuation that just isn't true.

You're the one who said you couldn't decide what would be worse. When
pressed, you said "rapist...child molester...spouse abuser.."

Fine.

Look, go ahead and take your parting shot. I'm out of this thread,
but I reserve the right point out your poor behavior in your next new
thread.

Brian

2171. Re: The myth that BPL is a solution for rural broadband

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-21 02:04:20 UTC
From: rhf-mail@pacbell.net
Message-ID: <e5e13af8.0307201804.60d33ceb@posting.google.com>
Source record: 72056
Cross-posted to:
rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.shortwave

RK,

Don't know if this is really about Shortwave; may be the interference
that it can cause to Shortwave reception.

But if you have your facts right then BPL would do little for our
rural communities but would do some major harm to radio reception in
Urban Areas.

~ RHF
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= = = robkemp90210@hotmail.com (Rob Kemp)
= = = wrote in message news:<6114e4af.0307200743.77d5e419@posting.google.com>...
> The claim that BPL is good for rural deployment is yet another myth
> propagated by the BPL lobbyists. In essence it is bait and switch. The
> BPL strategy is to get the FCC to allow the high levels of
> interference / pollution as the FCC is focused on getting broadband to
> rural communities that don't have it.
>
> In reality, if the BPL lobbyists succeed, they will immediately focus
> on the wealthy suburban markets that are profitable (and already have
> cable and DSL) and ignore the rural areas.
>
> DSL can work out to about ~ 16,000 feet from the central office. BPL
> can only go 2,000 feet from the BPL equivalent of a DSLAM, then BPL
> needs an expensive repeater installed by a linesman trained to work
> with 11,000 volt cables. So for a 16,000 foot run 8 BPL repeaters are
> needed.
> At the customer's pole transformer a bridge will need to be installed
> to couple the signals from the 11,000 volt line to the 110 volt line
> (imagine what would happen if the bridge failed and your sockets had
> 11,000 volts!!).
>
> However the math is worked, there is no way they can implement this
> vast array of expensive equipment in rural areas with any hope of
> meeting the alleged pricing.
>
> The existing DSL broadband technology is proven and could be provided
> to almost everyone who has a phone, the barriers are political not
> technical. The solution to universal broadband lies in ensuring the
> phone companies serve all of their customers equally. BPL is a broken
> and polluting technology that is a pure distraction to the objective

> of universal broadband.

2172. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-21 02:10:27 UTC
From: vshah101@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030720221027.14567.00000232@mb-m02.aol.com>
Source record: 72057

From: "Dee D. Flint" deehays@qix.net

>You want other hams to use Morse so you don't have to talk to them. That's
>extremely anti-social on your part and totally opposite of your previously
>stated desires that you would like to get hams to be more social.

I don't want to talk to some older males. Thats not anti-social.

And they are there Fri, Sat night on several bands, including 40m, 2m, and ATV.
I know from the DXpedition in May.

Many Hams will work DX. They get a thrill from that. But, they won't talk to
the person next door or to anyone in person. Thats why a local Ham's neighbor
complained that the Ham has too many antennas at his house.

2173. Re: Ham Radio In The Post-Code Testing Era

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-21 02:21:12 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030720222112.15462.00001731@mb-m06.aol.com>
Source record: 72059

In article <20030720192957.23406.00000928@mb-m27.aol.com>, lenover21@aol.com
(Len Over 21) writes:

>In article <20030719222221.08200.00000882@mb-m25.aol.com>, n2ey@aol.com
>(N2EY)
>writes:
>
>>But then why was the FCC so hot for more code testing in the 1960s? From the
>>1930s to the 1960s a ham could get full privs with a 13 wpm code test. Yes,
>the
>>Extra and its 20 wpm code test was reintroduced in 1951, but then FCC gave
>all
>>privs to Generals so nobody had to get an Extra for full privileges. And in
>>fact very few did - in 1967, at the dawn of incentive licensing, there were
>>maybe 4000 Extras out of about 250,000 US hams.
>>
>>At one point (1965), FCC proposed four code tests - 5, 13, 16, and 20 wpm.
>When
>>the dust settled it took 20 per to get a full privileges. Why was FCC so
>hopped
>>up on code testing back then?
>
> Intense lobbying by the ARRL?

Nope. ARRL's proposal was to go back to the pre-1953 system where it took an
Advanced or Extra for full privileges. Also reopen the Advanced to new
licenses.

> 1965 is THIRTY-EIGHT YEARS AGO,

So what? You talk about much older things that are much less relevant.

> No Internet then and
> Washington, DC, was a far place to get to and communicate by paper.

Not at all. An envelope and a stamp.

> Hams in the USA rarely wrote to the FCC for anything...

Wrong. The incentive licensing proposals brought in over 6000 comments back
then, even though there were only about 250,000 US hams.

Did you have a point to make?

2174. Re: Ham Radio In The Post-Code Testing Era

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-21 02:21:13 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030720222113.15462.00001732@mb-m06.aol.com>
Source record: 72058

In article <ba%Qa.10487$Vx2.4559493@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com>, "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net> writes:

>Actually the biggest problem is lack of activity by the current hams.

Agreed!

>If we
>take the figure of 600,000+ hams and calculate the number of QSOs per day if
>each one had one QSO per YEAR (assume it takes two hams for a qso), thats
>300,000 exchanges per year or nearly 1000 per day. That would keep the
>bands pretty busy.

Whoa, hold on a sec, Dee.

Let's look at that 1000 QSOs/day. Say a QSO lasts a half-hour on average - that's 500 QSO-hours per day. Or, to put it another way, there would be about 21 QSOs going on at any one time.

Now if we just consider the bands 160 through 70 cm., we have 13 bands. Might work out to one QSO on each HF/MF band and three QSOs each on 6, 2, 222 and 70 cm. Hardly enough to keep the bands pretty busy!

If you meant to say "one QSO per DAY", then things are much different.

>But instead we hear the same people over and over on the
>VHF and HF frequencies. We have 150 members or so in our club and I only
>hear about a dozen on the repeater regularly. It's the same dozen that do
>VHF simplex and SSB. We need to get those already licensed more involved.

Agreed!

73 de Jim, N2EY

2175. Re: With CW gone, can the CW allocations be far behind?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-21 02:37:27 UTC
From: K0HB <k0hb@earthlink.net>
Message-ID: <ed9e3d3ed0c3403349a2a6882a98d900.128005@mygate.mailgate.org>
Source record: 72060
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.amateur.misc

"Joe Collins" <collins201@taranews.net> wrote in message
news:3871068677.165767678@taranews.net

> ....what will happen to the exclusive CW allocations....

Except in the USA, most amateurs do not labor under "sub-bands" based on mode. As an example Canadian amateur have no such restrictions. It's a source of continuing wonder to me that the FCC continues to arbitrarily slice and dice the bands based on mode, license class, power levels, and similar artificial constructs of their imagination.

73, de Hans, K0HB

PS: There are no "exclusive CW allocations" below 50MHz.

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Posted via Mailgate.ORG Server - http://www.Mailgate.ORG

2176. Re: The myth that BPL is a solution for rural broadband

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-21 02:41:48 UTC
From: Joel <joel@cyberbest.com>
Message-ID: <6qISa.419$7W4.127915029@twister2.starband.net>
Source record: 72061
Cross-posted to:
rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.shortwave

While I would love a broadband connection out here in the woods. I'm not willing to sacrifice the spectrum. I'll just stick with my StarBand satellite Internet.

Joel AG4QC

"RHF" <rhf-mail@pacbell.net> wrote in message news:e5e13af8.0307201804.60d33ceb@posting.google.com...
> RK,
>
> Don't know if this is really about Shortwave; may be the interference
> that it can cause to Shortwave reception.
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> But if you have your facts right then BPL would do little for our
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> > of universal broadband.

2177. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-21 02:52:53 UTC
From: efil4cka@yahoo.com
Message-ID: <a26d2b1c.0307201852.40e4bfe5@posting.google.com>
Source record: 72062

Scott Unit 69 scott_unit_69@yahoo.moc wrote
>valmont wrote:
>>
>> Scott Unit 69" <scott_unit_69@yahoo.moc> wrote in message
>> news:3F19D88F.46D5570A@yahoo.moc...
>> > Came within two questions of passing the Extra without cracking a
book.
>>
>> Oh come on Scott there are some pretty arcane rules and regulation
>> questions in that test are you saying you were born knowing the
>> answers?
>
>
>I have knowledge beyond my years.

So you are saying you intuitively knew this answer. Without cracking a
book of any kind.

E1E08 (D) [97.207(g)(1)]
When must the licensee of a space station give the FCC International
Bureau the
first written pre-space notification?
A. Any time before initiating the launch countdown for the spacecraft
B. No less than 3 months after initiating construction of the space
station
C. No less that 12 months before launch of the space station platform
D. No less than 27 months prior to initiating space station
transmissions

Scott you are BS'ing again....

2178. Re: With CW gone, can the CW allocations be far behind?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-21 03:06:33 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030720230633.23745.00001260@mb-m22.aol.com>
Source record: 72064

In article <3871068677.165767678@taranews.net>, "Joe Collins"
<collins201@taranews.net> writes:

>Now that Bruce Parens and NCI have won the CW wars, what will happen
>to the exclusive CW allocations if a CW requirement is dropped?
>Certainly there can be no argument for keeping the current band
>structure in place, and phone operations probably ought to be spread
>out into what was once exclusively reserved for CW operators. Not
>only would this alleviate the congestion in the phone bands, but it
>would finally and officially place CW into perspective: Just another
>optional mode of operation without any exclusive rights to any
>frequency.

Well, folks, there it is -- as I've been saying for years, it's all about
getting a microphone in hand and yakking away!

73 de Larry, K3LT

2179. Re: Time to call a truce?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-21 03:06:34 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030720230634.23745.00001261@mb-m22.aol.com>
Source record: 72066

In article <bfefdl$97b$1@slb9.atl.mindspring.net>, "Dan/W4NTI"
<w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com> writes:

>> Larry,
>>
>> If the BPL raises the noise level enough, it will be the folks running
>> PSK-31 who will get through with signals below the noise level. No
>offense,
>> CW does do a remarkable job, but some of the digital modes will transmit
>> faster through higher noise levels than CW will (and I did turn in a
>perfect
>> paper in 1967 at 40 words per minute).
>>

Jim:

I sure hope you're right about what you say about PSK31. However, I have
been using that mode since shortly after it was available to hams, and have
not noticed any particular ruggedness when dealing with QRM. In fact,
just about anything will cause a "hit" when copying a PSK31 signal. And
while this generally does not render the whole QSO useless, it doesn't
offer any more copying accuracy than CW under adverse conditions, IMHO.
Personally, I think plain ole FEC AMTOR is a lot better, but the only way
I've ever had a QSO in that mode is to ask someone working RTTY to
switch over and give it a try.

73 de Larry, K3LT

2180. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-21 03:06:36 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030720230636.23745.00001263@mb-m22.aol.com>
Source record: 72063

In article <bfe3rviuj1@adenine.netfront.net>, "Kim W5TIT"
<fahgedit@nomail.net> writes:

>People are not missing anything by not upgrading, if the upgraded privileges
>don't provide anything more they wish.

Kim:

Well, that's *your* excuse. It seems to be working for you. Hold on
to it, it's all you've got.

73 de Larry, K3LT

2181. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-21 03:06:36 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030720230636.23745.00001262@mb-m22.aol.com>
Source record: 72065

In article <Xns93BE5B71132D8elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>, Alun Palmer
<elektros@yahoo.com> writes:

>
>I'm 45 and only two years short of QCWA, because I got my no-code licence
>back in G-land in 1980. It's a huge irony that I've been a ham longer, not
>because I was willing to learn the code, but because I was willing to
>compromise and start with a no-code licence! BTW, the QCWA favour
>abolition of the code test. Are you sure you want to join?

Alun:

It is not unusual for amateur radio organizations to take a "politically
correct" stance re: code testing. Even FISTS, and organization which
hails itself as "The International Morse Preservation Society" does not
"officially" support the concept of Morse code testing for an amateur
radio license. I have been a member of FISTS, but haven't paid my
dues since '01. I may "re-join," even though my FISTS number is good
for life whether I pay the dues or not, since paying up only gets me a
rather lame newsletter.

>You gave a G0L__ as your old call, but that's too recent to be 1983, isn't
>it?

I received my U.K. call, G0LYW, in 1989 whilst stationed at RAF
Mildenhall, UK. I operated mainly 40- and 20-meter CW, and, oddly
enough, a bunch of 2-meter SSB.

>> Anyone who waits the (up to) two years a US No-code General/Extra
>> may take would appear to be interested only in being lazy. A classic
>> filter feeder.
>>
>>> I personally think this is no contest. The person who is willing
>>> to get
>>
>>>their license sooner shows a greater interest than a person who says
>>>"As long as there is requirement X, I am more interested in NOT being
>>>in the ARS than I am in being IN the ARS."
>>
>> I'll provide them some incentive: As of now, 20 July 2003 at 0321 hrs
>> UTC, any prospective US ham who learns the code at the gruelling speed
>> of 5 WPM, passes the test, and gets their Extra will be considered by
>> me to be a full-fledged ham as long as they regularly use at least one
>> non-voice mode on-the-air at least 40 percent of their total operating
>> time. Wow -- is that a deal or what?
>>

>> 73 de Larry, K3LT
>>
>>
>
>I suppose Larry will never consider me a fully-fledged ham, even with 20
>wpm, 'cause I operate 100% phone, LOL.

Alun, my opinion of you as a ham is not dependant on your usage of CW. All I ask is that you don't whine about it, and that as a ham, you make an effort to do something more challenging than just yakking into a microphone. That would imply the use of at least one digital mode. CW operation would be the icing on the cake, and go a long way to impress me. However, I'm not here to be impressed by you, or anyone else. At the end of the day, your participation as a ham will always be driven by whatever provides you with the greatest satisfaction, and I don't begrudge anyone having fun on their own terms. However, the code testing debate was started by those claiming that code testing was impinging on the development of technical skills within the ARS, which is patently untrue. Therefore, before you judge me, you must understand where I've been coming from throughout this debate -- that code testing imparts a useful skill on radio amateurs, and increases their overall communications capabilities. Those who don't know the code or use it regularly simply are not qualified to judge those who support code testing requirements.

73 de Larry, K3LT

2182. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-21 03:06:37 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030720230637.23745.00001265@mb-m22.aol.com>
Source record: 72067

In article <3F1B3D4C.4EFCB4BF@yahoo.moc>, Scott Unit 69
<scott_unit_69@yahoo.moc> writes:

>Just smile and laugh at Mike, Larry & Dee. These old timers are
>set in their ways, and cannot change.
>
>I just have to laugh at their virulent dislike of no-codes.

Scott:

Yup. I was a no-coder for 14 years, and I didn't like it!

>Sometimes, you just have to poke them the right way to stir them up. <:

That's right. A no-coder stirred me up about 13 years ago, and I've been
stirred up about trying to make people see the stupidity of whining about
code testing ever since. Thank you for your insightful observations.

73 de Larry, K3LT

2183. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-21 03:06:37 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030720230637.23745.00001264@mb-m22.aol.com>
Source record: 72068

In article <bffc65$1f44$1@adenine.netfront.net>, "Kim W5TIT"
<fahgedit@nomail.net> writes:

>Dee, I don't think I am miscontrueing a thing. It baffles me to no end that
>it would actually bother someone to have another wait for their opportunity
>to come along. I see nothing at all wrong with someone waiting until
>testing requirements meet *their* expectations.
>
>Kim W5TIT

Kim:

Hey, I'd like a Ph. D in Electrical Engineering. How long do you think
I'll have to wait for the testing requirements to be reduced to a 50-question
multiple guess with a passing score of 70%, with an open question
pool and no dissertation required? Since I'll never actually do any
electrical engineering, those are my expectations of what the testing
requirements should be. So, whaddya say -- 5 years? More? Less?

73 de Larry, K3LT

2184. Re: Ham Radio In The Post-Code Testing Era

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-21 03:13:04 UTC
From: Hans Kohb <k0hb@earthlink.net>
Message-ID: <070d3ba1b4f6e7778fa91893067ea60d.128005@mygate.mailgate.org>
Source record: 72069

"N2EY" <n2ey@aol.com> wrote

>
> Then why did the Navy (at least) keep training them, and to high levels of
> proficiency?
>

Because until about 1960, most of the "small boys" (destroyers,
submarines, frigates, and fleet tugs) still used Morse for passing
traffic ashore. With the advent of Orestes (covered Baudot) in these
hulls, about 1963, the widespread training of Navy Morse code operators
ceased. After that point, each ship had a complement of 2 or 3 Morse
capable operators "just in case" until the late 70's when even that
modest capability was no longer maintained. We're talking about a
quarter century ago!

>
> But then why was the FCC so hot for more code testing in the 1960s?
>

Because ARRL had the ear of FCC minions like Johnny Johnston, et. al.
In that same era others at FCC were pushing a "dual ladder" licensing
structure
with 4 or five levels of progressively more technical no-code or
minimal-code "VHF/UHF Communicator" licensees. ARRL didn't think these
guys would be "real hams" and used their "inside guys" at FCC to squash
such progressive thinking.

73, de Hans, K0HB

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Posted via Mailgate.ORG Server - http://www.Mailgate.ORG

2185. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-21 03:16:04 UTC
From: lenover21@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030720231604.02627.00000178@mb-m02.aol.com>
Source record: 72070

In article <tOGSa.11534$Vx2.5481863@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com>, "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net> writes:

>"Kim W5TIT" <fahgedit@nomail.net> wrote in message
>news:bffc65$1f44$1@adenine.netfront.net...
>>
>> Dee, I don't think I am miscontrueing a thing. It baffles me to no end that
>> it would actually bother someone to have another wait for their opportunity
>> to come along. I see nothing at all wrong with someone waiting until
>> testing requirements meet *their* expectations.
>>
>> Kim W5TIT
>
>Even if it is waiting 10 years or better??
>
>I like to see people succeed. Those who wait do not succeed because they do
>not take control over and responsibility for their own lives. It is
>heartbreakingly sad to see people electing to be failures because they are
>waiting for someone to give them something.

Oh, the Despair, the Woe, FAILURE by not bothering with a code test! The world does not owe them something because they are "lazy?"

No, the world owes YOU something because you went through some hoops set a long time ago by then long-timers. You are one of the "higher-class," the uppercrust Elite, a Morseperson! <shrug>

>If you wait for opportunity to knock, it never will.

"Knock" it off. Test element 1 is on the way OUT. Realize it.

LHA

2186. Re: Ham Radio In The Post-Code Testing Era

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-21 03:28:41 UTC
From: "Ryan, KC8PMX" <kc8pmx@diamondcs.net>
Message-ID: <bfh3u4$ejrml$6@ID-189073.news.uni-berlin.de>
Source record: 71925

There is a little bit over 50Mhz of frequencies they could do alot with there, and I almost would accept the loss of those bands if and only if we had a guarantee that the rest of our bands will never be altered again. What the hell, we sure aren't doing much with those bands as a hobby as a whole.

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Ryan, KC8PMX
FF1-FF2-MFR-(pending NREMT-B!)
--. --- -.. ... .- -. --. . .-.. ... .- .-. . ..-. .. .-. . ..-.
.. --. .... - . .-. ...
"Larry Roll K3LT" <yodoc@aol.comnospam> wrote in message
news:20030717225848.27503.00001140@mb-m24.aol.com...
> In article <bf6pt2$bqhu1$6@ID-189073.news.uni-berlin.de>, "Ryan, KC8PMX"
> <kc8pmx@diamondcs.net> writes:
>
> >220Mhz, 902Mhz, and 1.2Ghz bands are desolate, at least around here. I
> >wouldn't be surprised if we lost the 220 and 902 bands.
>
> Ryan:
>
> I wouldn't be surprised if you're right! The "commercial interests"
obviously
> have little or no use for HF, otherwise we'd have never even heard of BPL.
>
> 73 de Larry, K3LT
>

2187. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-21 03:29:09 UTC
From: vshah101@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030720232909.14567.00000239@mb-m02.aol.com>
Source record: 72071

From: yodoc@aol.comnospam (Larry Roll K3LT)

>I was a no-coder for 14 years, and I didn't like it!

With the whole spectrum of activities, and you still didn't like amateur radio? Not enough technical areas in amateur radio to interest you? You're not a radio amateur, youre an only-coder - someone that only likes code.

>A no-coder stirred me up about 13 years ago, and I've been
>stirred up about trying to make people see the stupidity of whining about
>code testing ever since.

You only see the world as no-coders or coders. There's more to amateur radio than that.

>>People are not missing anything by not upgrading, if the upgraded privileges
>>don't provide anything more they wish.

>Well, that's *your* excuse. It seems to be working for you. Hold on
>to it, it's all you've got.

Like I said, there are many possible activites to participate in. If all you see is CW HF, then thats all you've got.

2188. Re: With CW gone, can the CW allocations be far behind?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-21 03:54:31 UTC
From: lenover21@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030720235431.00871.00000750@mb-m17.aol.com>
Source record: 72073

In article <20030720230633.23745.00001260@mb-m22.aol.com>, yodoc@aol.comnospam (Larry Roll K3LT) writes:

>Well, folks, there it is -- as I've been saying for years, it's all about
>getting a microphone in hand and yakking away!

Too bad you have such bad speaking skills...you might have made
a fine ham on the phone bands.

LHA

2189. Re: Time to call a truce?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-21 03:54:33 UTC
From: lenover21@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030720235433.00871.00000752@mb-m17.aol.com>
Source record: 72075

In article <3F1B3D03.604@adelphia.net>, Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
writes:

> And I was also just repeating Jim's "holier than thou" statement in the

>sarcasm.

How dare you? He IS holier than thou! Now He gonna Get You!

LHA

2190. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-21 03:54:33 UTC
From: lenover21@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030720235433.00871.00000753@mb-m17.aol.com>
Source record: 72076

In article <20030720230637.23745.00001264@mb-m22.aol.com>, yodoc@aol.comnospam (Larry Roll K3LT) writes:

>Hey, I'd like a Ph. D in Electrical Engineering.

You would have to know Ohms Law first.

So far 0 out of 1 isn't so good. You are LAZY, boy, go recline.

LHA

2191. Re: Ham Radio In The Post-Code Testing Era

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-21 03:54:33 UTC
From: lenover21@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030720235433.00871.00000751@mb-m17.aol.com>
Source record: 72080

In article <20030720222112.15462.00001731@mb-m06.aol.com>, n2ey@aol.com (N2EY)
writes:

>In article <20030720192957.23406.00000928@mb-m27.aol.com>, lenover21@aol.com
>(Len Over 21) writes:
>
>>In article <20030719222221.08200.00000882@mb-m25.aol.com>, n2ey@aol.com
>>(N2EY)
>>writes:
>>
>>>But then why was the FCC so hot for more code testing in the 1960s? From
>the
>>>1930s to the 1960s a ham could get full privs with a 13 wpm code test. Yes,
>>the
>>>Extra and its 20 wpm code test was reintroduced in 1951, but then FCC gave
>>all
>>>privs to Generals so nobody had to get an Extra for full privileges. And in
>>>fact very few did - in 1967, at the dawn of incentive licensing, there were
>>>maybe 4000 Extras out of about 250,000 US hams.
>>>
>>>At one point (1965), FCC proposed four code tests - 5, 13, 16, and 20 wpm.
>>When
>>>the dust settled it took 20 per to get a full privileges. Why was FCC so
>>hopped
>>>up on code testing back then?
>>
>> Intense lobbying by the ARRL?
>
>Nope. ARRL's proposal was to go back to the pre-1953 system where it took an
>Advanced or Extra for full privileges. Also reopen the Advanced to new
>licenses.

Well whoopee for you. You constantly repeat What Was Done. If it
doesn't favor your position, the FCC is the evil weenie. If it does
favor your position then it is the Glory of the World...

>> 1965 is THIRTY-EIGHT YEARS AGO,
>
>So what? You talk about much older things that are much less relevant.

Radio for communications is "irrelevant?" You're weird, Rev. Jim.

THIRTY-EIGHT YEARS AGO you were about 10 years old. At the
same time I'd already worked three years in military HF and micro-
wave communications with my Honorable Discharge received five
years in the past. You work a lot of communications at age 10?

Of course you did!

>
>> No Internet then and
>> Washington, DC, was a far place to get to and communicate by paper.
>
>Not at all. An envelope and a stamp.

...and the courage to write.

You spend a lot of your allowance on paper, envelopes and stamps, did
you?

>> Hams in the USA rarely wrote to the FCC for anything...
>
>Wrong. The incentive licensing proposals brought in over 6000 comments back
>then, even though there were only about 250,000 US hams.

Oh? Did you frequent the FCC Reading Room in DC a lot? Did you read
all "6000" comments? Frankly, I don't think you did squat about any
comments way back when.

>Did you have a point to make?

Yes. Why haven't you made any points yet, despite the hours and
hours of newsgrouping?

LHA

2192. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-21 03:54:34 UTC
From: lenover21@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030720235434.00871.00000755@mb-m17.aol.com>
Source record: 72072

In article <3F1B4209.3020108@adelphia.net>, Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
writes:

> Trolls will say anything to get a response.

Works for you...

LHA

2193. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-21 03:54:34 UTC
From: lenover21@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030720235434.00871.00000754@mb-m17.aol.com>
Source record: 72074

In article <20030720230636.23745.00001263@mb-m22.aol.com>, yodoc@aol.comnospam (Larry Roll K3LT) writes:

>Well, that's *your* excuse. It seems to be working for you. Hold on
>to it, it's all you've got.

That's far more than you have...

LHA

2194. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-21 03:54:35 UTC
From: lenover21@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030720235435.00871.00000756@mb-m17.aol.com>
Source record: 72078

In article <3F1B3FC1.9020400@adelphia.net>, Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
writes:

> Actually Larry, I might take you up on that one sometime. I've been
>wanting to try that mode sometime. I'm swamped now, and I found that I
>nuked my card interface ad FD, but in the next couple of weeks.......

Tsk, tsk, tsk. That's showing LAZY behavior! Can't have that.

You GET ON that right away to show your dedication and hard work
to the US amateur community. Be good now.

LHA

2195. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-21 03:54:36 UTC
From: lenover21@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030720235436.00871.00000757@mb-m17.aol.com>
Source record: 72079

In article <3F1B3EAD.6010700@adelphia.net>, Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
writes:

>Larry Roll K3LT wrote:
>> In article <3F19C79E.1090302@adelphia.net>, Mike Coslo
><mcoslo@adelphia.net>
>> writes:
>>
>>>Reading a report on how long it will likely take for the U.S. to ratify
>>>and drop Morse requirements, we are given an estimate of two years.
>>
>> Mike:
>>
>> I wonder if the NCTA's will figure out a way to get the FCC to fast-track
>> this process?
>>
>>> This leads me to wonder, is it better to wait for those two years to go
>>
>>>by before getting ones HF ticket, or is it better to just learn Morse
>>>and get the ticket much sooner?
>>
>> I learned the hard way. I waited 14 years, and lost out on what could have
>> been the best years of my ham radio career! Now I'm 50 years old, and
>> won't even qualify for QCWA membership for another three years!
>
>THAT'S what I've been trying to get through to some of these good folk!!!!
>
> I didn't get my license until I was in my mid-40's, and now regret I
>didn't get it a long time ago. Granted, I didn't get interested in the
>ARS until the late 1990's, but if there is any advice I can give the
>prospective ham is that "It's too much fun, don't waste ANY time getting
>your ticket!"

[Coslo-esque behavior mode ON]

WHAT WERE YOU WAITING FOR? An engraved invitation?!?

US amateur radio has been around since BEFORE 1912.

Jay-suss! I'd say you were a LAZY, good-for-nothing bum for sitting
around SO LONG!

[Coslo-esque behavior mode off]

>>>Is a person willing to wait those two years more imterested in the ARS,
>>>or is the person who, even if they are not personally interested in

>>>Morse Code, yet studies for and passes the test and gets on the air now
>>>more interested?
>>
>> Anyone who waits the (up to) two years a US No-code General/Extra
>> may take would appear to be interested only in being lazy. A classic
>> filter feeder.
>
> And two years off their life that they could have been on the air.
>
>>> I personally think this is no contest. The person who is willing to get
>>>their license sooner shows a greater interest than a person who says "As
>>>long as there is requirement X, I am more interested in NOT being in the
>>>ARS than I am in being IN the ARS."
>>
>> I'll provide them some incentive: As of now, 20 July 2003 at 0321 hrs UTC,
>> any prospective US ham who learns the code at the gruelling speed of 5
>> WPM, passes the test, and gets their Extra will be considered by me to
>> be a full-fledged ham as long as they regularly use at least one non-voice
>> mode on-the-air at least 40 percent of their total operating time. Wow --
>> is that a deal or what?
>
> Heheh, Maybe a certificate thing brewing here? 8^)

Some can't get enough pretty, engraved certificates. Those prove you are SOMEBODY!!!

You need a Worked All Certificates award.

LHA

2196. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-21 03:54:37 UTC
From: lenover21@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030720235437.00871.00000758@mb-m17.aol.com>
Source record: 72077

In article <tOGSa.11534$Vx2.5481863@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com>, "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net> writes:

>I like to see people succeed. Those who wait do not succeed because they do
>not take control over and responsibility for their own lives. It is
>heartbreakingly sad to see people electing to be failures because they are
>waiting for someone to give them something.
>
>If you wait for opportunity to knock, it never will.

"Knock" it off, Dee. Nobody is a "failure" for not liking morse code.

If you want to be "sad" (whether heartbreakingly so or otherwise), then
weep for EVERY OTHER RADIO SERVICE that either never used
morse code or never intended to. That ought to get you through at
least 10 boxes of Kleenex with all the "sadness."

Boo hoo...

LHA

2197. Re: Since it is over, probably okay to post.....

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-21 03:58:34 UTC
From: "Ryan, KC8PMX" <kc8pmx@diamondcs.net>
Message-ID: <bfh3u6$ejrml$7@ID-189073.news.uni-berlin.de>
Source record: 71927
Cross-posted to: alt.ham-radio.vhf-uhf,rec.radio.amateur.policy

The press release came from someone in the royalty of the Michigan section.

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Ryan, KC8PMX
FF1-FF2-MFR-(pending NREMT-B!)
--. --- -.. ... .- -. --. . .-.. ... .- .-. . ..-. .. .-. . ..-.
.. --. .... - . .-. ...
"Dan/W4NTI" <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com> wrote in message
news:bf7998$5kk$1@slb9.atl.mindspring.net...
> Excellent....send that to your Section Manager with recommendations it be
> forwarded to the FCC while there pondering how to destroy ham radio with
> BPL.
>
> Dan/W4NTI
>
> "Ryan, KC8PMX" <kc8pmx@diamondcs.net> wrote in message
> news:bf6pt9$bqhu1$12@ID-189073.news.uni-berlin.de...
> >
> > Rather interesting side of a news event here in Michigan
> > Ryan, KC8PMX
> >
> >
> > -----Original Message-----
> > From: ***************
> > Sent: Tuesday, July 15, 2003 9:12 PM
> > To: James Wades
> > Subject: RACES Assistance with MSP Manhunt
> >
> >
> > 15 July 2003
> >
> >
> > NEWS STORY.....MICHIGAN RADIO AMATEURS ASSIST IN CRIMINAL
> > INVESTIGATION AND MANHUNT.
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> >
> > On July 6, a Michigan radio amateur by the name of Scott Woodring
> (KC8JNG)
> > shot and killed a Michigan State Police Officer during a routine arrest
> on
> > a
> > warrant for solicitation of a minor, resulting in a tense standoff with
> law

> > enforcement. Mr. Woodring was a member of the Christian Identity
> movement,
> > an organization that promotes racist and antisemetic views along with
an
> > anti-government agenda.
> >
> > On Monday, July 7, after a standoff that had continued from the
previous
> > day, Mr. Woodring escaped during a law enforcement shift change,
> resulting
> > in a nearly week-long manhunt for the suspect throughout Western
> Michigan.
> >
> > Shortly after the escape of Mr. Woodring, James Wades (WB8SIW), the
> > Michigan
> > Section Emergency Coordinator / State RACES Officer requested that the
> > Newaygo County Emergency Coordinator establish an intercept operation
in
> > the
> > area of Fremont to identify any possible transmissions from the
suspect.
> > This request was based on the fact that Mr. Woodring had utilized
Amateur
> > Radio frequencies and equipment to communicate with fellow members of
the
> > Christian Identity movement. Mr. Woodring was also known to have
> recruited
> > a number of like-minded individuals into the Amateur Radio Service and
> may
> > have purchased two-meter FM transceivers for use by fellow members of
his
> > organization.
> >
> > Operators were asked to monitor seldom used frequencies both within and
> > adjacent to the VHF Amateur Radio allocations. An additional
> announcement
> > was broadcast to Emergency Coordinators and selected RACES personnel
> > throughout Michigan requesting information on any transmission heard
from
> > Mr. Woodring.
> >
> > On Friday, July 11 at 5:18 PM, Mr. Bill Hubbard (WD8MKG) of Holton,
> > Michigan
> > reported an intercept of communications between Mr. Woodring and
another
> > radio amateur located in Fremont, Michigan. This was promptly reported
> to
> > the SEC shortly thereafter. This information was transmitted verbally
to
> > Michigan State Police Operations Desk at 5:39 PM. A follow-up

facsimile
> > was
> > transmitted to MSP Operations from the West Branch MSP Post at
> > approximately
> > 6:20 PM.
> >
> > MSP Investigators subsequently requested assistance from the Department
> of
> > Defense and Federal Communications Commission in order to establish
radio
> > direction finding capabilities. When help was not forthcoming, a call
> was
> > placed to the SEC requesting these capabilities through the Amateur
Radio
> > Service.
> >
> > A radio direction finding team was dispatched from Kent County RACES,
> > arriving at the MSP command post shortly thereafter. This team was
> placed
> > under the supervision of the District 6 Emergency Coordinator, Mr. Tom
> > Vandermel (KB8VEE). Subsequent assistance was obtained from RACES
> members
> > in Ottawa and Muskegon Counties.
> >
> > In addition to those resources in the immediate area, a team from
> Kalamazoo
> > County RACES was placed on standby along with a Civil Air Patrol team
> from
> > the Mt. Clemens area. These later teams were not utilized due to the
> > distances involved and the fact that adequate staff was available in
> nearby
> > Counties.
> >
> > The radio direction finding activities continued until approximately 5
AM
> > on
> > Sunday, July 13 when Mr. Woodring was located based on a tip from a
local
> > resident. He was subsequently shot to death when he leveled an assault
> > rifle at officers and refused to comply with directives.
> >
> > RACES members provided 494 staff-hours to the operation, most of which
> were
> > contributed during the 36-hour period when radio direction finding
> > activites
> > were being conducted. Michigan State Police officials expressed
genuine
> > appreciation for the efforts of the Amateur Radio teams. Considerable
> > positive feedback has been received from a variety of senior officers
who

> > now have an "expanded" view of Amateur Radio capabilities.
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2198. Re: Since it is over, probably okay to post.....

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-21 04:02:51 UTC
From: "Ryan, KC8PMX" <kc8pmx@diamondcs.net>
Message-ID: <bfh3u7$ejrml$8@ID-189073.news.uni-berlin.de>
Source record: 71926
Cross-posted to: alt.ham-radio.vhf-uhf,rec.radio.amateur.policy

"N2EY" <N2EY@AOL.COM> wrote in message
news:c2356669.0307180805.35fd3482@posting.google.com...
> "Ryan, KC8PMX" <kc8pmx@diamondcs.net> wrote in message
news:<bf6pt9$bqhu1$12@ID-189073.news.uni-berlin.de>...
> (major snippage)
>
> > reported an intercept of communications between Mr. Woodring and
another
> > radio amateur located in Fremont, Michigan.
>
> Good thing Woodring didn't have spread spectrum. He probably could
> have avoided interception.
>
> > MSP Investigators subsequently requested assistance from the Department
of
> > Defense and Federal Communications Commission in order to establish
radio
> > direction finding capabilities. When help was not forthcoming, a call
was
> > placed to the SEC requesting these capabilities through the Amateur
Radio
> > Service.
>
> "When help was not forthcoming"......

Yeah... I wasn't surprised either.

>
> Law enforcement officer shot and killed in the line of duty but DoD
> and FCC "30"professionals aren't able to help out, so volunteer
> amateurs have to fill in.
>
> > RACES members provided 494 staff-hours to the operation, most of which
were
> > contributed during the 36-hour period when radio direction finding
> > activites were being conducted.
>
> All volunteer, all free.

I had sent a copy to a few of the area newspapers to see if it was gonna
show up as a follow-up story, but have seen nothing as of yet. Would be
good to see the good side of the article printed in some newspaper.

>
> > Michigan State Police officials expressed genuine
> > appreciation for the efforts of the Amateur Radio teams. Considerable
> > positive feedback has been received from a variety of senior officers
who
> > now have an "expanded" view of Amateur Radio capabilities.
>
> Thanks for posting, Ryan.

No problem, anytime I think there is something related to ham radio, and I
believe someone may be interested here, I will definitely post it here.

> >
> > -30-
>
> "30" is a landwire telegraph abbreviation. It evolved into "SK" which
> hams use at the end of a QSO, to mean "end of work, no more to
> follow".

It is also used in press releases as well.

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Ryan, KC8PMX
FF1-FF2-MFR-(pending NREMT-B!)
--. --- -.. ... .- -. --. . .-.. ... .- .-. . ..-. .. .-. . ..-.
.. --. .... - . .-. ...

2199. Re: Since it is over, probably okay to post.....

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-21 04:04:09 UTC
From: "Ryan, KC8PMX" <kc8pmx@diamondcs.net>
Message-ID: <bfh3u9$ejrml$9@ID-189073.news.uni-berlin.de>
Source record: 71928
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.shortwave

> > Oh I get it! He was likely one of these right wing
> > goofball fruitcakes we've probably heard on one of the
> > several 75 meter "pay-triot" nets over the past years?
>
> He only had a Technician Class license.
>

Doesn't say whether he had a code endorsement or not.....

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Ryan, KC8PMX
FF1-FF2-MFR-(pending NREMT-B!)
--. --- -.. ... .- -. --. . .-.. ... .- .-. . ..-. .. .-. . ..-.
.. --. .... - . .-. ...

2200. Re: The myth that BPL is a solution for rural broadband

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-21 04:06:52 UTC
From: Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
Message-ID: <cuvyxnansvbet.hicfox2.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 72081
Cross-posted to:
rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.shortwave

On Sun, 20 Jul 2003 18:32:32 -0400, radio phun wrote:

>The problem is there is one person at the FCC who
>has known connections and investments into numerous
>telecom corporations. His name is Michael Powell.
>Get the big picture? Powell is to the FCC, what Murdoc
>is to mass media.....

Oh Goody. Turn that info over to the FCC Inspector General and the U S Attorney General, because it is a violation of Federal law to be so involved and/or he is perjuring himself on the required annual Financial Disclosure form.

Because we had to sell my then-wife's AT&T stock when I joined the FCC as a field engineer, I have no sympathy for someone else who tries to slide by without such divestiture....if in fact it is happening.

You do have solid proof of that, right?

--
73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane

2201. Re: Smells like type acceptance

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-21 04:06:52 UTC
From: Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
Message-ID: <cuvyxnansvbet.hicfsj3.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 72082

On 20 Jul 2003 15:55:43 -0700, Brian wrote:

>> Cash deal and what radio are you talking about? I never met the guy.
>
>You have the mind of a criminal.

A mind of a criminal is better than no mind at all.

--
73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane

From a Clearing in the Silicon Forest
Beaverton (Washington County) Oregon

2202. Re: Smells like type acceptance

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-21 04:06:53 UTC
From: Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
Message-ID: <cuvyxnansvbet.hicgtz4.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 72083

On Sun, 20 Jul 2003 18:24:07 GMT, Dee D. Flint wrote:

>They could have seized it as part of the "evidence" for an investigation
>though. It would take them only a few hours (if that) to get the
>appropriate warrant.

No, Dee, the FCC cannot "seize" equipment under any circumstance.
The seizure would have to be done by the U S Marshal Service in
compliance with a court order.

Even in a situation like this, the probability of getting a warrant
- and the Marshal to serve it - within a few hours is rather nil
especially when the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District
of California is involved. In years past there was a warrant
paralegal there who speeded our cases through on a one-to-one
personal basis because our paperwork was always complete,
understandable, and error-free, but she is long retired and her
successors are not so inspired.

Too many people in the U S Attorney's office, the Marshals, and the
courts are involved in examining and approving the procedure, and
getting them out of bed in the middle of the night is not
realistic for situations like this where the culprit has been
identified and interviewed and, most important, the interference
abated.

This isn't Lennie Briscoe and "Law and Order" where warrants appear
out of thin air. Our usual lead time on an equipment seizure
warrant was three days and that was considered "fast".

If you haven't figured it out by now, applying for and getting
warrants was one of my major specialties at the FCC and I've been told
the procedures and the roadblocks haven't changed.

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73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane

From a Clearing in the Silicon Forest
Beaverton (Washington County) Oregon

2203. Re: How Ugly Can One Creep Be?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-21 06:37:56 UTC
From: k4yz@aol.com
Message-ID: <5c01b95b.0307202237.41e9700a@posting.google.com>
Source record: 72084

brianburke@juno.com (Brian) wrote in message
news:<f45722ac.0307201803.336aad59@posting.google.com>...

> > > Merely because I think you grossly overreact to each and every post
> > > Len makes?
> >
> > I am sure you do, considering your nose is so far up his 6
> > o'clock orifice, I am sure you have to blow your nose every time he
> > passes wind.
>
> You sure are a nice guy, Steve. What were you saying about having to
> smite out the callous and crude? Next time you bolt on your Avenging
> Angel wings, look for your own name on the list.

Again, I am sure you think so. But you forget the old addage
about "You reap what you sew".

Perhaps next time you decide to dive in with YOUR "witful
commentary" you'll contemplate the consequences before you run your
mouth off.

I won't hold my breath until you do, but you might...

> > Brain, there is noting "logical" about lying and callous
> > indiscretion that you and your buddy favor. Your other attempts to
> > twist what was clearly said in archived posts is likewise illogical.
>
> No twisting. You just went off on a rant and forgot what the subject
> was. Very easy to do when you lose self-control.

>>I<< went off on a rant? I hardly think so. Now YOU on the
other hand...

> > To you, perhaps. But then it seems it's just you and Lennie in
> > one corner and everyone else in the other. Even those who also favor
> > your basic views on Code testing do their best to distance themselves
> > from you and Lennie.
>
> You might want to join them.

I already do. That's why I am rubbing YOUR nose in it and WE
are laughing about it.

> > Don't you wonder why?
>
> No.

THAT was a rhetorical question, but the answer does not surprise
me. It's one of the few self-appreciating things you've done that was
accurate.

> > Do YOU think I am? Then I must be. Otherwise, I am just another
> > Amateur licensee who doesn't like some lookie-loo making irresponsible
> > and untruthful statements about something of which I have first hand
> > knowledge.
>
> What was untruthful about the shuttle tragedy?

That you continue to try an make the tragedy's occurence itself
the center of discussion is yet more evidence of your unwillingness to
stand up to the truth. The topic was Lennie's blatant ugliness in
using it for some irrelevent newsgroup positioning.

> > There's nothing to be "diagnosed", Brain.
>
> But there is. You're wacko for Len.

Nope. Lennie's wacko himself. That he continues to feed the NG
with fuel for his own demise is his problem. You are following in his
footsteps. Too closely I might add.

> > Other than my unwillingness to let go of Lennie's tail, no one
> > can argue with the validity of MY statements, nor can they deny the
> > arrogance and inaccuracies of Lennie's...And yours, for that matter.
>
> I just did, and successfully, I might add. Unless you can come up
> with some proof that the shuttle tragedy didn't occur, and that the
> astronauts are safe and can renew their amateur licenses when they are
> within the renewal period.

No...what you have done is try to make the tragedy itself the
center of discussion...It's not and never was. Lennie's blatant and
callous use of it for his own petty arguments was.

That you attempt to compound that act with his "defense" lumps
you in with him.

Whatever last vestiges of credibility you enjoyed prior to this
round has evaporated.

> You've got your work cut out for you. Better get busy.

> > > I think the "slapping around" that I take is from wacko's such as
> > > yourself, and it would be forthcoming simply because I disagree with
> > > you. Some, such as DICK and Kelly, range from merely curt replies to
> > > rude name calling. You're off the scale.
> >
> > I am sure you think I am.
>
> I'm sure of it.

Then you are wrong again. Is being a loser a lifelong
accomplishjment for you, or is this a NEW development?

> But then you also can't delineate the
> > difference between "authorization" and "acceptance", nor can you
> > validate any of the assertions you've made vis-a-vis your "credit" as
> > a "DX" operator.
>
> I've operated DX from Korea, Guam, and Somalia. I didn't need your
> approval, then or now.

Nope, you didn't. But you still don't understand the differences
as I stated above.

> > Many people here disagree with me, and I they...but the basic
> > fiber of the exchanges don't degrade to this point because we can
> > agree to disagree. You and Lennie can't/won't do that.
>
> Then there's definitely something up between you and Len. You cannot
> ignore even one of his postings. You've got to start a new thread
> with almost every response, with eyes rolled back capitalization to
> the hilt.

Not factual, as usual. Google refers.

> Get a grip and get some help.

Get some facts before you post, Brain.

> > Brucie is in the killfile. Brucie is KNOWN to suffer various
> > mental abborations, and his rantings are so childish and idiotic that
> > they are clearly that to even the casual reader. He's an
> > idiot-bar-none, always was, always will be.
>
> So put on your Avenging Angel wings and destroy him. You said that
> you don't tolerate liars, the callous, and the crude. So get to work,
> OR...

> just ignore Len the way you are able to ignore Bruce.

An order from you, Brain?

> And by the way, how is it that you can see "mental abberations" in
> Bruce that you cannot recognize in yourself?

Well...let's see...there's Brucie's profanity, there's racism,
there's blatant threats of violence...etc etc etc.

That's off the top. Ya wanna start another thread on that one?

> > > > Lennie is all of that, and you "defend" him...So guess where that
> > > > leaves you?
> > >
> > > So far, I haven't defended Len...(SNIP)
> >

> > Sure you have. Read back the last 15 messages in this thread
> > alone.
>
> This isn't about Len. This is about your insane behavior. You said
> Len was a liar in a reply about the shuttle tragedy. You were wrong.

I said Len is a liar. That is not in dispute. I said he is
callous, insensitive, and a creep. That's not in dispute either.

YOU said I said he lied about the shuttle tragedy. That is a
lie. That you choose to further continue your attempts to cover up
your own foolishness and callousness is evident.

> > > I merely said that you were wrong
> > > about the shuttle tragedy. It really did occur.
> >
> > Sure it did. But you have somehow insinuated that by having
> > identified Lennie as a liar I am saying he lies about this.
>
> No insinuation. Go back and reread your post.

YOU go back an re-read it, Brain. But I'd suggest that you take a
class in English Comprehension first.

> I did not.
>
> Oh, but you did. You called him a liar.

He is a liar. YOU are trying to say that I said he lied about the
shuttle tragedy. YOU need to go back and get the order straight.

> > I said he's a callous, insensitive creep.
>
> Yes, you did. But first you called him a liar. Its plainly there in
> your post.

GET THE ORDER AND CONTEXT STRAIGHT, BRAIN!

> This was but yet one
> > more a-burke-tion of what was said in order to create a fight in which
> > you fancy yourself as being on top.
>
> Look, Steve. You crapped your pants. Just excuse yourself and go
> clean up. Then put Len in your "kill file" as you've done with Bruce.
> You'll feel a lot better afterward.

That odor you're detecting is from your realization that you have
once again stuck your foot in your mouth without first checking to see
where you feet had been.

I can't help you with that.

> > > And I've suggested
> > > that you refrain from reading Len's posts in the hope that you'll be

> > > able to sleep at night.
> >
> > I sleep fine, Brain. What would make you think otherwise?
> >
> > > Now you imply that I'm a rapist...
> >
> > There YOU go trying to make an insinuation that just isn't true.
>
> You're the one who said you couldn't decide what would be worse. When
> pressed, you said "rapist...child molester...spouse abuser.."
>
> Fine.
>
> Look, go ahead and take your parting shot. I'm out of this thread,
> but I reserve the right point out your poor behavior in your next new
> thread.

As well you should be, Brain. You should have never enetered it
in the first place, ESPECIALLY since you seem to be unable to get the
order and context correct.

As for "parting shot(s)", I doubt this will be the last time we
tangle, Brain. You've consistently proven your wilingness to engage
in topics of conversation that you are either clearly unprepared for
and give little thought to the probable outcome when tasked to be
forthright or provide evidence of support for.

Auf Wiedersehn.

Steve

2204. Re: Looking For Handset Sources

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-21 06:42:17 UTC
From: k4yz@aol.com
Message-ID: <5c01b95b.0307202242.78d615bd@posting.google.com>
Source record: 72085

lenover21@aol.com (Len Over 21) wrote in message
news:<20030720193000.23406.00000931@mb-m27.aol.com>...
> In article <5c01b95b.0307180801.29ef89@posting.google.com>, k4yz@aol.com (Steve
> Robeson, K4CAP) writes:
>
> >Does anyone know of a source for the mil-spec type handsets like the
> >one that appears in many of the SGC ads? SGC sells them as
> >accessories, but for well-over $375.
> >
> > Any help would be deeply appreciated.
>
> Fair Radio Sales. See also www.fairradio.com, search for "handsets"
>
> They currently list the H-33 (PTT) handset at $17.50 plus shipping.
> The H-33 was (probably) the first of the skinny military handsets that
> could slide the earpiece under the helmet in use. It was common
> with AN/PRC-6 to PRC-12s during the active Korean War.
>
> The H-250 (PTT) handset is $18.00 plus shipping. The H-250 was
> used with the AN/PRC-25 in Vietnam (and other places) during the
> 1960s to 1970s period.
>
> The connector plug will most likely have to be changed to connect
> to a PARAMILITARY SGC-2020 arrangement.

Great post up to here, and the information is truly appreciated.

> [Sojer in da woods
> fun and games? :-) That seems to be what SGC is advertising.]

Acutally I want it for base station operatins in a high noise
enviroment, but one where wearing a headset is impractical.

Usual "dissing" of "sojer in da woods" and alleged paramilitary
activities noted. I am unable to speak for SGC's intent.

> Fair also has the PRC-25 Accessory Kit for $69.50. This includes the
> H-250, the AT-892 ribbon antenna and AT-271 telescoping antenna, all
> in the CW-503 carrying bag. All could be used with a 2020 along with
> one of SGC's automatic antenna tuners.
>
> LHA

Thanks, Len.

73

Steve, K4YZ

2205. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-21 06:50:07 UTC
From: Dwight Stewart <stewart@say.net>
Message-ID: <BB41055E.1F28A%stewart@say.net>
Source record: 72086

"William H. O'Hara, III" wrote:

> Opsec happens to mean Operation Security.
> I guess that everyone loves Delta
> Force and the terms endeared by SFOD-1D.

The acronym "OPSEC" has been around for many decades - long before Delta Force or whatever. I first heard it from my father when I was just a young child. And I've seen the acronym in very old books about WWII.

Dwight Stewart (W5NET)

http://www.qsl.net/w5net/

2206. Re: With CW gone, can the CW allocations be far behind?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-21 07:01:07 UTC
From: k4yz@aol.com
Message-ID: <5c01b95b.0307202301.518509c9@posting.google.com>
Source record: 72087
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy

"Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net> wrote in message
news:<OzGSa.11527$Vx2.5479258@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com>...
> "Joe Collins" <collins201@taranews.net> wrote in message
> news:3871068677.165767678@taranews.net...
> > Now that Bruce Parens and NCI have won the CW wars, what will happen
> > to the exclusive CW allocations if a CW requirement is dropped?
> > Certainly there can be no argument for keeping the current band
> > structure in place, and phone operations probably ought to be spread
> > out into what was once exclusively reserved for CW operators. Not
> > only would this alleviate the congestion in the phone bands, but it
> > would finally and officially place CW into perspective: Just another
> > optional mode of operation without any exclusive rights to any
> > frequency.
>
> Remember it is not only CW that uses these sections of the bands but also
> the other digital modes. The large number of hams in the US combined with
> the limited amount of HF spectrum allotted to hams means some time of
> regulation may continue to be necessary here. While a voluntary band plan
> might work, I wouldn't count on it. I've read postings from Europeans where
> they have problems because people will not follow the band plans especially
> during their contests. They have a lot fewer hams than we do.
>
> Given the activity on the air right now and the last several weeks, the
> congestion has been in the CW/digital subbands not the phone bands.
> Conditions on phone have been poor and there has, in general been little
> activity, other than a pileup or two on a DX station. Expanding the phone
> bands won't clear up those types of activities.
>
> So since there isn't any real congestion in the phone bands right now, there
> is no need to expand them at the expense of all the digital modes (PSK31,
> RTTY, Amtor, Packet, a myriad of lesser known modes, and also CW).
>
> Dee D. Flint, N8UZE

I agree with Dee's post in it's entirety. While I can accept the
paring down of the present "Novice" allocations to make more phone
spectrum available on those bands, CW and the other narrowband modes
still enjoy significant following among ALL operators on all HF bands.

Perhaps it might be more "palatable" to those who disdain Morse
Code if we simply refer to them as "narrow band" and "wideband"
allocations?

73

Steve, K4YZ

2207. Re: With CW gone, can the CW allocations be far behind?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-21 07:03:29 UTC
From: k4yz@aol.com
Message-ID: <5c01b95b.0307202303.77214a8d@posting.google.com>
Source record: 72088
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.amateur.misc

"K0HB" <k0hb@earthlink.net> wrote in message
news:<ed9e3d3ed0c3403349a2a6882a98d900.128005@mygate.mailgate.org>...
> "Joe Collins" <collins201@taranews.net> wrote in message
> news:3871068677.165767678@taranews.net
>
> > ....what will happen to the exclusive CW allocations....
>
> Except in the USA, most amateurs do not labor under "sub-bands" based on
> mode. As an example Canadian amateur have no such restrictions. It's a
> source of continuing wonder to me that the FCC continues to arbitrarily
> slice and dice the bands based on mode, license class, power levels, and
> similar artificial constructs of their imagination.

I imagine that the "class" restrictions will fade soon.

As for mode restrictions, see my comment on Dee's post...Perhaps
if we consider these as "wideband" and "narrowband" allocations it
would be more palatable to all (or at least more)?

> 73, de Hans, K0HB
>
> PS: There are no "exclusive CW allocations" below 50MHz.

73

Steve, K4YZ

2208. Re: Time to call a truce?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-21 07:22:04 UTC
From: Dwight Stewart <stewart@say.net>
Message-ID: <BB410CDB.1F290%stewart@say.net>
Source record: 72089

"Phil Kane" wrote:

> Delusions of grandeur are better than no
> grandeur at all.

That does appear to be the case for some.

Dwight Stewart (W5NET)

http://www.qsl.net/w5net/

2209. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-21 07:55:52 UTC
From: Dwight Stewart <stewart@say.net>
Message-ID: <BB4114C7.1F292%stewart@say.net>
Source record: 72090

"Steve Robeson, K4CAP" wrote:

> I am willing to bet that some sort of "moratorium"
> on code testing is announced within the next 60 days.
> Just an opinion...nothing certain (snip)

I also think it will happen much quicker then most expect. I wouldn't lock myself into a fixed time period at this point, but I do suspect some action in this direction fairly soon.

Actually, I suspect the FCC has been gearing up for a long time for a relatively quick move in this direction when it became possible. Some of their comments and actions over the last few years has only fueled that suspicion (nothing specific in what they've said or done - just a feeling).

I guess we'll see soon enough if we're right.

Dwight Stewart (W5NET)

http://www.qsl.net/w5net/

2210. Re: With CW gone, can the CW allocations be far behind?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-21 09:51:31 UTC
From: gsm@mendelson.com
Message-ID: <slrnbhndm8.e82.gsm@cable.mendelson.com>
Source record: 72092
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.amateur.misc

In article <ed9e3d3ed0c3403349a2a6882a98d900.128005@mygate.mailgate.org>,
K0HB wrote:

> Except in the USA, most amateurs do not labor under "sub-bands" based on
> mode. As an example Canadian amateur have no such restrictions. It's a
> source of continuing wonder to me that the FCC continues to arbitrarily
> slice and dice the bands based on mode, license class, power levels, and
> similar artificial constructs of their imagination.

Not only that but the stupid allocation of the 7.00-7.100 as a CW
only band makes 40 meters almost unusable outside of the U.S. That's
our entire 40 meter band, and so we can't work the states without spilt
operation, which doesn't often work because we are swamped with European
brodcasters.

We can't work locally, because by convention, we use ssb in the upper
half and get destroyed by all those digital signals that come from the
U.S. and clobber us.

IMHO the best thing to do is open 7.050-7.100 for ssb in the U.S. and move
the digital stuff to the old novice band.

Geoff.

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Geoffrey S. Mendelson gsm@mendelson.com 972-54-608-069
Do sysadmins count networked sheep?

2211. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-21 10:59:57 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030721065957.03929.00001071@mb-m28.aol.com>
Source record: 72094

In article <bffc65$1f44$1@adenine.netfront.net>, "Kim W5TIT"
<fahgedit@nomail.net> writes:

>It baffles me to no end that
>it would actually bother someone to have another wait for their opportunity
>to come along. I see nothing at all wrong with someone waiting until
>testing requirements meet *their* expectations.
>
It's kinda like saying "I'm not going to buy a (new computer, digital camera,
PDA, flatscreen TV/monitor, MP3 player, etc., etc.) until the price drops below
X dollars", isn't it?

In fact, might not part of the driving force behind a "wait and see" policy?
One of the best ways to kill a sale of items like the ones above is to say
"there's a new model coming out soon that will do more and cost less".

True story: Close friend of mine needed a PDA for work. Everybody at her
workplace uses iPaqs, so she goes to the local computer store and gets one at a
discount. It's the demo model, last one in the store. Takes it home, installs
hardware and software, struggles with it, dern thing won't sync with her PC no
matter what she does. Takes it back, store tech says it's a defective cradle
and she gets a full refund.

Two weeks later goes back to the same store and gets a brand new iPaq, no
discount, with more features, longer life battery, yada yada - for less money.
Works perfectly.

73 de Jim, N2EY

2212. Re: Ham Radio In The Post-Code Testing Era

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-21 10:59:58 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030721065958.03929.00001072@mb-m28.aol.com>
Source record: 72093

In article <070d3ba1b4f6e7778fa91893067ea60d.128005@mygate.mailgate.org>, "Hans Kohb" <k0hb@earthlink.net> writes:

>"N2EY" <n2ey@aol.com> wrote

>> Then why did the Navy (at least) keep training them, and to high levels of
>> proficiency?

>Because until about 1960, most of the "small boys" (destroyers,
>submarines, frigates, and fleet tugs) still used Morse for passing
>traffic ashore. With the advent of Orestes (covered Baudot) in these
>hulls, about 1963, the widespread training of Navy Morse code operators
>ceased. After that point, each ship had a complement of 2 or 3 Morse
>capable operators "just in case" until the late 70's when even that
>modest capability was no longer maintained. We're talking about a
>quarter century ago!

Sure - so FCC was behind that curve. Note also W4NTI's military service and use of Morse skill in same.
>
>> But then why was the FCC so hot for more code testing in the 1960s?
>
>Because ARRL had the ear of FCC minions like Johnny Johnston, et. al.

Yet it was FCC, not ARRL, that wanted more code testing. If FCC had simply adopted ARRL's 1963 proposal, 13 wpm and an Advanced would have gotten hams all privileges.

FCC came up with 16 wpm from a source other than ARRL. The League and others eventually got FCC to drop that idea.

>In that same era others at FCC were pushing a "dual ladder" licensing
>structure with 4 or five levels of progressively more technical no-code or
>minimal-code "VHF/UHF Communicator" licensees.

You might want to recheck the dates and details on that, Hans.

The incentive licensing stuff started in earnest in 1963 and was enacted in 1967. The first changes took effect in '67 (Novices made 2 year, Advanced reopened to new issues, written tests changed.) The reduction of privileges of Advanceds and Generals took effect in November '68 and '69.

The dual ladder idea was proposed in 1975, almost a decade later. It called for 3 licenses in the "HF" ladder and three in the "VHF" ladder, with the Extra on top of both ladders. Kinda like an A-frame stepladder. Seven classes in all, and the top of the heap included 20 wpm code.

>ARRL didn't think these
>guys would be "real hams" and used their "inside guys" at FCC to squash
>such progressive thinking.

There was a detailed questionaire sent to all members back then, and the views of the members were clearly against the dual ladder idea. After all the bad feeling from the IL mess there wasn't much desire to promote an unpopular scheme.

This was also the peak of the CB craze, when FCC wanted to reallocate 220-225 to a new "Class E" cb service.

It's interesting that you call the seven-class two-ladder system "progressive thinking", but today favor a two-class license system, as I recall.

73 de Jim, N2EY

2213. CW sub-bands must disapear

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-21 13:10:10 UTC
From: Nomen Nescio <nobody@dizum.com>
Message-ID: <5b8059907b021f46b1f67ca6e9f44593@dizum.com>
Source record: 72096

They are only "agreements" written by
IARU and what is IARU ? Nothing, just
smoke ...
The next target is to FORBID totally CW
on ham bands below 1 GHz, because of
pollution generated by CW and old farts
CW coders using illegal amps. All
no-coders hams must put a mondial complaint about CW pollution in the
world.
Remember TITANIC had sunk because CW
was used. If SSB was used, the ship
has been saved. Samuel Morse invented
his silly code because he was not
enough clever to invent SSB.

2214. Re: Why don't Real Hams you face the facts?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-21 13:10:18 UTC
From: 26cab40@freeuk.com
Message-ID: <47e914d9.0307210510.7371be7d@posting.google.com>
Source record: 72095
Cross-posted to: uk.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.boatanchors,rec.radio.amateur.policy

>
> all i need now is an amstrad 902.
>
> 10-4!

I don't think you have the proficiency to use one my little "walt-sucker"

2215. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-21 13:20:16 UTC
From: k4yz@aol.com
Message-ID: <5c01b95b.0307210520.357a1380@posting.google.com>
Source record: 72097

vshah101@aol.com (Vshah101) wrote in message
news:<20030720232909.14567.00000239@mb-m02.aol.com>...
> From: yodoc@aol.comnospam (Larry Roll K3LT)
>
> >I was a no-coder for 14 years, and I didn't like it!
>
> With the whole spectrum of activities, and you still didn't like amateur radio?
> Not enough technical areas in amateur radio to interest you? You're not a radio
> amateur, youre an only-coder - someone that only likes code.

SO WHAT...?!?!

If that's what he likes, and that's what it takes to make him
happy, who are you (or anyone else for that matter) to berate him for
it? What part of Part 97 says we MUST do other activites?

> >A no-coder stirred me up about 13 years ago, and I've been
> >stirred up about trying to make people see the stupidity of whining about
> >code testing ever since.
>
> You only see the world as no-coders or coders. There's more to amateur radio
> than that.

Vipul, YOU'RE PRECIOUS! Only a month ago you were completely
opposite. What generated the change?

> >>People are not missing anything by not upgrading, if the upgraded privileges
> >>don't provide anything more they wish.
>
> >Well, that's *your* excuse. It seems to be working for you. Hold on
> >to it, it's all you've got.
>
> Like I said, there are many possible activites to participate in. If all you
> see is CW HF, then thats all you've got.

But in hundreds and hundreds of posts, Vipul, you've said just
the opposite...As a matter of fact, you have LAMENTED the lack of
activities or opportunities in Amateur Radio. Myself and others have
been telling you otherwise but you insisted that Amateur activities
were (in your opinion) limited to two or three specific activities.

Finally wake up and smell the coffee?

BTW, Larry has frequently mentioned several other data/digital
modes he utilizes. Why do you avoid addressing/accepting this?

73

Steve, K4YZ

2216. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-21 13:23:33 UTC
From: k4yz@aol.com
Message-ID: <5c01b95b.0307210523.3c0ade37@posting.google.com>
Source record: 72098

vshah101@aol.com (Vshah101) wrote in message
news:<20030720131001.06345.00000213@mb-m03.aol.com>...
> From: k4yz@aol.com (Steve Robeson, K4CAP)
>
> >I liken this to a cure for cancer.
>
> Morse code as a cure for cancer or cause of cancer, whats the difference. If
> you smoke cigarettes, you know its bad for you, but its enjoyable so you keep
> doing it.

You take the same "cite out of context" course Brain took, Vippy?

> >I'd say do it, get it over with and join the
> >fun!
>
> Yes, Morse code is fun, I guess. Its good to have as many people as possible
> using Morse code.

Yes, it is, but again, that is not the overall context in which I
made the comment, Vipul.

> I don't want a test requirement for Morse code. I won't use Morse code, but I
> want others to use Morse code.

Me too. It's easier to talk about those who aren't using it
right under thier noses.

73

Steve, K4YZ

2217. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-21 13:26:28 UTC
From: k4yz@aol.com
Message-ID: <5c01b95b.0307210526.37a7cbdd@posting.google.com>
Source record: 72099

lenover21@aol.com (Len Over 21) wrote in message
news:<20030720231604.02627.00000178@mb-m02.aol.com>...
> In article <tOGSa.11534$Vx2.5481863@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com>, "Dee D. Flint"
> <deehays@qix.net> writes:

> >If you wait for opportunity to knock, it never will.
>
> "Knock" it off. Test element 1 is on the way OUT. Realize it.

WHOA!~ Lennie! You FINALLY accept this...?!?! Well gee
willikers! Then we can assume (remembering the caveat for "assuming",
of course) that you are going to bite the bullet and get
licensed...?!?!

73

Steve, K4YZ

2218. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-21 13:28:42 UTC
From: k4yz@aol.com
Message-ID: <5c01b95b.0307210528.1a80b418@posting.google.com>
Source record: 72100

"Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net> wrote in message
news:<orGSa.11525$Vx2.5478059@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com>...
> "Vshah101" <vshah101@aol.com> wrote in message
> news:20030720193857.14567.00000223@mb-m02.aol.com...
> > From: "Dee D. Flint" deehays
> >
> > >So what do you plan to do to recruit people to Morse code. If want
> others
> > >to use it, you have the responsibility
> >
> > No, what I meant is that its a better situation for me if more Hams use
> Morse
> > code. For one thing, I won't be talking to them. But, I'm not going to go
> and
> > recruit people to use Morse code.
>
> You want other hams to use Morse so you don't have to talk to them. That's
> extremely anti-social on your part and totally opposite of your previously
> stated desires that you would like to get hams to be more social.

This seems to be Vipul's week for contradicting himself.

73

Steve, K4YZ

2219. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-21 13:37:55 UTC
From: k4yz@aol.com
Message-ID: <5c01b95b.0307210537.19030acd@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71901

vshah101@aol.com (Vshah101) wrote in message
news:<20030720221027.14567.00000232@mb-m02.aol.com>...
> From: "Dee D. Flint" deehays@qix.net
>
> >You want other hams to use Morse so you don't have to talk to them. That's
> >extremely anti-social on your part and totally opposite of your previously
> >stated desires that you would like to get hams to be more social.
>
> I don't want to talk to some older males. Thats not anti-social.

Sure it is.

It's also discriminatory. How would you feel if I told YOU that I
don't want to talk to persons of Central Asian origin based soley upon
that criteria...?!?!

> And they are there Fri, Sat night on several bands, including 40m, 2m, and ATV.
> I know from the DXpedition in May.

What DXpedition? A DXpedition is the operation of an Amateur
Radio station from a rare or semi-rare location for the purpose of
activating that entity, ie: Cocos Keeling, Swan Island, Bouvet, etc.

> Many Hams will work DX. They get a thrill from that. But, they won't talk to
> the person next door or to anyone in person. Thats why a local Ham's neighbor
> complained that the Ham has too many antennas at his house.

Neighbors complain about antennas because they percieve them as
asthetically inappropriate for the neighborhood, a safety concern, or
perceived RFI source, NOT because the guy next door won't talk to him!

Precious, Vippy...just PRECIOUS!

Steve, K4YZ

2220. Re: Ham Radio In The Post-Code Testing Era

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-21 13:56:14 UTC
From: K0HB with non-approved radios <k0hb@earthlink.net>
Message-ID: <221cd76d407ae3d8168be302c6e36efd.128005@mygate.mailgate.org>
Source record: 71902

"N2EY" <n2ey@aol.com> wrote

>
> It's interesting that you call the seven-class two-ladder system "progressive
> thinking", but today favor a two-class license system, as I recall.
>

What was progressive was the notion (which ARRL rejected) that a ham could be advanced along technical/scientific lines without being able to copy Morse code. It's interesting that you didn't take the time to review my proposal to FCC in response to WT Docket 98-143. If you'd taken just a moment, you'd have noted that it included the same notion of a "dual ladder" which included an option for advanced electronics qualifications without Morse testing. Sunuvagun, isn't that interesting!

With all kind wishes,

de Hans, K0HB

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Posted via Mailgate.ORG Server - http://www.Mailgate.ORG

2221. Re: Fight the BPL

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-21 14:01:15 UTC
From: Dean Arthur <dearthur@silverstar.com>
Message-ID: <3F1BF22C.4962221F@silverstar.com>
Source record: 71903
Cross-posted to:
rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.swap

Remember the UPS-220-222 MHz fiasco? FCC granted UPS that frequency range THEN UPS found it to be useless for their purposes. We still didn't get it back. Hams in Calif had set up the Condor net covering the state on 222 - all gone!

2222. Re: Fight the BPL

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-21 14:08:09 UTC
From: Dean Arthur <dearthur@silverstar.com>
Message-ID: <3F1BF3CA.7433AFD3@silverstar.com>
Source record: 71904
Cross-posted to:
rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.swap

Maybe two dozen hams in Star Valley. 10K-foot mtns on east side;
9K-foot mtns on west. Virtually no HF workings here. Everybody on 2M
with repeater at north end at 8900-feet linked westward to Oregon and
southward to Henderson, Nevada through Snowbird Links. Repeater at
south end is 1,200-feet AGL for valley traffic. Another repeater in
Jackson Hole for traffic there with some of us able to access it.
Everyone else on the Internet for 'Round-the-world communications!'

2223. Re: Fight the BPL

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-21 14:13:42 UTC
From: Dean Arthur <dearthur@silverstar.com>
Message-ID: <3F1BF517.B2454AE7@silverstar.com>
Source record: 71905
Cross-posted to:
rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.swap

>...> Shoot, propose simultaneously that hams be allowed 50 kilowatts
output. Not that either of these are remedies for the potential
problem but
>...> maybe it will help the FCC understand whats going on.

Drat. My DER-325 was scrapped out in Hong Kong. Would have loved to
have the GRC radio system on board. Maybe the fore and aft masts, too.
16 dipole elements on forward radar mast operating on 220 MHz with 300+
mile range would have been cat's meow for long distance work and on a
measly 300 kilowatts!!

2224. Re: CW sub-bands must disapear

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-21 14:38:52 UTC
From: Tobias <tobias@ntlworld.com>
Message-ID: <DUSSa.1818$D67.92684@newsfep1-win.server.ntli.net>
Source record: 71906

Dont talk like a pratt. The Titanic sunk, becouse of the way it was built.
Remember what year it was. CW will live for ever !.
"Nomen Nescio" <nobody@dizum.com> wrote in message
news:5b8059907b021f46b1f67ca6e9f44593@dizum.com...
>
> They are only "agreements" written by
> IARU and what is IARU ? Nothing, just
> smoke ...
> The next target is to FORBID totally CW
> on ham bands below 1 GHz, because of
> pollution generated by CW and old farts
> CW coders using illegal amps. All
> no-coders hams must put a mondial complaint about CW pollution in the
> world.
> Remember TITANIC had sunk because CW
> was used. If SSB was used, the ship
> has been saved. Samuel Morse invented
> his silly code because he was not
> enough clever to invent SSB.
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2225. Re: With CW gone, can the CW allocations be far behind?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-21 14:39:15 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu>
Message-ID: <3F1BFB13.1070109@psu.edu>
Source record: 71907
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy

Joe Collins wrote:
> Now that Bruce Parens and NCI have won the CW wars, what will happen
> to the exclusive CW allocations if a CW requirement is dropped?
> Certainly there can be no argument for keeping the current band
> structure in place, and phone operations probably ought to be spread
> out into what was once exclusively reserved for CW operators. Not
> only would this alleviate the congestion in the phone bands, but it
> would finally and officially place CW into perspective: Just another
> optional mode of operation without any exclusive rights to any
> frequency.

This cannot be, for no one wants to take anything away from Morse code users.

- Mike KB3EIA -

2226. Re: Time to call a truce?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-21 14:45:01 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu>
Message-ID: <3F1BFC6D.7020605@psu.edu>
Source record: 71908

Len Over 21 wrote:
> In article <3F1B3D03.604@adelphia.net>, Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
> writes:
>
>
>> And I was also just repeating Jim's "holier than thou" statement in the
>
>
>>sarcasm.
>
>
> How dare you? He IS holier than thou! Now He gonna Get You!

Most everyone is! 8^)

- Mike KB3EIA -

2227. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-21 14:56:14 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307210656.78eb9210@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71909

"Dan/W4NTI" <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com> wrote in message
news:<bff3hj$ur2$1@slb6.atl.mindspring.net>...
> "Kim W5TIT" <fahgedit@nomail.net> wrote in message
> news:bfeidb$ur7$1@adenine.netfront.net...
> > "William H. O'Hara, III" <whoohara@yahoo.com> wrote in message
> > news:Xns93BE6AD6148C9AX2A3DA5M1512AODKAMO@65.100.3.61...
> > > Kim,
> > >
> > > I don't think that you mentioned the
> > > only practical use for CW, today. In
> > > an emergency operation one can use CW
> > > almost as a cipher. If Newsreporters, whom
> > > possess "investigative skills", were to
> > > attempt their intercepts by a scanner,
> > > then they would simply have no
> > > comprehension.
> > >
> >
> > With all due respect, William (or is it Bill), seems that deliberately
> > coding/encrypting on the amateur bands is contrary to the R&R, if ya know
> > what I mean. And, it also seems to me that any reporter with really good
> > investigative skills would be well aware of your scenario, above.
> >
> >
>
> Now Ive heard everything. CW is now a method of encryption. Oh good grief.
>
> That is a first. I never thought Id live so long as to see so much idiocy
> about the Morse Code. Unbelievable
>
> Dan/W4NTI

Dan, its not a first, its a second.

One ham on rrap has suggested that he would not only use Morse/CW but
that he would send the characters so atrociously that it could not be
read by a computer code reader so that the NCTs couldn't know what he
was saying.

You have DICK to thank for that.

2228. Re: The myth that BPL is a solution for rural broadband

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-21 15:03:26 UTC
From: David Robbins <k1ttt@arrl.net>
Message-ID: <MIKcnQIygKlcnYGiXTWJhQ@crocker.com>
Source record: 71910
Cross-posted to:
rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.shortwave

"W7TI" <noway@nohow.com> wrote in message
news:s4unhv0o4i3eabbhpsupo39mqjc45etdia@4ax.com...
> On Mon, 21 Jul 2003 00:26:47 GMT, "Phil Kane"
> <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop> wrote:
>
> >Transmission voltages (34 KV and up) are something else. Those are
> > never worked hot.
>
> ____
>
> "Never"? A few years ago there was a video on one of the cable channels
> showing a crew changing an insulator on a several hundred KV line while
> hot. It ran about a half hour. Fascinating.
>
voltages up to at least 765kv are worked hot in the states. there is a
helicopter company that specializes in this kind of work so that those lines
don't have to be shut down to do repairs. lower voltages like 115kv and
69kv are worked hot with fiberglass 'hot sticks'.

2229. Re: With CW gone, can the CW allocations be far behind?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-21 15:30:58 UTC
From: Johnsie <jjt5rr@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <3f1c05d5$2@snipnews.snip.net>
Source record: 71911

"Larry Roll K3LT" <yodoc@aol.comnospam> wrote in message
news:20030720230633.23745.00001260@mb-m22.aol.com...
>
> Well, folks, there it is -- as I've been saying for years, it's all about
> getting a microphone in hand and yakking away!
>
> 73 de Larry, K3LT

That's right Larry! The problem is CW may be "semi-officially"
gone, but it's pungent aroma remains. To be honest I really do not
think it makes a difference anyway now, as what young person
in their right mind is going to consider a hobby full of tired old
white men who only shop at the dollar store and "double" time
and time again on the HF nets because they can't even HEAR
each other in the first place thru their $2000 Icom and
Yaesu HF radios? A casual tune thru 20/75/40 meters will
convince anyone of this...

Yack on boys!

2230. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-21 15:40:28 UTC
From: Dave Heil <k8mn@earthlink.net>
Message-ID: <3F1C0A01.FFCC2EF1@earthlink.net>
Source record: 71912

Vshah101 wrote:
>
> From: "Dee D. Flint" deehays@qix.net
>
> >You want other hams to use Morse so you don't have to talk to them. That's
> >extremely anti-social on your part and totally opposite of your previously
> >stated desires that you would like to get hams to be more social.
>
> I don't want to talk to some older males. Thats not anti-social.

If we go by your rules, it certainly is.

> And they are there Fri, Sat night on several bands, including 40m, 2m, and ATV.
> I know from the DXpedition in May.

You didn't go on a DXpedition.

> Many Hams will work DX. They get a thrill from that. But, they won't talk to
> the person next door or to anyone in person.

Your record is stuck, Vipul. Your claim is simply another tired
stereotype offered without proof of any kind.

> Thats why a local Ham's neighbor
> complained that the Ham has too many antennas at his house.

Your statement makes no sense.

Dave K8MN

2231. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-21 15:47:12 UTC
From: Dave Heil <k8mn@earthlink.net>
Message-ID: <3F1C0B93.BC851CDD@earthlink.net>
Source record: 71913

Len Over 21 wrote:
>
> In article <NVASa.11454$Vx2.5422978@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com>, "Dee D. Flint"

> Well, us bourgeoises and "lower class" minded people will just have > to sit in the back of the bus and drink from different water > fountains, won't we? :-)

You aren't even ON the bus, Len. You have yet to become a neophyte in amateur radio.

> In my case, I've not found any good reason to join a SERVICE of
> pretend-quasi-military radio operators by having to relearn morse
> code.

In your case, you've not even attempted the codeless exam which has been offered for years.

Dave K8MN

2232. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-21 15:51:30 UTC
From: Dave Heil <k8mn@earthlink.net>
Message-ID: <3F1C0C97.8BBD25C4@earthlink.net>
Source record: 71914

Len Over 21 wrote:
>
> In article <f45722ac.0307201446.45a05e15@posting.google.com>,
> brianburke@juno.com (Brian) writes:
>
> >"Kim W5TIT" <fahgedit@nomail.net> wrote in message
> >news:<bfe5vpkjp1@adenine.netfront.net>...
> >> "Alun Palmer" <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote in message
> >> news:Xns93BE5B71132D8elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4...
> >>
> >> > I suppose Larry will never consider me a fully-fledged ham, even with 20
> >> > wpm, 'cause I operate 100% phone, LOL.
> >>
> >> Dave Heil's a much better challenge! ;)
> >>
> >> Kim W5TIT
> >>
> >I dunno. He has his weaknesses. Frenchmen on 6M SSB seem to be a
> >pretty good hook for Dave. But their damned accents are so hard to
> >fake. Good luck Alun.
>
> Big Dave is just pissed because so few of us bow down to his "I am > the superior
<whatever>" and refuse to capitulate. Shrug.

Capitulate? You overestimate your importance to the world of amateur
radio. You aren't involved in any capacity, Little Leonard. You issue
catcalls from the sidelines of a newsgroup.

Dave K8MN

2233. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-21 15:54:37 UTC
From: Dan/W4NTI <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com>
Message-ID: <bfh2bp$9i4$1@slb4.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 71915

"Kim W5TIT" <fahgedit@nomail.net> wrote in message
news:bffbqf$1er5$1@adenine.netfront.net...
> "Dan/W4NTI" <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com> wrote in message
> news:bff3hj$ur2$1@slb6.atl.mindspring.net...
> >
> > "Kim W5TIT" <fahgedit@nomail.net> wrote in message
> > news:bfeidb$ur7$1@adenine.netfront.net...
> > > "William H. O'Hara, III" <whoohara@yahoo.com> wrote in message
> > > news:Xns93BE6AD6148C9AX2A3DA5M1512AODKAMO@65.100.3.61...
> > > > Kim,
> > > >
> > > > I don't think that you mentioned the
> > > > only practical use for CW, today. In
> > > > an emergency operation one can use CW
> > > > almost as a cipher. If Newsreporters, whom
> > > > possess "investigative skills", were to
> > > > attempt their intercepts by a scanner,
> > > > then they would simply have no
> > > > comprehension.
> > > >
> > >
> > > With all due respect, William (or is it Bill), seems that deliberately
> > > coding/encrypting on the amateur bands is contrary to the R&R, if ya
> know
> > > what I mean. And, it also seems to me that any reporter with really
> good
> > > investigative skills would be well aware of your scenario, above.
> > >
> > >
> >
> > Now Ive heard everything. CW is now a method of encryption. Oh good
> grief.
> >
> > That is a first. I never thought Id live so long as to see so much
idiocy
> > about the Morse Code. Unbelievable
> >
> > Dan/W4NTI
> >
>
> Dan, you really should stop being so reactionary. Perhaps you'll re-read
> the comment "In an emergency operation one can use CW almost as a
cipher."
> Then, perhaps you'll look at my response in a different light. I was

> remarking on the fact that William (Bill) was promoting the idea that CW
> is/can be used as a cipher. That would not be legal in any way, and
> promoting the idea of CW as being a way to "cipher" information is quite
> misleading, don't you think?
>
> Sheesh, take some time off...
>
> Kim W5TIT
>
>
> ---
> Posted via news://freenews.netfront.net
> Complaints to news@netfront.net

Yes you are right.

Cypher/Incrypting is used to hide the intelligence in the communication. Morse Code is not that. Morse Code is used to transmit plain text (English in this example) which can be 'decoded' by a real ham anywhere on this planet.

Of course I understand his initial meaning. That the general public and MOST ham operators cant copy Morse Code. So it would be equivilant to incryption.

Dan/W4NTI

2234. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-21 15:56:47 UTC
From: Dan/W4NTI <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com>
Message-ID: <bfh2frsrp1@slb0.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 71916

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"Brian" <brianburke@juno.com> wrote in message
news:f45722ac.0307210656.78eb9210@posting.google.com...
> "Dan/W4NTI" <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com> wrote in message
news:<bff3hj$ur2$1@slb6.atl.mindspring.net>...
> > "Kim W5TIT" <fahgedit@nomail.net> wrote in message
> > news:bfeidb$ur7$1@adenine.netfront.net...
> > > "William H. O'Hara, III" <whoohara@yahoo.com> wrote in message
> > > news:Xns93BE6AD6148C9AX2A3DA5M1512AODKAMO@65.100.3.61...
> > > > Kim,
> > > >
> > > > I don't think that you mentioned the
> > > > only practical use for CW, today. In
> > > > an emergency operation one can use CW
> > > > almost as a cipher. If Newsreporters, whom
> > > > possess "investigative skills", were to
> > > > attempt their intercepts by a scanner,
> > > > then they would simply have no
> > > > comprehension.
> > > >
> > >
> > > With all due respect, William (or is it Bill), seems that deliberately
> > > coding/encrypting on the amateur bands is contrary to the R&R, if ya
know
> > > what I mean. And, it also seems to me that any reporter with really
good
> > > investigative skills would be well aware of your scenario, above.
> > >
> > >
> >
> > Now Ive heard everything. CW is now a method of encryption. Oh good
grief.
> >
> > That is a first. I never thought Id live so long as to see so much
idiocy
> > about the Morse Code. Unbelievable
> >
> > Dan/W4NTI
>
> Dan, its not a first, its a second.
>
> One ham on rrap has suggested that he would not only use Morse/CW but
> that he would send the characters so atrociously that it could not be
> read by a computer code reader so that the NCTs couldn't know what he
> was saying.
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>
> You have DICK to thank for that.

Ive been know to do that in some situations. I.E. When the returning station is sending perfect cw and cant copy a thing I sent to him. Must be on a reader and a keyboard. I just screw up the character spacing, or go to a bug. Works every time.

Dan/W4NTI

2235. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-21 15:58:53 UTC
From: Dave Heil <k8mn@earthlink.net>
Message-ID: <3F1C0DAA.5765C557@earthlink.net>
Source record: 71917

Len Over 21 wrote:
>
> In article <f45722ac.0307191358.53086ada@posting.google.com>,
> brianburke@juno.com (Brian) writes:
>
> >n2ey@aol.com (N2EY) wrote in message
> >news:<20030719082137.15462.00001699@mb-m06.aol.com>...
>
> >> I haven't seen any truthful answers to my questions about your alleged /T5
> >> operations.
> >
> >You're amazing. You didn't believe me then, but somehow you'll believe me
> >now.
> >
> >To be honest, I don't think there is any answer that will satisfy you.
>
> There isn't any. Reverend Jim spends most of his free time in here,
> not on the air. He is living each and every thread and must emerge
> the winner in every newsgroup dispute. :-)

Get it straight, Len. That's YOUR role here. You are the one not "on
the air" and who gets his jollies haunting an amateur radio newsgroup.

> I'm beginning to wonder if he works for a living...not just at the UNNAMED
> place he is supposed to be doing electrical engineering. :-)

It eats at you that he has no intention of telling you where he works
:-)

Dave K8MN

2236. Re: Time to call a truce?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-21 16:01:25 UTC
From: Dan/W4NTI <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com>
Message-ID: <bfh2oh$5u1$1@slb3.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 71918

"Mike Coslo" <mcoslo@adelphia.net> wrote in message
news:3F1B3D03.604@adelphia.net...
> Dan/W4NTI wrote:
> > "Mike Coslo" <mcoslo@adelphia.net> wrote in message
> > news:3F19FAF0.2040500@adelphia.net...
> >
> >
> >> Seriously, if they are right, the holier than thou pro-coders will
> >> vanish into the noise level - figuratively speaking.
> >>
> >> - Mike KB3EIA -
> >>
> >
> >
> > Dang Mike. And I thought you had some sense. So much for that.
>
>
> Hold on Dan, Did you get my whole message, or just repost off what
> Larry trimmed?
>
>
> I wrote:
>
> >> Gee Jim, there's no need for a truce, the war's over. The PCTA's
> >> lost.
> >
> >> As someone said to me, the pro-coders have a responsibility to
> >> attract enough people to survive (paraphrased)
> >
> >> I think the no-coders now have a responsibility to attract the
> >> professionals and good hams that are staying out of the service now,
> >> so that they improve the ARS.
> >
> >> Seriously, if they are right, the holier than thou pro-coders will
> >> vanish into the noise level - figuratively speaking.
>
> I was being sarcastic. I guess sarcasm doesn't do well in printed form.
>
> Someone here (Bill Sohl I think) was telling me that Pro-coders now had
> the responsibility of recruiting more users of the mode, lest we lose
> our bandwidth.
>
> I was turning that statement around to the no-coders, many of who note
> all the qualified EE's who are going to swell the ranks after the code

> test is gone. I consider that these new hams and those who paved the way
> for them to be responsible for what happens after this.
>
> And I was also just repeating Jim's "holier than thou" statement in the
> sarcasm.
>
> Hopefully that clears things up.
>
> - Mike KB3EIA -
>

I apologize. Now it makes sense.

Dan/W4NTI

2237. Re: Time to call a truce?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-21 16:04:25 UTC
From: Dan/W4NTI <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com>
Message-ID: <bfh2u4cmp1@slb9.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 71919

"Kim W5TIT" <fahgedit@nomail.net> wrote in message
news:bffc09$1etd$1@adenine.netfront.net...
> "Dan/W4NTI" <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com> wrote in message
> news:bff468imu1@slb9.atl.mindspring.net...
> >
> >
> > When I got into this Amateur Radio was so respected that it actually
> opened
> > doors for you. Not anymore. Thanks for helping dumb it down.
> >
>
> Hey, you're the one thinking that it's OK to promote CW as a way to cipher
> information over the ham bands...

Change your pills. I never said such a thing.

>
> >
> > Your not going to belittle those that went before you. We don't have a
> damn
> > thing to prove to you or those of your ilk.
> >
>
> With that kind of attitude, you have proven quite a bit to me, Dan. And,
> it's not positive, by the way.
>
> >
> > We know, we have been there and got the tee shirt. Now pick up your
jaw
> > and commence to run off at the mouth little girl.
> >
> > Dan/W4NTI
> >
>
> Yep, you're an asshole, alright.

Your right, and Im willing to admit it. How about you?

Dan/W4NTI

>
> Kim W5TIT
>
>
> ---
> Posted via news://freenews.netfront.net

> Complaints to news@netfront.net

2238. Re: Why don't Real Hams you face the facts?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-21 16:05:14 UTC
From: Dave Heil <k8mn@earthlink.net>
Message-ID: <3F1C0F27.E2909DAE@earthlink.net>
Source record: 71920

Kim W5TIT wrote:

> Whenever I used to bootleg--and I did before I was licensed, I always made
> extra sure to stay out of ham radio frequencies--most hams know too much
> about R&R and DFing. ;)

Such seems in character for you, Kim.

> I won't do it now but only because I don't want to
> compromise my license.

So, not because it was illegal, only so you don't lose your license.

Dave K8MN

2239. Re: ARS License Numbers

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-21 16:16:04 UTC
From: Dave Heil <k8mn@earthlink.net>
Message-ID: <3F1C1258.F92E5763@earthlink.net>
Source record: 71921

Vshah101 wrote:

> I went to a Ham club in CT yesterday. I know, failure results from doing the
> same things that didn't work before, but it was a "new" type of club. It was
> the VHF/UHF/Microwave club in CT. Between the DXpedition and this event, I will
> skeptical of any Ham Radio event from now on.

You didn't go on a DXpedition.

> Lots of homebrewed microwave stuff. And they supposedly did Minimum Signal
> Testing, although I didn't stick around to verify this.

I thought you told us that hams don't homebrew gear.

> I found the Ham culture similar to other clubs, however. Mostly talking about
> Ham stuff.

What would you expect hams to talk about a ham radio club meeting?

> Some technical talk about their setup. However, the technical person
> would feel out of place there.

You mean around the homebrew microwave gear?

>A few talked about the people they contacted. A
> few were happy to include others. Most of them were not. They seemed to contact
> people through the radio, but not in person.

Are you telling us that they sat around conversing with each other by
using their homebrew microwave gear while at the meeting?

> About 20+ people were there. More were showing up, but I didn't say long. Also,
> it was 100% male.

> About half were old and about 75% were overweight. Not that
> there is anything wrong with that. There just seems to be a > correlation in Ham Radio
demographics.

Then why bring it up?

> What is is about Ham radio that makes you want to eat
> alot?

Oh, you believe that amateur radio causes overeating. Ever hang around
a Burger King? I see fat people going in and coming out. It must be
that Burger King causes overeating.

> Surprising, Ham Radio brings in few females.

Why is that surprising? Automobile restoration brings in few females.
Model railroading brings in few females. Maybe you want to take up
ceramics or flower arranging.

> I cant find any, despite my best effort. Lets face it, Hams are > anti-social males.

Ah, my little troll, you've tried to sell this same load of manure a
number of times. Perhaps you, the electro-geek are the anti-social one.

> Significant percentages are overweight and older.

A significant percentage of all Americans are overweight and older.
America's birthrate is down. Older people tend to have more expendable
income. We also have inexpensive, plentiful food in America.

> Most do not like the
> technical aspect, either. You'll find that at any random Ham Radio gathering or
> event.

You don't know anything about what most do.

Dave K8MN

2240. Re: Time to call a truce?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-21 16:20:21 UTC
From: Dan/W4NTI <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com>
Message-ID: <bfh3vi$m65$1@slb5.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 71922

"Len Over 21" <lenover21@aol.com> wrote in message
news:20030720205246.10078.00000869@mb-m26.aol.com...
> In article <bff468imu1@slb9.atl.mindspring.net>, "Dan/W4NTI"
> <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com> writes:
>
> >"Kim W5TIT" <fahgedit@nomail.net> wrote in message
> >news:bfehec$u8c$1@adenine.netfront.net...
> >>
> >> "Dan/W4NTI" <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com> wrote in message
> >> news:bfeg36hah1@slb0.atl.mindspring.net...
> >> >
> >> > Along those lines Larry. I became a ham in 1961. By 1964 I was a
> 'cruit'
> >> > in the US Air Force and sitting in that wooden building at Lackland
with
> no
> >> > Air conditioning in JUNE.
> >> >
> >> > They were giving us AFQTs (Air Force Qualification Tests) or
something
> like
> >> > that...hi. To make a long story short. Because I WAS A LICENSED
GENERAL
> >> > CLASS HAM AND COULD COPY MORSE CODE at 13wpm I WAS IMMEDIATLY
QUALIFIED
> and
> >> > was given a 3 level straight out of basic.
> >>
> >> Did they "test" you for your actual proficiency level encoding and
decoding
> >> CW? I'd hope they did.
> >
> >Yes they did. And I qualified at 25 GROUPS per minute.
> >
> >> > I was assigned as a radio
> >> > operator without ANY TRAINING AT ALL in my speciality...because I
ALREADY
> >> > HAD IT. Being a Ham, CW QUALIFIED and a MARS member. It helped a lot
on
> >> > that run towards Sergeant.
> >>
> >> But still, they did give you some kind of test, right?
> >
> >No, I was givin a three level right out of basic. Did not attend any

tech
> >school at all. When I arrived at Lockbourn in Ohio I was given my first
> >stripe and assigned as a 29330 and given a shift at the SAC Fast Talk
radio
> >facility on base. In a very short time I passed my 5 level and was
awarded
> >a 29350 and my next stripe as soon as I had my required Time in Grade.
>
> Gosh, "no" schooling at all?!? Sounds like the USAF was really
> desperate! :-)

Probably were Len. The faked Gulf of Tonkin incident happend while I was at
Lackland.

>
> >> > My amateur radio license was instrumental in getting me employeed
after
> the
> >> > military in the electronics repair field.
> >>
> >> Not your prior radio operator experience in the military?
> >
> >Not really. I did very little actual maintenance in the military because
my
> >speciality was OPERATIONS. However I kept learning and teaching myself
> >electronics as I went along. I am self taught all the way. Including in
> >ELECTRONICS.
>
> Wonderful. We will build a statue in your honor. Or put you on
> display at Wright-Patterson, whichever comes first.
>
> Care to go face-to-face at my 1965 electronics level? Of ELECTRONICS,
> SERVICEman. It won't be an open-book exam and you can't crib from
> any ARRL Handbook.

Why do you assume everyone gives a damn about your credentials? Im not in a
contest with you. I was just responding to a question or comment, directed
to me.

And NO. I don't think Im better than you in Electronics at that point.
Because I was not into electronics at that point. I was a GROUND RADIO
OPERATOR in 1965.

>
> >And I totally credit my interest in HAM RADIO as the reason and source of
my
> >inspiration to advance.
>
> No patriotism or love of country on serving in the USAF?

Nope, I was a GROUND RADIO OPERATOR at that time and didn't need
electronics courses to advance in that area. As far as patriotism and love

of country....I think 2 years plus in Nam and 12 years in uniform is enough proof.

>
> >Not to mention the fact that in order to stay on the air I had to learn how
> >to fix that dang equipment.
>
> Did you learn all the "mods" and "diode snippings" in there?

There were no 'mods' and 'diode snippings' involved. My ham station of the 1960s consisted of homebrew tx and later a Knight T50, then several other junkers. I had to keep fixin them to keep em on the air. I got smart quick. Or was not on the air. Original 'Incentive Licensing' for me.

>
> >> > In fact my ham license helped me
> >> > get every single job I ever held.
> >> > Can we say the same now a days? I doubt it.
> >>
> >> Yeah, my former Girl Scouting and Girl Scout Leadership experience has been
> >> a point of discussion when I interview. It's easy to impress anyone on the
> >> outside of something, isn't it? ;)
> >
> >I wouldnt know Kim. I am just telling you how it USED TO BE when a person
> >had a ham license. How it USED TO MEAN SOMETHING.
>
> It still means a great deal. Especially to the ARRL.
>
> However, most Personnel departments back then seemed to think a
> Commercial First Phone was a bit "more important" than any amateur
> thing. Shrug.
>

Very good indeed. The Commercial First Phone. Which had absolutly nothing to do with ham radio. Some said it was equivilant to the Amateur Extra ticket. I wouldnt know. I only had the Ham stuff. No need for a commercial. I was never into being a 'broadcast engeeennnare'. You know the switch thrower. And the solder jockey at the KW AM street corner broadcast station. Didnt need one in the military, and didn't need on when I worked for Bendix in the Avionics department. Nor at the Anniston Army Depot where I was a electronics technician.

I guess if I really needed one I would have gotten it. But why bother? I don't get licensees and degrees to impress some people...like some folks do..... I get em if/when I need them.

> >When I got into this Amateur Radio was so respected that it actually opened

> >doors for you. Not anymore. Thanks for helping dumb it down.
>
> Coincidentally, I installed a garage door opener in my house garage
about
> 1965. It opened the garage door every day for me. Wireless remote.
No
> ham license required.
>
> I've walked into many stores and supermarkets for the last two decades
> that had automatic door openers. Worked by reflected microwaves. No
> ham license required.
>
> >Your not going to belittle those that went before you. We don't have a
damn
> >thing to prove to you or those of your ilk.
>
> Oh, YES you do!
>
> I was doing HF military communications a decade before you were beeping
> for the USAF. No morse code required or used. No ham license helped
me
> in any way at ADA...even though the OIC (Capt. William P. Boss) was a
> licensed ham and the maintenance NCOIC was a licensed ham plus having
> both Commercial Radiotelegraph and Radiotelephone licenses.
>
> Before you got into the USAF, I had worked VHF, UHF, Microwaves, MF (in
> AM broadcasting). No morse code used or needed anywhere there...and
> some of that communications involved cryptographic transmissions.
>
> Now prove that morse code is an absolute necessity for licensing in a
> hobby-recreational pursuit, SERVICEman.

You must be mentally challanged or something Len. I never said I did a damn
thing doing Morse in the military. You have some sort of a problem. What
it is I dont know, nor do I care. But you need to seek help.

I think what must have happened was that guy that knew CW must have stolen
yourcup cake and you can't get over it.

Your pathetic Len. You really are.

>
> >We know, we have been there and got the tee shirt. Now pick up your jaw
> >and commence to run off at the mouth little girl.
>
> Poor guy. Ought to launder that tee shirt by now. You are about to
make
> some dirty comments... :-)

2241. Learn Morse On This Website

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-21 16:57:46 UTC
From: N2EY@AOL.COM
Message-ID: <c2356669.0307210857.ebb5c64@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71929

All you need is 'net access and a computer with sound.

http://www.9bit.qc.ca/ve2crd/cours/CW_course.html

73 de Jim, N2EY

2242. Re: Time to call a truce?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-21 18:35:34 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu>
Message-ID: <3F1C3276.4000803@psu.edu>
Source record: 71930

Dan/W4NTI wrote:
> "Mike Coslo" <mcoslo@adelphia.net> wrote in message

>>Hopefully that clears things up.
>>
>>- Mike KB3EIA -
>>
>
>
> I apologize. Now it makes sense.

No problem, Dan. It might have been a good thing you pointed that out
so that no one gets the wrong idea!

- Mike KB3EIA -

2243. Re: Learn Morse On This Website

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-21 18:37:14 UTC
From: Scott Unit 69 <scott_unit_69@yahoo.moc>
Message-ID: <3F1C32DA.1AA1E0AB@yahoo.moc>
Source record: 71931

N2EY wrote:
>
> All you need is 'net access and a computer with sound.
>
> http://www.9bit.qc.ca/ve2crd/cours/CW_course.html
>
> 73 de Jim, N2EY

Did you see this or post it on hamradiohelp?

2244. Re: Time to call a truce?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-21 19:15:01 UTC
From: averyfineman@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030721151501.21428.00001189@mb-m23.aol.com>
Source record: 71933

In article <bff9u4$o4b$1@slb6.atl.mindspring.net>, "Dan/W4NTI"
<w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com> writes:

>> Disregarding USAF jargon such as "3 level," I'd say they should have.
>> US Army did it for the old Field Radio MOS at the time...and few
>> formerly-civilian morsemen could cut the Army requirements. :-)
>
>Well Len what I didn't mention, due to it not being relevant to the
>discussion that I also have 8 years Army time, from 71 to 79.

Whoop de do. By that time, the US Army was phasing OUT morse
code for tactical field communications...it already did NOT have
any need for morse methods in long-haul strategic communications.

>Upon enlistment (in 1971) I was given the MOS of O5C20, and a rank of PFC.
>After basic I received my Army specialty of O5C40/CW qualified. All based
>on my AF speciality.

What's an "O5C20?" Or "O5C40?" The US Army changed MOS
designations after I got out in 1960 and again before present day.

>I received Sgt E5 as soon as I made TIG while in Germany in 72 or 73. Still
>having attended NO MILITARY SCHOOLS in the speciality.

Yeah, so?

>As to your comment of not being able to meet the Army requirements.
>FYI...while deployed to Don Muong Air Base in 1966 I was given a TDY
>assignment. It was to downtown Bangkok to work with the Army Morse
>Intercept group. They needed a immediate and temporary fill in. I
>qualified....again due to my AMATEUR RADIO LICENSE.

Ooooo! All due to your AMATEUR RADIO LICENSE!

Of course they did. How could they fail to overlook the wonderful
skill and dedication of hard-working morsemen?

Did you make DXCC from Bangkok? WAC?

Can you copy Thai at 20 WPM?

LHA

2245. Re: Time to call a truce?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-21 19:15:02 UTC
From: averyfineman@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030721151502.21428.00001190@mb-m23.aol.com>
Source record: 71932

In article <cuvyxnansvbet.hibwean.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>, "Phil Kane"
<Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop> writes:

>On Sun, 20 Jul 2003 02:34:07 -0400, Dwight Stewart wrote to "Larry
>Roll K3LT":
>
>> LOL. And I also see you're still suffering from delusions of grandeur.
>
> Delusions of grandeur are better than no grandeur at all.

But they are still DELUSIONS...ego freaking out. <shrug>

LHA

2246. Re: The myth that BPL is a solution for rural broadband

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-21 19:15:02 UTC
From: averyfineman@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030721151502.21428.00001191@mb-m23.aol.com>
Source record: 71934

In article <cuvyxnansvbet.hibw7im.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>, "Phil Kane"
<Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop> writes:

>On 20 Jul 2003 08:43:52 -0700, Rob Kemp wrote:
>
>>DSL can work out to about ~ 16,000 feet from the central office. BPL
>>can only go 2,000 feet from the BPL equivalent of a DSLAM, then BPL
>>needs an expensive repeater installed by a linesman trained to work
>>with 11,000 volt cables.
>
> All utility repair maintainers ("linesmen") must be trained and
> qualified to work with primary voltages (11,000 V in your example).
> There are special tools ("hot sticks") which they use daily to work
> such open lines live, and they have no hesitation to pull the fuses
> and work them "cold" if need be. Even after they pull the fuses and
> ground the lines, they still use the "hot sticks" which are designed
> specifically for the hardware in use.
>
> Transmission voltages (34 KV and up) are something else. Those are
> never worked hot.

No? Never? Not even in metal mesh suits, suspended from a
helicopter?

Gosh, I'd better write the IEEE SPECTRUM real quick...a few years ago
they had a big article with photos on how those MHV lines ARE
worked hot.

Thanks for the heads up.

> (As the Portland General Electric channel on my scanner chatters in
> the background.)
>
> But you are 100% on point as to what is needed and what the
> utilities are liable to do.

Bzzp, bzzp...

2247. Re: Since it is over, probably okay to post.....

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-21 19:37:39 UTC
From: Dave Bushong <dbushong@spamcop.nett>
Message-ID: <7iXSa.6281$KZ.3006579@news1.news.adelphia.net>
Source record: 71935
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.shortwave

N8KDV wrote:

>
> orkneys dx wrote:
>
>
>>"Ryan, KC8PMX" <kc8pmx@diamondcs.net> wrote in message
>>news:bf6pt9$bqhu1$12@ID-189073.news.uni-berlin.de...
>>
>>
>>> On July 6, a Michigan radio amateur by the name of Scott Woodring
>>
>>(KC8JNG)
>>
>>> shot and killed a Michigan State Police Officer during a routine arrest
>>
>> [...]
>
> He only had a Technician Class license.

I wonder if he had a gun license. Doesn't that stop gun crime?

2248. Re: With CW gone, can the CW allocations be far behind?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-21 20:06:32 UTC
From: gsm@mendelson.com
Message-ID: <slrnbhohnj.7g5.gsm@cable.mendelson.com>
Source record: 71938
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy

In article <3F1BFB13.1070109@psu.edu>, Mike Coslo wrote:

> This cannot be, for no one wants to take anything away from Morse code
> users.

Why not, 8 years ago, the Arrl did a survey. They asked amateurs who had passed a morse code exam if they EVER used morse code. Two out of three responded "no". I.e. 2/3's of the hams surveyed NEVER used morse code.

Of course in those days they spun it as "1 out 3 sometimes uses morse code".

So if it came to a vote you'd have a hard time keeping things as they are.

Geoff.

--
Geoffrey S. Mendelson gsm@mendelson.com 972-54-608-069
Do sysadmins count networked sheep?

2249. Re: Fight the BPL

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-21 20:09:48 UTC
From: Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
Message-ID: <cuvyxnansvbet.hidw8af.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 71936
Cross-posted to:
rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.swap

On Mon, 21 Jul 2003 08:01:15 -0600, Dean Arthur wrote:

>Remember the UPS-220-222 MHz fiasco? FCC granted UPS that frequency
>range THEN UPS found it to be useless for their purposes.

Amateur Urban Myth Number 1. UPS never applied for, and were
never granted, a license to operate a system on 220 MHz. The push
to "develop" that band was made by "Tio Carlos" Roberts, an ex-FCC
"fair haired boy" engineer who had stayed with the agency long
enough to talk them into giving him a grant to pursue a Master's
degree in Communications Engineering on a non-competitive basis - I
would have loved to get considered for that grant but I was not of
Hispanic heritage - and then dickered around as a rather ineffective
Bureau Chief until "the industry" waved money in front of him.

The ACSB equipment that he was hawking never worked, and UPS got
tired to waiting and went to The Big Emm and bought the existing
800 MHz system.

>We still didn't get it back.

By that time, other nation-wide entities (including the American Red
Cross) had applied for and were granted licenses for more conventional
(FM) networks nationwide.

The ARRL did appeal the takeaway through the courts but the courts
did not reverse the Commission.

>Hams in Calif had set up the Condor net covering
>the state on 222 - all gone!

222 and above is still there.

--
73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane

2250. Re: The myth that BPL is a solution for rural broadband

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-21 20:09:48 UTC
From: Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
Message-ID: <cuvyxnansvbet.hidwmbg.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 71937
Cross-posted to:
rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.shortwave

On Mon, 21 Jul 2003 15:03:26 -0000, David Robbins wrote:

>voltages up to at least 765kv are worked hot in the states. there is a
>helicopter company that specializes in this kind of work so that those lines
>don't have to be shut down to do repairs. lower voltages like 115kv and
>69kv are worked hot with fiberglass 'hot sticks'.

I stand corrected - my power company source was incorrect.....

--
73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane

2251. Re: Fight the BPL

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-21 20:46:13 UTC
From: dplatt@radagast.org
Message-ID: <vhok8lt77udn85@corp.supernews.com>
Source record: 71939
Cross-posted to:
rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.swap

In article <cuvyxnansvbet.hidw8af.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>,
Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop> wrote:

>>Hams in Calif had set up the Condor net covering
>>the state on 222 - all gone!
>
> 222 and above is still there.

As is the Condor Connection. The repeaters are all in the 222-225
band. My understanding is that the inter-repeater links are all on
440 these days. One or two of the repeaters are down at the moment,
but most of them are up and working.

Most of the 222-225 repeater frequency allocations here in the SF Bay
area seem to be occupied by active repeaters. Some of them are
standalone, but at least half seem to be crosslinked to local 2-meter
repeaters.

--
Dave Platt <dplatt@radagast.org> AE6EO
Hosting the Jade Warrior home page: http://www.radagast.org/jade-warrior
I do _not_ wish to receive unsolicited commercial email, and I will
boycott any company which has the gall to send me such ads!

2252. Re: Ham Radio In The Post-Code Testing Era

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-21 21:02:09 UTC
From: N2EY@AOL.COM
Message-ID: <c2356669.0307211302.20702193@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71940

"K0HB with non-approved radios" <k0hb@earthlink.net> wrote in message
news:<221cd76d407ae3d8168be302c6e36efd.128005@mygate.mailgate.org>...
> "N2EY" <n2ey@aol.com> wrote
>
> >
> > It's interesting that you call the seven-class two-ladder system "progressive
> > thinking", but today favor a two-class license system, as I recall.
> >
>
> What was progressive was the notion (which ARRL rejected) that a ham
> could be advanced along technical/scientific lines without being able to
> copy Morse code.

Where did you see that concept in the 1975 dual ladder proposal? In
that proposal, all of the VHF/UHF licenses required code tests except
for the very basic "Communicator" class, which would have had an
extremely simple written exam. Full privileges would have required an
Extra, with its 20 wpm exam.

> It's interesting that you didn't take the time to
> review my proposal to FCC in response to WT Docket 98-143. If you'd
> taken just a moment, you'd have noted that it included the same notion
> of a "dual ladder" which included an option for advanced electronics
> qualifications without Morse testing.

I reviewed it but did not see it as "progressive" in that sense. Your
proposal is actually a four-class system, with three tests: two
written and one code. The only incentive offered for more technical
tests is more power.

73 de Jim, N2EY

2253. Re: Learn Morse On This Website

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-21 21:04:55 UTC
From: N2EY@AOL.COM
Message-ID: <c2356669.0307211304.311b8251@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71941

Scott Unit 69 <scott_unit_69@yahoo.moc> wrote in message
news:<3F1C32DA.1AA1E0AB@yahoo.moc>...
> N2EY wrote:
> >
> > All you need is 'net access and a computer with sound.
> >
> > http://www.9bit.qc.ca/ve2crd/cours/CW_course.html
> >
> > 73 de Jim, N2EY
>
> Did you see this or post it on hamradiohelp?

No, I saw it as a story and link on another website. Please feel free
to post it to hamradiohelp.

73 de Jim, N2EY

2254. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-21 21:08:50 UTC
From: N2EY@AOL.COM
Message-ID: <c2356669.0307211308.3275b037@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71942

brianburke@juno.com (Brian) wrote in message
news:<f45722ac.0307191355.13d4d443@posting.google.com>...
> n2ey@aol.com (N2EY) wrote in message
news:<20030719082137.15462.00001700@mb-m06.aol.com>...
> > In article <f45722ac.0307180444.5147dbba@posting.google.com>,
> > brianburke@juno.com (Brian) writes:
> >
> > >Dave Heil <k8mn@earthlink.net> wrote in message
> > >news:<3F1769D6.C7FF9183@earthlink.net>...
> > >> Brian wrote:
> > >> >
> > >> > Dick Carroll <dickc58@att.net> wrote in message
> news:<3F161D6F.8AE85623@att.net>...
> > >> > > Brian wrote:
>
> > >> > > > To be honest, I don't think there is any answer that will satisfy
> you.
> > >> > > >
> > >> > > > Brian
> > >> > >
> > >> > > At least not a truthful one.
> > >> >
> > >> > Well then, that's it. Jim isn't satisfied with truthful answers. No
> > >> > wonder he keeps asking.
> > >>
> > >> You haven't even provided truthful responses now. You've been asked.
> > >> You have declined. You've provided reasons such as, "The questions are
> > >> just too hard". Jim and I have continued to ask because you've
> > >> continued to be evasive.
> > >>
> > >> Dave K8MN
> > >
> > >Most of the answers were given long, long ago.
> >
> > Where? Not here on rrap.
> >
> > >Whether you or Jim believe me isn't my problem.
> >
> > Yet you insist on being evasive rather than simply answering the questions.
>
> Jim, that really bugs you, doesn't it?

Nope.

2255. Re: CW sub-bands must disapear

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-21 21:10:00 UTC
From: Robert Casey <wa2ise@ix.netcom.com>
Message-ID: <3F1C56A8.9000302@ix.netcom.com>
Source record: 71943

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Trollometer:

||||||||||||||||||--------
1 3 5 7 9 +10 +20
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2256. Re: Ham Radio In The Post-Code Testing Era

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-21 21:21:42 UTC
From: N2EY@AOL.COM
Message-ID: <c2356669.0307211321.3ebd55c6@posting.google.com>
Source record: 71944

lenover21@aol.com (Len Over 21) wrote in message
news:<20030720235433.00871.00000751@mb-m17.aol.com>...
> In article <20030720222112.15462.00001731@mb-m06.aol.com>, n2ey@aol.com (N2EY)
> writes:
>
> >In article <20030720192957.23406.00000928@mb-m27.aol.com>, lenover21@aol.com
> >(Len Over 21) writes:
> >
> >>In article <20030719222221.08200.00000882@mb-m25.aol.com>, n2ey@aol.com
> >>(N2EY)
> >>writes:
> >>
> >>>But then why was the FCC so hot for more code testing in the 1960s? From
> the
> >>>1930s to the 1960s a ham could get full privs with a 13 wpm code test. Yes,
> the
> >>>Extra and its 20 wpm code test was reintroduced in 1951, but then FCC gave
> all
> >>>privs to Generals so nobody had to get an Extra for full privileges. And in
> >>>fact very few did - in 1967, at the dawn of incentive licensing, there were
> >>>maybe 4000 Extras out of about 250,000 US hams.
> >>>
> >>>At one point (1965), FCC proposed four code tests - 5, 13, 16, and 20 wpm.
> When
> >>>the dust settled it took 20 per to get a full privileges. Why was FCC so
> hopped
> >>>up on code testing back then?
> >>
> >> Intense lobbying by the ARRL?
> >
> >Nope. ARRL's proposal was to go back to the pre-1953 system where it took an
> >Advanced or Extra for full privileges. Also reopen the Advanced to new
> >licenses.
>
> Well whoopee for you.

You asked a question, I answered it. Do you have a problem with the
facts?

> You constantly repeat What Was Done.

So? You constantly repeat What Len Did.

> If it
> doesn't favor your position, the FCC is the evil weenie. If it does

> favor your position then it is the Glory of the World...

If someone doesn't agree with your position, they are an "evil weenie"
and treated to your insult. If someone agrees with you they can do no
wrong and are "the Glory of the World..."

Heaven forbid someone prove you to be in error about anything.

> >> 1965 is THIRTY-EIGHT YEARS AGO,
> >
> >So what? You talk about much older things that are much less relevant.
>
> Radio for communications is "irrelevant?"

Your personal experience of fifty plus years ago is irrelevant to
amateur radio policy, but you repeat it anyway.

> THIRTY-EIGHT YEARS AGO you were about 10 years old. At the
> same time I'd already worked three years in military HF and micro-
> wave communications with my Honorable Discharge received five
> years in the past.

Irrelevant to the discussion.

> >> No Internet then and
> >> Washington, DC, was a far place to get to and communicate by paper.
> >
> >Not at all. An envelope and a stamp.
>
> ...and the courage to write.

"courage"?
>
> You spend a lot of your allowance on paper, envelopes and stamps, did
> you?

Nope. Did you?
>
> >> Hams in the USA rarely wrote to the FCC for anything...
> >
> >Wrong. The incentive licensing proposals brought in over 6000 comments back
> >then, even though there were only about 250,000 US hams.
>
> Oh?

Yep.

> Did you frequent the FCC Reading Room in DC a lot?

No - did you?

> Did you read all "6000" comments?

No - did you?

> Frankly, I don't think you did squat about any
> comments way back when.

I don't claim to.

Did you comment "way back then"?

Do you have any disproof of my facts as stated?

Didn't think so.

Tell us more about the ham-astronauts and their callsigns, Len.

2257. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-21 21:54:12 UTC
From: Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93BFB60E779F1elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>
Source record: 71945

k4yz@aol.com (Steve Robeson, K4CAP) wrote in
news:5c01b95b.0307210526.37a7cbdd@posting.google.com:

> lenover21@aol.com (Len Over 21) wrote in message
> news:<20030720231604.02627.00000178@mb-m02.aol.com>...
>> In article <tOGSa.11534$Vx2.5481863@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com>, "Dee
>> D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net> writes:
>
>> >If you wait for opportunity to knock, it never will.
>>
>> "Knock" it off. Test element 1 is on the way OUT. Realize it.
>
> WHOA!~ Lennie! You FINALLY accept this...?!?! Well gee
> willikers! Then we can assume (remembering the caveat for "assuming",
> of course) that you are going to bite the bullet and get
> licensed...?!?!
>
> 73
>
> Steve, K4YZ
>

I hope he does. He's running out of excuses.

2258. Re: Why don't Real Hams you face the facts?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-21 21:59:10 UTC
From: A Radar led news thug <newbury66@hotmail.com>
Message-ID: <fmZSa.2606$Ai3.1691@newsfep4-winn.server.ntli.net>
Source record: 71946
Cross-posted to: uk.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.boatanchors,rec.radio.amateur.policy

"Walt Davidson" <walt99@tiscali.co.uk> wrote in message
news:gjcohvg9aoovg5rfieu696purv2b7omftb@4ax.com...
> On 21 Jul 2003 06:10:18 -0700, 26cab40@freeuk.com (Gary) wrote:
>
> >I don't think you have the proficiency to use one my little "walt-sucker"
>
> Hello Groid! I had been wondering what had happened to you. Away
> trouble-making on other newsgroups, no doubt.
>
> Still working for Littlewoods, are we? Not much of a job ... but
> then, assholes can't be choosers, can they? You obviously have a lot
> of idle time on your hands, to spend it posting abusive messages from
> your employer's IT network.
>
> Still using the same NTL broadband connection from home, too, I see.
> You are being watched, sunshine.
> :-)))
>
> 73 de G3NYY
>
> --
> Walt Davidson Email: g3nyy @freeuk.com

Careful Walt, that could be considered a threat

2259. Re: With CW gone, can the CW allocations be far behind?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-21 22:08:26 UTC
From: "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net>
Message-ID: <uvZSa.11781$Vx2.5633197@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com>
Source record: 71947
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.amateur.misc

"K0HB" <k0hb@earthlink.net> wrote in message
news:ed9e3d3ed0c3403349a2a6882a98d900.128005@mygate.mailgate.org...
> "Joe Collins" <collins201@taranews.net> wrote in message
> news:3871068677.165767678@taranews.net
>
> > ....what will happen to the exclusive CW allocations....
>
> Except in the USA, most amateurs do not labor under "sub-bands" based on
> mode. As an example Canadian amateur have no such restrictions. It's a
> source of continuing wonder to me that the FCC continues to arbitrarily
> slice and dice the bands based on mode, license class, power levels, and
> similar artificial constructs of their imagination.
>
> 73, de Hans, K0HB
>
> PS: There are no "exclusive CW allocations" below 50MHz.

Keep in mind that the US has over 600,000 amateurs. The only other country with similar numbers is Japan, most of whom are limited to very low power operation however. If Japan is excluded, all the other countries combined don't have as many amateurs as the US. The foreign countries do have band plans. Unfortunately they do not honor these band plans during contests. It is unlikely that the US would do any better in following voluntary band plans so with our numbers of hams, it may very well be wiser to keep regulated restrictions.

Dee D. Flint, N8UZE

2260. Re: With CW gone, can the CW allocations be far behind?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-21 22:14:10 UTC
From: "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net>
Message-ID: <SAZSa.11782$Vx2.5633978@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com>
Source record: 71948
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.amateur.misc

"Geoffrey S. Mendelson" <gsm@mendelson.com> wrote in message
news:slrnbhndm8.e82.gsm@cable.mendelson.com...
> In article <ed9e3d3ed0c3403349a2a6882a98d900.128005@mygate.mailgate.org>,
> K0HB wrote:
>
> > Except in the USA, most amateurs do not labor under "sub-bands" based on
> > mode. As an example Canadian amateur have no such restrictions. It's a
> > source of continuing wonder to me that the FCC continues to arbitrarily
> > slice and dice the bands based on mode, license class, power levels, and
> > similar artificial constructs of their imagination.
>
> Not only that but the stupid allocation of the 7.00-7.100 as a CW
> only band makes 40 meters almost unusable outside of the U.S. That's
> our entire 40 meter band, and so we can't work the states without spilt
> operation, which doesn't often work because we are swamped with European
> brodcasters.
>
> We can't work locally, because by convention, we use ssb in the upper
> half and get destroyed by all those digital signals that come from the
> U.S. and clobber us.
>
> IMHO the best thing to do is open 7.050-7.100 for ssb in the U.S. and move
> the digital stuff to the old novice band.
>
> Geoff.

The recent WRC conference has directed broadcasters to move out of the 7.00
to 7.200 segment by 2009 and that will become a ham only band worldwide.

Opening up 7.050 to 7.100 for ssb in the US won't solve your problems. You
will still get clobbered by the US digital signals as they won't move. It's
too well established in the band plans for people to change.

Dee D. Flint, N8UZE

2261. Re: With CW gone, can the CW allocations be far behind?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-21 22:23:26 UTC
From: "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net>
Message-ID: <yJZSa.11784$Vx2.5635227@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com>
Source record: 71949
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy

"Geoffrey S. Mendelson" <gsm@mendelson.com> wrote in message
news:slrnbhohnj.7g5.gsm@cable.mendelson.com...
> In article <3F1BFB13.1070109@psu.edu>, Mike Coslo wrote:
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> > This cannot be, for no one wants to take anything away from Morse code
> > users.
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> Why not, 8 years ago, the Arrl did a survey. They asked amateurs who had
> passed a morse code exam if they EVER used morse code. Two out of three
> responded "no". I.e. 2/3's of the hams surveyed NEVER used morse code.
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> Of course in those days they spun it as "1 out 3 sometimes uses morse
code".
>
> So if it came to a vote you'd have a hard time keeping things as they are.
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> Geoff.

The ARRL had a new survey in the last 6 months. Half of the respondants use morse any where from occasionally to 100% of the time. Morse code usage appears to be on the rise. In the past year, participation in the ARRL Morse contests showed an increase of 20% over the previous year. Participation in the voice contests was practically the same as last year with virtually no growth.

So that 8 year old survey does not reflect today's situation.

Dee D. Flint, N8UZE

2262. Re: Fight the BPL

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-21 22:32:57 UTC
From: lenover21@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030721183257.23307.00001552@mb-m29.aol.com>
Source record: 71950

In article <3F1BF22C.4962221F@silverstar.com>, Dean Arthur
<dearthur@silverstar.com> writes:

>Remember the UPS-220-222 MHz fiasco? FCC granted UPS that frequency
>range THEN UPS found it to be useless for their purposes. We still
>didn't get it back. Hams in Calif had set up the Condor net covering
>the state on 222 - all gone!

Incorrect. The Condor Net is still alive and functioning well...as of
5 July 2003. For particulars, go to -

www.condor-connection.org

Condor Net is a remarkable amateur radio privately-owned network that
is accessible by any licensed amateur...no dues or "membership"
required. It covers California, Nevada, and Arizona with a small part of
Utah included. 14 mountain-top stations on frequences from 223.84 to
224.90 MHz, all with emergency power capability.

All access and linkage is through CTCSS tone coding, as it was in
early 1978 when Harry Terraneau (WA6SXR?) demonstrated it for me in
Newbury Park, California.

LHA

2263. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-21 22:32:58 UTC
From: lenover21@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030721183258.23307.00001553@mb-m29.aol.com>
Source record: 72102

In article <BB41055E.1F28A%stewart@say.net>, Dwight Stewart <stewart@say.net>
writes:

>"William H. O'Hara, III" wrote:
>
>> Opsec happens to mean Operation Security.
>> I guess that everyone loves Delta
>> Force and the terms endeared by SFOD-1D.
>
> The acronym "OPSEC" has been around for many decades - long before Delta
>Force or whatever. I first heard it from my father when I was just a young
>child. And I've seen the acronym in very old books about WWII.

Well, Dwight, some in here still think there was CW used in the First
Gulf War to send intel data "from behind enemy lines." :-)

I've never heard the term "OPSEC" in the 1950s while on active duty or
any time as a civilian from the 1960s on through the end of the 1980s
while visiting different military branch installations.

COMSEC or COMmunications SECurity is the current buzzword (of the
last decade or so) and refers to any means of encryption in military
communications.

Oddly, "ICOM" or "Integrated COMSEC" is applied to later models of the
SINCGARS R/T that includes hardware for voice/data encryption and
decryption. That does not refer to the Japanese designer-manufacturer
of communications equipment Icom.

Perhaps some have seen too many Chuck Norris movies? :-)

LHA

2264. Re: Ham Radio In The Post-Code Testing Era

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-21 22:32:59 UTC
From: lenover21@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030721183259.23307.00001554@mb-m29.aol.com>
Source record: 72101

In article <bfh3u4$ejrml$6@ID-189073.news.uni-berlin.de>, "Ryan, KC8PMX" <kc8pmx@diamondcs.net> writes:

>There is a little bit over 50Mhz of frequencies they could do alot with >there, and I almost would accept the loss of those bands if and only if we >had a guarantee that the rest of our bands will never be altered again. >What the hell, we sure aren't doing much with those bands as a hobby as a >whole.

The US government is more aware about VHF and higher frequency use than you think. The NTIA periodically conducts wideband recording of ALL RF emitters from VHF and up in many urban centers. You can see such reports with full information on equipment, maps of coverage, etc. at the NTIA website.

So-called line-of-sight bands aren't going to sound the same as HF ham bands due to different propagation effects. For example, you could not be expected to hear anything of the Condor Net in Michigan despite the Condor Net operating over three western states (CA-NV-AZ). The Condor Net began in 1978 and is still running with 14 stations in three states, all done under private ownership with free access to any licensed amateur with 220 equipment having PL/CTCSS tone capability. A quarter century of service, all done voluntarily, says to me that there sure as hell is something going on in the bands above 30 MHz.

LHA

2265. Re: Ham Radio In The Post-Code Testing Era

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-21 22:33:00 UTC
From: lenover21@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030721183300.23307.00001555@mb-m29.aol.com>
Source record: 72104

In article <20030721065958.03929.00001072@mb-m28.aol.com>, n2ey@aol.com (N2EY)
writes:

>In article <070d3ba1b4f6e7778fa91893067ea60d.128005@mygate.mailgate.org>,
>"Hans
>Kohb" <k0hb@earthlink.net> writes:
>
>>"N2EY" <n2ey@aol.com> wrote
>
>>> Then why did the Navy (at least) keep training them, and to high levels of
>>> proficiency?
>
>>Because until about 1960, most of the "small boys" (destroyers,
>>submarines, frigates, and fleet tugs) still used Morse for passing
>>traffic ashore. With the advent of Orestes (covered Baudot) in these
>>hulls, about 1963, the widespread training of Navy Morse code operators
>>ceased. After that point, each ship had a complement of 2 or 3 Morse
>>capable operators "just in case" until the late 70's when even that
>>modest capability was no longer maintained. We're talking about a
>>quarter century ago!
>
>Sure - so FCC was behind that curve.

I fail to see the connection of the FCC and the US Navy insofar as
modes of communications "influence" in military radio. That is
solely your inference/opinion and not bolstered by any factual data.

>Note also W4NTI's military service and use of Morse skill in same.

Totally irrelevant. Dan, W4NTI, served in the USAF and was TDY
in Thailand to an Army unit doing ELINT work, interceptions. That
is NOT communications, just military intelligence tasks.

While there is cooperation between military branches on methods
and hardware for same, the USN is not "influenced" on needed
choices of communications by what either the USA or USAF use.

Hans Brakob has a lot of experience in USN communications. I
have some experience in US Army communications. We have both
serviced in the military. You have not served in the US military and
have no prior claim to doing any sort of military communications.

>>> But then why was the FCC so hot for more code testing in the 1960s?
>>
>>Because ARRL had the ear of FCC minions like Johnny Johnston, et. al.
>

>Yet it was FCC, not ARRL, that wanted more code testing. If FCC had simply
>adopted ARRL's 1963 proposal, 13 wpm and an Advanced would have gotten hams
>all privileges.
>
>FCC came up with 16 wpm from a source other than ARRL. The League and others
>eventually got FCC to drop that idea.

All this "insider information" on cause-effect is a lot of uncorroborated
opinions based on very little. 1963 was FORTY YEARS AGO and
you have not yet had any personal experience with amateur radio at
age 8.

>>In that same era others at FCC were pushing a "dual ladder" licensing
>>structure with 4 or five levels of progressively more technical no-code or
>>minimal-code "VHF/UHF Communicator" licensees.
>
>You might want to recheck the dates and details on that, Hans.

You seem to be confusing civilian-military radio regulation
conditions around WW One with that of post-WW Two. Try to
understand their differences.

2266. Re: Time to call a truce?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-21 22:33:03 UTC
From: lenover21@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030721183303.23307.00001556@mb-m29.aol.com>
Source record: 72103

In article <bfh3vi$m65$1@slb5.atl.mindspring.net>, "Dan/W4NTI"
<w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com> writes:

>"Len Over 21" <lenover21@aol.com> wrote in message
>news:20030720205246.10078.00000869@mb-m26.aol.com...
>> In article <bff468imu1@slb9.atl.mindspring.net>, "Dan/W4NTI"
>> <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com> writes:

>> Gosh, "no" schooling at all?!? Sounds like the USAF was really
>> desperate! :-)
>
>Probably were Len. The faked Gulf of Tonkin incident happend while I was at
>Lackland.

A "coincidence?"

>> Care to go face-to-face at my 1965 electronics level? Of ELECTRONICS,
>> SERVICEman. It won't be an open-book exam and you can't crib from
>> any ARRL Handbook.
>
>Why do you assume everyone gives a damn about your credentials? Im not in a
>contest with you. I was just responding to a question or comment, directed
>to me.
>
>And NO. I don't think Im better than you in Electronics at that point.
>Because I was not into electronics at that point. I was a GROUND RADIO
>OPERATOR in 1965.

I was a GROUND RADIO OPERATOR-MAINTAINER in 1953-1956.

"Radio" is a subset of all electronics. It's all together in physics.

>Nope, I was a GROUND RADIO OPERATOR at that time and didn't need
>electronics courses to advance in that area. As far as patriotism and love
>of country....I think 2 years plus in Nam and 12 years in uniform is enough
>proof.

Tsk, tsk. Another has "challenged" my service experience, saying I was
a mere "radio clerk" well away from the "fighting." :-)

You could also be "challenged" by the same comment. :-)

>> >Not to mention the fact that in order to stay on the air I had to learn how
>> >to fix that dang equipment.
>>
>> Did you learn all the "mods" and "diode snippings" in there?
>

>There were no 'mods' and 'diode snippings' involved. My ham station of the
>1960s consisted of homebrew tx and later a Knight T50, then several other
>junkers. I had to keep fixin them to keep em on the air. I got smart
>quick. Or was not on the air. Original 'Incentive Licensing' for me.

Sorry, I thought you were still descibing your GROUND RADIO
OPERATOR activities while in the military service, not the amateur radio
service. :-)

>Very good indeed. The Commercial First Phone. Which had absolutly nothing
>to do with ham radio. Some said it was equivilant to the Amateur Extra
>ticket. I wouldnt know. I only had the Ham stuff. No need for a
>commercial. I was never into being a 'broadcast engeeennnare'. You know
>the switch thrower. And the solder jockey at the KW AM street corner
>broadcast station. Didnt need one in the military, and didn't need on when
>I worked for Bendix in the Avionics department. Nor at the Anniston Army
>Depot where I was a electronics technician.

Strange, most personnel departments give more credence to a
commercial radio license versus an amateur radio license. The former
is for professional work while the latter is, well, amateur stuff.

The US military does not require any civilian radio operator licenses of
its service people. The FCC does not rule over any military radio use.

Your amateur radio license does NOT authorize you to transmit on civil
airways frequencies nor conduct maintenance on civil avionics. It was
that way in 1956 and still is in 2003.

>I guess if I really needed one I would have gotten it. But why bother? I
>don't get licensees and degrees to impress some people...like some folks
>do..... I get em if/when I need them.

No? No impress-the-friends wallpaper?

Some in here are so adamant about Passing Ham TESTS that they insist
that all in a newsgroup MUST have passed a Ham TEST.

The TEST passing is all important. But, it can only be an AMATEUR
test. Harder commercial tests are considered "inferior." Illogical.

>You must be mentally challanged or something Len. I never said I did a damn
>thing doing Morse in the military. You have some sort of a problem. What
>it is I dont know, nor do I care. But you need to seek help.

I sought help from the FCC in the form of Comments on FCC 98-143.

So, you did NOT use morse code in the military? Which is it? First you
brag about the ham license (which required morse code demonstration)
as "helping you advance" in the military yet now you say you never used it?

>I think what must have happened was that guy that knew CW must have stolen
>yourcup cake and you can't get over it.

No "guy that knew CW" ever stole any "cup cake" from me, neither the confection nor the "cupcake" type of girlfriend. :-)

>Your pathetic Len. You really are.

Nope. I'm an American of Scandinavian ancestry who has never seen any need or necessity in having a morse code test for an amateur radio test in the last 30 years or so.

I was DOING 24/7 radio communications on HF 50 years ago and never once had to use any morse codings...not then, not afterwards...and don't consider such as license-test-worthy for licensing in a hobby-recreation activity involving radio.

You are under the presumption that your vaunted amateur radio license gives you some special permission to denigrate and demean others. It doesn't do that. Your "pathetic" comment only serves to prove that you won't accept any opinion that is not in line with your personal opinion.

You need another venue for venting your aggressive frustrations. :-)

LHA

2267. Re: The myth that BPL is a solution for rural broadband

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-21 22:41:18 UTC
From: Brenda Ann <brendad@shinbiro.com>
Message-ID: <bfho11$7jk$1@news1.kornet.net>
Source record: 72105
Cross-posted to:
rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.shortwave

"nothermark" <trash@gnomex.cotse.net> wrote in message
news:4dqohvcn4v3ms4htk1ceoldopvfpv1mg6k@4ax.com...
>
> All the colleges I know of (10 or so in 3 cities) offer broadband as
> part of the tuition. They have high speed links already as they are
> major telco customers for their telephone lines and dial in customers.
> I don't see why they would switch away from their existing bundle.

Yes, most colleges (if not all) already have T-1 or T-3 lines which are
networked through every building. I seriously doubt they would ever
consider BPL technology because it would be a net loss of something on the
order of 70% of their current bandwidth. Each student has more or less the
equivalent of something like 5% of the total bandwidth available via BPL..
(these are only guesstimates, but they are based upon figures I have seen
posted about BPL's bandwidth, it starts getting down to dial-up levels by
the time it's been distributed to 2,000 users..)

2268. Re: Ham Radio In The Post-Code Testing Era

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-21 22:42:03 UTC
From: "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net>
Message-ID: <%_ZSa.11789$Vx2.5638346@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com>
Source record: 72106

"N2EY" <n2ey@aol.com> wrote in message
news:20030720222113.15462.00001732@mb-m06.aol.com...
> In article <ba%Qa.10487$Vx2.4559493@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com>, "Dee D.
Flint"
> <deehays@qix.net> writes:
>
> >Actually the biggest problem is lack of activity by the current hams.
>
> Agreed!
>
> >If we
> >take the figure of 600,000+ hams and calculate the number of QSOs per day
if
> >each one had one QSO per YEAR (assume it takes two hams for a qso), thats
> >300,000 exchanges per year or nearly 1000 per day. That would keep the
> >bands pretty busy.
>
> Whoa, hold on a sec, Dee.
>
> Let's look at that 1000 QSOs/day. Say a QSO lasts a half-hour on average -
> that's 500 QSO-hours per day. Or, to put it another way, there would be
about
> 21 QSOs going on at any one time.
>
> Now if we just consider the bands 160 through 70 cm., we have 13 bands.
Might
> work out to one QSO on each HF/MF band and three QSOs each on 6, 2, 222
and 70
> cm. Hardly enough to keep the bands pretty busy!
>
> If you meant to say "one QSO per DAY", then things are much different.
>

Sorry for not spelling out my underlying assumptions more clearly. I was really thinking HF only and US only. Plus I should have cut the number in half because only half the hams are licensed for HF. Still though I did mean one QSO per year. There have been occasions when I have monitored the HF bands for an entire day either because I was ill or just felt like doing that on a weekend and outside of contests or DX pileups, I've never heard anything approaching a total of 250 QSOs on all the HF bands combined.

But your calculation is a valid way to look at it too. If every ham made one QSO per day, your calculation would mean 365 simultanous QSOs on every one of the HF bands and more than that on the VHF/UF. Boy could we justify more total spectrum then. Wouldn't that be sweet.

> >But instead we hear the same people over and over on the
> >VHF and HF frequencies. We have 150 members or so in our club and I only
> >hear about a dozen on the repeater regularly. It's the same dozen that
do
> >VHF simplex and SSB. We need to get those already licensed more
involved.
>
> Agreed!
>

Dee D. Flint, N8UZE

2269. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-21 22:47:47 UTC
From: "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net>
Message-ID: <n4_Sa.11790$Vx2.5639329@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com>
Source record: 72107

"Vshah101" <vshah101@aol.com> wrote in message
news:20030720232909.14567.00000239@mb-m02.aol.com...
> From: yodoc@aol.comnospam (Larry Roll K3LT)
>
> >I was a no-coder for 14 years, and I didn't like it!
>
> With the whole spectrum of activities, and you still didn't like amateur
radio?
> Not enough technical areas in amateur radio to interest you? You're not a
radio
> amateur, youre an only-coder - someone that only likes code.
>

Once again you haven't read was written. Larry only stated that he didn't like being a no-coder. He never said he didn't like amateur radio and never said that there weren't enough areas of interest. He simply did not like being without code.

Dee D. Flint, N8UZE

2270. Re: With CW gone, can the CW allocations be far behind?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-21 22:52:37 UTC
From: Dan/W4NTI <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com>
Message-ID: <bfhqre$5nh$1@slb2.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 72108
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy

"Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net> wrote in message
news:yJZSa.11784$Vx2.5635227@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com...
>
> "Geoffrey S. Mendelson" <gsm@mendelson.com> wrote in message
> news:slrnbhohnj.7g5.gsm@cable.mendelson.com...
> > In article <3F1BFB13.1070109@psu.edu>, Mike Coslo wrote:
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> > responded "no". I.e. 2/3's of the hams surveyed NEVER used morse code.
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> > Of course in those days they spun it as "1 out 3 sometimes uses morse
> code".
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> > So if it came to a vote you'd have a hard time keeping things as they
are.
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> > Geoff.
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use
> morse any where from occasionally to 100% of the time. Morse code usage
> appears to be on the rise. In the past year, participation in the ARRL
> Morse contests showed an increase of 20% over the previous year.
> Participation in the voice contests was practically the same as last year
> with virtually no growth.
>
> So that 8 year old survey does not reflect today's situation.
>
> Dee D. Flint, N8UZE
>

Forget it Dee. You cant convince the no coder. They believe their own
propaganda.

Dan/W4NTI

2271. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-21 23:08:27 UTC
From: "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net>
Message-ID: <Ln_Sa.11792$Vx2.5643007@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com>
Source record: 72109

<bored@all.this.crap> wrote in message
news:3rmohv04ts4epf2r3er8kfbh02ad1g2fk3@4ax.com...
> On Mon, 21 Jul 2003 00:51:37 GMT, "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net>
> wrote:
>
>
> >...Those who wait do not succeed because they do
> >not take control over and responsibility for their own lives. It is
> >heartbreakingly sad to see people electing to be failures because they
are
> >waiting for someone to give them something.
>
> So, your parents were failures because they elected to wait to have
> sex until after they were married?
>

I see you can't tell the difference between pursuing success and resisting behavior patterns with potentially undesirable consequences. However my kill filter will take care of your nonsense posts.

2272. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-21 23:12:22 UTC
From: vshah101@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030721191222.07745.00000274@mb-m14.aol.com>
Source record: 72110

From: k4yz@aol.com (Steve Robeson, K4CAP)

>As a matter of fact, you have LAMENTED the lack of
>activities or opportunities in Amateur Radio.

Those activities are possible. Most Hams chose not to participate in those and just want to contest, ragchew, setup antennas, or do CW.

> BTW, Larry has frequently mentioned several other data/digital
>modes he utilizes. Why do you avoid addressing/accepting this?

I did not know he uses other digital modes.

2273. Re: Ham Radio In The Post-Code Testing Era

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-21 23:35:57 UTC
From: lenover21@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030721193557.09580.00001602@mb-m13.aol.com>
Source record: 72112

In article <c2356669.0307211321.3ebd55c6@posting.google.com>, N2EY@AOL.COM (N2EY) writes:

>lenover21@aol.com (Len Over 21) wrote in message
>news:<20030720235433.00871.00000751@mb-m17.aol.com>...
>> In article <20030720222112.15462.00001731@mb-m06.aol.com>, n2ey@aol.com
>(N2EY)
>> writes:
>>
>> >In article <20030720192957.23406.00000928@mb-m27.aol.com>,
>lenover21@aol.com
>> >(Len Over 21) writes:
>> >
>> >>In article <20030719222221.08200.00000882@mb-m25.aol.com>, n2ey@aol.com
>> >>(N2EY)
>> >>writes:
>> >>
>> >>>But then why was the FCC so hot for more code testing in the 1960s? From
>> the
>> >>>1930s to the 1960s a ham could get full privs with a 13 wpm code test.
>Yes,
>> the
>> >>>Extra and its 20 wpm code test was reintroduced in 1951, but then FCC
>gave
>> all
>> >>>privs to Generals so nobody had to get an Extra for full privileges. And
>in
>> >>>fact very few did - in 1967, at the dawn of incentive licensing, there
>were
>> >>>maybe 4000 Extras out of about 250,000 US hams.
>> >>>
>> >>>At one point (1965), FCC proposed four code tests - 5, 13, 16, and 20
>wpm.
>> When
>> >>>the dust settled it took 20 per to get a full privileges. Why was FCC so
>> hopped
>> >>>up on code testing back then?
>> >>
>> >> Intense lobbying by the ARRL?
>> >
>> >Nope. ARRL's proposal was to go back to the pre-1953 system where it took
>an
>> >Advanced or Extra for full privileges. Also reopen the Advanced to new
>> >licenses.

>>
>> Well whoopee for you.
>
>You asked a question, I answered it. Do you have a problem with the
>facts?

I have NO problem with REAL facts, Reverend Jim.

I have a big problem with suppositions and inferences and obvious spin-doctoring which are presented as "real facts." :-)

>> You constantly repeat What Was Done.
>
>So? You constantly repeat What Len Did.

Tsk, tsk, tsk...what I did was in areas where you've never been involved. The US military for one such area. Probably the commercial radio services, too, since you cannot divulge your employer's name. :-)

The US Army decided NOT to use any morse code for long-haul communications on HF way back in 1948. That wasn't up to me to decide. Five years later I would be one of many thousands who were in the service and involved with HF communications at the same time as I was. I've seen and been a part of what many consider as the "Big Leagues" in HF radio communications. You know very little of such and were never a military serviceman.

You are desperate to keep up appearances that one of your personal favorite modes of radio communications (OOK CW) is "still in use" and therefore should be included on license testing. As such you try to depict what thousands of others have done while in the military as either irrelevant or incosequential. It isn't, but you cannot bear to admit it. If you agreed with it you would destroy your own argument in favor of continuation.

I've only shown EXAMPLES of radio communications NOT involving morse code by having direct experience with such. I didn't decide that morse code should not be used in such applications. You are resentful that anyone has extensive experience in radio and communications beyond your own amateur efforts. Not my problem.

>Heaven forbid someone prove you to be in error about anything.

I TRY to be correct in my written facts...and include source references wherever possible. If I make a TRUE error, then I will admit it.

However, I will NOT change anything because someone presents opinion, inference, and conjecture as "facts." I will NOT accept pseudo-facts that are really spin-doctorings of what some political entity considers "facts" such as the ARRL.

>Your personal experience of fifty plus years ago is irrelevant to
>amateur radio policy, but you repeat it anyway.

I can't help that I've had experience in radio communications going back
50 years. It hasn't been in amateur radio, true, but there is NO
difference in radio physics between "amateur" and "professional" radio.

If morse code OOK CW was so wonderful, error-free, able to really get
through when nothing else would, then many other radio services
would have continued to use that mode. They have NOT despite your
continuing insistence that they "should" or even "ought to."

Radio, the whole of radio, not the microcosm of use represented by
amateurs, is and has been a proving ground for what does really work
in the way of communications. Since the physics of radio is the same
regardless of the human legislation as to use-terms, that only leaves
actual operation (by design or trial and error) as the PROOF of what
works and what doesn't. Just because you personally favor some
mode of communications does not make you some kind of all-knowing
wizard of mode judgement, amateur or professional.

>> THIRTY-EIGHT YEARS AGO you were about 10 years old. At the
>> same time I'd already worked three years in military HF and micro-
>> wave communications with my Honorable Discharge received five
>> years in the past.
>
>Irrelevant to the discussion.

How so? As a 10 year old were you precociously gifted with an
adult's ability to judge anything?

You keep speaking of a time 38 years ago as a true life experience in
radio coupled with perfect adult observation and judgement. I doubt
that you were so gifted based on your current comments.

>> Did you frequent the FCC Reading Room in DC a lot?
>
>No - did you?

Since 1956 Washington, DC, has been about 3K miles from my home.
You live much closer to DC than I do.

>> Frankly, I don't think you did squat about any
>> comments way back when.
>
>I don't claim to.

Then why did you mention them?

>Did you comment "way back then"?

Not on amateur radio.

>Do you have any disproof of my facts as stated?
>
>Didn't think so.

I do have disproof in what I've written in this message.

You've also stated a number of negatives. Neither I nor anyone else
can disprove a negative, a non-existant condition.

>Tell us more about the ham-astronauts and their callsigns, Len.

Sorry, that is "irrelevant." :-)

Why don't you tell us all about your involvement with the space program?

LHA

2274. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-21 23:35:58 UTC
From: lenover21@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030721193558.09580.00001603@mb-m13.aol.com>
Source record: 72111

In article <Xns93BFB60E779F1elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>, Alun Palmer
<elektros@yahoo.com> writes:

>k4yz@aol.com (Steve Robeson, K4CAP) wrote in
>news:5c01b95b.0307210526.37a7cbdd@posting.google.com:
>
>> lenover21@aol.com (Len Over 21) wrote in message
>> news:<20030720231604.02627.00000178@mb-m02.aol.com>...
>>> In article <tOGSa.11534$Vx2.5481863@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com>, "Dee
>>> D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net> writes:
>>
>>> >If you wait for opportunity to knock, it never will.
>>>
>>> "Knock" it off. Test element 1 is on the way OUT. Realize it.
>>
>> WHOA!~ Lennie! You FINALLY accept this...?!?! Well gee
>> willikers! Then we can assume (remembering the caveat for "assuming",
>> of course) that you are going to bite the bullet and get
>> licensed...?!?!

>
>I hope he does. He's running out of excuses.

Sorry, Alun, but I've already been licensed in radio (since 1956). :-)

I've never expressed any real intent to get an amateur radio license in
here. My involvement is to eliminate the US code test for any radio
license examination. It's as simple as that.

LHA

2275. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-21 23:37:38 UTC
From: vshah101@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030721193738.07745.00000275@mb-m14.aol.com>
Source record: 72113

From: Dave Heil k8mn

>> I don't want to talk to some older males. Thats not anti-social.
>
>If we go by your rules, it certainly is.

Its still consistent. Those Hams are on the radio, not in person. For example, those Hams at the "DXpedition" contacted other (anti-social) Hams on Sat night, but did not meet anyone in person.

That has nothing to do with the technical part of the hobby. The technical part occurred during the antenna and equipment setup. There was plenty of operating during the day, so operating on Sat night more represented the social aspect more than any technical aspect. Therefore, this is how those Hams spent their Sat night. Seems anti-social to me.

>You didn't go on a DXpedition.

They called it a DXpedition.

>> Many Hams will work DX. They get a thrill from that. But, they won't talk
>to
>> the person next door or to anyone in person.
>
>Your record is stuck, Vipul. Your claim is simply another tired
>stereotype offered without proof of any kind.

I gave an example above where the Hams contacted people through the radio, but did not meet anyone in person. (Probably avoided it). This was not my local club. It was a random group of Hams.

2276. Re: With CW gone, can the CW allocations be far behind?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-21 23:41:09 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030721194109.23406.00000958@mb-m27.aol.com>
Source record: 72114

In article <slrnbhndm8.e82.gsm@cable.mendelson.com>, gsm@mendelson.com (Geoffrey S. Mendelson) writes:

>In article <ed9e3d3ed0c3403349a2a6882a98d900.128005@mygate.mailgate.org>,
>K0HB wrote:
>
>> Except in the USA, most amateurs do not labor under "sub-bands" based on
>> mode. As an example Canadian amateur have no such restrictions. It's a
>> source of continuing wonder to me that the FCC continues to arbitrarily
>> slice and dice the bands based on mode, license class, power levels, and
>> similar artificial constructs of their imagination.
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>Not only that but the stupid allocation of the 7.00-7.100 as a CW
>only band makes 40 meters almost unusable outside of the U.S.

Sounds like anti-American arrogance.....

There are no CW-only American subbands below 50 MHz. They're all shared with 'phone and image modes.

>That's
>our entire 40 meter band,

Because YOUR GOVERNMENTS (R1 and R3) want it that way. Been that way since before WW2.

>and so we can't work the states without spilt
>operation, which doesn't often work because we are swamped with European
>brodcasters.

So get your governments to get them to move.
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>We can't work locally, because by convention, we use ssb in the upper
>half and get destroyed by all those digital signals that come from the
>U.S. and clobber us.

If you think digital is bad, what do you think would happen with SSB?

>IMHO the best thing to do is open 7.050-7.100 for ssb in the U.S. and move
>the digital stuff to the old novice band.

Uh huh. Then it will be SSB and AM from the USA clobbering you instead of digital. Guess which group tends to run more power? The US power limit is 1500 W peak output.

One of the main reasons the US has limited 'phone bands is to give those outside the US a place to work without being clobbered by high powered US 'phones.

R1 and R3 are supposed to get 7100-7200 over the next few years, and the SWBC move out.

73 de Jim, N2EY

2277. Re: With CW gone, can the CW allocations be far behind?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-21 23:41:11 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030721194111.23406.00000959@mb-m27.aol.com>
Source record: 72115

In article <slrnbhohnj.7g5.gsm@cable.mendelson.com>, gsm@mendelson.com
(Geoffrey S. Mendelson) writes:

>In article <3F1BFB13.1070109@psu.edu>, Mike Coslo wrote:
>
>> This cannot be, for no one wants to take anything away from Morse code
>> users.
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>Why not, 8 years ago, the Arrl did a survey.

That's pretty close - 1996

> They asked amateurs who had
>passed a morse code exam if they EVER used morse code.

No, you are mistaken. On several counts.

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each Techs, Tech Pluses, Generals, Advanceds and Extras. So they asked hams who
had not taken a code test as well as hams who had.

The question was "How much do you operate Morse code?" and there were only
three possible answers: "Regularly", "Rarely" and "Never". No definitions of
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is not on the air at all never uses Morse code on the air).

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>responded "no". I.e. 2/3's of the hams surveyed NEVER used morse code.

Wrong again!

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Note that the question doesn't specify HF operation, or ask if the ham is
active at all, if he/she is equipped for HF operation, etc. etc.

>Of course in those days they spun it as "1 out 3 sometimes uses morse code".

Wrong again!

64% (37+27) sometimes use Morse code, according to that survey. That's a fact,
not spin.
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>So if it came to a vote you'd have a hard time keeping things as they are.

Maybe.

Try this "survey": Actually listen to the CW/digital subbands and see how much activity there really is. Try 40 meters below 7050 some evening.

73 de Jim, N2EY

2278. Re: ARS License Numbers

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-21 23:57:53 UTC
From: vshah101@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030721195753.07745.00000276@mb-m14.aol.com>
Source record: 72116

From: Dave Heil k8mn

>I thought you told us that hams don't homebrew gear.

I guess VHF/UHF/Microwave or QRP clubs do.

>What would you expect hams to talk about a ham radio club meeting?

It was an operating event, not a club meeting.

I did not expect them to be similar to other clubs. When I asked different people about their setup, he seemed busy and not wanting to talk about it. If it was me, I would happily explain what I made, brag about it, show interested people schematics, share technical info, etc.

>However, the technical person
>> would feel out of place there.
>
>You mean around the homebrew microwave gear?

Yes, once they were setup, they were much the same as the non-homebrewing Ham.

>Are you telling us that they sat around conversing with each other by
>using their homebrew microwave gear while at the meeting?

They contacted other Hams, not the same hams that were at the gathering, of course.

>> What is is about Ham radio that makes you want to eat
>> alot?
>
>Oh, you believe that amateur radio causes overeating. Ever hang around
>a Burger King?

Okay, it was not a random group (they were a VHF/UHF/Microwave club), but it was still Hams. And this trend occurs at several Ham radio events. Such events require little physical activity. Also, people often eat unhealthy food at these events. This could be a good reason for the tendency to weigh more.

>> Most do not like the
>> technical aspect, either. You'll find that at any random Ham Radio
>gathering or
>> event.
>
>You don't know anything about what most do.

Sure, I have not taken a poll. But isn't it foolish to believe otherwise when you always encounter is anti-social, non technical people? I "let" my club

membership expire. If I am missing a segment that fits what I am looking for, I would like to know about it and I would join that type of club.

2279. Re: With CW gone, can the CW allocations be far behind?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-22 00:22:25 UTC
From: Hans Kohb <k0hb@earthlink.net>
Message-ID: <a7ddbad78611b9fd71d234a4c97f901f.128005@mygate.mailgate.org>
Source record: 72117

"N2EY" <n2ey@aol.com> wrote

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> not spin.
>

Facts (and spin) are in the eye of the beholder, Jim. Your "64%
sometimes use Morse code" is trumped by the fellow who uses the same
numbers to factually state that "72% (35+37) of the hams surveyed rarely
or never use Morse code".

73, de Hans, K0HB

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| They called me mad, and I |
|\/\/\/| / called them mad, but damn \
| | | them, they outvoted me. |
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Posted via Mailgate.ORG Server - http://www.Mailgate.ORG

2280. Re: With CW gone, can the CW allocations be far behind?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-22 00:27:23 UTC
From: Dan/W4NTI <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com>
Message-ID: <bfi0d7$7a4$1@slb2.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 72118

"N2EY" <n2ey@aol.com> wrote in message
news:20030721194109.23406.00000958@mb-m27.aol.com...
> In article <slrnbhndm8.e82.gsm@cable.mendelson.com>, gsm@mendelson.com
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> If you think digital is bad, what do you think would happen with SSB?
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> >IMHO the best thing to do is open 7.050-7.100 for ssb in the U.S. and
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> >the digital stuff to the old novice band.
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> Uh huh. Then it will be SSB and AM from the USA clobbering you instead of
> digital. Guess which group tends to run more power? The US power limit is
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> W peak output.
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> One of the main reasons the US has limited 'phone bands is to give those
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> R1 and R3 are supposed to get 7100-7200 over the next few years, and the
SWBC
> move out.
>
> 73 de Jim, N2EY
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>
While in Europe as DA2LJ I operated 40 meters. My experience was that the 'broadcast' stations were skipping over me. And were not really a problem for me in Germany.

However on this side of the pond it is a serious problem.

Just my observations.

Dan/W4NTI

2281. Re: With CW gone, can the CW allocations be far behind?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-22 00:32:02 UTC
From: Dan/W4NTI <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com>
Message-ID: <bfi0lu$c22$1@slb4.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 72119

"N2EY" <n2ey@aol.com> wrote in message
news:20030721194111.23406.00000959@mb-m27.aol.com...
> In article <slrnbhohnj.7g5.gsm@cable.mendelson.com>, gsm@mendelson.com
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> >passed a morse code exam if they EVER used morse code.
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> No, you are mistaken. On several counts.
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> They asked 1100 US hams, chosen at random. Of these, 100 were Novices and
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> Wrong again!
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> Note that the question doesn't specify HF operation, or ask if the ham is
> active at all, if he/she is equipped for HF operation, etc. etc.
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> 64% (37+27) sometimes use Morse code, according to that survey. That's a
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> Maybe.
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> Try this "survey": Actually listen to the CW/digital subbands and see how
much
> activity there really is. Try 40 meters below 7050 some evening.
>
> 73 de Jim, N2EY

Yep for a 'so called dead mode' (cw) there sure seems to be a LOT of
activity in the real world.

Dan/W4NTI

2282. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-22 00:52:04 UTC
From: Jim Hampton <aa2qa@frontiernet.net>
Message-ID: <UU%Sa.3360$Xt3.1697@news02.roc.ny>
Source record: 72120

160, here we come :)

73 from Rochester, NY
Jim AA2QA

"N2EY" <n2ey@aol.com> wrote in message
news:20030720082146.10078.00000854@mb-m26.aol.com...
> One thing I forgot to put in previous post:
>
> The peak of the sunspot cycle is past, and we're heading full-tilt into
sunspot
> minimum. Conditions on HF will be quite different than some folks are used
to,
> particularly on the bands above 10 MHz, at night, and in the winter.
>
> 73 de Jim, N2EY

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Version: 6.0.502 / Virus Database: 300 - Release Date: 7/18/03

2283. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-22 00:52:48 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bfi20q$d50$1@adenine.netfront.net>
Source record: 72121

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"Dan/W4NTI" <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com> wrote in message
news:bfh2bp$9i4$1@slb4.atl.mindspring.net...
>
> "Kim W5TIT" <fahgedit@nomail.net> wrote in message
> news:bffbqf$1er5$1@adenine.netfront.net...
> > "Dan/W4NTI" <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com> wrote in message
> > news:bff3hj$ur2$1@slb6.atl.mindspring.net...
> > >
> > > "Kim W5TIT" <fahgedit@nomail.net> wrote in message
> > > news:bfeidb$ur7$1@adenine.netfront.net...
> > > > "William H. O'Hara, III" <whoohara@yahoo.com> wrote in message
> > > > news:Xns93BE6AD6148C9AX2A3DA5M1512AODKAMO@65.100.3.61...
> > > > > Kim,
> > > > >
> > > > > I don't think that you mentioned the
> > > > > only practical use for CW, today. In
> > > > > an emergency operation one can use CW
> > > > > almost as a cipher. If Newsreporters, whom
> > > > > possess "investigative skills", were to
> > > > > attempt their intercepts by a scanner,
> > > > > then they would simply have no
> > > > > comprehension.
> > > > >
> > > >
> > > > With all due respect, William (or is it Bill), seems that
deliberately
> > > > coding/encrypting on the amateur bands is contrary to the R&R, if ya
> > know
> > > > what I mean. And, it also seems to me that any reporter with really
> > good
> > > > investigative skills would be well aware of your scenario, above.
> > > >
> > > >
> > >
> > > Now Ive heard everything. CW is now a method of encryption. Oh good
> > grief.
> > >
> > > That is a first. I never thought Id live so long as to see so much
> idiocy
> > > about the Morse Code. Unbelievable
> > >
> > > Dan/W4NTI
> > >
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> > Dan, you really should stop being so reactionary. Perhaps you'll
re-read
> > the comment "In an emergency operation one can use CW almost as a
> cipher."
> > Then, perhaps you'll look at my response in a different light. I was
> > remarking on the fact that William (Bill) was promoting the idea that CW
> > is/can be used as a cipher. That would not be legal in any way, and
> > promoting the idea of CW as being a way to "cipher" information is quite
> > misleading, don't you think?
> >
> > Sheesh, take some time off...
> >
> > Kim W5TIT
> >
> >
> > ---
> > Posted via news://freenews.netfront.net
> > Complaints to news@netfront.net
>
> Yes you are right.
>
> Cypher/Incrypting is used to hide the intelligence in the communication.
> Morse Code is not that. Morse Code is used to transmit plain text
(English
> in this example) which can be 'decoded' by a real ham anywhere on this
> planet.
>
> Of course I understand his initial meaning. That the general public and
> MOST ham operators cant copy Morse Code. So it would be equivilant to
> incryption.
>
> Dan/W4NTI
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Thank you.

Kim W5TIT

Posted via news://freenews.netfront.net
Complaints to news@netfront.net

2284. Re: Why don't Real Hams you face the facts?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-22 00:57:20 UTC
From: wa2si@arrl.net
Message-ID: <b7d1465c.0307211657.6e4f58f6@posting.google.com>
Source record: 72122

Dave Heil <k8mn@earthlink.net> wrote in message news:<3F1C0F27.E2909DAE@earthlink.net>...
> Kim W5TIT wrote:
>
> > Whenever I used to bootleg--and I did before I was licensed, I always made
> > extra sure to stay out of ham radio frequencies--most hams know too much
> > about R&R and DFing. ;)
>
> Such seems in character for you, Kim.
>
> > I won't do it now but only because I don't want to
> > compromise my license.
>
> So, not because it was illegal, only so you don't lose your license.
>
> Dave K8MN

Hi Dave,

You kinda conveniently left out "Well, along with the fact that now I realize what an idiot I was being." I believe that pretty much answers your last query. We ALL make foolish errors in our youth and most of us eventually grow up, hopefully, wiser for the wear. It's got sump'n to do with casting the first stone or some such saying. ;-)

73 de Bert
WA2SI

2285. Re: Time to call a truce?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-22 00:57:27 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bfi29g$d8q$1@adenine.netfront.net>
Source record: 72123

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>
> "Kim W5TIT" <fahgedit@nomail.net> wrote in message
> news:bffc09$1etd$1@adenine.netfront.net...
> > "Dan/W4NTI" <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com> wrote in message
> > news:bff468$imu$1@slb9.atl.mindspring.net...
> > >
> > >
> > > When I got into this Amateur Radio was so respected that it actually
> > opened
> > > doors for you. Not anymore. Thanks for helping dumb it down.
> > >
> >
> > Hey, you're the one thinking that it's OK to promote CW as a way to
cipher
> > information over the ham bands...
>
>
> Change your pills. I never said such a thing.
>
>
> >
> > >
> > > Your not going to belittle those that went before you. We don't have
a
> > damn
> > > thing to prove to you or those of your ilk.
> > >
> >
> > With that kind of attitude, you have proven quite a bit to me, Dan.
And,
> > it's not positive, by the way.
> >
> > >
> > > We know, we have been there and got the tee shirt. Now pick up your
> jaw
> > > and commence to run off at the mouth little girl.
> > >
> > > Dan/W4NTI
> > >
> >
> > Yep, you're an asshole, alright.
>
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> Your right, and Im willing to admit it. How about you?
>
> Dan/W4NTI
>
> >
> > Kim W5TIT
> >
> >
> > ---
> > Posted via news://freenews.netfront.net
> > Complaints to news@netfront.net
>
>

Dan, I've never treated you in any way that warrants you telling me, "thanks for dumbing down the ARS." You're comments are those of someone who acts like a jerk, walks like a jerk, and probably is a jerk. So, if you're going to be a jerk, yes, you are an asshole.

I don't treat everyone like that. You seem to...except those who "think" just like you do--if that's what you call it these days. You know what? You're a bigger jerk than Larry.

Kim W5TIT

Posted via news://freenews.netfront.net
Complaints to news@netfront.net

2286. Re: With CW gone, can the CW allocations be far behind?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-22 00:59:46 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bfi2drdfk1@adenine.netfront.net>
Source record: 72124

"Dan/W4NTI" <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com> wrote in message
news:bfi0lu$c22$1@slb4.atl.mindspring.net...
>
> "N2EY" <n2ey@aol.com> wrote in message
> news:20030721194111.23406.00000959@mb-m27.aol.com...
> > In article <slrnbhohnj.7g5.gsm@cable.mendelson.com>, gsm@mendelson.com
> > (Geoffrey S. Mendelson) writes:
> >
> > >In article <3F1BFB13.1070109@psu.edu>, Mike Coslo wrote:
> > >
> > >> This cannot be, for no one wants to take anything away from Morse
code
> > >> users.
> > >
> > >Why not, 8 years ago, the Arrl did a survey.
> >
> > That's pretty close - 1996
> >
> > > They asked amateurs who had
> > >passed a morse code exam if they EVER used morse code.
> >
> > No, you are mistaken. On several counts.
> >
> > They asked 1100 US hams, chosen at random. Of these, 100 were Novices
and
> 200
> > each Techs, Tech Pluses, Generals, Advanceds and Extras. So they asked
> hams who
> > had not taken a code test as well as hams who had.
> >
> > The question was "How much do you operate Morse code?" and there were
only
> > three possible answers: "Regularly", "Rarely" and "Never". No
definitions
> of
> > what those terms mean, no questions on other modes, etc. (After all, a
ham
> who
> > is not on the air at all never uses Morse code on the air).
> >
> > >Two out of three
> > >responded "no". I.e. 2/3's of the hams surveyed NEVER used morse code.
> >
> > Wrong again!

> >
> > 35% answered "Never"
> > 37% answered "Rarely"
> > 27% answered "Regularly"
> > 1% did not answer.
> >
> > It is obvious that the question is so flawed as to be meaningless. For
> example,
> > how much Morse operation is "regular"?
> >
> > Note that the question doesn't specify HF operation, or ask if the ham
is
> > active at all, if he/she is equipped for HF operation, etc. etc.
> >
> > >Of course in those days they spun it as "1 out 3 sometimes uses morse
> code".
> >
> > Wrong again!
> >
> > 64% (37+27) sometimes use Morse code, according to that survey. That's a
> fact,
> > not spin.
> > >
> > >So if it came to a vote you'd have a hard time keeping things as they
> are.
> >
> > Maybe.
> >
> > Try this "survey": Actually listen to the CW/digital subbands and see
how
> much
> > activity there really is. Try 40 meters below 7050 some evening.
> >
> > 73 de Jim, N2EY
>
> Yep for a 'so called dead mode' (cw) there sure seems to be a LOT of
> activity in the real world.
>
> Dan/W4NTI
>
>

What makes you think CW is a dead mode?

Kim W5TIT

Posted via news://freenews.netfront.net
Complaints to news@netfront.net

2287. Re: Why don't Real Hams you face the facts?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-22 01:02:01 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bfi2i2dhh1@adenine.netfront.net>
Source record: 72126

"Dave Heil" <k8mn@earthlink.net> wrote in message
news:3F1C0F27.E2909DAE@earthlink.net...
> Kim W5TIT wrote:
>
> > Whenever I used to bootleg--and I did before I was licensed, I always
made
> > extra sure to stay out of ham radio frequencies--most hams know too much
> > about R&R and DFing. ;)
>
> Such seems in character for you, Kim.
>
> > I won't do it now but only because I don't want to
> > compromise my license.
>
> So, not because it was illegal, only so you don't lose your license.
>
> Dave K8MN

Absolutely! The only reason I don't kill someone is because I don't believe
in killing; not because it's illegal. Do you only refrain from doing things
because they are illegal? You really should get out of that book!

Kim W5TIT

Posted via news://freenews.netfront.net
Complaints to news@netfront.net

2288. Re: CW sub-bands must disapear

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-22 01:02:12 UTC
From: Jim Hampton <aa2qa@frontiernet.net>
Message-ID: <o20Ta.3364$xP3.831@news02.roc.ny>
Source record: 72125

Do you have a 20 dB pad in front of your meter? :)

73 from Rochester, NY
Jim AA2QA

"Robert Casey" <wa2ise@ix.netcom.com> wrote in message
news:3F1C56A8.9000302@ix.netcom.com...
> Trollometer:
>
> ||||||||||||||||||--------
> 1 3 5 7 9 +10 +20
>

Outgoing mail is certified Virus Free.
Checked by AVG anti-virus system (http://www.grisoft.com).
Version: 6.0.502 / Virus Database: 300 - Release Date: 7/18/03

2289. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-22 01:04:29 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bfi2mndjt1@adenine.netfront.net>
Source record: 72128

"Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net> wrote in message
news:tOGSa.11534$Vx2.5481863@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com...
>
> "Kim W5TIT" <fahgedit@nomail.net> wrote in message
> news:bffc65$1f44$1@adenine.netfront.net...
> >
> > Dee, I don't think I am miscontrueing a thing. It baffles me to no end
> that
> > it would actually bother someone to have another wait for their
> opportunity
> > to come along. I see nothing at all wrong with someone waiting until
> > testing requirements meet *their* expectations.
> >
> > Kim W5TIT
>
> Even if it is waiting 10 years or better??
>
> I like to see people succeed. Those who wait do not succeed because they
do
> not take control over and responsibility for their own lives. It is
> heartbreakingly sad to see people electing to be failures because they are
> waiting for someone to give them something.
>
> If you wait for opportunity to knock, it never will.
>
> Dee D. Flint, N8UZE
>

Dee, I can understand that kind of sentiment for things other than "hobby"
or "interest" related items. Perhaps those who chose to wait until testing
philosophies met their expectations/requirements/likes, did so because they
were very busy succeeding at financial matters, like work, family, church,
etc.?

Kim W5TIT

Posted via news://freenews.netfront.net
Complaints to news@netfront.net

2290. Re: With CW gone, can the CW allocations be far behind?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-22 01:05:28 UTC
From: Robert Casey <wa2ise@ix.netcom.com>
Message-ID: <3F1C8DD8.6060804@ix.netcom.com>
Source record: 72127
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy

Dee D. Flint wrote:

>The ARRL had a new survey in the last 6 months. Half of the respondants use
>morse any where from occasionally to 100% of the time. Morse code usage
>appears to be on the rise. In the past year, participation in the ARRL
>Morse contests showed an increase of 20% over the previous year.
>Participation in the voice contests was practically the same as last year
>with virtually no growth.
>
>
>
If this is the case, then Morse code has a good future. No need to
worry that you
won't be able to find someone to have a QSO when you do a CQ.

2291. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-22 01:08:41 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bfi2ukdnp1@adenine.netfront.net>
Source record: 72129

"Mike Coslo" <mcoslo@adelphia.net> wrote in message
news:3F1B3940.3060801@adelphia.net...
> Kim W5TIT wrote:
>
> > Actually, the good test for good manners and courtesy and respect on the
> > air, is the acid test. Every person I have witnessed being in the class
the
> > majority calls an "idiot" operator, has soon disappeared from the FM
side of
> > ham radio. They get tired of "being encouraged" to talk right, operate
> > right, etc., or they get tired of being ignored. Guess where some have
> > disappeared to?
>
> Here?
>
> - Mike KB3EIA -
>

HF.

Kim W5TIT

Posted via news://freenews.netfront.net
Complaints to news@netfront.net

2292. Re: With CW gone, can the CW allocations be far behind?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-22 01:14:26 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bfi39m$e07$1@adenine.netfront.net>
Source record: 72130

"Larry Roll K3LT" <yodoc@aol.comnospam> wrote in message
news:20030720230633.23745.00001260@mb-m22.aol.com...
> In article <3871068677.165767678@taranews.net>, "Joe Collins"
> <collins201@taranews.net> writes:
>
> >Now that Bruce Parens and NCI have won the CW wars, what will happen
> >to the exclusive CW allocations if a CW requirement is dropped?
> >Certainly there can be no argument for keeping the current band
> >structure in place, and phone operations probably ought to be spread
> >out into what was once exclusively reserved for CW operators. Not
> >only would this alleviate the congestion in the phone bands, but it
> >would finally and officially place CW into perspective: Just another
> >optional mode of operation without any exclusive rights to any
> >frequency.
>
> Well, folks, there it is -- as I've been saying for years, it's all about
> getting a microphone in hand and yakking away!
>
> 73 de Larry, K3LT
>

What's the difference between yakking using a microphone, or yakking using a
CW key or paddle?

Kim W5TIT

Posted via news://freenews.netfront.net
Complaints to news@netfront.net

2293. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-22 01:16:10 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bfi3g2$e1m$1@adenine.netfront.net>
Source record: 72131

"Larry Roll K3LT" <yodoc@aol.comnospam> wrote in message
news:20030720230636.23745.00001263@mb-m22.aol.com...
> In article <bfe3rviuj1@adenine.netfront.net>, "Kim W5TIT"
> <fahgedit@nomail.net> writes:
>
> >People are not missing anything by not upgrading, if the upgraded
privileges
> >don't provide anything more they wish.
>
> Kim:
>
> Well, that's *your* excuse. It seems to be working for you. Hold on
> to it, it's all you've got.
>
> 73 de Larry, K3LT
>

It would be nice if you could make sense...

Kim W5TIT

Posted via news://freenews.netfront.net
Complaints to news@netfront.net

2294. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-22 01:22:08 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bfi4ah$ea9$1@adenine.netfront.net>
Source record: 72132

"Larry Roll K3LT" <yodoc@aol.comnospam> wrote in message
news:20030720230637.23745.00001264@mb-m22.aol.com...
> In article <bffc65$1f44$1@adenine.netfront.net>, "Kim W5TIT"
> <fahgedit@nomail.net> writes:
>
> >Dee, I don't think I am miscontrueing a thing. It baffles me to no end
that
> >it would actually bother someone to have another wait for their
opportunity
> >to come along. I see nothing at all wrong with someone waiting until
> >testing requirements meet *their* expectations.
> >
> >Kim W5TIT
>
> Kim:
>
> Hey, I'd like a Ph. D in Electrical Engineering. How long do you think
> I'll have to wait for the testing requirements to be reduced to a
50-question
> multiple guess with a passing score of 70%, with an open question
> pool and no dissertation required?
>

I don't know, Larry. But why would you take even more time to study--even
minimal requirements--when you already have a degree you don't utilize? It
would take a lot less time and effort if you just use that degree and get a
job with it.

>
> Since I'll never actually do any
> electrical engineering, those are my expectations of what the testing
> requirements should be. So, whaddya say -- 5 years? More? Less?
>
> 73 de Larry, K3LT
>

You wouldn't use it any way, so it probably doesn't matter. But, if you
want to wait, you go right ahead.

Kim W5TIT

Posted via news://freenews.netfront.net
Complaints to news@netfront.net

2295. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-22 01:25:23 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bfi73c$f4k$1@adenine.netfront.net>
Source record: 72136

"N2EY" <n2ey@aol.com> wrote in message
news:20030721065957.03929.00001071@mb-m28.aol.com...
> In article <bffc65$1f44$1@adenine.netfront.net>, "Kim W5TIT"
> <fahgedit@nomail.net> writes:
>
> >It baffles me to no end that
> >it would actually bother someone to have another wait for their
opportunity
> >to come along. I see nothing at all wrong with someone waiting until
> >testing requirements meet *their* expectations.
> >
> It's kinda like saying "I'm not going to buy a (new computer, digital
camera,
> PDA, flatscreen TV/monitor, MP3 player, etc., etc.) until the price drops
below
> X dollars", isn't it?
>
> In fact, might not part of the driving force behind a "wait and see"
policy?
> One of the best ways to kill a sale of items like the ones above is to say
> "there's a new model coming out soon that will do more and cost less".
>
> True story: Close friend of mine needed a PDA for work. Everybody at her
> workplace uses iPaqs, so she goes to the local computer store and gets one
at a
> discount. It's the demo model, last one in the store. Takes it home,
installs
> hardware and software, struggles with it, dern thing won't sync with her
PC no
> matter what she does. Takes it back, store tech says it's a defective
cradle
> and she gets a full refund.
>
> Two weeks later goes back to the same store and gets a brand new iPaq, no
> discount, with more features, longer life battery, yada yada - for less
money.
> Works perfectly.
>
> 73 de Jim, N2EY
>
>

And, so will our ham bands. The only plus is that maybe the whiners will
stay off... ;)

Kim W5TIT

Posted via news://freenews.netfront.net
Complaints to news@netfront.net

2296. Re: Why don't Real Hams you face the facts?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-22 01:39:26 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bfi88u$f4k$2@adenine.netfront.net>
Source record: 72138

"Bert Craig" <wa2si@arrl.net> wrote in message
news:b7d1465c.0307211657.6e4f58f6@posting.google.com...
> Dave Heil <k8mn@earthlink.net> wrote in message
news:<3F1C0F27.E2909DAE@earthlink.net>...
> > Kim W5TIT wrote:
> >
> > > Whenever I used to bootleg--and I did before I was licensed, I always
made
> > > extra sure to stay out of ham radio frequencies--most hams know too
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> > > about R&R and DFing. ;)
> >
> > Such seems in character for you, Kim.
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> > > I won't do it now but only because I don't want to
> > > compromise my license.
> >
> > So, not because it was illegal, only so you don't lose your license.
> >
> > Dave K8MN
>
> Hi Dave,
>
> You kinda conveniently left out "Well, along with the fact that now I
> realize what an idiot I was being." I believe that pretty much answers
> your last query. We ALL make foolish errors in our youth and most of
> us eventually grow up, hopefully, wiser for the wear. It's got sump'n
> to do with casting the first stone or some such saying. ;-)
>
> 73 de Bert
> WA2SI

Thanks, Bert. I would have expected nothing else from Dave.

Kim W5TIT

Posted via news://freenews.netfront.net
Complaints to news@netfront.net

2297. Re: With CW gone, can the CW allocations be far behind?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-22 01:56:06 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
Message-ID: <3F1C99A2.9090306@adelphia.net>
Source record: 72133
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy

Dan/W4NTI wrote:
> "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net> wrote in message
> news:yJZSa.11784$Vx2.5635227@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com...
>
>>"Geoffrey S. Mendelson" <gsm@mendelson.com> wrote in message
>>news:slrnbhohnj.7g5.gsm@cable.mendelson.com...
>>
>>>In article <3F1BFB13.1070109@psu.edu>, Mike Coslo wrote:
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>>>>This cannot be, for no one wants to take anything away from Morse code
>>>>users.
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>>>Why not, 8 years ago, the Arrl did a survey. They asked amateurs who had
>>>passed a morse code exam if they EVER used morse code. Two out of three
>>>responded "no". I.e. 2/3's of the hams surveyed NEVER used morse code.
>>>
>>>Of course in those days they spun it as "1 out 3 sometimes uses morse
>>
>>code".
>>
>>>So if it came to a vote you'd have a hard time keeping things as they
>>
> are.
>
>>>Geoff.
>>
>>The ARRL had a new survey in the last 6 months. Half of the respondants
>
> use
>
>>morse any where from occasionally to 100% of the time. Morse code usage
>>appears to be on the rise. In the past year, participation in the ARRL
>>Morse contests showed an increase of 20% over the previous year.
>>Participation in the voice contests was practically the same as last year
>>with virtually no growth.
>>
>>So that 8 year old survey does not reflect today's situation.
>>
>>Dee D. Flint, N8UZE
>>
>
>

> Forget it Dee. You cant convince the no coder. They believe their own
> propaganda.

What I would like to know is where are our NCI buddies? Aren't they against this sort of thing? Where is Carl jumping to our defense? Bill Sohl? Where have ya gone, Joe DiMaggio?

2298. Re: Smells like type acceptance

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-22 02:04:02 UTC
From: "Ryan, KC8PMX" <kc8pmx@diamondcs.net>
Message-ID: <bfjabv$f5ot3$4@ID-189073.news.uni-berlin.de>
Source record: 72240

(yeah... off-topic but I am a fan of both shows mentioned)

I just had a interesting though in relation to that television show.....
Since Briscoe on "Law and Order" and Sipowitz on "NYPD Blue" both can't seem
to keep a partner, I think it would be cool to see the series where they are
both partners eh?

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Ryan, KC8PMX
FF1-FF2-MFR-(pending NREMT-B!)
--. --- -.. ... .- -. --. . .-.. ... .- .-. . ..-. .. .-. . ..-.
.. --. .... - . .-. ...

> This isn't Lennie Briscoe and "Law and Order" where warrants appear
> out of thin air. Our usual lead time on an equipment seizure
> warrant was three days and that was considered "fast".
>
> If you haven't figured it out by now, applying for and getting
> warrants was one of my major specialties at the FCC and I've been told
> the procedures and the roadblocks haven't changed.
>
> --
> 73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane
>
> From a Clearing in the Silicon Forest
> Beaverton (Washington County) Oregon
>
>

2299. Re: Ham Radio In The Post-Code Testing Era

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-22 02:12:00 UTC
From: Hans Kohb <k0hb@earthlink.net>
Message-ID: <d7e60ca0f066746be91d84520dc08438.128005@mygate.mailgate.org>
Source record: 72134

"N2EY" <N2EY@AOL.COM> wrote

> Your proposal is actually a four-class system, with three tests:
> two written and one code.

I call it a two-class system, "Basic" and "Standard", each of which could be endorsed for HF operation upon passing a 5WPM Morse exam. If it suits your agenda, feel free to call that four classes.

> The only incentive offered for more
> technical tests is more power.

Incentive? I consider incentive licensing to be a spectaculure failure, mostly an attempt at "social engineering" by ARRL/FCC, and my proposal is not based on "incentives". The difference in power levels is based on safety issues --- the Basic test material probably would not prepare a licensee to safely deal with "full gallon" powered stations. (As an aside, I do not belive the current Technican exam prepares an applicant for these power levels either.)

73, de Hans, K0HB

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Posted via Mailgate.ORG Server - http://www.Mailgate.ORG

2300. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-22 02:16:32 UTC
From: "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net>
Message-ID: <481Ta.11839$Vx2.5679018@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com>
Source record: 72135

"Kim W5TIT" <fahgedit@nomail.net> wrote in message
news:bfi2mndjt1@adenine.netfront.net...
> Dee, I can understand that kind of sentiment for things other than "hobby"
> or "interest" related items. Perhaps those who chose to wait until
testing
> philosophies met their expectations/requirements/likes, did so because
they
> were very busy succeeding at financial matters, like work, family, church,
> etc.?
>

Then rather than demanding a change of requirements, then they should wait to pursue the hobby until they have time for it. I've many times put a variety of things on hold for higher priorities such as family and job. I didn't expect the rest of the world to change because of my wants.

No one has as much time available as they would like so they have to make choices. That's true in all aspects of one's life including hobbies.

Should I really expect to be first chair clarinet in our community band (a voluntary hobby group) when I don't put in the time to practice enough to be good enough. No. Same with other hobby activities. Wanting something, even in a hobby, is not sufficient. You've got to put in the effort.

Dee D. Flint, N8UZE

2301. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-22 02:27:44 UTC
From: "Ryan, KC8PMX" <kc8pmx@diamondcs.net>
Message-ID: <bfjac0$f5ot3$5@ID-189073.news.uni-berlin.de>
Source record: 72241

Probably they are hams that cannot speak very well or have terrible voices
eh??

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Ryan, KC8PMX
FF1-FF2-MFR-(pending NREMT-B!)
--. --- -.. ... .- -. --. . .-.. ... .- .-. . ..-. .. .-. . ..-.
.. --. .... - . .-. ...
> > No, what I meant is that its a better situation for me if more Hams use
> Morse
> > code. For one thing, I won't be talking to them. But, I'm not going to
go
> and
> > recruit people to use Morse code.
>
> You want other hams to use Morse so you don't have to talk to them.
That's
> extremely anti-social on your part and totally opposite of your previously
> stated desires that you would like to get hams to be more social.
>
> Dee D. Flint, N8UZE
>

2302. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-22 02:29:38 UTC
From: Dave Heil <k8mn@earthlink.net>
Message-ID: <3F1CA182.C55F527F@earthlink.net>
Source record: 72137

"Steve Robeson, K4CAP" wrote:
>
> lenover21@aol.com (Len Over 21) wrote in message
news:<20030720231604.02627.00000178@mb-m02.aol.com>...
> > In article <tOGSa.11534$Vx2.5481863@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com>, "Dee D. Flint"
> > <deehays@qix.net> writes:
>
> > >If you wait for opportunity to knock, it never will.
> >
> > "Knock" it off. Test element 1 is on the way OUT. Realize it.
>
> WHOA!~ Lennie! You FINALLY accept this...?!?! Well gee
> willikers! Then we can assume (remembering the caveat for "assuming",
> of course) that you are going to bite the bullet and get
> licensed...?!?!

It should be apparent, Steve: Right out of the next box.

Dave K8MN

2303. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-22 02:37:20 UTC
From: "Ryan, KC8PMX" <kc8pmx@diamondcs.net>
Message-ID: <bfjac2$f5ot3$6@ID-189073.news.uni-berlin.de>
Source record: 72242

"Vshah101" <vshah101@aol.com> wrote in message
news:20030720221027.14567.00000232@mb-m02.aol.com...
> From: "Dee D. Flint" deehays@qix.net
>
> >You want other hams to use Morse so you don't have to talk to them.
That's
> >extremely anti-social on your part and totally opposite of your
previously
> >stated desires that you would like to get hams to be more social.
>
> I don't want to talk to some older males. Thats not anti-social.

Same with me too.... but there are some that I would like to talk to as
well, but I would definitely love to see more women on the air!

>
> And they are there Fri, Sat night on several bands, including 40m, 2m, and
ATV.
> I know from the DXpedition in May.
>
> Many Hams will work DX. They get a thrill from that. But, they won't talk
to
> the person next door or to anyone in person. Thats why a local Ham's
neighbor
> complained that the Ham has too many antennas at his house.
>

That is something I have observed as well..... kinda like the addage, "I am
a ham operator, I have friends all over the world, but none in my backyard!"
I believe (IMHO) that we should work outward from where we are getting to
know our nieghbors first, and working out like the ripples in a pond after a
rock is thrown into it. My personal preference is to get to know a person
for who they are, what they are passionate and interested about,
likes/dislikes etc., for the times when I am not operating in a public
service/emergency communications setting.

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Ryan, KC8PMX
FF1-FF2-MFR-(pending NREMT-B!)
--. --- -.. ... .- -. --. . .-.. ... .- .-. . ..-. .. .-. . ..-.
.. --. .... - . .-. ...

2304. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-22 03:00:42 UTC
From: "Ryan, KC8PMX" <kc8pmx@diamondcs.net>
Message-ID: <bfjac3$f5ot3$7@ID-189073.news.uni-berlin.de>
Source record: 72243

> >I suppose Larry will never consider me a fully-fledged ham, even with 20
> >wpm, 'cause I operate 100% phone, LOL.
>
> Alun, my opinion of you as a ham is not dependant on your usage of CW.
> All I ask is that you don't whine about it, and that as a ham, you make an
> effort to do something more challenging than just yakking into a
> microphone. That would imply the use of at least one digital mode. CW
> operation would be the icing on the cake, and go a long way to impress
> me.

(seriously asking this question)
So if a person is getting into technical research, project building of any kind (generically speaking), or any other strong contribution to amateur radio, but DOES like to "yakking into a microphone" whilst on the air is a bad thing?

Just curious,

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Ryan, KC8PMX
FF1-FF2-MFR-(pending NREMT-B!)
--. --- -.. ... .- -. --. . .-.. ... .- .-. . ..-. .. .-. . ..-.
.. --. .... - . .-. ...

2305. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-22 03:06:52 UTC
From: "Ryan, KC8PMX" <kc8pmx@diamondcs.net>
Message-ID: <bfjac4$f5ot3$8@ID-189073.news.uni-berlin.de>
Source record: 72245

Ya know, I actually see that comment as kinda funny..... At least in my area, as I cannot speak for the country as a whole, I am seeing a 100-300% increase in the foreclosure notices in the newspapers around here. Surprisingly I saw one where the final debt was only like 8000 bucks! And of course I have seen quite a few in the $200,000-350,000 range as well, but do not feel sorry for those elitist, yuppie a$$holes who purchase way beyond their means.

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Ryan, KC8PMX
FF1-FF2-MFR-(pending NREMT-B!)
--. --- -.. ... .- -. --. . .-.. ... .- .-. . ..-. .. .-. . ..-.
.. --. .... - . .-. ...

> Ditto buying a house. With interest rates at 40 year lows, now people
> can afford to move out of crappy neighborhoods.
>
> Different people have different reasons. I don't know why they didn't
> move out of the crappy neighborhoods 10 years ago, but...

2306. Re: Why don't Real Hams you face the facts?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-22 03:06:58 UTC
From: Dave Heil <k8mn@earthlink.net>
Message-ID: <3F1CAADB.F77FFB7@earthlink.net>
Source record: 72139

Kim W5TIT wrote:
>
> "Dave Heil" <k8mn@earthlink.net> wrote in message
> news:3F1C0F27.E2909DAE@earthlink.net...
> > Kim W5TIT wrote:
> >
> > > Whenever I used to bootleg--and I did before I was licensed, I always
> made
> > > extra sure to stay out of ham radio frequencies--most hams know too much
> > > about R&R and DFing. ;)
> >
> > Such seems in character for you, Kim.
> >
> > > I won't do it now but only because I don't want to
> > > compromise my license.
> >
> > So, not because it was illegal, only so you don't lose your license.

>
> Absolutely! The only reason I don't kill someone is because I don't believe
> in killing; not because it's illegal. Do you only refrain from doing things
> because they are illegal? You really should get out of that book!

So you don't believe in killing someone (which is illegal) but you
didn't mind bootlegging on the radio (which is illegal). You believe in
one but not the other. You'd have us believe that it is a simple matter
of personal choice.

If you believed in killing someone (which is illegal), the legality
wouldn't matter to you by your logic. Society's rules are the ones
which count, Kim.

Dave K8MN

2307. Re: Why don't Real Hams you face the facts?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-22 03:13:03 UTC
From: Dave Heil <k8mn@earthlink.net>
Message-ID: <3F1CAC49.66F2AC48@earthlink.net>
Source record: 72140

Bert Craig wrote:
>
> Dave Heil <k8mn@earthlink.net> wrote in message
news:<3F1C0F27.E2909DAE@earthlink.net>...
> > Kim W5TIT wrote:
> >
> > > Whenever I used to bootleg--and I did before I was licensed, I always made
> > > extra sure to stay out of ham radio frequencies--most hams know too much
> > > about R&R and DFing. ;)
> >
> > Such seems in character for you, Kim.
> >
> > > I won't do it now but only because I don't want to
> > > compromise my license.
> >
> > So, not because it was illegal, only so you don't lose your license.
> >
> > Dave K8MN
>
> Hi Dave,
>
> You kinda conveniently left out "Well, along with the fact that now I
> realize what an idiot I was being." I believe that pretty much answers
> your last query.

I don't think it does as evidenced by her reply to my comments.

> We ALL make foolish errors in our youth and most of
> us eventually grow up, hopefully, wiser for the wear. It's got sump'n
> to do with casting the first stone or some such saying. ;-)

Kim didn't write that this was stuff she'd done in her youth. I was
never a bootlegger in my youth or in my adulthood. Were you? :-)

Dave K8MN

> 73 de Bert
> WA2SI

2308. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-22 03:20:24 UTC
From: Dave Heil <k8mn@earthlink.net>
Message-ID: <3F1CAE03.40DE1BE8@earthlink.net>
Source record: 72141

Len Over 21 wrote:

>
> COMSEC or COMmunications SECurity is the current buzzword (of the
> last decade or so) and refers to any means of encryption in military
> communications.

The last decade or so? I can confirm that the military used the term at least as far back as 1968. It appears in DOS material dating back at least forty years. COMSEC refers not only to "any means of encryption" but the equipment used for carrying out the secure communications.

Dave K8MN

2309. FCC MO&O (FCC Docket 03-175)

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-22 03:24:58 UTC
From: n0jaa@aol.compost
Message-ID: <20030721232458.03043.00000524@mb-m01.aol.com>
Source record: 72142

Subj: [CLARC] FCC Memorandum Opinion & Order (FCC Docket 03-175)
Date: 7/21/2003 10:20:26 PM Central Daylight Time

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AMENDMENT OF PART 15 OF THE COMMISSION'S RULES TO ALLOW CERTIFICATION OF EQUIPMENT IN THE 24.05 - 24.25 GHZ BAND AT FIELD STRENGTHS UP TO 2500 MV/M.
Denied the Petition for Reconsideration filed by the National Association for Amateur Radio (ARRL) in response to our Report and Order in this proceeding. (Dkt. No. 98-156). Action by: the Commission.
Adopted: 07/15/2003 by MO&O. (FCC No. 03-175). OET

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Federal Communications Commission FCC 03- 175
Before the Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D. C. 20554

In the matter of Amendment of Part 15 of the Commission’s Rules
to allow certification of equipment in the 24.05 – 24.25 GHz band
at field strengths up to 2500 mV/ m

ET Docket No. 98- 156

MEMORANDUM OPINION AND ORDER
Adopted: July 15, 2003 Released: July 21, 2003
By the Commission:

INTRODUCTION
1. By this memorandum opinion and order, we deny the petition for reconsideration filed by the National Association for Amateur Radio (ARRL) [1] in response to our Report and Order in this proceeding. [2] We affirm the decision to allow the unlicensed operation under Part 15 of the Rules of fixed point-to-point transmitters in the 24.05 - 24.25 GHz band at field strengths up to 2500 mV/m. We reject ARRL’s argument that such operation will result in an increased risk of interference to licensed amateur operations.

BACKGROUND
2. In the Report and Order, the Commission amended Part 15 of the Rules to allow unlicensed operation of fixed point-to-point transmitters in the 24.05 - 24.25 GHz band with field strengths up to 2500 mV/m. [3] The Commission also adopted strict frequency stability requirements to limit out-of-band emissions to minimal levels. [4] The Commission further decided that such devices must use directional antennas with gains of at least 33 dBi or a main lobe beamwidth not exceeding 3.5 degrees. [5] In taking this action, the Commission concluded that it is in the public interest to allow such operation

on an unlicensed basis to supplement the growing demand for licensed point-to-point facilities that satisfy important communications needs.

Notes

[1] Petition for reconsideration filed by the National Association for Amateur Radio (ARRL), also known as The American Radio Relay League, Incorporated.

[2] Amendment of Part 15 of the Commission’s Rules to allow certification of equipment in the 24.05 – 24.25 GHz band at field strengths up to 2500 mV/m, ET Docket No. 98-156, Report and Order, 16 FCC Record 22, 337 (2001).

[3] Report and Order at ¶7. 47 CFR § 15.249 (b)(1).

[4] Id. at ¶15. 5 Id., 47 CFR § 15.249 (b)(3). The Commission also licenses transmitters in the 24.05 - 24.25 GHz band under Part 90 of the Rules. 47 C. F. R. § 90. 103.

For example, the Commission concluded that increasing the field strength limit would promote greater use of Part 15 unlicensed devices for emergency restoration of communications in disaster situations, low-cost telecommunications delivery in rural areas, and other beneficial applications.

3. The Commission declined to adopt ARRL's proposal to require manufacturers to maintain detailed records of unlicensed transmitter installations operating with the parameters authorized in this proceeding and to supply this information periodically to ARRL for coordination purposes. It found that ARRL had failed to demonstrate a sufficient potential for interference or to provide any other basis for such a requirement. The Commission also reaffirmed its initial decision to exclude the 24.00 – 24.05 GHz sub- band due to the potential interference to primary amateur satellite operations and the uncertain operating
characteristics of future amateur satellites in that band.

DISCUSSION
4. Petition for reconsideration. In its petition, ARRL argues that the power level and antenna gain/ beamwidth figures adopted in the Report and Order for fixed point-to-point equipment operating in the 24.05 - 24.25 GHz band are inappropriate for unlicensed operation under Part 15 due to the potential for interference to licensed amateur services. [6] In particular, ARRL is concerned about interference to the terrestrial amateur weak-signal stations that operate at 24.192 GHz within the 24.05 – 24.25 GHz band and notes that these stations utilize the same sensitive receivers as do amateur satellite communications in the 24.00 – 24.05 GHz sub band. ARRL contends that

unlicensed fixed point-to-point operation in the 24.05 - 24.25 GHz band with 2500 mV/m and antenna gains of 33 dBi will create a "significant interference potential" to these licensed amateur services. [7] While admitting in their reply that it is proper for the Commission to make a determination of interference potential in each case, [8] ARRL asserts that the Commission improperly drew the line in this proceeding. [9] ARRL argues that the Commission's authority to authorize unlicensed operation under Part 15 is limited by Section 301 [10] of the Communications Act to instances where the Commission finds that there is not a "substantial" or "significant interference potential" to licensed services. [11] ARRL further argues that Section 302 (a) [12] obligates the Commission to limit the interference potential of RF devices, and creates no exception to the Section 301 licensing requirement for devices that have significant potential for interference to licensed radio services. [13] ARRL contends that if a RF device is found by the Commission to have a significant

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[6] ARRL petition at 2.
[7] ARRL reply at 1 - 5.
[8] Id. at 3.
[9] Id. at, e. g., 17, and generally.
[10] Section 301 generally provides the statutory basis under the Communications Act for licensing the operation of “apparatus used for the transmission of energy or communications or signals by radio . . .” 47 U. S. C. § 301.
[11] ARRL petition at i, 5, and as clarified in ARRL reply at 1 - 5.
[12] Section 302 (a) states that “The Commission may, consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity, make reasonable regulations (1) governing the interference potential of devices which in their operation are capable of emitting radio frequency energy by radiation, conduction, or other means in sufficient degree to cause harmful interference to radio communications; and (2) establishing minimum performance standards for home electronic equipment and systems to reduce their susceptibility to interference from radio frequency energy. Such regulations shall be applicable to the manufacture, import, sale, offer for sale, or shipment of such devices and home electronic equipment and systems, and to the use of such devices.” 47 U. S. C. § 302 (a).
[13] ARRL petition at 1 and 7; and ARRL reply, generally, at 1- 5.
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interference potential, it is improper for the Commission to rely upon the requirement to cease operation under Section 15.5(c) [14] in cases where harmful interference is being caused. [15] It also asserts that devices such as those authorized in this proceeding

serve the same function as licensed point-to-point microwave services, and therefore require individual licenses. [16] Finally, ARRL requests that we “reconsider and reverse the portion of the Report and Order that addresses the Commission’s jurisdiction to authorize unlicensed operation of radio devices which have significant potential for interference to licensed radio services pursuant to Section 302(a) of the Communications Act...” [17]

5. On the other hand, as clarified in its reply, ARRL explicitly states that it does not challenge the Commission's general authority to authorize unlicensed operations under Part 15. ARRL also concurs that the Commission can make reasonable regulations regarding Part 15 devices pursuant to Section 302(a) of the Act. [18] Indeed, ARRL notes that it takes no issue with the bulk of the Part 15 decisions made by the Commission over the years. [19] ARRL states its belief that, below some interference potential, it is appropriate for the Commission to authorize unlicensed operation under Part 15. [20] In particular, ARRL accedes that the question of where to draw the line between licensed operation under Section 301 and unlicensed operation under Part 15 is "not a fixed, bright-line determination premised on an ERP or EIRP level, or a fixed field strength.” [21] ARRL further states that the line is "dependent in every case on those factors, plus, for example, duty cycle, bandwidth, antenna gain or loss, emission type, deployment area, and the number of devices to be deployed." Finally, ARRL acknowledges that "the Commission is the proper authority to draw the line in each instance, just as it does now."

6. Opposition. In opposition to the petition for reconsideration, the IEEE Project 802 Local and Metropolitan Area Network Committee (IEEE 802) and the Information Technology Industry Council (ITI) argue that the Commission properly concluded that the potential for interference to licensed services from the systems authorized by the Report and Order is sufficiently low to allow their operation under Part 15. [22] ITI argues that, unlike the 24.0 – 24.05 GHz band, which is designated primarily for amateur satellite operation, the 24.05 – 24.25 GHz band is shared with Radio Location Services, Earth Satellite Services, Part 90 Private Land Mobile devices, Part 18 Industrial, Scientific and Medical (ISM) equipment, and Part 15.249 radio devices. [23] ITI notes that the systems authorized in the Report and Order for unlicensed operation under Part 15 in this frequency range are highly directional point-to-point systems. Consequently, ITI argues that, even operating at 2500 mV/m using narrow beam directional antennas, these line-of-sight systems, should not pose any undue or significant threat to licensed amateur operation. Opponents also uniformly disagree with ARRL's interpretation that Section 301 posits a bright-line "significant interference potential" threshold for requiring individual licensing. They argue that the Commission properly exercised its authority in the Report and Order to authorize unlicensed operation under Part 15 in this proceeding.

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[14] Section 15.5(c) states: “The operator of a radio frequency device shall be required to cease operating the device upon notification by a Commission representative that the device is causing harmful interference. Operation shall not resume until the condition causing the harmful interference has been corrected.” 47 USC § 15.5(c).
[15] ARRL petition at 10.
[16] Id. at i and 12.
[17] Id. at 1.
[18] ARRL reply at 7.
[19] Id. at 2 - 3.
[20] Id. at 3. 21 Id.
[22] IEEE 802 opposition at paragraph 22, and ITI response at 2.
[23] ITI response at 2.

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7. Decision. At its most fundamental level, ARRL asserts that the Commission improperly concluded in the Report and Order that the unlicensed operation authorized therein would not create an increased risk of interference to licensed amateur services. Specifically, ARRL argues that unlicensed point-to-point operation in the 24.05 – 24.25 GHz band at 2500 mV/m creates a “significant” or “substantial” interference potential to licensed amateur services. We reject that proposition and, in doing so, also find the remainder of ARRL's petition to be without merit.

8. We affirm the central technical finding made in the Report and Order, namely, that devices having field strengths up to 2500 mV/m and conforming to the specified directional antenna requirements are suitable for unlicensed operation under Part 15 in the 24.05 – 24.25 GHz band. In particular, we affirm the conclusion that devices operating within these requirements will not increase the interference potential to licensed amateur services in the band. [24] The Commission found that the use of a directional antenna would change the shape of the radiated field but not increase the total geographic area being radiated. In other words, while signals will travel further along the narrow path of intended communication, the signals will be limited in all other directions. [25] The Commission found support for this rationale in other proceedings which find that a directional antenna requirement would ensure that the area over which harmful interference can occur is equivalent to what would be caused by a transmitter using an omni- directional antenna operating at a lower output power. [26] The Commission further rejected arguments by ARRL that the decision strayed from an earlier Commission decision in Docket No. 79-337 that denied a request to allow low power, fixed systems in the 24.05 - 24.25 GHz band. [27] In light of the much higher transmitter output power levels involved

in that proceeding (up to 100 mW, as compared with typically less than 1 mW herein), the Commission found that the interference concerns addressed in Docket No. 79-337 were significantly greater that those at issue in this proceeding.

9. Due to the very narrow transmit antenna beamwidth authorized in this proceeding, an amateur receive antenna is highly unlikely to be illuminated by an unlicensed transmitting antenna unless the two antennas are oriented in direct alignment. In the event that a boresight alignment occurs, any interference that might result should be readily identified for remedial action because of the fixed nature of the unlicensed operation authorized in this proceeding. Furthermore, as noted in the Report and Order, Part 15 field disturbance sensors are already permitted to operate at field strengths up to 2500 mV/m in the 24.075 - 24.175 GHz band segment. [28] These devices have been authorized for years with no adverse impact on other users in the band, including amateur operations. [29] Consequently, we agree with ITI that these line- of- sight systems authorized in the Report and Order, even operating at 2500 mV/m using narrow beam directional antennas, should not pose any undue or significant threat to licensed amateur operations. [30]

10. ARRL presents no new information concerning the interference potential of the devices authorized in the Report and Order and merely reargues its contention that the interference potential is so

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[24] Report and Order at ¶ 7, n. 13, and ¶ 8.
[25] Id. at ¶ 8.
[26] Report and Order (" Spread Spectrum R& O"), Amendment of Parts 2 and 15 of the Commission's Rules Regarding Spreading Spectrum Transmitters, ET Docket No. 96-8, 12 FCC Rcd 7488 (1997) at ¶ 17.

[27] Report and Order, supra at ¶ 9. Citing Second Report and Order in Gen. Docket No. 79-337, 55 RR 2d 1676 (1983).
[28] Report and Order at ¶ 8. 47 C. F. R. § 25.245.
[29] Report and Order at ¶ 8.
[30] ITI Response at 2.
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great as to be inappropriate for unlicensed status under Part 15. We find that ARRL’s arguments do little more than disagree with the technical analysis and conclusions in the Report and Order concerning the interference potential of the operation authorized therein. Bare disagreement, absent new facts and arguments, is insufficient grounds for granting reconsideration. [31] Furthermore, petitions for reconsideration are not granted for the purpose of altering our basic findings or debating matters that have been fully considered and substantively settled. [32] The resolution of the issue regarding the

interference potential of operation with 2500 mV/m has been the central question of this rule making from the outset. Full opportunity for all affected parties to comment has been afforded and we have fully considered all relevant matters in the record. In the absence of any new information, and in light of our review herein of the analysis and judgments made in the Report and Order, we find ARRL’s arguments about the increased interference potential to be repetitive and without merit.

11. According to ARRL, Section 301 of the Act requires individual licensing whenever there is a finding by the Commission of a significant interference potential to licensed services. Consequently, under ARRL’s interpretation of our statutory authority, the purported violation of Section 301 has no basis unless we accept ARRL's proposition that the interference potential with 2500 mV/m is so high in this particular case as to be inappropriate for unlicensed operation under Part 15. As affirmed above, we reject the assertion that there is a significant interference potential from the unlicensed operation authorized in the Report and Order. Because we find no such significant interference potential, we need not reach ARRL’s statutory argument.

12. ARRL also asserts that devices such as those authorized in this proceeding may be used to serve the same function as licensed point-to- point microwave services, and therefore must be licensed. [33] However, ARRL provides no support or rationale for the proposition that a device is per se disqualified from unlicensed operation solely because it may be used for a similar function as provided by another service that might be licensed. We find ARRL's contention in that regard to be without merit.

13. Finally, ARRL requests “that the Commission reconsider and reverse that portion of the Report and Order which addresses the Commission’s jurisdiction to authorize the unlicensed operation of radio frequency devices which have significant potential for interference to licensed radio services, pursuant to Section 302 (a) of the Communications Act...” [34] Citing paragraph 12 of the Report and Order, ARRL argues that “... the Commission is incorrect in its assumption that it has unfettered jurisdiction pursuant to Section 302(a) of the Communications Act to authorize unlicensed devices, regardless of the interference potential of those devices to licensed radio services.” [35]

14. We reject ARRL’s characterization of the Commission’s decision in the Report and Order. In paragraph 12 of the Report and Order, the Commission cited Section 302 of the Act as a basis for our authority to adopt rules governing unlicensed operations under Part 15. By way of explaining that authority, the Commission noted that the operating requirements of Part 15 appropriately provide a means for allowing unlicensed devices to share spectrum with licensed services with little risk of interference to licensed services.

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[31] See, e.g., Regulatory Policy Regarding the Direct Broadcast Satellite Service, Memorandum Opinion and Order, 94 FCC 2d 741, 747-748 (1983) (citing, e.g., WWIZ, Inc., 37 FCC 685, 686 (1964), aff'd sub nom., Lorain Journal Co. v. FCC, 351 F. 2d 824 (DC Cir. 1965), cert. denied, 383 US 967 (1966); Florida Gulfcoast Broadcasters, Inc., 37 FCC 833 (1964); Employment Practices of Stations -- Charlotte, NC Market, 77 FCC 2d 1 (1980); WEOK Broadcasting, 4 Rad. Reg. 2d (P&F) 503 (1965)).
[32] Id.
[33] ARRL petition at i and 24.
[34] Id. at 1.
[35] Id. at 4 - 5. 5

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Significantly, ARRL concurs in its reply that it is appropriate for the Commission to make reasonable regulations regarding Part 15 devices pursuant to Section 302(a) of the Act. [36] The technical operating parameters adopted in the Report and Order are designed to ensure that the interference risk will not be increased to licensed amateur services and we affirm that the rules adopted in the Report and Order are reasonable for regulating the unlicensed operation that was authorized under Part 15 in this proceeding. ORDERING CLAUSES

15. Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED that pursuant to Sections 4(i), 302, 303(e) 303(f), 303(g), 303(r) and 405 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 USC §§ 154(i), 302, 303(e), 303(f), 303(g) and 405, the petition for reconsideration filed by ARRL IS DENIED.

16. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the proceeding in ET Docket No. 98-156 IS TERMINATED. FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION Marlene H. Dortch Secretary

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Notes

[36] ARRL reply at 7. 6

End.

"We have captured lightning and used it to teach sand how to think."

2310. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-22 03:27:04 UTC
From: Dave Heil <k8mn@earthlink.net>
Message-ID: <3F1CAF93.FB7D5A99@earthlink.net>
Source record: 72143

Len Over 21 wrote:
>
> In article <Xns93BFB60E779F1elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>, Alun Palmer
> <elektros@yahoo.com> writes:
>
> >k4yz@aol.com (Steve Robeson, K4CAP) wrote in
> >news:5c01b95b.0307210526.37a7cbdd@posting.google.com:
> > >
> > >> lenover21@aol.com (Len Over 21) wrote in message
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> > >> WHOA!~ Lennie! You FINALLY accept this...?!?! Well gee
> > >> willikers! Then we can assume (remembering the caveat for "assuming",
> > >> of course) that you are going to bite the bullet and get
> > >> licensed...?!?!
> >
> > >
> > >I hope he does. He's running out of excuses.
> >
> Sorry, Alun, but I've already been licensed in radio (since 1956). :-)

What has that to do with amateur radio? You've mentioned your
commercial license (issued in 1956) so many times that you can only be
attempting to impress hams. Wow, Len. I'm impressed.

> I've never expressed any real intent to get an amateur radio license in
> here.

Why certainly you have, Leonard. You've told us on a number of
occasions of your interest dating back several decades. You told us
just a few years ago that you were going for an "Extra right out of the
box". So are we to believe your earlier statements or this one?

> My involvement is to eliminate the US code test for any radio
> license examination. It's as simple as that.

Well, it is as peculiar as that.

Dave K8MN

2311. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-22 03:33:21 UTC
From: Dave Heil <k8mn@earthlink.net>
Message-ID: <3F1CB10C.1DA487F6@earthlink.net>
Source record: 72144

Vshah101 wrote:
>
> From: Dave Heil k8mn
>
> >> I don't want to talk to some older males. Thats not anti-social.
> >
> >If we go by your rules, it certainly is.
>
> Its still consistent. Those Hams are on the radio, not in person. For example,
> those Hams at the "DXpedition" contacted other (anti-social) Hams on Sat night,
> but did not meet anyone in person.

Fine, Vipul. Then those hams present with you must not have talked to
each other or to you. If they did otherwise, there was social
interaction. I've worked several hams in India any number of times over
the past couple of decades. I've never met them in person nor have I
telephoned them to chat and ask of their families. By your definition,
I'm anti-social.

> That has nothing to do with the technical part of the hobby. The technical part
> occurred during the antenna and equipment setup. There was plenty of operating
> during the day, so operating on Sat night more represented the social aspect
> more than any technical aspect. Therefore, this is how those Hams spent their
> Sat night. Seems anti-social to me.

Who are you to tell people enjoying their hobby as a group what they
should be doing with their Saturdays?

> >You didn't go on a DXpedition.
>
> They called it a DXpedition.

They were wrong. You've been corrected several times before but you
continue to put forth the error as fact. You are wrong.

> >> Many Hams will work DX. They get a thrill from that. But, they won't talk
> >to
> >> the person next door or to anyone in person.
> >
> >Your record is stuck, Vipul. Your claim is simply another tired
> >stereotype offered without proof of any kind.
>
> I gave an example above where the Hams contacted people through the radio, but
> did not meet anyone in person. (Probably avoided it). This was not my local
> club. It was a random group of Hams.

I hope we don't have a QSO, Vipul. I couldn't take the suspense of waiting for you to show up at my door. Are you familiar with the term "flakey"?

Dave K8MN

2312. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-22 03:36:01 UTC
From: Dwight Stewart <stewart@say.net>
Message-ID: <BB422960.1F31E%stewart@say.net>
Source record: 72145

"Len Over 21" wrote:
>
> I've never heard the term "OPSEC" in the 1950s
> while on active duty or any time as a civilian
> from the 1960s on through the end of the 1980s
> while visiting different military branch
> installations. (snip)

I guess it depends on the MOS or where you were working. Where I worked, we had mandatory "OPSEC" classes (in Germany in the early 70's), covering need-to-know procedures, document and material control, and so on. We had to attend these classes every six months or so to keep our security clearance valid.

> (snip) COMSEC or COMmunications SECurity is the
> current buzzword (of the last decade or so) and
> refers to any means of encryption in military
> communications.

You were in military communications, right? If so, surely you were around a COM-SHACK or COM-CENTER. By the mid-60's, I think every radio room in the military (certainly in the Army) was called "COM" something. Out of that came many acronyms with "COM" in it, including COMSEC. When I went through training in 1970, I had a binder with "COMSEC" stamped on it (contained basic security procedures).

Dwight Stewart (W5NET)

http://www.qsl.net/w5net/

2313. Re: CW sub-bands must disapear

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-22 03:44:44 UTC
From: Robert Casey <wa2ise@ix.netcom.com>
Message-ID: <3F1CB32C.40103@ix.netcom.com>
Source record: 72146

Jim Hampton wrote:

>Do you have a 20 dB pad in front of your meter? :)
>
>73 from Rochester, NY
>Jim AA2QA
>
>
>"Robert Casey" <wa2ise@ix.netcom.com> wrote in message
>news:3F1C56A8.9000302@ix.netcom.com...
>
>
>>Trollometer:
>>
>>|||||||||||||||||--------
>>1 3 5 7 9 +10 +20
>>
>>
>>
Oh yes, my attenuator button is "on". :-)

2314. Re: ARS License Numbers

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-22 03:46:37 UTC
From: Dave Heil <k8mn@earthlink.net>
Message-ID: <3F1CB427.B526B4DF@earthlink.net>
Source record: 72147

Vshah101 wrote:
>
> From: Dave Heil k8mn
>
> >I thought you told us that hams don't homebrew gear.
>
> I guess VHF/UHF/Microwave or QRP clubs do.

Then why do you persist in spreading the falsehood that hams don't homebrew equipment?

> >What would you expect hams to talk about a ham radio club meeting?
>
> It was an operating event, not a club meeting.

For purposes of our discussion, it matters not. What would you expect hams to talk about at a ham radio operating event? Did you find the question difficult?

>
> I did not expect them to be similar to other clubs.

Your life seems full of dashed expectations and false assumptions.

> When I asked different
> people about their setup, he seemed busy and not wanting to talk about it. If
> it was me, I would happily explain what I made, brag about it, show interested
> people schematics, share technical info, etc.

The more you go on with these tales, the more I suspect that you fabricate portions so as to promote your agenda.

> >However, the technical person
> >> would feel out of place there.
> >
> >You mean around the homebrew microwave gear?
>
> Yes, once they were setup, they were much the same as the non-homebrewing Ham.

Another case of unmet expectations on your part. Don't forget, there are few women too. You might want to take up flower arranging. There'd be plenty of women. An offer of a steak dinner and a couple of drinks might might persuade one of them to socialize with you.

> >Are you telling us that they sat around conversing with each other by
> >using their homebrew microwave gear while at the meeting?
>

> They contacted other Hams, not the same hams that were at the gathering, of
> course.

Great. I'll assume that they spoke to one another at this event. That's
part of socializing.

> >> What is is about Ham radio that makes you want to eat
> >> alot?
> >
> >Oh, you believe that amateur radio causes overeating. Ever hang around
> >a Burger King?
>
> Okay, it was not a random group (they were a VHF/UHF/Microwave club), but it
> was still Hams. And this trend occurs at several Ham radio events. Such events
> require little physical activity. Also, people often eat unhealthy food at
> these events. This could be a good reason for the tendency to weigh more.

Mowing my lawn takes a couple of hours with a riding mower. That
doesn't require much physical activity and I normally don't socialize
while mowing my yard. On occasion, I'll eat some unhealthy food
afterward. You'd be disappointed if you came to visit when I was mowing
my yard.

> >> Most do not like the
> >> technical aspect, either. You'll find that at any random Ham Radio
> >gathering or
> >> event.
> >
> >You don't know anything about what most do.
>
> Sure, I have not taken a poll.

Then you have no factual evidence.

> But isn't it foolish to believe otherwise when
> you always encounter is anti-social, non technical people?

I've suspected for a couple of months that the problem isn't all of
them. It seems to be the one of you.

> I "let" my club membership expire.

That'll show them!

> If I am missing a segment that fits what I am looking for, I
> would like to know about it and I would join that type of club.

On with your quest.

Dave K8MN

2315. Re: With CW gone, can the CW allocations be far behind?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-22 03:48:27 UTC
From: "Ryan, KC8PMX" <kc8pmx@diamondcs.net>
Message-ID: <bfjac6$f5ot3$9@ID-189073.news.uni-berlin.de>
Source record: 72244
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy

Oh no! And "Skylab is falling" cried Chicken Little....

"Joe Collins" <collins201@taranews.net> wrote in message
news:3871068677.165767678@taranews.net...
> Now that Bruce Parens and NCI have won the CW wars, what will happen
> to the exclusive CW allocations if a CW requirement is dropped?
> Certainly there can be no argument for keeping the current band
> structure in place, and phone operations probably ought to be spread
> out into what was once exclusively reserved for CW operators. Not
> only would this alleviate the congestion in the phone bands, but it
> would finally and officially place CW into perspective: Just another
> optional mode of operation without any exclusive rights to any
> frequency.

2316. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-22 03:48:38 UTC
From: Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net>
Message-ID: <vvmohvsb9v57gbb1phn5at97r3nndj6av3@4ax.com>
Source record: 72148

On Mon, 21 Jul 2003 10:56:47 -0500, "Dan/W4NTI"
<w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com> wrote:

>> One ham on rrap has suggested that he would not only use Morse/CW but
>> that he would send the characters so atrociously that it could not be
>> read by a computer code reader so that the NCTs couldn't know what he
>> was saying.
>>
>> You have DICK to thank for that.
>
>Ive been know to do that in some situations. I.E. When the returning
>station is sending perfect cw and cant copy a thing I sent to him. Must be
>on a reader and a keyboard. I just screw up the character spacing, or go to
>a bug. Works every time.
>
>Dan/W4NTI

I imagine it does "work" provided that your intention is to render
your transmission unintelligible to the receiving station. What I
don't understand is why anyone would want to deliberately do that. Has
ARRL or someone recently started handing out a new award that I
haven't heard of - for QSOs *not* in the logbooks?

73 DE John, KC2HMZ

2317. Re: Ham Radio In The Post-Code Testing Era

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-22 03:48:40 UTC
From: Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net>
Message-ID: <3qnohvomptdh7okbmqihsjf5bq8ihqorc8@4ax.com>
Source record: 72149

On 20 Jul 2003 02:35:45 GMT, yodoc@aol.comnospam (Larry Roll K3LT)
wrote:

>My statement about future hams having no experience with Morse/CW
>is plain FACT, not opinion, Bill.

There seem to be quite a few hams now who have no experience with
Morse/CW. There are 257,319 Technicians in the ARS, according to the
most recently posted figures from N2EY, some of which are undoubtedly
former Tech-Plus licensees renewed as Technician, but most of whom are
undoubtedly of the no-code variety. Even if 20% are renewed Tech+ then
that's still over 200,000 hams with no Morse/CW experience. And that
is a lotta hams - two or three football stadiums full, in fact.

>It is also a fact that because of their
>lack of experience, they are self-disqualified from having an "opinion"
>about the subject.

I disagree - it's not a fact, it's your opinion. I also happen to
disagree with that opinion.

Larry, no disrespect intended here, but what's your current opinion of
eating...oh...how about...elephant dung, for example?

Most of us would say that the idea sounds quite disgusting, no thanks,
I'll pass. Same goes for cat dung, rat dung, bat dung, or any other
kind of dung for that matter. I don't need to have tasted 'em all in
order to form that opinion. Similarly, one does not need to have
learned to send and receive CW at 50 WPM in order to decide that one
is not interested in that particular mode.

Note that it is not my intention to equate CW skills with animal dung,
the skill remains a useful one to have and I don't begrudge those who
enjoy CW their pleasure at using the mode - not for a single minute.
I'm merely pointing out that expertise at a particular activity is not
a prerequisite for deciding whether or not one wishes to pursue said
activity. Do I need to be able to deadlift 600 pounds in order to
decide I don't wish to be an olympic weightlifter? Nope. Can I
currently deadlift 600 pounds? Nope. Does that render my decision to
not try to deadlift 600 pounds invalid? Nope.

>>> That's not the same thing, Carl. I was referring to their "opinions," or
>>> subjective impressions, of the Morse code. The decision-making process
>>> they apply to decide whether or not to attempt to learn it is a much more
>>> objective process.

Assuming that you agreed with my opinion that eating animal dung is
not a very good idea - did you arrive at that conclusion through
subjective or objective reasoning?

>>So work te process, be a recruiter for morse.
>
>As has always been the case, the ability of any advocate of Morse code
>testing to "recruit" new hams to the mode is limited to relating their
>own experience. The new hams will be receptive to his in varying degrees,

...which will undoubtedly be directly proportional to the number of
times that another ham patiently explains the relative merits of the
mode and encourages them to give it a try, and inversely proportional
to the number of times that another ham calls them lazy, good for
nothing, not "real" hams and similar rhetoric.

>yet they will, in fact, not have the same incentive to actually give it a try
>that existed under the previous licensing process.

Hmmm, let's see...

Incentive under the old (current) licensing process: Either submit to
being coerced into learning code at a rate of at least 5 WPM, or
remain on 6m and above where, except for a relatively small number of
weak-signal enthusiasts and on repeaters that use a Morse ID'er, the
use of CW is virtually nil anyway and so their lack of Morse
proficiency matters not.

Incentive under the future licensing process: Either voluntarily
develop CW skills, or be content to either remain on the crowded phone
bands or use one of the other digital modes where, except for the
Morse ID on a RTTY or other signal or on 10m repeaters, the use of CW
will be virtually nil anyway and so their lack of Morse proficiency
matters not until they want to work the CW ops for higher point totals
during contests or to put those elusive CW ops' calls in the log.

There's definitely a difference, but I don't think it's as big a
difference as a lot of people may think.

>In the end, whether or
>not they learn it is strictly up to them, as it has always been.

Agreed...

>The problem

Ahem...the difference...

>is, in the future, they will still

Ahem...they will finally...

>have full HF privileges, so they no longer
>have nothing to lose by simply forgoing the whole Morse/CW mode.

Larry, you're supposed to be trying to convince them to try CW, remember? They *do* have something to lose by forgoing the mode. You know it, and I know it too, even though I happen to have chosen (for now at least) not to pursue the use of CW. I suspect you'll "convert" more no-coders into CW enthusiasts by pointing out what they're missing than you'll "convert" by ostracizing and villifying no-coders.

>They will, however, most likely petition the ARRL and the FCC for more
>HF phone allocations -- and where do you think they'll come from?
>
>73 de Larry, K3LT

Ahhhhh! So this isn't about the merits of the mode after all, it's a turf war! Why didn't you just say so in the first place?

I'm going to wet my pants laughing if it ends up being PSK31 or Hell or SSTV ops rather than phone ops that end up populating those parts of the bands.

73 DE John, KC2HMZ

2318. Re: How Ugly Can One Creep Be?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-22 03:48:41 UTC
From: Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net>
Message-ID: <u6qohvomuqld4jdp1q3eq13cjshu71q8un@4ax.com>
Source record: 72150

On 20 Jul 2003 04:39:06 GMT, yodoc@aol.comnospam (Larry Roll K3LT)
wrote:

>John:
>
>I see you live in Tonawanda, NY. I am a former Western New Yorker,
>having been raised in the town of Alden. I wonder if you know my good
>friend Pete Liaros, K2RSK?

Of course I do, he's very active on the airwaves in this area's 2m/440
repeaters and also operates mobile HF CW to boot. Also a fixture at
hamfests and the odd club meeting, too.

>If so, next time you see him or talk to him
>on a local repeater, let him know you know me and I'm sure he'll tell
>you all about me and how we met on 10-meters over 20 years ago!

You can hook up with him on 40m CW of course, but if you really want
to surprise him, get EchoLink and pop onto the WB2JPQ interlink system
here in western NY. Dick has his 146.835 machine connected to the
Echolink network. That machine's part of a system of linked repeaters
that covers most of this end of the state (from the Pennsylvania line
to well east of Rochester...farther when the temperature inversions
along the south shore of Lake Ontario duct the signals from the
Rochester area machine up into the Watertown area), and Pete is
frequently on one of the linked machines, when he isn't on the BARRA
link system chatting with Ted, WA2HKS.

>Whenever I visit in the WNY area, I try to have breakfast with Peter --
>pehaps you could join us sometime!

Then there is the matter of that roast beef sandwich you still have
coming...though I suppose if you'd prefer a comparably priced
breakfast...

Shoot for a Tuesday or Wednesday morning. Those are my two days off
work. Other days I work from 5AM to 1:30PM, so unless you're into
eating really late breakfasts, or want to make it lunch instead
(sending us back into roast beef territory).....

73 DE John, KC2HMZ

2319. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-22 03:48:42 UTC
From: Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net>
Message-ID: <2irohvcapfb41bkd3lv2ndorol0mdio60k@4ax.com>
Source record: 72201

On Sun, 20 Jul 2003 11:33:11 -0500, "Dan/W4NTI"
<w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com> wrote:

>Came within two questions of passing the Extra without cracking a book.
>
>Further proof of the dumbing down of the ARS.

Huh??

I passed the General class written without cracking a book...it was
the code that took me a long time to learn. The theory I learned
through some 35 years as a radio hobbyist (with some helpful
experience repairing televisions part time shortly after high school)
before finally getting a ham ticket.

In Scott's case, what he's learned prior to taking the tests almost
took him through the Extra class written.

What's the difference whether you got the knowledge from a book or
from practical experience, as long as you have that knowledge? And how
does getting it from practical experience instead of from the book
prove anything at all related to the supposed dumbing down of the ARS?

Try cracking a book on logic, OM...pay special attention to the part
where they talk about non-sequitur. ;-)

73 DE John, KC2HMZ

2320. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-22 03:48:43 UTC
From: Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net>
Message-ID: <9isohvspv6n39ik4umgkht3najb51aondd@4ax.com>
Source record: 72202

On 21 Jul 2003 06:20:16 -0700, k4yz@aol.com (Steve Robeson, K4CAP)
wrote:

>vshah101@aol.com (Vshah101) wrote in message
news:<20030720232909.14567.00000239@mb-m02.aol.com>...
>> From: yodoc@aol.comnospam (Larry Roll K3LT)
>>
>> >I was a no-coder for 14 years, and I didn't like it!
>>
>> With the whole spectrum of activities, and you still didn't like amateur radio?
>> Not enough technical areas in amateur radio to interest you? You're not a radio
>> amateur, youre an only-coder - someone that only likes code.
>
> SO WHAT...?!?!
>
> If that's what he likes, and that's what it takes to make him
>happy, who are you (or anyone else for that matter) to berate him for
>it? What part of Part 97 says we MUST do other activites?

Yet for anyone interested in something other than CW, the current
situation is quite different, isn't it? If he likes phone, or PSK31,
or SSTV, and that's what it takes to make him happy, he still MUST do
other activities (i.e., learn CW) in order to pass the current
licensing requirements.

Of course, once Part 97 is modified to reflect the changes in the
international requirements, this will presumably no longer be the
case.

73 DE John, KC2HMZ

2321. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-22 03:48:44 UTC
From: Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net>
Message-ID: <svsohv421tmg54rl6fchgus08bqpbeh8vk@4ax.com>
Source record: 72203

On 20 Jul 2003 02:22:23 GMT, n2ey@aol.com (N2EY) wrote:

>In article <3F19C79E.1090302@adelphia.net>, Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
>writes:
>
>>Reading a report on how long it will likely take for the U.S. to ratify
>>and drop Morse requirements, we are given an estimate of two years.
>
>Mike,
>
>TWO YEARS?! Who estimates that?

Second time this question's been asked in this NG. Read the following
excerpt from Amateur Radio Newsline Report 1353, July 18, 2003:

>How long will it take? Amateur Radio Newslineï¿½s David Black, KB4KCH, has
>that part of the story from our South East bureau in Birmingham Alabama.
>
>--
>
>Nobody can be quite certain when or even if the Morse requirement will
>disappear in the United States, but hereï¿½s the way it has to play out thanks
>to the way our government works.

>Since the agreements reached at WRC ï¿½03 are essentially an international
>treaty, the document has to be ratified by the United States Senate. Depending
>on their workload, that could happen before years end or it could be put off
>into the 2004 session or even beyond.

>Senate approval has to take place can the FCC begin the process under the
>Administrative Proceedures Act and issue a Notice of Inquiry. A Notice of
>Inquirey or N-O-I is the first step in the rule making process to make any
>change and gives the general public a chance to voice its opinion. And by
>public we mean every American. Not just ham radio operators.

>If there is enough interest shown in going ahead then a Notice of Proposed Rule
>making will be issued that again invites public comment. This will be followed
>by another time period for reply comments by those who might have arguments to
>counter what some initial commenters have to say. Then matter goes to the
>staff to prepare a Report and Order or Memorandum, Order and Opinion that is
>circulated to the five Commissioners who run the agency. If they approve, then
>the change become law on a date specified in the document.

>So once again the rhetoric question of how long? Hereï¿½s our guess. About
>two years minimum from the time the Senate ratifies the accords, but only if
>the FCC decides to proceed immediately there after.

>Why two years? Well as Fred Maia W5YI of the NCVEC pointed out to us, since
>Novice Enhancement some two decades ago, just about every major change in the
>structure of ham radio has taken about two years. Fred is a pretty good
>Washington watcher and his guess is 2005 at the earliest. But for now, we will
>all have to just wait and see.

>For the Amateur Radio Newsline,. Iï¿½m David Black, KB4KCH, reporting.

2322. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-22 03:48:45 UTC
From: Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net>
Message-ID: <hbtohv0msrjjc87sq6mdrdl4vlik3g5psn@4ax.com>
Source record: 72204

On 20 Jul 2003 04:39:09 GMT, yodoc@aol.comnospam (Larry Roll K3LT)
wrote:

>I wonder if the NCTA's will figure out a way to get the FCC to fast-track
>this process?

In my opinion, if FCC wants to fast-track this process, it will do so,
and if it doesn't want to fast-track the process, it won't. Bearing in
mind that comments made by FCC in its R&O on restructuring sounded as
if they'd just as soon have done away with code testing at that time
were it not for the international requirement, the question then
becomes a matter of whether or not the same powers-that-be inside FCC
are still in position to make those changes now that the international
requirement has gone the way of the vacuum tube.

>I learned the hard way. I waited 14 years, and lost out on what could have
>been the best years of my ham radio career! Now I'm 50 years old, and
>won't even qualify for QCWA membership for another three years!

Do I understand correctly, you were a no-code Tech for 14 years? Geez,
Larry, I was only a no-code Tech for a little over a year before I
passed Element 1...and you had the nerve - nay, the unmitigated
audacity! - to heckle me back when I was a no-code Tech? :-)

>Anyone who waits the (up to) two years a US No-code General/Extra
>may take would appear to be interested only in being lazy. A classic
>filter feeder.

You waited 14 years...what's that make you?

>I'll provide them some incentive: As of now, 20 July 2003 at 0321 hrs UTC,
>any prospective US ham who learns the code at the gruelling speed of 5
>WPM, passes the test, and gets their Extra will be considered by me to
>be a full-fledged ham as long as they regularly use at least one non-voice
>mode on-the-air at least 40 percent of their total operating time. Wow --
>is that a deal or what?

Ummm...not really, because:

1) It is FCC who decides who is a full-fledged ham (by issuing them a
license) and who is not - not Larry Roll (and for that matter, not me
either); and

2. Any *prospective* US ham who learns the code and gets their Extra
(as opposed to getting their General) will be villified and condemned
by you, as well as others in this NG, as a product of the (supposedly)
dumbed down written exams, even if they operate CW 100% of their total

operating time, and

3. The limitation of recognizing only *prospective* hams in this manner ignores the currently licensed Novice, Technician, General, and Advanced class licensees who have already passed a code test and who do not have an Extra ticket due to lacking Element 4 credit, even if they already meet your other requirements, and

4. Whereas someone else in this NG claimed that the fact that one of the participants in this NG missed passing Element 4 by two questions without cracking a book was proof of the (supposed) dumbing down of the ARS, and since it is possible to pass Element 1 without cracking a book, it could be argued that you are encouraging prospective hams to participate in the (supposed) dumbing down of the ARS that you've been whining about almost constantly for the past 5 years (at least) by ignoring the technical requirements of the written exams in favor of gaining proficiency with Morse code...thereby contradicting your own assertions in this NG that knowledge of CW does not artificially lower the level of technical proficiency in the ARS (and I happen to agree with you that it doesn't, but if you're going to shoot yourself in the foot here, Larry, you could at least use a .22 and aim for your little toe instead of putting a .50AE right through your instep!).

It also occurs to me that by the time you qualify for membership in QCWA, the majority of US licensees may no longer care whether one of their fellow hams knows anything about CW or not - and FCC almost certainly won't by then - if this is the best incentive you can come up with for people who aren't required to learn the code in order to get the license to develop Morse/CW skills.

If this *is* a deal, it's a raw one.

73 DE John, KC2HMZ

2323. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-22 03:48:46 UTC
From: Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net>
Message-ID: <gvuohv85glm67bok4n79s1j0hjcmnfll6q@4ax.com>
Source record: 72205

On 21 Jul 2003 03:06:36 GMT, yodoc@aol.comnospam (Larry Roll K3LT)
wrote:

>It is not unusual for amateur radio organizations to take a "politically
>correct" stance re: code testing. Even FISTS, and organization which
>hails itself as "The International Morse Preservation Society" does not
>"officially" support the concept of Morse code testing for an amateur
>radio license. I have been a member of FISTS, but haven't paid my
>dues since '01. I may "re-join," even though my FISTS number is good
>for life whether I pay the dues or not, since paying up only gets me a
>rather lame newsletter.

Since I'm not that big a fan of CW, the FISTS newsletter - focusing
understandably on CW - wasn't all that interesting to me either, but I
did get a kick out of the little cartoons on the back of the few
issues I've seen...which incidentally were drawn by the very same
Arnie Macy, KT4ST, who occasionally takes time out from his busy
schedule to participate in this very NG.

>I received my U.K. call, G0LYW, in 1989 whilst stationed at RAF
>Mildenhall, UK. I operated mainly 40- and 20-meter CW, and, oddly
>enough, a bunch of 2-meter SSB.

How were 2m operating conditions there, anyway? Seems like there might
be a lot of temperature inversion ducting going on with so much water
around. Just wondering.

>Alun, my opinion of you as a ham is not dependant on your usage of CW.

That's not quite what you said in your last post to this thread, where
you agreed to consider a full-fledged ham an Extra who operated at
least 40% of the time in CW.

>All I ask is that you don't whine about it, and that as a ham, you make an
>effort to do something more challenging than just yakking into a
>microphone. That would imply the use of at least one digital mode. CW
>operation would be the icing on the cake, and go a long way to impress
>me. However, I'm not here to be impressed by you, or anyone else. At
>the end of the day, your participation as a ham will always be driven by
>whatever provides you with the greatest satisfaction, and I don't begrudge
>anyone having fun on their own terms.

Yeah...as long as "their own terms" happen to measure up to your
standards with respect to choice of operating modes. Come on, OM,
that's two-faced and you know it. Whether it's CW, phone, PSK31, SSTV,
packet, Hellshrieber, MSK16, or ATV, it's still radio, and this is the
Amateur *Radio* Service.

>However, the code testing debate
>was started by those claiming that code testing was impinging on the
>development of technical skills within the ARS, which is patently untrue.

As far as I'm concerned, the code testing debate started back in 1975
when the Communicator Class license was proposed. Unless a no-code
license was proposed before that, in which case, feel free to
enlighten me.

>Therefore, before you judge me, you must understand where I've been
>coming from throughout this debate -- that code testing imparts a
>useful skill on radio amateurs, and increases their overall communications
>capabilities. Those who don't know the code or use it regularly simply
>are not qualified to judge those who support code testing requirements.

Ever heard this before: "Judge not, lest ye yourself be judged?"

I for one would like to see a little less judging and a little more
mutual respect for our fellow hams. At the risk of sounding like a
broken record (anybody remember those?), it's all radio regardless.
Anyone who has bothered to obtain the license must have some interest
in radio, or so one might tend to think...so why not view that
interest as something in common and leave it at that?

73 DE John, KC2HMZ

2324. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-22 03:48:47 UTC
From: Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net>
Message-ID: <2tvohvcpv1ti6hf9ok7ib725ofaktaqman@4ax.com>
Source record: 72206

On Mon, 21 Jul 2003 01:15:33 GMT, Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
wrote:

> I didn't get my license until I was in my mid-40's, and now regret I
>didn't get it a long time ago. Granted, I didn't get interested in the
>ARS until the late 1990's, but if there is any advice I can give the
>prospective ham is that "It's too much fun, don't waste ANY time getting
>your ticket!"

I was 8 (no typo, that's eight) when I got interested in radio as a hobby. I was 42 when I got my first ham license. I undoubtedly could have passed the written tests through General while I was still in high school. The main reason I didn't was the code test. Of course, I didn't spend the intervening years in a vacuum - I learned a lot about computers, and I spent a lot of time twiddling the dials on a general coverage receiver and playing with scanners and thus still dabbled in radio. Even did the 11-meter bit for awhile, until the supposed "energy crisis" in 1977 led to the CB craze of the late 1970's and everybody and their brother crowded onto what was then just 23 channels and began ignoring Part 95, thus ruining the band forever.

For what it's worth, I would and do give prospective hams pretty much the same advice - take ten bucks down to the very next VE session you can make and keep taking written tests until you flunk one or run out of tests to take. If you know Morse, take Element one as well, if not, you have a year to learn it before your CSCEs run out, and once you pass it once you never have to touch it again if you don't want to. Seems that in this area, about one or two in ten end up pursuing the use of CW once they've passed the 5 WPM test (i.e. actually use the mode on the air to make one or more contacts). On the other hand, I know a couple of folks who have had a General ticket for over a year and haven't even operated on HF yet, including at least one who has a working HF station in the house (spouse uses it) but simply prefers ragchewing with friends on two meters instead.

Again, to each their own - my feeling is, it's all radio regardless of what mode one chooses to employ, and upon satisfying the licensing requirements that happen to be in effect at the time one takes the tests, it's up to each individual ham to decide how he or she wishes to make use of the privileges that license bestows - and it is not up to me to judge how someone else chooses to enjoy the hobby.

73 DE John, KC2HMZ

2325. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-22 03:48:48 UTC
From: Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net>
Message-ID: <961phvor62boat6ths6v18m0p35l2h6g0m@4ax.com>
Source record: 72207

On 21 Jul 2003 03:54:36 GMT, lenover21@aol.com (Len Over 21) wrote:

> [Coslo-esque behavior mode ON]
>
> WHAT WERE YOU WAITING FOR? An engraved invitation?!?
>
> US amateur radio has been around since BEFORE 1912.
>
> Jay-suss! I'd say you were a LAZY, good-for-nothing bum for sitting
> around SO LONG!
>
> [Coslo-esque behavior mode off]

Or Roll-esque, or Carroll-esque, or.....

> Some can't get enough pretty, engraved certificates. Those prove you are
> SOMEBODY!!!

I'm not an award collector personally - my enjoyment comes from making the contacts on the radio, and I feel no real need after having done so to further prove that I can overcome the deficiencies of international snail-mail in order to get a piece of paper that merely proves what both I and the other op already know to be true (I'm in his log, he's in mine).

Nevertheless, I can well understand the attraction to some of these awards, as they allow an operator to set a goal for himself (or herself) - working at least one station in all fifty states or whatever - and then feel a sense of accomplishment when that goal is achieved. Of course, one can do the same thing without bothering to obtain the certificate. I've worked about 18 states to date, but the only QSL cards I have are ones that the other op sent me because he (or she) needed mine for worked all states - mostly folks I worked on the Century Club nets on 40m and 80m phone.

> You need a Worked All Certificates award.

There are so many awards out there, it would be virtually impossible to collect all of them in a single lifetime, even if one did nothing but eat (in the shack), sleep (very little), and operate.

73 DE John, KC2HMZ

2326. Re: Why don't Real Hams you face the facts?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-22 03:48:49 UTC
From: Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net>
Message-ID: <1q1phvg8ahsm2eb07b0n33cdans6u2mrb0@4ax.com>
Source record: 72208

On Sun, 20 Jul 2003 08:28:32 -0500, "Kim W5TIT" <fahgedit@nomail.net>
wrote:

>Don't know, Larry. I don't pay much attention or give much credibility to
>the Clintons. Why don't you tell us about it?

Don't need Larry for that, just look it up on the Internet. Some good
keywords to try include draft-dodger, womanizer, and liar.

73 DE John, KC2HMZ
Charter Member, Monica Lewinsky Fan Club
(Tonawanda, NY Chapter)

2327. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-22 03:48:50 UTC
From: Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net>
Message-ID: <q12phvg9dbeq6328nhbviledi4s6558m2p@4ax.com>
Source record: 72209

On 20 Jul 2003 03:26:37 -0700, k4yz@aol.com (Steve Robeson, K4CAP)
wrote:

> I am willing to bet that some sort of "moratorium" on code
>testing is announced within the next 60 days. Just an
>opinion...nothing certain

In light of comments I've read elsewhere, I'm forced to wonder if that would be legal. I'm certainly no lawyer, but from what I've seen elsewhere, the Senate has to ratify the treaty, then the process of NPRM begins, and so forth.

If it *is* legal, then it wouldn't surprise me all that much for FCC to come out and say, "Okay, we had enough of this issue back in 1999, as of today all Amateur Radio licensees and all applicants for Amateur Radio license of any class are granted blanket Element 1 credit, game over, thanks for playing."

73 DE John, KC2HMZ

2328. Re: Time to call a truce?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-22 03:48:50 UTC
From: Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net>
Message-ID: <ofbphvki89bem2deu6t7iqpmb5m56pcqg4@4ax.com>
Source record: 72210

On Sun, 20 Jul 2003 11:30:31 -0500, "Dan/W4NTI"
<w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com> wrote:

(Extraneous quotage snipped)

>Along those lines Larry. I became a ham in 1961. By 1964 I was a 'cruit'
>in the US Air Force and sitting in that wooden building at Lackland with no
>Air conditioning in JUNE.
>
>They were giving us AFQTs (Air Force Qualification Tests) or something like
>that...hi. To make a long story short. Because I WAS A LICENSED GENERAL
>CLASS HAM AND COULD COPY MORSE CODE at 13wpm I WAS IMMEDIATLY QUALIFIED and
>was given a 3 level straight out of basic. I was assigned as a radio
>operator without ANY TRAINING AT ALL in my speciality...because I ALREADY
>HAD IT. Being a Ham, CW QUALIFIED and a MARS member. It helped a lot on
>that run towards Sergeant.

That was almost 40 years ago, Dan. These days, the only Air Force
comms I hear on HF other than 4-tone data are upper sideband and ALE.
Being able to copy CW at 13 WPM won't make you immediately qualified
for any current military occupation.

>My amateur radio license was instrumental in getting me employeed after the
>military in the electronics repair field. In fact my ham license helped me
>get every single job I ever held.
>Can we say the same now a days? I doubt it.

Back in February, my ham license helped me get the job I currently
have - my supervisor happens to be a ham. :-)

73 DE John, KC2HMZ

2329. Re: Time to call a truce?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-22 03:48:51 UTC
From: Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net>
Message-ID: <96cphvg0jppiqd0shhnf6ttgkitl121ls5@4ax.com>
Source record: 72211

"Kim W5TIT" <fahgedit@nomail.net> wrote in message
news:bffc09$1etd$1@adenine.netfront.net...
>> "Dan/W4NTI" <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com> wrote in message
>> news:bff468imu1@slb9.atl.mindspring.net...
>> We know, we have been there and got the tee shirt. Now pick up your
>jaw
>> > and commence to run off at the mouth little girl.
>> >
>> > Dan/W4NTI
>> >
>>
>> Yep, you're an asshole, alright.

Some guys are born that way, though. Dan seems to be telling us he's
worked at it his whole life.

73 DE John, KC2HMZ

2330. Re: Why don't Real Hams you face the facts?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-22 03:49:38 UTC
From: Dave Heil <k8mn@earthlink.net>
Message-ID: <3F1CB4EB.49D0E1FB@earthlink.net>
Source record: 72212

Kim W5TIT wrote:
>
> "Bert Craig" <wa2si@arrl.net> wrote in message
> news:b7d1465c.0307211657.6e4f58f6@posting.google.com...
> > Dave Heil <k8mn@earthlink.net> wrote in message
> news:<3F1C0F27.E2909DAE@earthlink.net>...
> > > Kim W5TIT wrote:
> > >
> > > > Whenever I used to bootleg--and I did before I was licensed, I always
> made
> > > > extra sure to stay out of ham radio frequencies--most hams know too
> much
> > > > about R&R and DFing. ;)
> > >
> > > Such seems in character for you, Kim.
> > >
> > > > I won't do it now but only because I don't want to
> > > > compromise my license.
> > >
> > > So, not because it was illegal, only so you don't lose your license.
> > >
> > > Dave K8MN
> >
> > Hi Dave,
> >
> > You kinda conveniently left out "Well, along with the fact that now I
> > realize what an idiot I was being." I believe that pretty much answers
> > your last query. We ALL make foolish errors in our youth and most of
> > us eventually grow up, hopefully, wiser for the wear. It's got sump'n
> > to do with casting the first stone or some such saying. ;-)
> >
> > 73 de Bert
> > WA2SI
>
> Thanks, Bert. I would have expected nothing else from Dave.

Maybe you should have kept mum on your bootleg radio operations, Kim.

Dave K8MN

2331. Re: The myth that BPL is a solution for rural broadband

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-22 04:24:31 UTC
From: robkemp90210@hotmail.com
Message-ID: <6114e4af.0307212024.28641436@posting.google.com>
Source record: 72213
Cross-posted to:
rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.shortwave

Ed,

In reply to your question on the technical requirements, (apologies in advance for the verbose response but would like to ensure that the implementation difference between European PLC/PLT and our BPL is understood by everyone).

In Europe BPL (PLC/PLT) is connected to the 220V (European voltage) at the transformer that feeds 100~200 homes. Typically backhaul from the transformer is a dedicated data line. European power lines are underground and the emission limits are lower (NB30) but there are still major interference problems. At NB30 emission limits PLC/PLT is good for about 900 feet.

Here in the U.S. our power system architecture is different with a transformer for 4~6 homes in the suburbs, in rural areas many homes will have individual transformers as the houses are far apart.

BPL is transmitted down (and emitted from) the 11KV medium voltage lines that go to the house transformers. 11KV lines have significant attenuation (and radiation) at HF.

The repeater issue has been "swept under carpet" as they are expensive and need a truck roll to install. The BPL lobby's focus has been to persuade the world that every socket magically becomes an Internet connection.

For details on a typical BPL repeater check;
http://www.amperion.com/products.asp

There are no details on specific repeater distances at the Amperion site, just a vague comment about data rates and latency. Latency will cause problems for VoIP and gamers (the ping numbers will be bad).

It is clear from the Amperion information that these repeaters are complex as they decode the data. Presume that power is somehow picked off the 11KV line.

The source for the 2,000 feet is here;
http://www2.arrl.org/news/features/2003/06/01/1/
"According to industry sources, data rates of up to 20 MB/s are possible for distances of up to 2,000 feet, and of up to 3 MB/s for distances of up to 4,000 feet."

The ARRL comments are for raw data rates under very ideal conditions, actual download speed shared by all customers will be about 35% of the raw data rate. The BPL systems both in Europe and the U.S. have symmetrical upload/download speeds which is puzzling, as would expect users to care more about download speeds.

If the FCC raises the emission limits, then the repeater distance will be greater. Suspect if they don't, the BPL operators will still turn up the power anyway and wait for complaints

"Ed G." <Spectrumhog@_REMOVE_StarBand.net> wrote in message news:<Xns93BE7E5C0161Frog207Junocom@148.78.248.75>...
> While I certainly don't want to see BPL implemented, I must question
> your statements about the power companies' technical requirements to
> deploy BPL to rural customers.
>
> Can you please provide official sources for the technical information
> you posted?
>
>
> Ed WB6SAT

2332. Re: CW sub-bands must disapear

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-22 04:25:53 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030722002553.25815.00001576@mb-m07.aol.com>
Source record: 72214

In article <3F1C56A8.9000302@ix.netcom.com>, Robert Casey
<wa2ise@ix.netcom.com> writes:

>Trollometer:
>
>||||||||||||||||||--------
>1 3 5 7 9 +10 +20
>

Thanks, Bob -- couldn't get a reading on mine!

73 de Larry, K3LT

2333. Re: CW sub-bands must disapear

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-22 04:25:54 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030722002554.25815.00001577@mb-m07.aol.com>
Source record: 72215

In article <5b8059907b021f46b1f67ca6e9f44593@dizum.com>, Nomen Nescio
<nobody@dizum.com> writes:

>They are only "agreements" written by
>IARU and what is IARU ? Nothing, just
>smoke ...
>The next target is to FORBID totally CW
>on ham bands below 1 GHz, because of
>pollution generated by CW and old farts
>CW coders using illegal amps. All
>no-coders hams must put a mondial complaint about CW pollution in the
>world.
>Remember TITANIC had sunk because CW
>was used. If SSB was used, the ship
>has been saved. Samuel Morse invented
>his silly code because he was not
>enough clever to invent SSB.

(tap, tap, tap on the dial face)

Dang! I've just GOT to fix this TROLL-O-METER someday!

73 de Larry, K3LT

2334. Re: Why don't Real Hams you face the facts?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-22 04:25:54 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030722002554.25815.00001578@mb-m07.aol.com>
Source record: 72221

In article <bfi2i2dhh1@adenine.netfront.net>, "Kim W5TIT"
<fahgedit@nomail.net> writes:

>Absolutely! The only reason I don't kill someone is because I don't believe
>in killing; not because it's illegal. Do you only refrain from doing things
>because they are illegal? You really should get out of that book!
>
>Kim W5TIT

Kim:

If an armed robber walks into a Seven Eleven and points his gun at
Mr. Singh behind the counter, does Mr. Singh have the right to pull
his gun and kill the robber? Remember two things -- 1. You don't
believe in killing. 2. It is impossible to pick up a gun, point it at a
human being, and pull the trigger without the rational expectation that
you will kill the person you're aiming at. Now, please answer the Q.

73 de Larry, K3LT

2335. Re: The "trained pool of operators" argument - debunked

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-22 04:25:55 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030722002555.25815.00001579@mb-m07.aol.com>
Source record: 72224

In article <f45722ac.0307201459.2cf3f549@posting.google.com>,
brianburke@juno.com (Brian) writes:

>> > Bill:
>> > Don't look now, but all of this incredible technology comes to us
>> > hams in the form of off-the-shelf appliances, largely designed and
>> > manufacturered in Japan.
>>
>> New inventions are not limited to Japan. US companies still
>> produce an incredible amount of new techology and applications.
>>
>> Cheers,
>> Bill K2UNK
>
>Close the patent office. Everything that could be invented has been.

Brian:

Izzat so? Where's all the high-speed digital communications infrastructure
that was promised to ham radio when the 5 WPM code test was dropped
for the Technician-class license?

73 de Larry, K3LT

2336. Re: Code a Deterrent to a Ham Ticket ??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-22 04:25:56 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030722002556.25815.00001580@mb-m07.aol.com>
Source record: 72219

In article <bfe5nukba1@adenine.netfront.net>, "Kim W5TIT"
<fahgedit@nomail.net> writes:

>Except, what about the "useful skills" that you learned in college and have
>never turned into a career?
>heh heh, walked right into that one...
>
>Kim W5TIT

Kim:

I have a job that I enjoy, has little or no stress, and has great pay and
benefits. Had I taken an entry-level job in Human Resources, I'd be making
about a third less money, have no job security whatsoever, and I'd most
likely be under the thumb of some menopausal nightmare of a YL boss.
I got a degree in HR because that program gave me the most bang for the
buck in transfer credit, and I wanted to have a B.S. in something - anything.
The fact that I no longer desire to sit in a cubicle all day doesn't mean that
I haven't gained anything by obtaining a college education. BTW -- do
YOU have a college degree? What was YOUR major?

73 de Larry, K3LT

2337. Re: With CW gone, can the CW allocations be far behind?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-22 04:25:56 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030722002556.25815.00001581@mb-m07.aol.com>
Source record: 72222

In article <20030720235431.00871.00000750@mb-m17.aol.com>, lenover21@aol.com (Len Over 21) writes:

>>Well, folks, there it is -- as I've been saying for years, it's all about
>>getting a microphone in hand and yakking away!
>
> Too bad you have such bad speaking skills...you might have made
> a fine ham on the phone bands.
>
> LHA

Lennie:

Actually, I do have a speech impediment. I can't drone on for hours about nothing like all those other "fine hams" on the HF phone bands! Maybe once I'm fully retired and living in a trailer park down in Florida, I'll have the
time and inclination for HF phone. Until then, I need to make better use of my limited operating time -- and don't have nearly enough medical problems to serve as adequate subject matter.

73 de Larry, K3LT

2338. Re: With CW gone, can the CW allocations be far behind?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-22 04:25:57 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030722002557.25815.00001582@mb-m07.aol.com>
Source record: 72223

In article <bfi39m$e07$1@adenine.netfront.net>, "Kim W5TIT"
<fahgedit@nomail.net> writes:

>> Well, folks, there it is -- as I've been saying for years, it's all about
>> getting a microphone in hand and yakking away!
>>
>> 73 de Larry, K3LT
>>
>
>What's the difference between yakking using a microphone, or yakking using a
>CW key or paddle?
>
>Kim W5TIT

Kim:

Don't look now, but yakking into a microphone is something that anyone
can do without learning any new communications skills. Use of Morse/CW
requires the acquisition of a new, very useful comm skill (Morse code) and
the patience and initiative to develop this skill adequately to become an
efficient, effective CW operator. The content of the "yakking" may be the
same, but the difference is that the CW operator is yakking in a totally
different way, using a skill and mode which offers benefits and advantages
not found in voice modes.

Since you have no practical on-the-air experience using CW, I don't
expect you to appreciate this, and consider you to be unqualified to
render an opinion on the subject.

73 de Larry, K3LT

2339. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-22 04:25:58 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030722002558.25815.00001584@mb-m07.aol.com>
Source record: 72217

In article <3F1B3FC1.9020400@adelphia.net>, Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
writes:

>> Scotty:
>>
>> Hey, I know what you mean about those darned ole outdated modes
>> of communication. Once you get your No-Code test General or
>> Extra, wanna make a sked to work some Hellschreiber with me?
>
> Actually Larry, I might take you up on that one sometime. I've been
>wanting to try that mode sometime. I'm swamped now, and I found that I
>nuked my card interface ad FD, but in the next couple of weeks.......

Let me know when you're ready, Mike! I've still got to get my station put
back together in the wake of Field Day.

73 de Larry, K3LT

2340. Re: Time to call a truce?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-22 04:25:58 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030722002558.25815.00001583@mb-m07.aol.com>
Source record: 72218

In article <bfi29g$d8q$1@adenine.netfront.net>, "Kim W5TIT"
<fahgedit@nomail.net> writes:

>Dan, I've never treated you in any way that warrants you telling me, "thanks
>for dumbing down the ARS." You're comments are those of someone who acts
>like a jerk, walks like a jerk, and probably is a jerk. So, if you're going
>to be a jerk, yes, you are an asshole.
>
>I don't treat everyone like that. You seem to...except those who "think"
>just like you do--if that's what you call it these days. You know what?
>You're a bigger jerk than Larry.

Another litany of name-calling. A classic post, Kim -- for you!

73 de Larry, K3LT

2341. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-22 04:25:59 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030722002559.25815.00001586@mb-m07.aol.com>
Source record: 72216

In article <20030721191222.07745.00000274@mb-m14.aol.com>, vshah101@aol.com (Vshah101) writes:

>> BTW, Larry has frequently mentioned several other data/digital
>>modes he utilizes. Why do you avoid addressing/accepting this?
>
>I did not know he uses other digital modes.

The fact is, my on-the-air operating the past two years or so has been about 80% digital modes, mainly PSK-31 and RTTY. I've been QRT since Field Day, gotta get my station put back together.

73 de Larry, K3LT

2342. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-22 04:25:59 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030722002559.25815.00001585@mb-m07.aol.com>
Source record: 72220

In article <20030720232909.14567.00000239@mb-m02.aol.com>, vshah101@aol.com (Vshah101) writes:

>>I was a no-coder for 14 years, and I didn't like it!
>
>With the whole spectrum of activities, and you still didn't like amateur
>radio?
>Not enough technical areas in amateur radio to interest you? You're not a
>radio
>amateur, youre an only-coder - someone that only likes code.
>
>>A no-coder stirred me up about 13 years ago, and I've been
>>stirred up about trying to make people see the stupidity of whining about
>>code testing ever since.
>
>You only see the world as no-coders or coders. There's more to amateur radio
>than that.
>
>>>People are not missing anything by not upgrading, if the upgraded
>privileges
>>>don't provide anything more they wish.
>
>>Well, that's *your* excuse. It seems to be working for you. Hold on
>>to it, it's all you've got.
>
>Like I said, there are many possible activites to participate in. If all you
>see is CW HF, then thats all you've got.

Vipul:

I suggest you go to Google.com and read at least a couple of year's worth of my posts before you make any further comments. It will get the taste of dirty Nikes out of your mouth.

73 de Larry, K3LT

2343. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-22 05:42:02 UTC
From: Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net>
Message-ID: <vkfphv0bh7rsnc50jev2todfi1cdjse1nt@4ax.com>
Source record: 72225

Been awhile since this was posted, but you'll recall that I had to cut
my session short on that day in order to participate in a public
service event...so time now to catch up:

On Tue, 15 Jul 2003 21:02:12 -0500, "Kim W5TIT" <fahgedit@nomail.net>
wrote:

>Yeah, I remember when I first discovered there was "newsgroups" and then
>found this one. I thought to myself, "Self, this is great. Meet more hams
>and have great ham discussions." NOT. Pretty much the first exposure I had
>to anyone on the newsgroup was Larry Roll, with his obsession about my
>callsign...blah, blah, blah.

I was here when you first began to post here. I was off doing
non-internet related activities for about two years. Upon getting back
on the internet and checking the then-current postings to this NG, the
very first thread my newsreader downloaded contained a post where
Larry was making some of his usual comments about your call. I think
what surprised me was not that he was making the comments, but rather
that you were still in here putting up with it. I'd have either
killfiled him long ago, or just quit reading this NG.

>Then I learned that many of this newsgroup's participants can't have any
>kind of discussion without pulliing some kind of ego trip up out of their
>pants.

Heh...Let's just say that, for reasons that I won't bother to explain
here, I try not to pull things out of my pants in public.

>The long and short is that this newsgroup became a way for me to take the
>day's frustrations out and pretend that my targets were this boss, or that
>boss, or this co-worker or that co-worker...heh heh

I never harbored any illusions that my participation in this NG would
relieve any frustrations. In fact, it often adds to them. Fortunately,
my job isn't very stressful, so I can read some of the drivel that
gets posted in here without blowing up on people the way I might have
done a few years back.

Nevertheless, you have an interesting concept there. I can't help but
wonder about the person you imagine Larry being - given the friction
between you two in here, it's rather surprising that a real-world
version of him within range of you in real life hasn't been shot,
stabbed, strangled, and buried in armadillo dung by now, with you
holdfing the gun, knife, piano wire, and shovel. But then, you just
posted in another thread that you don't believe in killing, so...

>I think the public service aspect is one of the greatest things about ham
>radio...although I'm not much involved any more. Around here, one spends
>more time dealing with political garbage than getting any real constructive
>stuff done. I wasn't in it just for the sake of getting out there and being
>in the middle of storms--I also wanted to see this area become really great
>and one to be looked up to.

My involvement in the emergency/public service aspect of the ARS is
basically twofold.

On the one hand, the club I belong to has had a longstanding
relationship with the emergency management department in the city
where our club meetings happen to be held - although we serve a much
wider area than just that one suburban city - and I'm currently
co-coordinator of that club's emergency/public service communications
team. The emergency management EOC doubles as a club station during
contests, which we treat as drills in that it gives us a chance to get
our people, particularly the newer ops, into the EOC for some valuable
hours using the same equipment they would be using if they were
helping to staff the EOC during an activation.

Our last activation for emergency purposes was a severe ice storm in
February 2002 (with attendant power outages, shelters set up for folks
whose homes were without power, etc.). We not only handled our own
responsibilities within the city, but were also able to help out the
county ARES in getting some comms up their chain of command as well (a
task made easier by the fact that we had an assistant director of
emergency management from the county in the EOC with us, serving as
the liason between the city and the county). We also did some damage
assessment on the power grid in addition to our normal duties.

On the other hand, I'm also a member of the county ARES/RACES in the
county where I currently reside (which borders the one in which the
city our club serves is located), and thus also enjoy the status of
being a volunteer disaster assistant in that county's disaster
preparedness office, a part of the county emergency services
department. I'm not in a leadership role in that organization, but of
course have been called out on activations with them as well.

If we have a storm that gets us activated, it tends to be severe
winter weather, not the kind of thing you want to be outside in.
Suffice to say, we're within spitting distance of Buffalo, New York.
It gets pretty nasty up here during the winter sometimes...to the
point of causing deaths of people who can't get inside for whatever
reason. I'm dedicated to this aspect of the ARS, but I'm not really
anxious to get myself killed while doing it!

You folks down there, on the other hand, can get more tornadoes in a
month than we'll see in ten years. We get downbursts, we get wall
clouds, but we don't usually see tornadoes (waterspouts, yes, but not
many funnel clouds over land). I guess I'd prefer to deal with what we
get here. I can take care of cold, wind, and snow by dressing
appropriately...but when a tornado comes along, it doesn't matter much

what you have on.

>Thank you. Not used to someone being able to read between the lines
>here...LOL

It's a very useful communications skill. Maybe we should have a test
for it in the ARS?

>Know what? It's Tuesday and I'm still tired...

I work Thursday thru Monday. Tuesdays are my Saturdays. That means on
Monday when everybody else is grumbling about how much they hate
Mondays, I'm generally in TGIF mode. It also means I'm generally more
tired on Monday than any other day of the week. So, been there, done
that, bought the t-shirt, spilled coffee on the t-shirt. :-)

73 DE John, KC2HMZ

2344. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-22 05:42:04 UTC
From: Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net>
Message-ID: <mshphvc9vp3kms0qo5dmemce4kspg1bpef@4ax.com>
Source record: 72226

On 14 Jul 2003 11:56:26 -0700, N2EY@AOL.COM (N2EY) wrote:

>Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net> wrote in message
news:<bqc1hvcttcd96ae8nrgfoll2t6f9bvmjmp@4ax.com>...
>> On Sun, 13 Jul 2003 11:58:29 -0500, "Kim" <fahgedit@nomail.net>
>> wrote:
>>
>> >"Larry Roll K3LT" <yodoc@aol.comnospam> wrote in message
>> >news:20030713015318.23406.00000814@mb-m27.aol.com...
>>
>> >> You are not a
>> >> CW operator, so you are not even qualified to judge any "proof" offered.
>>
>> You are not a cow, Larry, therefore you are not even qualified to
>> judge whether McDonald's or Wendy's makes better cheeseburgers.
>
>You may not be too fond of CW, and CW ops, but contrary to rumor we do
>not eat each other.

I'm not all that fond of CW, insofar as it's not one of the things I
personally enjoy doing. CW ops, like any other fellow ham, are welcome
around here any time. As for not eating each other, someone else's
comment about CQ WPX seems to be as good or better a retort than I can
think of at the moment.

>> >> Those of us who are proficient CW operators with adequate on-the-air
>> >> experience have certainly had this fact proven to them to their
>> >> satisfaction,
>>
>> Hitler had the collective guilt of Jews, Jehovah's Witnesses, and
>> homosexuals proven to his satisfaction, too.
>
>Usenet 101: First person to call their opposition "nazis" or compare
>them to Hitler loses the argument. (Godwin's Law)

The comparison was valid to the extent that Hitler was wrong, but was
blinded by zeal and therefore unable to see past the end of his nose,
so to speak. Larry is wrong, but is blinded by zeal and therefore
unable to see past the end of his straight key. That is where the
similarity ends, as I have already explained to Larry in another post.

>> >> but a no-coder will always claim that it isn't proven simply because they
>> >> have no way of discerning and analyzing the evidence, and they have an
>> >> agenda which would cause them to deny the outcome.
>
>Incorrect. They could always accept the evidence presented by an

>experienced CW operator.

Larry posted that, I didn't - however, I have not disputed that CW is a useful communications skill. Any communications skill is useful in a communications hobby, and any technical skill is useful in a technical hobby. For me to claim otherwise would be illogical. What I am disputing is the notion put forth by K3LT that one needs to have acquired CW proficiency in order to form an opinion as to whether one wishes to pursue that aspect of the hobby or not...an assertion which I find equally illogical.

>> Actually, all that's really required is a receiver.
>
>With an antenna.

Although on occasion I have managed to receive signals with a radio that had no antenna connected to it - and have actually even found it very useful indeed to try to do so - I'll concede that one gets a much better handle on current conditions on an HF band by listening to a receiver that has at least a reasonable facsimile of an antenna connected to it.

>> If there are a few
>> dozen CW QSOs going on at the bottom of the band, but nobody in the
>> phone portion of the band...
>
>How about if there are more CW QSOs going on than 'phone?

To use a phrase that I have always found oxymoronic: same difference.

>> well, why would you think that would
>> happen, unless there's a CW contest going on?
>
>Coupla possible reasons:
>
>1) Propagation isn't so hot. (CW really does have an advantage over
>all commonly-used forms of analog 'phone in this regard)

...which was exactly my point...

>2) There's a 'phone contest going on, and most of the 'phone ops are
>working the contest - on another band.

...where conditions are apparently better since they support phone on that band? Then why haven't the CW guys moved there as well, to take advantage of the better band conditions? After all, they have the bottom part of that band to themselves too...

>3) The 'phone bands become obnoxious enough that folks go to CW just
>to have a decent QSO.

Well, if we're going to clutch at straws here, then we might as well also include:

4) One has tuned to the 30 meter band, where phone is not permitted.

>> >You couldn't even offer the contribution that N2EY
>> >made. An excellent example, I might add.
>
>Thanks - there are more. Like the student in Grenada during the
>invasion/revolution (1983?) whose mike broke.

Again, the material you quoted there was posted by Larry.

>> >And, apparently you have no
>> >proof--only your rhetorical blathering idiocy, as usual.
>
>Somehow I doubt that such rhetoric will convince the loyal opposition.

...which is another point I have been trying to make - again, you
quoted Larry's material rather than mine.

>> Larry gets rather emotional over the topic, whereas Jim looks at
>> things a bit more objectively. But then, I think you noticed that.
>
>Just "a bit more"? ;-)

Just call me the master of understatement. ;-)

>> >When you get as good as N2EY at knowing CW and examples of its tremendous
>> >cabability, get back to us, won't you?
>
>There are plenty of examples which prove the point of CW/Morse's
>usefulness. Whether those examples constiute "proof" of the necessity
>of a TEST is a matter of opinion.

I agree. Larry, whose material is quoted here, doesn't.

>> Knowing them and being able to articulate them in this forum are two
>> different things.
>
>If someone "knows" something but cannot articulate to someone who
>doesn't, does the first person really "know" it?

I believe so. I know how to get to a certain hamfest from my house. I
doubt that I could give someone directions that would allow them to
arrive at that hamfest without getting further directions from someone
else. I may not be able to articulate how to get there, but I "know"
how to get there, and will prove it this Sept. 27 when I again hop
into my van and drive there, just as I have every year since getting
my ham license (it's only a three-hour ride).

>Kinda like the old
>saying "if you have a thing 'someplace', but you can't find it when
>you need it, then you don't really have it, do you?"

No, you don't. However, what we're discussing here isn't a material
thing, but rather, an idea. How does one manage to misplace an idea?
"Sunuvagun, it was right here in my cerebellum a minute ago!" :-)

73 DE John, KC2HMZ

2345. Re: Why don't Real Hams you face the facts?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-22 05:44:03 UTC
From: 26cab40@freeuk.com
Message-ID: <47e914d9.0307212144.44385e0c@posting.google.com>
Source record: 72227
Cross-posted to: uk.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.boatanchors,rec.radio.amateur.policy

"A Radar led news thug" <newbury66@hotmail.com> wrote in message
news:<fmZSa.2606$Ai3.1691@newsfep4-winn.server.ntli.net>...
> "Walt Davidson" <walt99@tiscali.co.uk> wrote in message
> news:gjcohvg9aoovg5rfieu696purv2b7omftb@4ax.com...
> > On 21 Jul 2003 06:10:18 -0700, 26cab40@freeuk.com (Gary) wrote:
> >
> > >I don't think you have the proficiency to use one my little "walt-sucker"
> >
> > Hello Groid! I had been wondering what had happened to you. Away
> > trouble-making on other newsgroups, no doubt.
> >
> > Still working for Littlewoods, are we? Not much of a job ... but
> > then, assholes can't be choosers, can they? You obviously have a lot
> > of idle time on your hands, to spend it posting abusive messages from
> > your employer's IT network.
> >
> > Still using the same NTL broadband connection from home, too, I see.
> > You are being watched, sunshine.
> > :-)))
> >
> > 73 de G3NYY
> >
> > --
> > Walt Davidson Email: g3nyy @freeuk.com
>
> Careful Walt, that could be considered a threat

oooh, mummy, walt get nasty, now then, where were we....

2346. Re: How Ugly Can One Creep Be?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-22 05:47:23 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030722014723.25815.00001590@mb-m07.aol.com>
Source record: 72228

In article <u6qohvomuqld4jdp1q3eq13cjshu71q8un@4ax.com>, Radio Amateur KC2HMZ
<kc2hmz@aa-mail.net> writes:

>>John:
>>
>>I see you live in Tonawanda, NY. I am a former Western New Yorker,
>>having been raised in the town of Alden. I wonder if you know my good
>>friend Pete Liaros, K2RSK?
>
>Of course I do, he's very active on the airwaves in this area's 2m/440
>repeaters and also operates mobile HF CW to boot. Also a fixture at
>hamfests and the odd club meeting, too.

John:

Yes, indeed. I was one of the first to see the nifty HF antenna mount he
got made for his '94 Mercury Grand Marquis. I think we had breakfast the
day after it was done. I saw him last fall, and he still had that car!

>>If so, next time you see him or talk to him
>>on a local repeater, let him know you know me and I'm sure he'll tell
>>you all about me and how we met on 10-meters over 20 years ago!
>
>You can hook up with him on 40m CW of course, but if you really want
>to surprise him, get EchoLink and pop onto the WB2JPQ interlink system
>here in western NY. Dick has his 146.835 machine connected to the
>Echolink network. That machine's part of a system of linked repeaters
>that covers most of this end of the state (from the Pennsylvania line
>to well east of Rochester...farther when the temperature inversions
>along the south shore of Lake Ontario duct the signals from the
>Rochester area machine up into the Watertown area), and Pete is
>frequently on one of the linked machines, when he isn't on the BARRA
>link system chatting with Ted, WA2HKS.

I'll have to check that EchoLink thing out. All I know about it is how to
spell it. I occasionally E-mail to Pete, but he doesn't seem to read his
mail that often, or reply, for that matter.

>>Whenever I visit in the WNY area, I try to have breakfast with Peter --
>>pehaps you could join us sometime!
>
>Then there is the matter of that roast beef sandwich you still have
>coming...though I suppose if you'd prefer a comparably priced
>breakfast...

Breakfast or lunch, it matters not to me! A Beef on Weck and a glass of Genny would be a great way to enjoy some ham camaraderie.

>Shoot for a Tuesday or Wednesday morning. Those are my two days off
>work. Other days I work from 5AM to 1:30PM, so unless you're into
>eating really late breakfasts, or want to make it lunch instead
>(sending us back into roast beef territory).....

OK, great. Like I said before, my next visit to the WNY area will most likely be over the Thanksgiving holiday, if I can manage to take some personal days off. I've pretty much given up on being home for Christmas, due to the tendency to be forced to spend an inordinate amount of time behind the snow blower! If I were to ever move again, I think I'd just go to various places and walk around carrying a snow shovel. As soon as someone asked me, "What the heck is THAT?" -- I'd stop!

73 de Larry, K3LT

2347. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-22 05:47:25 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030722014725.25815.00001591@mb-m07.aol.com>
Source record: 72229

In article <hbtohv0msrjjc87sq6mdrdl4vlik3g5psn@4ax.com>, Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net> writes:

>>I learned the hard way. I waited 14 years, and lost out on what could have
>>been the best years of my ham radio career! Now I'm 50 years old, and
>>won't even qualify for QCWA membership for another three years!
>
>Do I understand correctly, you were a no-code Tech for 14 years? Geez,
>Larry, I was only a no-code Tech for a little over a year before I
>passed Element 1...and you had the nerve - nay, the unmitigated
>audacity! - to heckle me back when I was a no-code Tech? :-)

John:

Negative. I was a non-ham for 14 years after I first became aware of the hobby at about age 14, mainly because I didn't want to be bothered to learn the code! Then, at age 28, I finally grew up and decided I wanted to be a ham more than I wanted to whine about the code test requirement. Once I got started, I progressed with code very rapidly, and found myself eating a lot of my words about Morse/CW when I got hooked on CW as an operational mode.

>>Anyone who waits the (up to) two years a US No-code General/Extra
>>may take would appear to be interested only in being lazy. A classic
>>filter feeder.
>
>You waited 14 years...what's that make you?

A filter-feeder, of course, but I finally ended up being a ham radio gourmet!

>>I'll provide them some incentive: As of now, 20 July 2003 at 0321 hrs UTC,
>>any prospective US ham who learns the code at the gruelling speed of 5
>>WPM, passes the test, and gets their Extra will be considered by me to
>>be a full-fledged ham as long as they regularly use at least one non-voice
>>mode on-the-air at least 40 percent of their total operating time. Wow --
>>is that a deal or what?
>
>Ummm...not really, because:
>
>1) It is FCC who decides who is a full-fledged ham (by issuing them a
>license) and who is not - not Larry Roll (and for that matter, not me
>either); and

Wrong, John. The FCC just issues licenses. What kind of a ham a licensee becomes is a subjective evaluation made by other hams -- preferably by those who are, indeed, qualified to make that judgment -- like I am.

I had this concept drilled into me by my "Elmers" in my early days as a ham radio operator, and I strove to meet, and ultimately exceed, all of their expectations. Now it is my turn to make the judgments, and I do not shirk from that responsibility.

>2. Any *prospective* US ham who learns the code and gets their Extra
>(as opposed to getting their General) will be villified and condemned
>by you, as well as others in this NG, as a product of the (supposedly)
>dumbed down written exams, even if they operate CW 100% of their total
>operating time, and

Not by me, they won't! Please don't go Kim on me, John!

>3. The limitation of recognizing only *prospective* hams in this
>manner ignores the currently licensed Novice, Technician, General, and
>Advanced class licensees who have already passed a code test and who
>do not have an Extra ticket due to lacking Element 4 credit, even if
>they already meet your other requirements, and
>
>4. Whereas someone else in this NG claimed that the fact that one of
>the participants in this NG missed passing Element 4 by two questions
>without cracking a book was proof of the (supposed) dumbing down of
>the ARS, and since it is possible to pass Element 1 without cracking a
>book, it could be argued that you are encouraging prospective hams to
>participate in the (supposed) dumbing down of the ARS that you've been
>whining about almost constantly for the past 5 years (at least) by
>ignoring the technical requirements of the written exams in favor of
>gaining proficiency with Morse code...thereby contradicting your own
>assertions in this NG that knowledge of CW does not artificially lower
>the level of technical proficiency in the ARS (and I happen to agree
>with you that it doesn't, but if you're going to shoot yourself in the
>foot here, Larry, you could at least use a .22 and aim for your little
>toe instead of putting a .50AE right through your instep!).

I must have missed the thread about the Element 4 business. In any event, I don't think that passing ANY current amateur radio test element is a particularly challenging endeavor these days. With open question pools, VE testing that allows taking the test multiple times per session, and a 70% passing score, anyone who can't go into a test session and walk out with an Extra just isn't trying. The current technical requirements in the written exams are strictly amateur level, as they should be, and prove little about a prospective ham's technical competence. This he will have to prove to his/her fellow hams by actual participation, which is subject to evaluation by his/her peers. I have never made a connection between code or theory testing and "technical competence" in the ARS. It is mainly the NCTA doing that.

>It also occurs to me that by the time you qualify for membership in
>QCWA, the majority of US licensees may no longer care whether one of
>their fellow hams knows anything about CW or not - and FCC almost
>certainly won't by then - if this is the best incentive you can come

>up with for people who aren't required to learn the code in order to
>get the license to develop Morse/CW skills.
>
>If this *is* a deal, it's a raw one.

You're entitled to your opinion. The problem is, the NCTA's don't think I'm entitled to mine! If I don't follow the rest of the flock of lemmings, put on my tie-dyed tee shirt, faded jeans and Birkenstock sandals, and hold hands with them and sing "Kumbuya" as they chant their liberal, politically-correct mantra of "inclusiveness" while celebrating the end of the requirement to be tested for a useful communications skill, I may as well take that .50AE and use my radio gear for target practice, as far as they're concerned! The NCTA are classic liberals, and like all liberals, they can "tolerate" anything except a difference of opinion. Another thing that characterizes liberals is a lack of a sense of humor, which may explain why you apparently missed the tongue-in-cheek nature of my "deal."

73 de Larry, K3LT

2348. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-22 05:47:27 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030722014727.25815.00001592@mb-m07.aol.com>
Source record: 72230

In article <gvuohv85glm67bok4n79s1j0hjcmnfll6q@4ax.com>, Radio Amateur KC2HMZ
<kc2hmz@aa-mail.net> writes:

>>I received my U.K. call, G0LYW, in 1989 whilst stationed at RAF
>>Mildenhall, UK. I operated mainly 40- and 20-meter CW, and, oddly
>>enough, a bunch of 2-meter SSB.
>
>How were 2m operating conditions there, anyway? Seems like there might
>be a lot of temperature inversion ducting going on with so much water
>around. Just wondering.

John:

At the time, it was a VHF paradise. Great tropo-ducting openings which
pretty much covered most of Western Europe. I had a 7-element 2-meter
Yagi in my TV mast, and did quite well in spite of the fact that it wasn't
up very high (about 20' AGL). I had to keep below the peak of the roof
of my townhouse, so that's the best I could do.

>As far as I'm concerned, the code testing debate started back in 1975
>when the Communicator Class license was proposed. Unless a no-code
>license was proposed before that, in which case, feel free to
>enlighten me.

My own participation in the "online" code test debate dates back to
1991 when I returned from the UK and purchased my first US modem.
I had limited participation in Fidonet from the UK from late '89 to '91,
but at the time, the Ham Radio forum was tightly moderated, and anyone
with a pro-code stance was persona non-grata.

>>Therefore, before you judge me, you must understand where I've been
>>coming from throughout this debate -- that code testing imparts a
>>useful skill on radio amateurs, and increases their overall communications
>>capabilities. Those who don't know the code or use it regularly simply
>>are not qualified to judge those who support code testing requirements.
>
>Ever heard this before: "Judge not, lest ye yourself be judged?"

Yup. However, I'm not "judging" anyone's soul here, just their relative
capabilities as a ham radio operator. That's a judgment I'm qualified to
make. One of the problems our society faces now is the lack of willingness
to be "judgmental." We have been indoctrinated by the liberal, political
elite to be "tolerant" of everyone's deficiencies, even when said
deficiencies are that individual's "choice." So, go ahead and call me
"intolerant" as well, because I'm certainly that!

>I for one would like to see a little less judging and a little more
>mutual respect for our fellow hams.

I see. And I also agree. However, I've spent the last 14 years in this debate reacting to the blatant disrespect shown by the NCTA. Would you care to comment on THEIR behaviour as well?

>At the risk of sounding like a
>broken record (anybody remember those?),

Yes, I do! Fortunately, all my music is now on CD's and cassette. You see, I'm one of those technically-challenged pro-coders!

>it's all radio regardless.

I've never said it was anything else.

>Anyone who has bothered to obtain the license must have some interest
>in radio, or so one might tend to think...so why not view that
>interest as something in common and leave it at that?

I am more than willing to do so. However, when faced with the whining objections of the NCTA, I will respond accordingly. Fair enough?

73 de Larry, K3LT

2349. Re: CW sub-bands must disapear

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-22 05:51:43 UTC
From: AB2HR <ab2hr@arrl.net>
Message-ID: <irbphvg81gasm2d3dq833kih4nnnntmovc@4ax.com>
Source record: 72231

On Mon, 21 Jul 2003 15:10:10 +0200 (CEST), Nomen Nescio
<nobody@dizum.com> wrote:

>
>They are only "agreements" written by
>IARU and what is IARU ? Nothing, just
>smoke ...
>The next target is to FORBID totally CW
>on ham bands below 1 GHz, because of
>pollution generated by CW and old farts
>CW coders using illegal amps. All
>no-coders hams must put a mondial complaint about CW pollution in the
>world.
>Remember TITANIC had sunk because CW
>was used. If SSB was used, the ship
>has been saved. Samuel Morse invented
>his silly code because he was not
>enough clever to invent SSB.
>

Whatever you're taking.... it has GOT to be damaging some
chromosomes!
Raymond Sirois AB2HR
SysOp: The Lost Chord BBS
607-733-5745
telnet://thelostchord.dns2go.com:6000

2350. Re: Why don't Real Hams you face the facts?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-22 06:00:45 UTC
From: Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net>
Message-ID: <ssjphvs46fj6jh6dmtbfo3v40m5njldmeq@4ax.com>
Source record: 72232

On 22 Jul 2003 04:25:54 GMT, yodoc@aol.comnospam (Larry Roll K3LT)
wrote:

>If an armed robber walks into a Seven Eleven and points his gun at
>Mr. Singh behind the counter, does Mr. Singh have the right to pull
>*his* gun and kill the robber? Remember two things -- 1. You don't
>believe in killing. 2. It is impossible to pick up a gun, point it at a
>human being, and pull the trigger without the rational expectation that
>you will kill the person you're aiming at. Now, please answer the Q.

1. This happens more often than many people realize. The legal
complexities of the situation are myriad and, as I understand it,
hinges largely on whether or not the intended victim (Mr. Singh) had
legitimate reason to believe that he was about to be shot no matter
what else he did.

2. There are some states in which Mr. Singh could splatter the
robber's brains all over the counter with the reasonable expectation
that a grand jury would refuse to indict him afterward. In Texas, a
guy shot a would-be carjacker to death a few years back, and the grand
jury refused to return an indictment.

Beyond those considerations, there are two differing responses to the
above situation.

The liberal response (common in New York, where I live): "Well, that
isn't enough information to properly answer the question, we need to
discuss the applicable statues where Mr. Singh's business is located,
along with about a hundred other considerations, and we'll get back to
you with an answer in about ten years.

The conservative response (common in Texas, where I believe Kim
lives): BLAM! BLAM! BLAM! BLAM! BLAM! BLAM! BLAM! BLAM! BLAM! (Sound
of magazine being ejected and a fresh one rammed into place, followed
by the sound of the slide racking another round into the chamber)

Mr. Singh: "Did he move or was I seeing things?"

Mr. Singh's 16-year old son: "He moved, dad, I saw him!"

Mrs. Singh: "I think our son is right."

BLAM! BLAM! BLAM! BLAM! BLAM! BLAM! BLAM! BLAM! BLAM!

Mr. Singh's 9-year old daughter: "Nice group, daddy!"

73 DE John, KC2HMZ

2351. Re: With CW gone, can the CW allocations be far behind?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-22 06:00:47 UTC
From: Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net>
Message-ID: <glkphv48e1eo5vc77j03ip33vpv3mqed7a@4ax.com>
Source record: 72233

On 22 Jul 2003 04:25:57 GMT, yodoc@aol.comnospam (Larry Roll K3LT)
wrote:

>Since you have no practical on-the-air experience using CW, I don't
>expect you to appreciate this, and consider you to be unqualified to
>render an opinion on the subject.

On that note, we're still waiting for your opinion on eating elephant
dung - good idea or bad?

73 DE John, KC2HMZ

2352. Re: Time to call a truce?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-22 06:59:50 UTC
From: k4yz@aol.com
Message-ID: <5c01b95b.0307212259.1920612c@posting.google.com>
Source record: 72234

lenover21@aol.com (Len Over 21) wrote in message
news:<20030721183303.23307.00001556@mb-m29.aol.com>...

> I was DOING 24/7 radio communications on HF 50 years ago and never
> once had to use any morse codings...not then, not afterwards...and don't
> consider such as license-test-worthy for licensing in a hobby-recreation
> activity involving radio.

You were operating the radio 24/7? All by yourself? Are we
going to go THERE again...?!?!

> You are under the presumption that your vaunted amateur radio license
> gives you some special permission to denigrate and demean others. It
> doesn't do that. Your "pathetic" comment only serves to prove that you
> won't accept any opinion that is not in line with your personal opinion.

You kinda mean like how you think YOUR commercial license or your
age allow YOU to come to this forum and do the same to us...?!?!

> You need another venue for venting your aggressive frustrations.

Back to ya...try something theraputic like getting an Amateur
Radio license and enjoying the fun of radio operating.

Steve, K4YZ

2353. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-22 07:04:14 UTC
From: k4yz@aol.com
Message-ID: <5c01b95b.0307212304.c044a5a@posting.google.com>
Source record: 72235

lenover21@aol.com (Len Over 21) wrote in message
news:<20030721183258.23307.00001553@mb-m29.aol.com>...

> I've never heard the term "OPSEC" in the 1950s while on active duty or
> any time as a civilian from the 1960s on through the end of the 1980s
> while visiting different military branch installations.

Hmmmmm...I was on Active Duty commencing in 1974 and it was a
part of our "alphabet soup" even then.

> COMSEC or COMmunications SECurity is the current buzzword (of the
> last decade or so) and refers to any means of encryption in military
> communications.

...and the security of the gear iteslf.

> Oddly, "ICOM" or "Integrated COMSEC" is applied to later models of the
> SINCGARS R/T that includes hardware for voice/data encryption and
> decryption. That does not refer to the Japanese designer-manufacturer
> of communications equipment Icom.

Well ain't that special...?!?!

> Perhaps some have seen too many Chuck Norris movies?

Have you...???

Steve, K4YZ

2354. Re: CW sub-bands must disapear

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-22 07:08:56 UTC
From: k4yz@aol.com
Message-ID: <5c01b95b.0307212308.36e6ae9c@posting.google.com>
Source record: 72236

Nomen Nescio <nobody@dizum.com> wrote in message
news:<5b8059907b021f46b1f67ca6e9f44593@dizum.com>...

Entire silly troll snipped...

Mostly because there are only two "CW sub-bands", and both of
them in the VHF spectrum.

The only thing worse than a troller is an ignorant troller.

Steve, K4YZ

2355. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-22 07:29:25 UTC
From: Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net>
Message-ID: <e7lphvc4metp5o84or6mocg9icshegbdpf@4ax.com>
Source record: 72237

On 22 Jul 2003 05:47:25 GMT, yodoc@aol.comnospam (Larry Roll K3LT)
wrote:

>I was a non-ham for 14 years after I first became aware of the
>hobby at about age 14, mainly because I didn't want to be bothered to
>learn the code! Then, at age 28, I finally grew up and decided I wanted
>to be a ham more than I wanted to whine about the code test requirement.

In my case, it was non-ham for 34 years. Then, at age 42, I finally
let someone talk me into getting my no-code Tech license for reasons
that had little to do with actual ham radio activities. A little over
a year later, after the code speed was lowered to 5 WPM, I upgraded to
General, which is where I am now.

>Once I got started, I progressed with code very rapidly, and found myself
>eating a lot of my words about Morse/CW when I got hooked on CW as
>an operational mode.

How does eating those words compare to eating that hypothetical
elephant dung?

I first started trying to learn code when I was in high school.
Problem was I was trying to copy it in my head instead of writing it
down as I copied, and it wasn't until the winter of 2001 that someone
(namely Jim, KC2ALA) found out and corrected my approach, which led to
my pasing Element 1 a few months and a couple of borrowed code
practice tapes later.

>What kind of a ham a
>licensee becomes is a subjective evaluation made by other hams -- preferably
>by those who are, indeed, qualified to make that judgment -- like I am.
>I had this concept drilled into me by my "Elmers" in my early days as
>a ham radio operator, and I strove to meet, and ultimately exceed, all of
>their expectations. Now it is my turn to make the judgments, and I do
>not shirk from that responsibility.

Even the worst of us possesses a document upon which is printed the
words "Amateur Radio License" which makes the person named thereon a
"real ham" as far as FCC is concerned (unless it's our guy from
another thread who spelled his name wrong on the application, in which
case he possesses prime paper-airplane construction materials).
Stating that someone is not a "real ham" based on that person's choice
of operating modes is in my opinion offensive, elistist, and not in
the best interests of the hobby. If the same determination is made on
other considerations - failure to operate his station in accordance
with FCC rules and good amateur practice for example - then I have no

problem with that. I do have a problem with bigotry based on license class or choice of operating modes.

>>2. Any *prospective* US ham who learns the code and gets their Extra
>>(as opposed to getting their General) will be villified and condemned
>>by you, as well as others in this NG, as a product of the (supposedly)
>>dumbed down written exams, even if they operate CW 100% of their total
>>operating time, and
>
>Not by me, they won't! Please don't go Kim on me, John!

Don't blame me or Kim, OM, you're the one who keeps mentioning the (supposed) dumbing down of the ARS and pointing to the written exams amidst much crying and gnashing of teeth (figuratively, as far as I know anyway). You're not the only one who does it by any means, but you are a frequent flyer on the "dumbed down" claim.

>I don't think that passing ANY current amateur radio test element
>is a particularly challenging endeavor these days. With open question
>pools, VE testing that allows taking the test multiple times per session,
>and a 70% passing score, anyone who can't go into a test session and
>walk out with an Extra just isn't trying.

Sure, if all they're interested in learning is how to pass the exam. I could have my Extra right now if that's the approach I chose to take. I'm still a General because I won't go that route. I'm going to do it by learning the material, or not at all.

>The current technical
>requirements in the written exams are strictly amateur level, as they
>should be, and prove little about a prospective ham's technical
>competence. This he will have to prove to his/her fellow hams by
>actual participation, which is subject to evaluation by his/her peers.
>I have never made a connection between code or theory testing and
>"technical competence" in the ARS. It is mainly the NCTA doing
>that.

I haven't seen that in this NG. What I have seen is the claim that the code test prevents otherwise qualified individuals from getting any meaningful privileges on HF, which is true. I myself am proof of that. When I took (and passed) Element 1, it was my intention to walk out of that VE session with my CSCE for Element 1 and a year to study for Element 3. The ham coordinating the VE team that morning pointed out that since it was going to cost me $10 that day whether I took the written test or not, I had nothing to lose by taking the written test. I did so, and passed, walking out as a temporary AG instead of as a Tech+ as I had intended. I had not studied at all for the General written, I knew the material from my years as an SWL and scanner listener and TV repair tech. I could have passed that exam the day I got my no-code Tech. The code test alone kept me from having any meaningful HF privileges in the interim.

That code test proved what? Nothing, really. It has nothing to do with my technical proficiency, and CW is but one of many modes we're permitted to use, and one I haven't chosen to pursue thus far (and at this point I'd be starting over almost from scratch if I decided to suddenly operate in that mode).

>You're entitled to your opinion. The problem is, the NCTA's don't think
>I'm entitled to mine! If I don't follow the rest of the flock of lemmings,

I thought the term was "sheeple" but...

>put on my tie-dyed tee shirt, faded jeans and Birkenstock sandals, and
>hold hands with them and sing "Kumbuya" as they chant their liberal,
>politically-correct mantra of "inclusiveness" while celebrating the end
>of the requirement to be tested for a useful communications skill,

...sort of like Hands Across America, where three million morons connected New York to Los Angeles and showed the terrorists our first sign of a weakness?

>I may
>as well take that .50AE and use my radio gear for target practice, as far as
>they're concerned! The NCTA are classic liberals, and like all liberals,
>they can "tolerate" anything except a difference of opinion.

Actually, I don't see either side of the argument as being very tolerant of the difference of opinion that obviously exists. Or perhaps there isn't a problem with testing for a useful communications skill, but rather with the selection of CW as the *only* such skill for which one can be tested.

>Another
>thing that characterizes liberals is a lack of a sense of humor, which may
>explain why you apparently missed the tongue-in-cheek nature of my
>"deal."

I happen to be a conservative. Like you, I own guns. Just because I live in a state where the voters were dumb enough to elect Chuck Shumer and Hillary Clinton to the U.S. Senate doesn't mean that I agree with the politics of those two leftist...well, let's just say I haven't forgotten who wrote the Brady Bill when he was in the House, okay? And I'd just as soon Hillary pack up Bill and his cigars and move back to Arkansas where they belong. Like all conservatives, I favor a minimum of governmental interference in people's lives. And despite some people's assertions to the contrary, this is still a hobby, which means that while the natural resource that the RF spectrum represents needs to be protected against misuse, the code test leaves the same bad taste in my mouth as the waiting period for me to buy another gun to go with the ones I already have - which is to say, it strikes me as silly.

If indeed your "deal" was posted tongue-in-cheek, my failure to detect this was not due to any lack of a sense of humor, but rather to having gotten used to your militant pro-codetest stance to the point where I

took your comments at face value.

Let's return to the original quote, shall we?

>I'll provide them some incentive: As of now, 20 July 2003 at 0321 hrs UTC,
>any prospective US ham who learns the code at the gruelling speed of 5
>WPM, passes the test, and gets their Extra will be considered by me to
>be a full-fledged ham as long as they regularly use at least one non-voice
>mode on-the-air at least 40 percent of their total operating time.

This implies that if one does *not* regularly use at least one non-voice mode on-the-air at least 40 percent of their total operating time, they will *not* be considered by you to be a full-fledged ham. The problem I have with that is that I operate almost exclusively from a mobile station, which makes operating non-voice modes 40% of the time a difficult percentage to obtain without either using CW (which I still suspect is your real agenda) or running the risk of getting killed in a car accident while typing away on PSK31 or some other soundcard mode while driving my van - or both, for that matter, since trying to drive and send Morse would distract me just as much.

I could of course leave my 2m rig on while I'm at work for 8-9 hours a day beaconing its position on APRS, or set up a 100mW CW beacon or a PBBS, thus adding time to my non-voice activities while I'm away from my equipment and artificially skewing the percentage, but it just seems to me that in order to be a full-fledged ham, one's choice of preferred operating modes must agree with yours 40% of the time, and so somehow I doubt that you'd consider this valid.

So the question I have for you is this: Do you have any qualifications for attaining this mythical, tongue-in-cheek K3LT Certificate Of Full-Fledged Hamdom that are not related to one's choice of operating modes? Something related to technical proficiency perhaps, or something that recognizes other contributions to the ARS such as participation in public service and/or emergency communications, or being active in the local ham radio club(s), or maybe holding an appointment in the ARRL Field Organization from one's SM? Or is it really all about operating mode to you, regardless of what else one chooses to do in the hobby?

73 DE John, KC2HMZ

2356. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-22 07:29:28 UTC
From: Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net>
Message-ID: <52pphv0u7bvq6aiuhjh8seukr6d7m0b46b@4ax.com>
Source record: 72238

On 22 Jul 2003 05:47:27 GMT, yodoc@aol.comnospam (Larry Roll K3LT)
wrote:

>In article <gvuohv85glm67bok4n79s1j0hjcmnfll6q@4ax.com>, Radio Amateur KC2HMZ
><kc2hmz@aa-mail.net> writes:
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>>>I received my U.K. call, G0LYW, in 1989 whilst stationed at RAF
>>>Mildenhall, UK. I operated mainly 40- and 20-meter CW, and, oddly
>>>enough, a bunch of 2-meter SSB.
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>>How were 2m operating conditions there, anyway? Seems like there might
>>be a lot of temperature inversion ducting going on with so much water
>>around. Just wondering.
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>John:
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>At the time, it was a VHF paradise. Great tropo-ducting openings which
>pretty much covered most of Western Europe. I had a 7-element 2-meter
>Yagi in my TV mast, and did quite well in spite of the fact that it wasn't
>up very high (about 20' AGL). I had to keep below the peak of the roof
>of my townhouse, so that's the best I could do.

Well, covering half a continent on a band that's normally
line-of-sight ain't half bad. ;-)

>My own participation in the "online" code test debate dates back to
>1991 when I returned from the UK and purchased my first US modem.
>I had limited participation in Fidonet from the UK from late '89 to '91,
>but at the time, the Ham Radio forum was tightly moderated, and anyone
>with a pro-code stance was persona non-grata.

Sounds pretty much like my own experience: Had a life, got a modem.

>>Ever heard this before: "Judge not, lest ye yourself be judged?"
>
>Yup. However, I'm not "judging" anyone's soul here, just their relative
>capabilities as a ham radio operator. That's a judgment I'm qualified to
>make. One of the problems our society faces now is the lack of willingness
>to be "judgmental." We have been indoctrinated by the liberal, political
>elite to be "tolerant" of everyone's deficiencies, even when said
>deficiencies are that individual's "choice." So, go ahead and call me
>"intolerant" as well, because I'm certainly that!

Actually, if you're going to make those judgements solely on the basis
of of one operating mode, out of the many we're permitted to use, then
"bigoted" is the word I'd be thinking about applying.

>>I for one would like to see a little less judging and a little more
>>mutual respect for our fellow hams.
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>I see. And I also agree. However, I've spent the last 14 years in this
>debate reacting to the blatant disrespect shown by the NCTA. Would
>you care to comment on THEIR behaviour as well?

My statement applies equally to both sides of the code testing debate. You don't see me referring to CW enthusiasts as, for example, "old fossils waiting to upgrade to silent keys" as I recall one moron posting a few years back in this NG, do you? No, you don't, because I respect my fellow hams, regardless of what modes they do and don't choose to operate in...at least until they present some other reason why I shouldn't - like for example, throwing 150 watts at a repeater that's located ten miles away and at 2300 feet of elevation, as someone not all that far from here regularly did a few years ago.

>>At the risk of sounding like a
>>broken record (anybody remember those?),
>
>Yes, I do! Fortunately, all my music is now on CD's and cassette. You
>see, I'm one of those technically-challenged pro-coders!

Obviously - otherwise you'd be using DVDs by now. :-)

>>it's all radio regardless.
>
>I've never said it was anything else.
>
>>Anyone who has bothered to obtain the license must have some interest
>>in radio, or so one might tend to think...so why not view that
>>interest as something in common and leave it at that?
>
>I am more than willing to do so. However, when faced with the whining
>objections of the NCTA, I will respond accordingly. Fair enough?

Meaning their objections to the code test, I presume...and again, I'd prefer to see both sides of that debate tone it down a little...a lot, in fact. The matter has been decided already at the international level, and I don't think any of us doubts that it will soon be decided at the national level here in the US as well. Meanwhile, the ARS has other fish to fry.

73 DE John, KC2HMZ

2357. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-22 12:08:54 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu>
Message-ID: <3F1D2956.8040500@psu.edu>
Source record: 72239

Kim W5TIT wrote:
> "Mike Coslo" <mcoslo@adelphia.net> wrote in message
> news:3F1B3940.3060801@adelphia.net...
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>>Kim W5TIT wrote:
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>>>Actually, the good test for good manners and courtesy and respect on the
>>>air, is the acid test. Every person I have witnessed being in the class
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> the
>
>>>majority calls an "idiot" operator, has soon disappeared from the FM
>>
> side of
>
>>>ham radio. They get tired of "being encouraged" to talk right, operate
>>>right, etc., or they get tired of being ignored. Guess where some have
>>>disappeared to?
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>>Here?
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>>- Mike KB3EIA -
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> HF.

That was a joke, Kim. 8^)

- mike KB3EIA -

2358. Re: With CW gone, can the CW allocations be far behind?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-22 12:27:45 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu>
Message-ID: <3F1D2DC1.3070807@psu.edu>
Source record: 72246

Kim W5TIT wrote:

> What's the difference between yakking using a microphone, or yakking using a
> CW key or paddle?

Functionally, not very much.

- Mike KB3EIA -

2359. Re: Why don't Real Hams you face the facts?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-22 13:06:41 UTC
From: k4yz@aol.com
Message-ID: <5c01b95b.0307220506.7acf9507@posting.google.com>
Source record: 72247

Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net> wrote in message
news:<ssjphvs46fj6jh6dmtbfo3v40m5njldmeq@4ax.com>...

> The conservative response (common in Texas, where I believe Kim
> lives): BLAM! BLAM! BLAM! BLAM! BLAM! BLAM! BLAM! BLAM! BLAM! (Sound
> of magazine being ejected and a fresh one rammed into place, followed
> by the sound of the slide racking another round into the chamber)
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> Mr. Singh: "Did he move or was I seeing things?"
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> Mr. Singh's 16-year old son: "He moved, dad, I saw him!"
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> Mrs. Singh: "I think our son is right."
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> BLAM! BLAM! BLAM! BLAM! BLAM! BLAM! BLAM! BLAM! BLAM!
>
> Mr. Singh's 9-year old daughter: "Nice group, daddy!"

Now THAT is what I call crime abatement! (At least for the NEXT
twerp to try it!)

ROTMFFLMMFAO!

73

Steve, K4YZ

2360. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-22 13:27:40 UTC
From: JJ <radiobuff0@mailcity.moc>
Message-ID: <3F1D3BCC.70807@mailcity.moc>
Source record: 72292

Radio Amateur KC2HMZ wrote:

>
> Larry posted that, I didn't - however, I have not disputed that CW is
> a useful communications skill. Any communications skill is useful in a
> communications hobby, and any technical skill is useful in a technical
> hobby. For me to claim otherwise would be illogical. What I am
> disputing is the notion put forth by K3LT that one needs to have
> acquired CW proficiency in order to form an opinion as to whether one
> wishes to pursue that aspect of the hobby or not...an assertion which
> I find equally illogical.

But you need CW skills in order to feel superior, at least Larry thinks so.

2361. Re: The myth that BPL is a solution for rural broadband

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-22 14:08:36 UTC
From: luke <luke^2@noluke.com>
Message-ID: <3F1D4562.81140B77@noluke.com>
Source record: 72248
Cross-posted to:
rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.shortwave

Watched an interesting program while ago on tlc or discovery about
electrocutions, power line workers in special helicopter were checking
lines
for bad insulators/leaks and were working on one section when the linesman
got electrocuted. Even with all safety equipment in use, he was knocked
out,
lost several teeth but survived.

Even with the power off these hv lines, there is some level of residual
power there
perhaps from static, the program did not get into details.

I would like to see how those cell antenna are installed on top of these
power towers.
Guess they use special crane to do it.

luke

> On Mon, 21 Jul 2003 00:26:47 GMT, "Phil Kane"
> <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop> wrote:
>
> >Transmission voltages (34 KV and up) are something else. Those are
> > never worked hot.
>

2362. Re: The myth that BPL is a solution for rural broadband

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-22 14:17:15 UTC
From: WB2JKX <mycall-N0SPAM@arrl.net>
Message-ID: <LHbTa.67462$0v4.4498427@bgtnsc04-news.ops.worldnet.att.net>
Source record: 72249
Cross-posted to:
rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.shortwave

Rob Kemp <robkemp90210@hotmail.com> wrote in message
news:6114e4af.0307212024.28641436@posting.google.com...
> Ed,
>
> In reply to your question on the technical requirements, (apologies in
> advance for the verbose response but would like to ensure that the
> implementation difference between European PLC/PLT and our BPL is
> understood by everyone).
>
> In Europe BPL (PLC/PLT) is connected to the 220V (European voltage) at
> the transformer that feeds 100~200 homes. Typically backhaul from the
> transformer is a dedicated data line. European power lines are
> underground and the emission limits are lower (NB30) but there are
> still major interference problems. At NB30 emission limits PLC/PLT is
> good for about 900 feet.
>
> Here in the U.S. our power system architecture is different with a
> transformer for 4~6 homes in the suburbs, in rural areas many homes
> will have individual transformers as the houses are far apart.
>
> BPL is transmitted down (and emitted from) the 11KV medium voltage
> lines that go to the house transformers. 11KV lines have significant
> attenuation (and radiation) at HF.
>
> The repeater issue has been "swept under carpet" as they are expensive
> and need a truck roll to install. The BPL lobby's focus has been to
> persuade the world that every socket magically becomes an Internet
> connection.
>
> For details on a typical BPL repeater check;
> http://www.amperion.com/products.asp
>
> There are no details on specific repeater distances at the Amperion
> site, just a vague comment about data rates and latency. Latency will
> cause problems for VoIP and gamers (the ping numbers will be bad).
>
> It is clear from the Amperion information that these repeaters are
> complex as they decode the data. Presume that power is somehow picked
> off the 11KV line.
>
> The source for the 2,000 feet is here;
> http://www2.arrl.org/news/features/2003/06/01/1/

> "According to industry sources, data rates of up to 20 MB/s are
> possible for distances of up to 2,000 feet, and of up to 3 MB/s for
> distances of up to 4,000 feet."
>
> The ARRL comments are for raw data rates under very ideal conditions,
> actual download speed shared by all customers will be about 35% of the
> raw data rate. The BPL systems both in Europe and the U.S. have
> symmetrical upload/download speeds which is puzzling, as would expect
> users to care more about download speeds.
>
> If the FCC raises the emission limits, then the repeater distance will
> be greater. Suspect if they don't, the BPL operators will still turn
> up the power anyway and wait for complaints
>
> "Ed G." <Spectrumhog@_REMOVE_StarBand.net> wrote in message
news:<Xns93BE7E5C0161Frog207Junocom@148.78.248.75>...
> > While I certainly don't want to see BPL implemented, I must question
> > your statements about the power companies' technical requirements to
> > deploy BPL to rural customers.
> >
> > Can you please provide official sources for the technical information
> > you posted?
> >
> >
> > Ed WB6SAT

It would seem that the use of repeaters on the HV lines would require the
power line to be broken into isolated sections (RF-wise) where the repeaters
are located, with the 60Hz bypassed around the repeater. This can't be good
for reliable electric service.

2363. Re: The myth that BPL is a solution for rural broadband

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-22 14:24:16 UTC
From: David Robbins <k1ttt@arrl.net>
Message-ID: <dJ6cnXnRM-iP1ICiXTWJkg@crocker.com>
Source record: 72250
Cross-posted to:
rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.shortwave

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> got electrocuted. Even with all safety equipment in use, he was knocked
> out,
> lost several teeth but survived.
>
> Even with the power off these hv lines, there is some level of residual
> power there
> perhaps from static, the program did not get into details.

if they are not properly grounded they can build up a static charge just
from wind or passing clouds(thunderstorms or clouds that are building a
charge separation even though they haven't actually caused lightning yet).
they can also get charged by induced voltages from nearby energized lines,
where the line you are working on runs parallel to another energized line it
acts like a huge one turn transformer and if not grounded it can build up
quite a high voltage.

>
> I would like to see how those cell antenna are installed on top of these
> power towers.
> Guess they use special crane to do it.

crane, helicopter, carry it up on your back, whatever it takes they get them
up there... providing grounding and isolation at the base of the tower is
the bigger problem. the control shack they connect to requires both AC
power and usually a connection to a land based phone network. both of these
need extra protection because if the hv line flashes over an insulator due
to a fault or lightning the voltage at the base of the structure can get
quite high, this can flash back over to the low voltage line and phone lines
and get back into those systems. phone lines are easiest to protect by
using fiber optics but power is another problem. One utility engineer i
talked to at a lightning protection meeting described how a fault like that
got into the distribution lines and blew the service drops off several
houses down the road causing all sorts of collateral damage.

2364. Re: The myth that BPL is a solution for rural broadband

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-22 14:49:59 UTC
From: W5DXP <Cecil.A.Moore@ieee.org>
Message-ID: <3f1d5021_1@corp.newsgroups.com>
Source record: 72251
Cross-posted to:
rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.shortwave

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> power line to be broken into isolated sections (RF-wise) where the repeaters
> are located, with the 60Hz bypassed around the repeater. This can't be good
> for reliable electric service.

The power companies have already been using power line carrier repeaters
for many, many years. The repeaters are the bypass, not vice versa.
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73, Cecil http://www.qsl.net/w5dxp

-----= Posted via Newsfeeds.Com, Uncensored Usenet News =-----
http://www.newsfeeds.com - The #1 Newsgroup Service in the World!
-----== Over 80,000 Newsgroups - 16 Different Servers! =-----

2365. Re: CW sub-bands must disapear

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-22 15:05:45 UTC
From: Hans Kohb <k0hb@earthlink.net>
Message-ID: <8f02feb31ddb579148f941fd4d16518c.128005@mygate.mailgate.org>
Source record: 72252

"Nomen Nescio" <nobody@dizum.com> wrote

> Remember TITANIC had sunk because CW
> was used. If SSB was used, the ship
> has been saved. Samuel Morse invented
> his silly code because he was not
> enough clever to invent SSB.

The Armenian judges gave this a 9.8 on the Olympic Troll-O-Meter, but they were over-ruled by the umpires in instant replay, who award it a 1.4.

The Armenian judges lodged a formal protest!

It was sufficiently trollish, of course, but way too obvious. It was poorly written, poorly executed, and was so incredibly lame as to lack the true drawing power of a really masterful troll. Maybe as high as a 1.6 for the intense stupidity of the premise, but a 9.8? Never! The Armenian judges tear their hair out, throw their balalaikas down in dismay, and perform the traditional Armenian Dismay Chant! They demand a recount!

73, de Hans, K0HB
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Reality does not care what you believe. -K0HB

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Posted via Mailgate.ORG Server - http://www.Mailgate.ORG

2366. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-22 15:39:30 UTC
From: Scott Unit 69 <scott_unit_69@yahoo.moc>
Message-ID: <3F1D5AB2.3B13D08A@yahoo.moc>
Source record: 72253

> My own participation in the "online" code test debate dates back to
> 1991 when I returned from the UK and purchased my first US modem.
> I had limited participation in Fidonet from the UK from late '89 to '91,
> but at the time, the Ham Radio forum was tightly moderated, and anyone
> with a pro-code stance was persona non-grata.

And the rest of the world would appreciate if you'd stop
taking it out on us. It's not my fault. I don't care.

2367. Re: Why don't Real Hams you face the facts?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-22 15:42:21 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030722114221.25052.00001320@mb-m11.aol.com>
Source record: 72254

In article <ssjphvs46fj6jh6dmtbfo3v40m5njldmeq@4ax.com>, Radio Amateur KC2HMZ
<kc2hmz@aa-mail.net> writes:

>
>The conservative response (common in Texas, where I believe Kim
>lives): BLAM! BLAM! BLAM! BLAM! BLAM! BLAM! BLAM! BLAM! BLAM! (Sound
>of magazine being ejected and a fresh one rammed into place, followed
>by the sound of the slide racking another round into the chamber)
>
>Mr. Singh: "Did he move or was I seeing things?"
>
>Mr. Singh's 16-year old son: "He moved, dad, I saw him!"
>
>Mrs. Singh: "I think our son is right."
>
>BLAM! BLAM! BLAM! BLAM! BLAM! BLAM! BLAM! BLAM! BLAM!
>
>Mr. Singh's 9-year old daughter: "Nice group, daddy!"
>
>73 DE John, KC2HMZ

John:

ROFLMFAOAPMGO! Really, (well, except for the PMGO, bit!). As far as I'm
concerned, Texas is one of the few states that truly has it "right" where gun
laws and a citizen's right to defend himself is concerned. And unlike here in
Delaware, I'm sure all the Mr. Singh's and Mr. Said's running the conveneince
stores generally don't worry about what's going to happen the next time a
lone customer walks through the door at 11 PM. That's because all the
Texas "perps" know that if they do try to knock the place over for a few bucks
to buy some cocaine, they'll have to wade through a quagmire of 115 gr.
9mm GDHP's flying at them at 1400 fps to get at their intended target!

BTW, If I were the owner of a convenience store, I'd have a special door
chime that played a .WAV of a 12-ga. pump-action shotgun being racked
every time someone came in after sundown.

73 de Larry, K3LT
Member, NRA
My Presidnet is Kayne Robinson

2368. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-22 15:50:51 UTC
From: starwars <nobody@tatooine.homelinux.net>
Message-ID: <ee4cad4c58d6935e3a7a67886c08fcaa@tatooine.homelinux.net>
Source record: 72255

In article <3F1CB10C.1DA487F6@earthlink.net>
Dave Heil <k8mn@earthlink.net> wrote:
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> Vshah101 wrote:
> >
> > From: Dave Heil k8mn
> >
> > >> I don't want to talk to some older males. Thats not anti-social.
> > >
> > >If we go by your rules, it certainly is.
> >
> > Its still consistent. Those Hams are on the radio, not in person. For example,
> > those Hams at the "DXpedition" contacted other (anti-social) Hams on Sat night,
> > but did not meet anyone in person.
>
> Fine, Vipul. Then those hams present with you must not have talked to
> each other or to you. If they did otherwise, there was social
> interaction. I've worked several hams in India any number of times over
> the past couple of decades. I've never met them in person nor have I
> telephoned them to chat and ask of their families. By your definition,
> I'm anti-social.

No, you just stalk other hams..........

> > That has nothing to do with the technical part of the hobby. The technical part
> > occurred during the antenna and equipment setup. There was plenty of operating
> > during the day, so operating on Sat night more represented the social aspect
> > more than any technical aspect. Therefore, this is how those Hams spent their
> > Sat night. Seems anti-social to me.
>
> Who are you to tell people enjoying their hobby as a group what they
> should be doing with their Saturdays?

Who the hell are you to tell len what he can or cannot post, dickhead?

> > >You didn't go on a DXpedition.
> >
> > They called it a DXpedition.
>
> They were wrong. You've been corrected several times before but you
> continue to put forth the error as fact. You are wrong.

PKB, dumbass.

> > >> Many Hams will work DX. They get a thrill from that. But, they won't talk
> to
> > >> the person next door or to anyone in person.
> > >
> > >Your record is stuck, Vipul. Your claim is simply another tired
> > >stereotype offered without proof of any kind.
> >
> > I gave an example above where the Hams contacted people through the radio, but
> > did not meet anyone in person. (Probably avoided it). This was not my local
> > club. It was a random group of Hams.
>
> I hope we don't have a QSO, Vipul. I couldn't take the suspense of
> waiting for you to show up at my door.

Why would he want to see that dump, he could see a ghetto in his ow2n country.

> Are you familiar with the term
> "flakey"?

Yeah, you define it, ASSHOLE.

2369. Re: With CW gone, can the CW allocations be far behind?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-22 16:00:46 UTC
From: K0HB <k0hb@earthlink.net>
Message-ID: <c10e12e8f70fcad6aceb4eab43f846e7.128005@mygate.mailgate.org>
Source record: 72256

"Radio Amateur KC2HMZ" <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net> wrote in message
news:glkphv48e1eo5vc77j03ip33vpv3mqed7a@4ax.com

> On 22 Jul 2003 04:25:57 GMT, yodoc@aol.comnospam (Larry Roll K3LT)
> wrote:
>
> >Since you have no practical on-the-air experience using CW, I don't
> >expect you to appreciate this, and consider you to be unqualified to
> >render an opinion on the subject.
>
> On that note, we're still waiting for your opinion on eating elephant
> dung - good idea or bad?
>
> 73 DE John, KC2HMZ

John,

Many years ago one of the popular magazines (Sat Eve Post, Colliers,
Readers Digest?) had a reader-contributed feature called "The Perfect
Squelch". Your comment above would surely have been a winner!

73, de Hans, K0HB
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"They called me mad and I called them mad,
but damn them, they outvoted me!"

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Posted via Mailgate.ORG Server - http://www.Mailgate.ORG

2370. Re: Why don't Real Hams you face the facts?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-22 16:06:49 UTC
From: Bert Craig <wa2si@arrl.netNOSPAM>
Message-ID: <tidTa.17666$0F4.4806@nwrdny02.gnilink.net>
Source record: 72257

"Dave Heil" <k8mn@earthlink.net> wrote in message
news:3F1CAC49.66F2AC48@earthlink.net...
> Bert Craig wrote:
> >
> > Dave Heil <k8mn@earthlink.net> wrote in message
news:<3F1C0F27.E2909DAE@earthlink.net>...
> > > Kim W5TIT wrote:
> > >
> > > > Whenever I used to bootleg--and I did before I was licensed, I
always made
> > > > extra sure to stay out of ham radio frequencies--most hams know too
much
> > > > about R&R and DFing. ;)
> > >
> > > Such seems in character for you, Kim.
> > >
> > > > I won't do it now but only because I don't want to
> > > > compromise my license.
> > >
> > > So, not because it was illegal, only so you don't lose your license.
> > >
> > > Dave K8MN
> >
> > Hi Dave,
> >
> > You kinda conveniently left out "Well, along with the fact that now I
> > realize what an idiot I was being." I believe that pretty much answers
> > your last query.
>
> I don't think it does as evidenced by her reply to my comments.

I do.

> > We ALL make foolish errors in our youth and most of
> > us eventually grow up, hopefully, wiser for the wear. It's got sump'n
> > to do with casting the first stone or some such saying. ;-)
>
> Kim didn't write that this was stuff she'd done in her youth. I was
> never a bootlegger in my youth or in my adulthood. Were you? :-)

That's very commendable, Dave. When I said we ALL make "mistakes," I
certainly did not mean to limit it to just radio related violations. Yes, I
have violated FCC rules in my youth and I'm mature enough to admit my past
mistakes and grateful that I suffered no severe consequences as a result. I
personally know not a single soul who has made NO mistakes in their youth,

moral, legal, or both. If you fall in this category, then you've broken that streak and, once again, are to be commended.

The important thing (To me, at least.) is that I AM wiser for the wear and am in a position to help someone else avoid those mistakes entirely based upon my experiences. BTW, one does not necessarily have to agree with a law/rule while obeying it. For ex.

- I would never bootleg or run excessive power because it is wrong and causes harm.

- I would never work DX on the legal 40 CB frequencies with 12 Watts P.E.P. because it's not worth risking my ticket over. (But I think it'd be a great recruitment tool.)

It's a good thing we really don't go blind for doing some of the "wrong" things of our youth. With the amount of DX I worked on ch. 38 LSB on my Royce rig in '78/79, I'd be typing this post on a Braille keyboard. Take care now, OM. ;-)

> Dave K8MN
>
> > 73 de Bert
> > WA2SI

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73 de Bert
WA2SI

2371. Re: CW sub-bands must disapear

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-22 16:09:51 UTC
From: N2EY@AOL.COM
Message-ID: <c2356669.0307220809.18893bc2@posting.google.com>
Source record: 72258

"Tobias" <tobias@ntlworld.com> wrote in message
news:<DUSSa.1818$D67.92684@newsfep1-win.server.ntli.net>...
> The Titanic sunk, becouse of the way it was built.
> Remember what year it was.
> "Nomen Nescio" <nobody@dizum.com> wrote in message
> news:5b8059907b021f46b1f67ca6e9f44593@dizum.com...

> > Remember TITANIC had sunk because CW
> > was used. If SSB was used, the ship
> > has been saved.

Yes, it's an obvious troll. However, the sinking was a direct result of multiple human errors rather than any technological breakdown. Other radio modes would not have made a difference. For radio to be any good somebody has to turn it on, and do something with the information received.

The Marconi ops delivered at least six ice warnings to Captain Smith but he did not order a reduction in speed or change of course. Although it was a moonless calm night, the lookouts did not have binoculars. Etc. The list goes on and on.

Sister ships Olympic and Britannic were modified after the Titanic loss, but Britannic was lost after striking a mine in the Med while serving as a hospital ship. Olympic ("Old Reliable" to her crew) served 25 years, including WW1 service as a troop ship, and wound up being scrapped.

The Titanic disaster serves as an object lesson of how even the best available technology cannot prevent all possible disasters due to human error. IOW, there's no cure for stupid.

73 de Jim, N2EY

2372. Re: CW sub-bands must disapear

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-22 16:21:01 UTC
From: K0HB <k0hb@earthlink.net>
Message-ID: <63b0090192ade4351a23bafe8fd159c4.128005@mygate.mailgate.org>
Source record: 72259

"N2EY" <N2EY@AOL.COM> wrote

> IOW, there's no cure for stupid.

Of course there is!

God Bless You, Dr. Kervorkian.

With all kind wishes,

de Hans, K0HB

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Posted via Mailgate.ORG Server - http://www.Mailgate.ORG

2373. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-22 16:29:31 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307220829.1b56d07f@posting.google.com>
Source record: 72260

"Dan/W4NTI" <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com> wrote in message
news:<bfh2frsrp1@slb0.atl.mindspring.net>...
> "Brian" <brianburke@juno.com> wrote in message
> news:f45722ac.0307210656.78eb9210@posting.google.com...
> > "Dan/W4NTI" <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com> wrote in message
> news:<bff3hj$ur2$1@slb6.atl.mindspring.net>...

> > > Now Ive heard everything. CW is now a method of encryption. Oh good
> grief.
> > >
> > > That is a first. I never thought Id live so long as to see so much
> idiocy
> > > about the Morse Code. Unbelievable
> > >
> > > Dan/W4NTI
> >
> > Dan, its not a first, its a second.
> >
> > One ham on rrap has suggested that he would not only use Morse/CW but
> > that he would send the characters so atrociously that it could not be
> > read by a computer code reader so that the NCTs couldn't know what he
> > was saying.
> >
> > You have DICK to thank for that.
>
> Ive been know to do that in some situations. I.E. When the returning
> station is sending perfect cw and cant copy a thing I sent to him. Must be
> on a reader and a keyboard. I just screw up the character spacing, or go to
> a bug. Works every time.
>
> Dan/W4NTI

Now there's something to be proud of.

Instead of sending worse code, why not try sending better code so that
the reader can copy it?

I guess we can count on you to go the wrong way whenever there's a
tuff decision to be made.

2374. Re: With CW gone, can the CW allocations be far behind?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-22 17:17:01 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu>
Message-ID: <3F1D718D.9090109@psu.edu>
Source record: 72261

K0HB wrote:
> "Radio Amateur KC2HMZ" <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net> wrote in message
> news:glkphv48e1eo5vc77j03ip33vpv3mqed7a@4ax.com
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>>On that note, we're still waiting for your opinion on eating elephant
>>dung - good idea or bad?
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>>73 DE John, KC2HMZ
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> John,
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> Readers Digest?) had a reader-contributed feature called "The Perfect
> Squelch". Your comment above would surely have been a winner!

Except for dung beetles! There was a good Nova program on them. Glad I
didn't have to do the camera work.

- Mike KB3EIA -

2375. Re: Why don't Real Hams you face the facts?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-22 17:50:05 UTC
From: Dave Heil <k8mn@earthlink.net>
Message-ID: <3F1D79DE.17C3B61B@earthlink.net>
Source record: 72262

Bert Craig wrote:
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> "Dave Heil" <k8mn@earthlink.net> wrote in message
> news:3F1CAC49.66F2AC48@earthlink.net...
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> personally know not a single soul who has made NO mistakes in their youth,
> moral, legal, or both. If you fall in this category, then you've broken that
> streak and, once again, are to be commended.

Again, Kim did not indicate that her actions were something done in her
youth. I wrote about radio violations because that was what was under
discussion. If I wanted to generalize, I'd take it up in
rec.soc.scofflaw.

> The important thing (To me, at least.) is that I AM wiser for the wear and
> am in a position to help someone else avoid those mistakes entirely based
> upon my experiences. BTW, one does not necessarily have to agree with a
> law/rule while obeying it. For ex.
>
> - I would never bootleg or run excessive power because it is wrong and
> causes harm.
>
> - I would never work DX on the legal 40 CB frequencies with 12 Watts P.E.P.
> because it's not worth risking my ticket over. (But I think it'd be a great
> recruitment tool.)

I've never put forth the idea that one should obey a law because one
agrees with it. Kim knew she was breaking the law and decided that
she'd do it anyway.

> It's a good thing we really don't go blind for doing some of the "wrong"
> things of our youth. With the amount of DX I worked on ch. 38 LSB on my
> Royce rig in '78/79, I'd be typing this post on a Braille keyboard. Take
> care now, OM. ;-)

So you knew you were breaking the law but decided it was okay? Was that all in your youth?

Dave K8MN

2376. Re: Why don't Real Hams you face the facts?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-22 17:56:44 UTC
From: No Cal Ham <"No Cal Ham"@nowhere.net>
Message-ID: <vVeTa.8451$ff.7121@fed1read01>
Source record: 72263

Regarding the title -- We real Hams are the facts

2377. Re: With CW gone, can the CW allocations be far behind?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-22 20:34:22 UTC
From: Dan/W4NTI <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com>
Message-ID: <bfk748qtd1@slb2.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 72264
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy

"Robert Casey" <wa2ise@ix.netcom.com> wrote in message
news:3F1C8DD8.6060804@ix.netcom.com...
> Dee D. Flint wrote:
>
> >The ARRL had a new survey in the last 6 months. Half of the respondants
use
> >morse any where from occasionally to 100% of the time. Morse code usage
> >appears to be on the rise. In the past year, participation in the ARRL
> >Morse contests showed an increase of 20% over the previous year.
> >Participation in the voice contests was practically the same as last year
> >with virtually no growth.
> >
> >
> >
> If this is the case, then Morse code has a good future. No need to
> worry that you
> won't be able to find someone to have a QSO when you do a CQ.
>

Its not a problem for a couple of decades anyway. As soon as the 'flood' of
no code braindeads show up on phone...CW will be so full you can't get a
beep in.

Dan/W4NTI

2378. Re: With CW gone, can the CW allocations be far behind?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-22 20:37:20 UTC
From: Dan/W4NTI <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com>
Message-ID: <bfk79q$v98$1@slb3.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 72265
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy

Not a problem...let all the no code braindeads have phone. I'll just run cw
on top of them with my narrow filter.

Dan/W4NTI

"Ryan, KC8PMX" <kc8pmx@diamondcs.net> wrote in message
news:bfjac6$f5ot3$9@ID-189073.news.uni-berlin.de...
> Oh no! And "Skylab is falling" cried Chicken Little....
>
>
> "Joe Collins" <collins201@taranews.net> wrote in message
> news:3871068677.165767678@taranews.net...
> > Now that Bruce Parens and NCI have won the CW wars, what will happen
> > to the exclusive CW allocations if a CW requirement is dropped?
> > Certainly there can be no argument for keeping the current band
> > structure in place, and phone operations probably ought to be spread
> > out into what was once exclusively reserved for CW operators. Not
> > only would this alleviate the congestion in the phone bands, but it
> > would finally and officially place CW into perspective: Just another
> > optional mode of operation without any exclusive rights to any
> > frequency.
>
>

2379. Re: With CW gone, can the CW allocations be far behind?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-22 20:42:17 UTC
From: Dan/W4NTI <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com>
Message-ID: <bfk7j3kdp1@slb2.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 72266

"Larry Roll K3LT" <yodoc@aol.comnospam> wrote in message
news:20030722002556.25815.00001581@mb-m07.aol.com...
> In article <20030720235431.00871.00000750@mb-m17.aol.com>,
lenover21@aol.com
> (Len Over 21) writes:
>
> >>Well, folks, there it is -- as I've been saying for years, it's all
about
> >>getting a microphone in hand and yakking away!
> >
> > Too bad you have such bad speaking skills...you might have made
> > a fine ham on the phone bands.
> >
> > LHA
>
> Lennie:
>
> Actually, I do have a speech impediment. I can't drone on for hours about
> nothing like all those other "fine hams" on the HF phone bands! Maybe
> once I'm fully retired and living in a trailer park down in Florida, I'll
have
> the
> time and inclination for HF phone. Until then, I need to make better use
> of my limited operating time -- and don't have nearly enough medical
> problems to serve as adequate subject matter.
>
> 73 de Larry, K3LT
>

Gotta admit he has a point here guys and girls.

Dan/W4NTI

2380. Re: Ham Radio In The Post-Code Testing Era

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-22 22:02:00 UTC
From: "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net>
Message-ID: <sviTa.11952$Vx2.5812057@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com>
Source record: 72267

"Radio Amateur KC2HMZ" <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net> wrote in message
news:3qnohvomptdh7okbmqihsjf5bq8ihqorc8@4ax.com...
> On 20 Jul 2003 02:35:45 GMT, yodoc@aol.comnospam (Larry Roll K3LT)
> wrote:
>
> >My statement about future hams having no experience with Morse/CW
> >is plain FACT, not opinion, Bill.
>
> There seem to be quite a few hams now who have no experience with
> Morse/CW. There are 257,319 Technicians in the ARS, according to the
> most recently posted figures from N2EY, some of which are undoubtedly
> former Tech-Plus licensees renewed as Technician, but most of whom are
> undoubtedly of the no-code variety. Even if 20% are renewed Tech+ then
> that's still over 200,000 hams with no Morse/CW experience. And that
> is a lotta hams - two or three football stadiums full, in fact.
>
> >It is also a fact that because of their
> >lack of experience, they are self-disqualified from having an "opinion"
> >about the subject.
>
> I disagree - it's not a fact, it's your opinion. I also happen to
> disagree with that opinion.
>
> Larry, no disrespect intended here, but what's your current opinion of
> eating...oh...how about...elephant dung, for example?
>
> Most of us would say that the idea sounds quite disgusting, no thanks,
> I'll pass. Same goes for cat dung, rat dung, bat dung, or any other
> kind of dung for that matter. I don't need to have tasted 'em all in
> order to form that opinion. Similarly, one does not need to have
> learned to send and receive CW at 50 WPM in order to decide that one
> is not interested in that particular mode.
>

That's a specious argument and you know it.

You do have to actually eat an apple to determine if you will like it. It's
not possible to determine what a cake or whatever will taste like by reading
the ingredients of the mix. You have to eat it. For example, I hate
tomatoes, cheeses, and garlic. Yet I could not predetermine what pizza
tasted like. I had to try it. And you know what, I love pizza.

> Note that it is not my intention to equate CW skills with animal dung,
> the skill remains a useful one to have and I don't begrudge those who
> enjoy CW their pleasure at using the mode - not for a single minute.

Yes it was and yes you do or you would not have used the dung comparison.

> I'm merely pointing out that expertise at a particular activity is not
> a prerequisite for deciding whether or not one wishes to pursue said
> activity. Do I need to be able to deadlift 600 pounds in order to
> decide I don't wish to be an olympic weightlifter? Nope. Can I
> currently deadlift 600 pounds? Nope. Does that render my decision to
> not try to deadlift 600 pounds invalid? Nope.

CW skills are more like music. You have to acquire a BASIC level of skill to determine if you will like it. Almost every adult that I know wishes they had learned to play an instrument and wishes their parents had made them take lessons.

Dee D. Flint, N8UZE

2381. Re: The "trained pool of operators" argument - debunked

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-22 22:03:13 UTC
From: Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
Message-ID: <cuvyxnansvbet.hiftqkp.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 72268

On 22 Jul 2003 04:25:55 GMT, Larry Roll K3LT wrote:

>Izzat so? Where's all the high-speed digital communications infrastructure
>that was promised to ham radio when the 5 WPM code test was dropped
>for the Technician-class license?

It's working - quite well, than kew - in the San Francisco Bay Area
on the 2.4 GHz band. Sorry, there's no access point in Pennsylvania.

--
73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane

2382. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-22 22:11:43 UTC
From: "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net>
Message-ID: <zEiTa.11954$Vx2.5813552@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com>
Source record: 72269

"Radio Amateur KC2HMZ" <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net> wrote in message
news:q12phvg9dbeq6328nhbviledi4s6558m2p@4ax.com...
> On 20 Jul 2003 03:26:37 -0700, k4yz@aol.com (Steve Robeson, K4CAP)
> wrote:
>
> > I am willing to bet that some sort of "moratorium" on code
> >testing is announced within the next 60 days. Just an
> >opinion...nothing certain
>
> In light of comments I've read elsewhere, I'm forced to wonder if that
> would be legal. I'm certainly no lawyer, but from what I've seen
> elsewhere, the Senate has to ratify the treaty, then the process of
> NPRM begins, and so forth.
>
> If it *is* legal, then it wouldn't surprise me all that much for FCC
> to come out and say, "Okay, we had enough of this issue back in 1999,
> as of today all Amateur Radio licensees and all applicants for Amateur
> Radio license of any class are granted blanket Element 1 credit, game
> over, thanks for playing."
>
> 73 DE John, KC2HMZ
>

There is a new article as of today on the ARRL site that also predicts about two years. They also are of the opinion that the FCC will take no action on its own but will only respond to petitions for changes. If that's indeed the case, then someone has to file a petition, then there has to be time for comments and related petitions, then the FCC needs to review it all and file a NPRM and allow time for comments on that and so on.

Dee D. Flint, N8UZE

2383. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-22 22:19:21 UTC
From: Jim Hampton <aa2qa@frontiernet.net>
Message-ID: <JLiTa.3671$d13.3108@news02.roc.ny>
Source record: 72270

Kim,

Just out of curiosity, have you noticed any significant change in the amateur newsgroups in the last two years? This is getting almost (but not quite) as bad as rec.radio.amateur.misc :)

Some of the folks in here don't appear to be dealing with a full deck.

73 from Rochester, NY
Jim AA2QA

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2384. Re: With CW gone, can the CW allocations be far behind?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-22 22:21:46 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030722182146.00871.00000807@mb-m17.aol.com>
Source record: 72272

In article <a7ddbad78611b9fd71d234a4c97f901f.128005@mygate.mailgate.org>, "Hans Kohb" <k0hb@earthlink.net> writes:

>"N2EY" <n2ey@aol.com> wrote
>
>>
>> 35% answered "Never"
>> 37% answered "Rarely"
>> 27% answered "Regularly"
>> 1% did not answer.
>
>
>>
>> 64% (37+27) sometimes use Morse code, according to that survey. That's a
>fact,
>> not spin.
>>
>
>
>Facts (and spin) are in the eye of the beholder, Jim.

"Reality does not care what you believe"

>Your "64%
>sometimes use Morse code" is trumped by the fellow who uses the same
>numbers to factually state that "72% (35+37) of the hams surveyed rarely
>or never use Morse code".

How is it trumped?

Besides, the point of my post was that the original poster was way off on a number of things.

73 de Jim, N2EY

2385. Re: CW sub-bands must disapear

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-22 22:21:47 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030722182147.00871.00000808@mb-m17.aol.com>
Source record: 72271

In article <63b0090192ade4351a23bafe8fd159c4.128005@mygate.mailgate.org>,
"K0HB" <k0hb@earthlink.net> writes:

>"N2EY" <N2EY@AOL.COM> wrote
>
>> IOW, there's no cure for stupid.
>
>Of course there is!
>
>God Bless You, Dr. Kervorkian.
>
SWISH!!! 3 points! Nothin' but net!

I stand corrected.

(KV reference noted).

73 de Jim, N2EY

2386. Re: The myth that BPL is a solution for rural broadband

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-22 23:44:06 UTC
From: Dave Shrader <david.shrader@comcast.net>
Message-ID: <a%jTa.110164$wk6.28270@rwcrnsc52.ops.asp.att.net>
Source record: 72273
Cross-posted to:
rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.shortwave

W7TI wrote:

> On 21 Jul 2003 21:24:31 -0700, robkemp90210@hotmail.com (Rob Kemp)
> wrote:
>
>
>>"According to industry sources, data rates of up to 20 MB/s are
>>possible for distances of up to 2,000 feet, and of up to 3 MB/s for
>>distances of up to 4,000 feet."
>
>
> ____
>
> I came in late here, but if that's all the farther we're talking about,
> why not use low power microwave links? Is there some technical reason
> to favor BPL?
>
NOPE!! But, there is a FINANCIAL INTEREST

2387. Re: With CW gone, can the CW allocations be far behind?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-22 23:47:48 UTC
From: Jim Hampton <aa2qa@frontiernet.net>
Message-ID: <E2kTa.3781$qU3.993@news02.roc.ny>
Source record: 72274
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy

I doubt CW will be outlawed. As it stands, CW is legal just about anywhere (and I've used that to *very* good advantage when someone tried to QRM me). Just drop in the 250 Hz bandpass filter on the rig, run it through DSP, and let the SSB, AM, FM, RTTY, and anyone else try and get through it :)

I remember well when I got W2OY's blood pressure to rise (likely over 200). I had to stop and open up the bandwidth to hear him whining after he tried to jam a QSO between me and a Pennsylvania station. His kilowatt didn't fare very well against our 75/100 watts. Joy joy joy! Say what you want, most folks are very dependent upon their computers and *still* can't type worth beans :)

73 from Rochester, NY
Jim AA2QA

"Joe Collins" <collins201@taranews.net> wrote in message news:3871068677.165767678@taranews.net...
> Now that Bruce Parens and NCI have won the CW wars, what will happen
> to the exclusive CW allocations if a CW requirement is dropped?
> Certainly there can be no argument for keeping the current band
> structure in place, and phone operations probably ought to be spread
> out into what was once exclusively reserved for CW operators. Not
> only would this alleviate the congestion in the phone bands, but it
> would finally and officially place CW into perspective: Just another
> optional mode of operation without any exclusive rights to any
> frequency.

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2388. Re: With CW gone, can the CW allocations be far behind?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-22 23:49:16 UTC
From: Jim Hampton <aa2qa@frontiernet.net>
Message-ID: <04kTa.3782$0T3.3545@news02.roc.ny>
Source record: 72275
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.amateur.misc

Hans,

I might *gently* remind folks that there are no limitations on CW either :))

73 from Rochester, NY
Jim AA2QA

"K0HB" <k0hb@earthlink.net> wrote in message
news:ed9e3d3ed0c3403349a2a6882a98d900.128005@mygate.mailgate.org...
> "Joe Collins" <collins201@taranews.net> wrote in message
> news:3871068677.165767678@taranews.net
>
> > ....what will happen to the exclusive CW allocations....
>
> Except in the USA, most amateurs do not labor under "sub-bands" based on
> mode. As an example Canadian amateur have no such restrictions. It's a
> source of continuing wonder to me that the FCC continues to arbitrarily
> slice and dice the bands based on mode, license class, power levels, and
> similar artificial constructs of their imagination.
>
> 73, de Hans, K0HB
>
> PS: There are no "exclusive CW allocations" below 50MHz.
>
>
>
> --
> Posted via Mailgate.ORG Server - http://www.Mailgate.ORG

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2389. Re: The myth that BPL is a solution for rural broadband

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-23 00:20:50 UTC
From: James <james@nospamforme.org>
Message-ID: <3F1DD4E1.1E7E8E15@nospamforme.org>
Source record: 72276
Cross-posted to:
rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.shortwave

NC State University here in Raleigh has wired the entire residential campus,
RESNET, along
with the entire campus. A story in the paper reported that they ran enough
cable, including optical,
to go from Raleigh to Florida and back !

I think this bpl is a ploy to trash the bands so they can sell them off to
highest bidders
once the tv stations move to digital and leave the hf bands.

jim

Brenda wrote:

> "nothermark" <trash@gnomex.cotse.net> wrote in message
>
>
> Yes, most colleges (if not all) already have T-1 or T-3 lines which are
> networked through every building. I seriously doubt they would ever
> consider BPL technology because it would be a net loss of something on the
> order of 70% of their current bandwidth. Each student has more or less the
> equivalent of something like 5% of the total bandwidth available via BPL..
> (these are only guesstimates, but they are based upon figures I have seen
> posted about BPL's bandwidth, it starts getting down to dial-up levels by
> the time it's been distributed to 2,000 users..)

2390. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-23 00:21:35 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bfkki8$2u5i$1@adenine.netfront.net>
Source record: 72277

"Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net> wrote in message
news:481Ta.11839$Vx2.5679018@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com...
>
> "Kim W5TIT" <fahgedit@nomail.net> wrote in message
> news:bfi2mndjt1@adenine.netfront.net...
> > Dee, I can understand that kind of sentiment for things other than
"hobby"
> > or "interest" related items. Perhaps those who chose to wait until
> testing
> > philosophies met their expectations/requirements/likes, did so because
> they
> > were very busy succeeding at financial matters, like work, family,
church,
> > etc.?
> >
>
> Then rather than demanding a change of requirements, then they should wait
> to pursue the hobby until they have time for it. I've many times put a
> variety of things on hold for higher priorities such as family and job. I
> didn't expect the rest of the world to change because of my wants.
>
> No one has as much time available as they would like so they have to make
> choices. That's true in all aspects of one's life including hobbies.
>
> Should I really expect to be first chair clarinet in our community band (a
> voluntary hobby group) when I don't put in the time to practice enough to
be
> good enough. No. Same with other hobby activities. Wanting something,
even
> in a hobby, is not sufficient. You've got to put in the effort.
>
> Dee D. Flint, N8UZE
>

I think I'll just agree to disagree with you. We come from two different
trains of thought.

Kim W5TIT

Posted via news://freenews.netfront.net
Complaints to news@netfront.net

2391. Re: Why don't Real Hams you face the facts?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-23 00:24:42 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bfkko2$2ud0$1@adenine.netfront.net>
Source record: 72278

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"Dave Heil" <k8mn@earthlink.net> wrote in message
news:3F1CAADB.F77FFB7@earthlink.net...
> Kim W5TIT wrote:
> >
> > "Dave Heil" <k8mn@earthlink.net> wrote in message
> > news:3F1C0F27.E2909DAE@earthlink.net...
> > > Kim W5TIT wrote:
> > >
> > > > Whenever I used to bootleg--and I did before I was licensed, I
always
> > made
> > > > extra sure to stay out of ham radio frequencies--most hams know too
much
> > > > about R&R and DFing. ;)
> > >
> > > Such seems in character for you, Kim.
> > >
> > > > I won't do it now but only because I don't want to
> > > > compromise my license.
> > >
> > > So, not because it was illegal, only so you don't lose your license.
>
> >
> > Absolutely! The only reason I don't kill someone is because I don't
believe
> > in killing; not because it's illegal. Do you only refrain from doing
things
> > because they are illegal? You really should get out of that book!
>
> So you don't believe in killing someone (which is illegal) but you
> didn't mind bootlegging on the radio (which is illegal). You believe in
> one but not the other. You'd have us believe that it is a simple matter
> of personal choice.
>
> If you believed in killing someone (which is illegal), the legality
> wouldn't matter to you by your logic. Society's rules are the ones
> which count, Kim.
>
> Dave K8MN
>

Only to the people who think society matters, Dave.

So, you've never, ever broken the speed limit, eh?
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Kim W5TIT

Posted via news://freenews.netfront.net
Complaints to news@netfront.net

2392. Re: Why don't Real Hams you face the facts?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-23 00:25:30 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bfkkpj$2udu$1@adenine.netfront.net>
Source record: 72280

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"Dave Heil" <k8mn@earthlink.net> wrote in message
news:3F1CAC49.66F2AC48@earthlink.net...
> Bert Craig wrote:
> >
> > Dave Heil <k8mn@earthlink.net> wrote in message
news:<3F1C0F27.E2909DAE@earthlink.net>...
> > > Kim W5TIT wrote:
> > >
> > > > Whenever I used to bootleg--and I did before I was licensed, I
always made
> > > > extra sure to stay out of ham radio frequencies--most hams know too
much
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> > >
> > > Such seems in character for you, Kim.
> > >
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> > > > compromise my license.
> > >
> > > So, not because it was illegal, only so you don't lose your license.
> > >
> > > Dave K8MN
> >
> > Hi Dave,
> >
> > You kinda conveniently left out "Well, along with the fact that now I
> > realize what an idiot I was being." I believe that pretty much answers
> > your last query.
>
> I don't think it does as evidenced by her reply to my comments.
>
> > We ALL make foolish errors in our youth and most of
> > us eventually grow up, hopefully, wiser for the wear. It's got sump'n
> > to do with casting the first stone or some such saying. ;-)
>
> Kim didn't write that this was stuff she'd done in her youth. I was
> never a bootlegger in my youth or in my adulthood. Were you? :-)
>
> Dave K8MN
>
> > 73 de Bert
> > WA2SI

Have you ever broken the law, in any way, Dave?
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Kim W5TIT

Posted via news://freenews.netfront.net
Complaints to news@netfront.net

2393. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-23 00:28:27 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bfkkv4$2ui6$1@adenine.netfront.net>
Source record: 72281

"Radio Amateur KC2HMZ" <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net> wrote in message
news:gvuohv85glm67bok4n79s1j0hjcmnfll6q@4ax.com...
> On 21 Jul 2003 03:06:36 GMT, yodoc@aol.comnospam (Larry Roll K3LT)
> wrote:
>
> >It is not unusual for amateur radio organizations to take a "politically
> >correct" stance re: code testing. Even FISTS, and organization which
> >hails itself as "The International Morse Preservation Society" does not
> >"officially" support the concept of Morse code testing for an amateur
> >radio license. I have been a member of FISTS, but haven't paid my
> >dues since '01. I may "re-join," even though my FISTS number is good
> >for life whether I pay the dues or not, since paying up only gets me a
> >rather lame newsletter.
>
> Since I'm not that big a fan of CW, the FISTS newsletter - focusing
> understandably on CW - wasn't all that interesting to me either, but I
> did get a kick out of the little cartoons on the back of the few
> issues I've seen...which incidentally were drawn by the very same
> Arnie Macy, KT4ST, who occasionally takes time out from his busy
> schedule to participate in this very NG.
>
> >I received my U.K. call, G0LYW, in 1989 whilst stationed at RAF
> >Mildenhall, UK. I operated mainly 40- and 20-meter CW, and, oddly
> >enough, a bunch of 2-meter SSB.
>
> How were 2m operating conditions there, anyway? Seems like there might
> be a lot of temperature inversion ducting going on with so much water
> around. Just wondering.
>
> >Alun, my opinion of you as a ham is not dependant on your usage of CW.
>
> That's not quite what you said in your last post to this thread, where
> you agreed to consider a full-fledged ham an Extra who operated at
> least 40% of the time in CW.
>
> >All I ask is that you don't whine about it, and that as a ham, you make
an
> >effort to do something more challenging than just yakking into a
> >microphone. That would imply the use of at least one digital mode. CW
> >operation would be the icing on the cake, and go a long way to impress
> >me. However, I'm not here to be impressed by you, or anyone else. At
> >the end of the day, your participation as a ham will always be driven by
> >whatever provides you with the greatest satisfaction, and I don't
begrudge

> >anyone having fun on their own terms.
>
> Yeah...as long as "their own terms" happen to measure up to your
> standards with respect to choice of operating modes. Come on, OM,
> that's two-faced and you know it. Whether it's CW, phone, PSK31, SSTV,
> packet, Hellshrieber, MSK16, or ATV, it's still radio, and this is the
> Amateur *Radio* Service.
>
> >However, the code testing debate
> >was started by those claiming that code testing was impinging on the
> >development of technical skills within the ARS, which is patently
untrue.
>
> As far as I'm concerned, the code testing debate started back in 1975
> when the Communicator Class license was proposed. Unless a no-code
> license was proposed before that, in which case, feel free to
> enlighten me.
>
> >Therefore, before you judge me, you must understand where I've been
> >coming from throughout this debate -- that code testing imparts a
> >useful skill on radio amateurs, and increases their overall
communications
> >capabilities. Those who don't know the code or use it regularly simply
> >are not qualified to judge those who support code testing requirements.
>
> Ever heard this before: "Judge not, lest ye yourself be judged?"
>
> I for one would like to see a little less judging and a little more
> mutual respect for our fellow hams. At the risk of sounding like a
> broken record (anybody remember those?), it's all radio regardless.
> Anyone who has bothered to obtain the license must have some interest
> in radio, or so one might tend to think...so why not view that
> interest as something in common and leave it at that?
>
> 73 DE John, KC2HMZ
>

John, meet Larry.

Kim W5TIT

Posted via news://freenews.netfront.net
Complaints to news@netfront.net

2394. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-23 00:28:43 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
Message-ID: <3F1DD69F.9070306@adelphia.net>
Source record: 72279

Larry Roll K3LT wrote:
> In article <3F1B3FC1.9020400@adelphia.net>, Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
> writes:
>
>
>>>Scotty:
>>>
>>>Hey, I know what you mean about those darned ole outdated modes
>>>of communication. Once you get your No-Code test General or
>>>Extra, wanna make a sked to work some Hellschreiber with me?
>>
>> Actually Larry, I might take you up on that one sometime. I've been
>>wanting to try that mode sometime. I'm swamped now, and I found that I
>>nuked my card interface ad FD, but in the next couple of weeks.......
>
>
> Let me know when you're ready, Mike! I've still got to get my station put
> back together in the wake of Field Day.

Field day is definitely rough on the equipment. Must be that sleep
deprived carelessness of the tear-down afterward!

- Mike KB3EIA -

2395. Re: Time to call a truce?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-23 00:31:11 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bfkl47$2um4$1@adenine.netfront.net>
Source record: 72282

"Radio Amateur KC2HMZ" <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net> wrote in message
news:96cphvg0jppiqd0shhnf6ttgkitl121ls5@4ax.com...
> "Kim W5TIT" <fahgedit@nomail.net> wrote in message
> news:bffc09$1etd$1@adenine.netfront.net...
> >> "Dan/W4NTI" <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com> wrote in message
> >> news:bff468imu1@slb9.atl.mindspring.net...
> >> We know, we have been there and got the tee shirt. Now pick up your
> >jaw
> >> > and commence to run off at the mouth little girl.
> >> >
> >> > Dan/W4NTI
> >> >
> >>
> >> Yep, you're an asshole, alright.
>
> Some guys are born that way, though. Dan seems to be telling us he's
> worked at it his whole life.
>
> 73 DE John, KC2HMZ
>

I'm giggling, John. You're "settling in" nicely! ;)

Kim W5TIT

Posted via news://freenews.netfront.net
Complaints to news@netfront.net

2396. Re: Why don't Real Hams you face the facts?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-23 00:32:07 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bfkl60$2und$1@adenine.netfront.net>
Source record: 72283

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"Dave Heil" <k8mn@earthlink.net> wrote in message
news:3F1CB4EB.49D0E1FB@earthlink.net...
> Kim W5TIT wrote:
> >
> > "Bert Craig" <wa2si@arrl.net> wrote in message
> > news:b7d1465c.0307211657.6e4f58f6@posting.google.com...
> > > Dave Heil <k8mn@earthlink.net> wrote in message
> > news:<3F1C0F27.E2909DAE@earthlink.net>...
> > > > Kim W5TIT wrote:
> > > >
> > > > > Whenever I used to bootleg--and I did before I was licensed, I
always
> > made
> > > > > extra sure to stay out of ham radio frequencies--most hams know
too
> > much
> > > > > about R&R and DFing. ;)
> > > >
> > > > Such seems in character for you, Kim.
> > > >
> > > > > I won't do it now but only because I don't want to
> > > > > compromise my license.
> > > >
> > > > So, not because it was illegal, only so you don't lose your license.
> > > >
> > > > Dave K8MN
> > >
> > > Hi Dave,
> > >
> > > You kinda conveniently left out "Well, along with the fact that now I
> > > realize what an idiot I was being." I believe that pretty much answers
> > > your last query. We ALL make foolish errors in our youth and most of
> > > us eventually grow up, hopefully, wiser for the wear. It's got sump'n
> > > to do with casting the first stone or some such saying. ;-)
> > >
> > > 73 de Bert
> > > WA2SI
> >
> > Thanks, Bert. I would have expected nothing else from Dave.
>
> Maybe you should have kept mum on your bootleg radio operations, Kim.
>
> Dave K8MN
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Why, Dave? Oh, and by the way--have you answered the question yet? The question is: Have you ever, in any way, broken the law?

Kim W5TIT

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Complaints to news@netfront.net

2397. Re: Why don't Real Hams you face the facts?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-23 00:33:55 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bfkl9n$2uu8$1@adenine.netfront.net>
Source record: 72284

"Larry Roll K3LT" <yodoc@aol.comnospam> wrote in message
news:20030722002554.25815.00001578@mb-m07.aol.com...
> In article <bfi2i2dhh1@adenine.netfront.net>, "Kim W5TIT"
> <fahgedit@nomail.net> writes:
>
> >Absolutely! The only reason I don't kill someone is because I don't
believe
> >in killing; not because it's illegal. Do you only refrain from doing
things
> >because they are illegal? You really should get out of that book!
> >
> >Kim W5TIT
>
> Kim:
>
> If an armed robber walks into a Seven Eleven and points his gun at
> Mr. Singh behind the counter, does Mr. Singh have the right to pull
> *his* gun and kill the robber? Remember two things -- 1. You don't
> believe in killing. 2. It is impossible to pick up a gun, point it at a
> human being, and pull the trigger without the rational expectation that
> you will kill the person you're aiming at. Now, please answer the Q.
>
> 73 de Larry, K3LT
>

I don't believe in killing, Larry. What part of that don't you
understand? What part of *I* don't you understand?

Kim W5TIT

Posted via news://freenews.netfront.net
Complaints to news@netfront.net

2398. Re: Code a Deterrent to a Ham Ticket ??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-23 00:37:24 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bfkljc$2v1p$1@adenine.netfront.net>
Source record: 72286

"Larry Roll K3LT" <yodoc@aol.comnospam> wrote in message
news:20030722002556.25815.00001580@mb-m07.aol.com...
> In article <bfe5nukba1@adenine.netfront.net>, "Kim W5TIT"
> <fahgedit@nomail.net> writes:
>
> >Except, what about the "useful skills" that you learned in college and
have
> >never turned into a career?
> >heh heh, walked right into that one...
> >
> >Kim W5TIT
>
> Kim:
>
> I have a job that I enjoy, has little or no stress, and has great pay and
> benefits. Had I taken an entry-level job in Human Resources, I'd be
making
> about a third less money, have no job security whatsoever, and I'd most
> likely be under the thumb of some menopausal nightmare of a YL boss.
> I got a degree in HR because that program gave me the most bang for the
> buck in transfer credit, and I wanted to have a B.S. in something -
anything.
> The fact that I no longer desire to sit in a cubicle all day doesn't mean
that
> I haven't gained anything by obtaining a college education. BTW -- do
> YOU have a college degree? What was YOUR major?
>
> 73 de Larry, K3LT
>

Yeah, I always like how your job description ends up sounding like a
defense...LOL

No, I don't have a college degree, Larry. I didn't have the money to waste.
I also didn't have the time to waste. I wanted to do too many things, so I
set out to do them. And, I've accomplished most of them.

With or without that college degree I now earn quite a healthy living, with
a lot more room to grow. So, you wasted your time, in my opinion, and I did
not, in my opinion.

Kim W5TIT

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Complaints to news@netfront.net

2399. Re: With CW gone, can the CW allocations be far behind?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-23 00:39:22 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bfkm6b$2v41$1@adenine.netfront.net>
Source record: 72287

"Larry Roll K3LT" <yodoc@aol.comnospam> wrote in message
news:20030722002557.25815.00001582@mb-m07.aol.com...
> In article <bfi39m$e07$1@adenine.netfront.net>, "Kim W5TIT"
> <fahgedit@nomail.net> writes:
>
> >> Well, folks, there it is -- as I've been saying for years, it's all
about
> >> getting a microphone in hand and yakking away!
> >>
> >> 73 de Larry, K3LT
> >>
> >
> >What's the difference between yakking using a microphone, or yakking
using a
> >CW key or paddle?
> >
> >Kim W5TIT
>
> Kim:
>
> Don't look now, but yakking into a microphone is something that anyone
> can do without learning any new communications skills.
>

Oh, duh...I should have seen that spin coming.

>
> Use of Morse/CW
> requires the acquisition of a new, very useful comm skill (Morse code) and
> the patience and initiative to develop this skill adequately to become an
> efficient, effective CW operator. The content of the "yakking" may be the
> same, but the difference is that the CW operator is yakking in a totally
> different way, using a skill and mode which offers benefits and advantages
> not found in voice modes.
>

Simply your opinion. The trouble with you is you truly believe everyone
else has to have your opinion, too.

>
> Since you have no practical on-the-air experience using CW, I don't
> expect you to appreciate this, and consider you to be unqualified to
> render an opinion on the subject.
>
> 73 de Larry, K3LT

>

Uh huh. That's why you spent so much time, eh?

Kim W5TIT

Posted via news://freenews.netfront.net
Complaints to news@netfront.net

2400. Re: Time to call a truce?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-23 00:40:49 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bfkn9l$302b$1@adenine.netfront.net>
Source record: 72289

"Larry Roll K3LT" <yodoc@aol.comnospam> wrote in message
news:20030722002558.25815.00001583@mb-m07.aol.com...
> In article <bfi29g$d8q$1@adenine.netfront.net>, "Kim W5TIT"
> <fahgedit@nomail.net> writes:
>
> >Dan, I've never treated you in any way that warrants you telling me,
"thanks
> >for dumbing down the ARS." You're comments are those of someone who acts
> >like a jerk, walks like a jerk, and probably is a jerk. So, if you're
going
> >to be a jerk, yes, you are an asshole.
> >
> >I don't treat everyone like that. You seem to...except those who "think"
> >just like you do--if that's what you call it these days. You know what?
> >You're a bigger jerk than Larry.
>
> Another litany of name-calling. A classic post, Kim -- for you!
>
> 73 de Larry, K3LT
>

Yep. You're a much more artful communicator I suppose, Larry. Because you express exactly the same sentiments, you just say it in a lot longer way. I do it the CW way; quick and to the point.

Kim W5TIT

Posted via news://freenews.netfront.net
Complaints to news@netfront.net

2401. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-23 00:40:53 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
Message-ID: <3F1DD978.2070908@adelphia.net>
Source record: 72285

Dee D. Flint wrote:
> "Radio Amateur KC2HMZ" <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net> wrote in message
> news:q12phvg9dbeq6328nhbviledi4s6558m2p@4ax.com...
>
>>On 20 Jul 2003 03:26:37 -0700, k4yz@aol.com (Steve Robeson, K4CAP)
>>wrote:
>>
>>
>>> I am willing to bet that some sort of "moratorium" on code
>>>testing is announced within the next 60 days. Just an
>>>opinion...nothing certain
>>
>>In light of comments I've read elsewhere, I'm forced to wonder if that
>>would be legal. I'm certainly no lawyer, but from what I've seen
>>elsewhere, the Senate has to ratify the treaty, then the process of
>>NPRM begins, and so forth.
>>
>>If it *is* legal, then it wouldn't surprise me all that much for FCC
>>to come out and say, "Okay, we had enough of this issue back in 1999,
>>as of today all Amateur Radio licensees and all applicants for Amateur
>>Radio license of any class are granted blanket Element 1 credit, game
>>over, thanks for playing."
>>
>>73 DE John, KC2HMZ
>>
>
>
> There is a new article as of today on the ARRL site that also predicts about
> two years. They also are of the opinion that the FCC will take no action on
> its own but will only respond to petitions for changes. If that's indeed
> the case, then someone has to file a petition, then there has to be time for
> comments and related petitions, then the FCC needs to review it all and file
> a NPRM and allow time for comments on that and so on.

If you think about it, it is logical. There is no particular effect on the FCC one way or the other wheether there is a code test or not. VE's are doing the examinations, and as far as I know, the test doesn't make for any extra work at all for the FCC. So they probably don't care very much when it happens.

- Mike KB3EIA -

2402. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-23 00:41:44 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bfknse$302b$2@adenine.netfront.net>
Source record: 72291

"Larry Roll K3LT" <yodoc@aol.comnospam> wrote in message
news:20030722002558.25815.00001584@mb-m07.aol.com...
> In article <3F1B3FC1.9020400@adelphia.net>, Mike Coslo
<mcoslo@adelphia.net>
> writes:
>
> >> Scotty:
> >>
> >> Hey, I know what you mean about those darned ole outdated modes
> >> of communication. Once you get your No-Code test General or
> >> Extra, wanna make a sked to work some Hellschreiber with me?
> >
> > Actually Larry, I might take you up on that one sometime. I've been
> >wanting to try that mode sometime. I'm swamped now, and I found that I
> >nuked my card interface ad FD, but in the next couple of weeks.......
>
> Let me know when you're ready, Mike! I've still got to get my station put
> back together in the wake of Field Day.
>
> 73 de Larry, K3LT
>

Don't hold your breath, Mike. I'm not sure I've ever seen that Larry has
met a chall....sched yet.

Kim W5TIT

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Complaints to news@netfront.net

2403. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-23 00:58:12 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bfkp22$12e$1@adenine.netfront.net>
Source record: 72293

"Radio Amateur KC2HMZ" <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net> wrote in message
news:vkfphv0bh7rsnc50jev2todfi1cdjse1nt@4ax.com...
>
> Been awhile since this was posted, but you'll recall that I had to cut
> my session short on that day in order to participate in a public
> service event...so time now to catch up:
>
> On Tue, 15 Jul 2003 21:02:12 -0500, "Kim W5TIT" <fahgedit@nomail.net>
> wrote:
>
> >Yeah, I remember when I first discovered there was "newsgroups" and then
> >found this one. I thought to myself, "Self, this is great. Meet more
hams
> >and have great ham discussions." NOT. Pretty much the first exposure I
had
> >to anyone on the newsgroup was Larry Roll, with his obsession about my
> >callsign...blah, blah, blah.
>
> I was here when you first began to post here. I was off doing
> non-internet related activities for about two years. Upon getting back
> on the internet and checking the then-current postings to this NG, the
> very first thread my newsreader downloaded contained a post where
> Larry was making some of his usual comments about your call. I think
> what surprised me was not that he was making the comments, but rather
> that you were still in here putting up with it. I'd have either
> killfiled him long ago, or just quit reading this NG.
>

Oh goodness! Actually, I was "off" for a while. I ran completely out of
time to get back here to the office to do any "newsgrouping." But, I'm
building a database and program right now, so I'm on the computer and in the
office nearly every night...and will be for a while! Larry would have to be
having an impact for me to desire leaving because of him; anyone else for
that matter. I have a honed skill, that took a long time and a terrible
first marriage to perfect: I can completely turn off to someone I deem
unworthy of my time and/or emotion. Larry is one of those people. Dick
Carroll is another. There's a few others...

> >
> >Then I learned that many of this newsgroup's participants can't have any
> >kind of discussion without pulliing some kind of ego trip up out of their
> >pants.
>
> Heh...Let's just say that, for reasons that I won't bother to explain
> here, I try not to pull things out of my pants in public.

>

I suppose I'll thank you in advance for that; however, it would be great
conversation for quite some time!

> >
> >The long and short is that this newsgroup became a way for me to take the
> >day's frustrations out and pretend that my targets were this boss, or
that
> >boss, or this co-worker or that co-worker...heh heh
>
[SNIP]

>
> Nevertheless, you have an interesting concept there. I can't help but
> wonder about the person you imagine Larry being - given the friction
> between you two in here, it's rather surprising that a real-world
> version of him within range of you in real life hasn't been shot,
> stabbed, strangled, and buried in armadillo dung by now, with you
> holdfing the gun, knife, piano wire, and shovel. But then, you just
> posted in another thread that you don't believe in killing, so...
>

Oh, goodness! There's no one even remotely close to Larry's demeanor--at
work or otherwise--in my life. Good grief, that would be like going to
Hell, wouldn't it? Naw, what I meant is that I just approach this newsgroup
with no expectations and much like a good round of any computer or video
shoot 'em up game! :)

> >
> >I think the public service aspect is one of the greatest things about ham
> >radio...although I'm not much involved any more. Around here, one spends
> >more time dealing with political garbage than getting any real
constructive
> >stuff done. I wasn't in it just for the sake of getting out there and
being
> >in the middle of storms--I also wanted to see this area become really
great
> >and one to be looked up to.
>
> My involvement in the emergency/public service aspect of the ARS is
> basically twofold.
>
> On the one hand, the club I belong to has had a longstanding
> relationship with the emergency management department in the city
> where our club meetings happen to be held - although we serve a much
> wider area than just that one suburban city - and I'm currently
> co-coordinator of that club's emergency/public service communications
> team. The emergency management EOC doubles as a club station during
> contests, which we treat as drills in that it gives us a chance to get
> our people, particularly the newer ops, into the EOC for some valuable
> hours using the same equipment they would be using if they were

> helping to staff the EOC during an activation.
>

I am hoping that more and more realization will come to be, that amateur radio--all radio services really--have a great potential for our served agencies!

>
> Our last activation for emergency purposes was a severe ice storm in
> February 2002 (with attendant power outages, shelters set up for folks
> whose homes were without power, etc.). We not only handled our own
> responsibilities within the city, but were also able to help out the
> county ARES in getting some comms up their chain of command as well (a
> task made easier by the fact that we had an assistant director of
> emergency management from the county in the EOC with us, serving as
> the liason between the city and the county). We also did some damage
> assessment on the power grid in addition to our normal duties.
>

I haven't been involved in any amateur radio for about a year now. In fact, my usual entourage of radio equipment is in the shed, not in the truck. I had to have some work done on my truck, which meant I had to take out my Comm Shelf (custom built by my darlin' hubby) and then sick, then surgery, then recovery, one thing after another. I haven't had the gumption to get it all back in there.

>
> On the other hand, I'm also a member of the county ARES/RACES in the
> county where I currently reside (which borders the one in which the
> city our club serves is located), and thus also enjoy the status of
> being a volunteer disaster assistant in that county's disaster
> preparedness office, a part of the county emergency services
> department. I'm not in a leadership role in that organization, but of
> course have been called out on activations with them as well.
>

I had the pleasure to be a part of the ARRL ARECC Courses, both as student and mentor. I was also, for a very short time, Hunt County ARES EC here in Texas. Plus lots of other dabbling in groups here and there. Leadership is not as cool as just plain getting out there and doing it! I'll still go out after a storm--regardless of radio equipment--and chase it around for a while.

[SNIP]

>
> You folks down there, on the other hand, can get more tornadoes in a
> month than we'll see in ten years. We get downbursts, we get wall
> clouds, but we don't usually see tornadoes (waterspouts, yes, but not
> many funnel clouds over land). I guess I'd prefer to deal with what we
> get here. I can take care of cold, wind, and snow by dressing
> appropriately...but when a tornado comes along, it doesn't matter much

> what you have on.
>

The past couple of years have been challenging, if you've seen the news.
However, prior years saw a lot of "good" (it's always difficult to call bad
weather good) activity, in terms of severe storms, up in OK and Kansas, off
"thataway."

> >
> >Thank you. Not used to someone being able to read between the lines
> >here...LOL
>
> It's a very useful communications skill. Maybe we should have a test
> for it in the ARS?
>

More of it's done that many realize...LOL

> >
> >Know what? It's Tuesday and I'm still tired...
>
> I work Thursday thru Monday. Tuesdays are my Saturdays. That means on
> Monday when everybody else is grumbling about how much they hate
> Mondays, I'm generally in TGIF mode. It also means I'm generally more
> tired on Monday than any other day of the week. So, been there, done
> that, bought the t-shirt, spilled coffee on the t-shirt. :-)
>
> 73 DE John, KC2HMZ
>

Kim W5TIT, on a Tuesday again--coincidentally
PS--Notice how serious discussions go pretty ignored?

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2404. Re: The myth that BPL is a solution for rural broadband

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-23 01:01:20 UTC
From: Brenda Ann <brendad@shinbiro.com>
Message-ID: <bfkkje$iv8$1@news1.kornet.net>
Source record: 72288
Cross-posted to:
rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.shortwave

"James" <james@nospamforme.org> wrote in message
news:3F1DD4E1.1E7E8E15@nospamforme.org...
> I think this bpl is a ploy to trash the bands so they can sell them off to
> highest bidders
> once the tv stations move to digital and leave the hf bands.
>
> jim

There is no broadcast television in the HF bands. Channel 2 is 54-60 MHz,
low VHF... but that part of the band (up through channel 5) is also within
the scope of BPL frequencies..

2405. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-23 01:09:03 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bfkpl1$12e$2@adenine.netfront.net>
Source record: 72294

Watch this, John:

>
John, you said:
>
> >2. Any *prospective* US ham who learns the code and gets their Extra
> >(as opposed to getting their General) will be villified and condemned
> >by you, as well as others in this NG, as a product of the (supposedly)
> >dumbed down written exams, even if they operate CW 100% of their total
> >operating time, and
>

Then, Larry said:

>
> Not by me, they won't! Please don't go Kim on me, John!
>
Then you made a couple of points and Larry said:
>
> . . .In any
> event, I don't think that passing ANY current amateur radio test element
> is a particularly challenging endeavor these days. With open question
> pools, VE testing that allows taking the test multiple times per session,
> and a 70% passing score, anyone who can't go into a test session and
> walk out with an Extra just isn't trying.
>

Ummmm, if that's not an inference to "dumbed down" then what is?

Then, Larry goes on even more to say:

>
> The current technical
> requirements in the written exams are strictly amateur level, as they
> should be, and prove little about a prospective ham's technical
> competence. This he will have to prove to his/her fellow hams by
> actual participation, which is subject to evaluation by his/her peers.
>

And, if you ain't on board with Larry's way of operating, then you ain't
Larry. And, if you ain't Larry, well, then...

And, here's the clincher from Larry:
>
> You're entitled to your opinion. The problem is, the NCTA's don't think
> I'm entitled to mine! If I don't follow the rest of the flock of
lemmings,

> put on my tie-dyed tee shirt, faded jeans and Birkenstock sandals, and
> hold hands with them and sing "Kumbuya" as they chant their liberal,
> politically-correct mantra of "inclusiveness" while celebrating the end
> of the requirement to be tested for a useful communications skill, I may
> as well take that .50AE and use my radio gear for target practice, as far
as
> they're concerned! The NCTA are classic liberals, and like all liberals,
> they can "tolerate" anything except a difference of opinion. Another
> thing that characterizes liberals is a lack of a sense of humor, which may
> explain why you apparently missed the tongue-in-cheek nature of my
> "deal."
>
> 73 de Larry, K3LT
>

Larry doesn't know we read between the lines...LOL

Kim W5TIT

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2406. Re: With CW gone, can the CW allocations be far behind?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-23 01:11:11 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bfkq7q$12e$3@adenine.netfront.net>
Source record: 72296

"Radio Amateur KC2HMZ" <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net> wrote in message
news:glkphv48e1eo5vc77j03ip33vpv3mqed7a@4ax.com...
> On 22 Jul 2003 04:25:57 GMT, yodoc@aol.comnospam (Larry Roll K3LT)
> wrote:
>
> >Since you have no practical on-the-air experience using CW, I don't
> >expect you to appreciate this, and consider you to be unqualified to
> >render an opinion on the subject.
>
> On that note, we're still waiting for your opinion on eating elephant
> dung - good idea or bad?
>
> 73 DE John, KC2HMZ
>

^^5!!!!

Kim W5TIT

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2407. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-23 01:12:32 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bfkqqk$12e$4@adenine.netfront.net>
Source record: 72297

"Mike Coslo" <mjc5@psu.edu> wrote in message
news:3F1D2956.8040500@psu.edu...
> Kim W5TIT wrote:
> > "Mike Coslo" <mcoslo@adelphia.net> wrote in message
> > news:3F1B3940.3060801@adelphia.net...
> >
> >>Kim W5TIT wrote:
> >>
> >>
> >>>Actually, the good test for good manners and courtesy and respect on
the
> >>>air, is the acid test. Every person I have witnessed being in the
class
> >>
> > the
> >
> >>>majority calls an "idiot" operator, has soon disappeared from the FM
> >>
> > side of
> >
> >>>ham radio. They get tired of "being encouraged" to talk right, operate
> >>>right, etc., or they get tired of being ignored. Guess where some have
> >>>disappeared to?
> >>
> >>Here?
> >>
> >>- Mike KB3EIA -
> >>
> >
> >
> > HF.
>
>
> That was a joke, Kim. 8^)
>
> - mike KB3EIA -
>

I know, Mike! I originally had that as "HF...and here" with a grinny. But,
I didn't want to lose the impact...ya know? Because, really, they disappear
to HF.

Kim W5TIT

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2408. Re: Why don't Real Hams you face the facts?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-23 01:15:10 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bfkrdg$12e$5@adenine.netfront.net>
Source record: 72300

"Steve Robeson, K4CAP" <k4yz@aol.com> wrote in message
news:5c01b95b.0307220506.7acf9507@posting.google.com...
> Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net> wrote in message
news:<ssjphvs46fj6jh6dmtbfo3v40m5njldmeq@4ax.com>...
>
> > The conservative response (common in Texas, where I believe Kim
> > lives): BLAM! BLAM! BLAM! BLAM! BLAM! BLAM! BLAM! BLAM! BLAM! (Sound
> > of magazine being ejected and a fresh one rammed into place, followed
> > by the sound of the slide racking another round into the chamber)
> >
> > Mr. Singh: "Did he move or was I seeing things?"
> >
> > Mr. Singh's 16-year old son: "He moved, dad, I saw him!"
> >
> > Mrs. Singh: "I think our son is right."
> >
> > BLAM! BLAM! BLAM! BLAM! BLAM! BLAM! BLAM! BLAM! BLAM!
> >
> > Mr. Singh's 9-year old daughter: "Nice group, daddy!"
>
> Now THAT is what I call crime abatement! (At least for the NEXT
> twerp to try it!)
>
> ROTMFFLMMFAO!
>
> 73
>
> Steve, K4YZ
>

On the WHAT floor, laughing WHAT body part off?!

73/88, Kim W5TIT

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2409. Re: Why don't Real Hams you face the facts?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-23 01:18:00 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bfks0a$12e$6@adenine.netfront.net>
Source record: 72302

"Larry Roll K3LT" <yodoc@aol.comnospam> wrote in message
news:20030722114221.25052.00001320@mb-m11.aol.com...
> In article <ssjphvs46fj6jh6dmtbfo3v40m5njldmeq@4ax.com>, Radio Amateur
KC2HMZ
> <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net> writes:
>
> >
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> >lives): BLAM! BLAM! BLAM! BLAM! BLAM! BLAM! BLAM! BLAM! BLAM! (Sound
> >of magazine being ejected and a fresh one rammed into place, followed
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> >
> >Mr. Singh's 9-year old daughter: "Nice group, daddy!"
> >
> >73 DE John, KC2HMZ
>
> John:
>
> ROFLMFAOAPMGO! Really, (well, except for the PMGO, bit!). As far as I'm
> concerned, Texas is one of the few states that truly has it "right" where
gun
> laws and a citizen's right to defend himself is concerned. And unlike
here in
> Delaware, I'm sure all the Mr. Singh's and Mr. Said's running the
conveneince
> stores generally don't worry about what's going to happen the next time a
> lone customer walks through the door at 11 PM. That's because all the
> Texas "perps" know that if they do try to knock the place over for a few
bucks
> to buy some cocaine, they'll have to wade through a quagmire of 115 gr.
> 9mm GDHP's flying at them at 1400 fps to get at their intended target!
>

That's bull. I don't know what statistics would say, but the local TV and
radio news too often reports the deaths of store, gas station, and
restaurant folks around the Dallas area.

>
> BTW, If I were the owner of a convenience store, I'd have a special door
> chime that played a .WAV of a 12-ga. pump-action shotgun being racked
> every time someone came in after sundown.
>

And, you'd probably be local news.

>
> 73 de Larry, K3LT
> Member, NRA
> My Presidnet is Kayne Robinson
>

Kim W5TIT

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2410. Re: Why don't Real Hams you face the facts?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-23 01:19:33 UTC
From: wa2si@arrl.net
Message-ID: <b7d1465c.0307221449.213ca99a@posting.google.com>
Source record: 72290

Dave Heil <k8mn@earthlink.net> wrote in message news:<3F1D79DE.17C3B61B@earthlink.net>...
> Bert Craig wrote:
> >
> > "Dave Heil" <k8mn@earthlink.net> wrote in message
> > news:3F1CAC49.66F2AC48@earthlink.net...
> > > Bert Craig wrote:
> > > >
> > > > Dave Heil <k8mn@earthlink.net> wrote in message
> news:<3F1C0F27.E2909DAE@earthlink.net>...
> > > > > Kim W5TIT wrote:
> >
> > > > Kim didn't write that this was stuff she'd done in her youth. I was
> > > > never a bootlegger in my youth or in my adulthood. Were you? :-)
> > >
> > That's very commendable, Dave. When I said we ALL make "mistakes," I
> > certainly did not mean to limit it to just radio related violations. Yes, I
> > have violated FCC rules in my youth and I'm mature enough to admit my past
> > mistakes and grateful that I suffered no severe consequences as a result. I
> > personally know not a single soul who has made NO mistakes in their youth,
> > moral, legal, or both. If you fall in this category, then you've broken that
> > streak and, once again, are to be commended.
> >
> Again, Kim did not indicate that her actions were something done in her
> youth. I wrote about radio violations because that was what was under
> discussion. If I wanted to generalize, I'd take it up in
> rec.soc.scofflaw.

Fair enough.

> > The important thing (To me, at least.) is that I AM wiser for the wear and
> > am in a position to help someone else avoid those mistakes entirely based
> > upon my experiences. BTW, one does not necessarily have to agree with a
> > law/rule while obeying it. For ex.
> >
> > - I would never bootleg or run excessive power because it is wrong and
> > causes harm.
> >
> > - I would never work DX on the legal 40 CB frequencies with 12 Watts P.E.P.
> > because it's not worth risking my ticket over. (But I think it'd be a great
> > recruitment tool.)
> >
> I've never put forth the idea that one should obey a law because one
> agrees with it. Kim knew she was breaking the law and decided that
> she'd do it anyway.

Gotcha!

> > It's a good thing we really don't go blind for doing some of the "wrong"
> > things of our youth. With the amount of DX I worked on ch. 38 LSB on my
> > Royce rig in '78/79, I'd be typing this post on a Braille keyboard. Take
> > care now, OM. ;-)
>
> So you knew you were breaking the law but decided it was okay?

Absolutely. Well, maybe not in the beginning...but I carried on with
my wicked ways for at least two years. BTW, I later learned that I had
violated Part 15 even earlier by swapping the fixed telesoping antenna
on my 100mW h/t for a coax fed 1/2-wave dipole. I was all of thirteen.
Dad helped me with the soldering and getting it up in the trees. When
I found out (About three years ago.) that it was a violation of FCC
rules, I joked with dad that it made him a "dirty cop," since he had
aided and abetted. (Correct spelling?)

> Was that
> all in your youth?

Very much, and quite fun too...but most of us grew up to be just fine.
Some even became pretty good hams as well as citizens. I do still
occassionally jay walk though. ;-)

> Dave K8MN

73 de Bert
WA2SI

2411. Re: Why don't Real Hams you face the facts?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-23 01:20:24 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bfksj4$12e$7@adenine.netfront.net>
Source record: 72303

"Bert Craig" <wa2si@arrl.netNOSPAM> wrote in message
news:tidTa.17666$0F4.4806@nwrdny02.gnilink.net...
> "Dave Heil" <k8mn@earthlink.net> wrote in message
> news:3F1CAC49.66F2AC48@earthlink.net...
> > Bert Craig wrote:
> > >
> > > Dave Heil <k8mn@earthlink.net> wrote in message
> news:<3F1C0F27.E2909DAE@earthlink.net>...
> > > > Kim W5TIT wrote:
> > > > >
> > > > > Whenever I used to bootleg--and I did before I was licensed, I
> always made
> > > > > extra sure to stay out of ham radio frequencies--most hams know
too
> much
> > > > > about R&R and DFing. ;)
> > > > >
> > > > Such seems in character for you, Kim.
> > > > >
> > > > > I won't do it now but only because I don't want to
> > > > > compromise my license.
> > > > >
> > > > So, not because it was illegal, only so you don't lose your license.
> > > > >
> > > > Dave K8MN
> > > >
> > > Hi Dave,
> > > >
> > > You kinda conveniently left out "Well, along with the fact that now I
> > > realize what an idiot I was being." I believe that pretty much answers
> > > your last query.
> > >
> > I don't think it does as evidenced by her reply to my comments.
> >
> I do.
> >
> > > We ALL make foolish errors in our youth and most of
> > > us eventually grow up, hopefully, wiser for the wear. It's got sump'n
> > > to do with casting the first stone or some such saying. ;-)
> > >
> > Kim didn't write that this was stuff she'd done in her youth. I was
> > never a bootlegger in my youth or in my adulthood. Were you? :-)
> >
> That's very commendable, Dave. When I said we ALL make "mistakes," I

> certainly did not mean to limit it to just radio related violations. Yes,
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> have violated FCC rules in my youth and I'm mature enough to admit my past
> mistakes and grateful that I suffered no severe consequences as a result.
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> moral, legal, or both. If you fall in this category, then you've broken
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> streak and, once again, are to be commended.
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> The important thing (To me, at least.) is that I AM wiser for the wear and
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> upon my experiences. BTW, one does not necessarily have to agree with a
> law/rule while obeying it. For ex.
>
> - I would never bootleg or run excessive power because it is wrong and
> causes harm.
>
> - I would never work DX on the legal 40 CB frequencies with 12 Watts
P.E.P.
> because it's not worth risking my ticket over. (But I think it'd be a
great
> recruitment tool.)
>
> It's a good thing we really don't go blind for doing some of the "wrong"
> things of our youth. With the amount of DX I worked on ch. 38 LSB on my
> Royce rig in '78/79, I'd be typing this post on a Braille keyboard. Take
> care now, OM. ;-)
>
> > Dave K8MN
> >
> > > 73 de Bert
> > > WA2SI
>
> --
> 73 de Bert
> WA2SI
>
>

Not just in our youth, Bert, either. But, apparently, Dave has never, in any way, broken the law. Not even for speeding. Of course, he'll probably respond that he's never gotten a ticket. Neither have I.

Kim W5TIT

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2412. Re: Why don't Real Hams you face the facts?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-23 01:22:50 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bfkt5t$12e$8@adenine.netfront.net>
Source record: 72304

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"Dave Heil" <k8mn@earthlink.net> wrote in message
news:3F1D79DE.17C3B61B@earthlink.net...
> Bert Craig wrote:
> >
> > "Dave Heil" <k8mn@earthlink.net> wrote in message
> > news:3F1CAC49.66F2AC48@earthlink.net...
> > > Bert Craig wrote:
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> > > > Dave Heil <k8mn@earthlink.net> wrote in message
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> > certainly did not mean to limit it to just radio related violations.
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> > have violated FCC rules in my youth and I'm mature enough to admit my
past
> > mistakes and grateful that I suffered no severe consequences as a
result. I
> > personally know not a single soul who has made NO mistakes in their
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> > moral, legal, or both. If you fall in this category, then you've broken
that
> > streak and, once again, are to be commended.
>
> Again, Kim did not indicate that her actions were something done in her
> youth. I wrote about radio violations because that was what was under
> discussion. If I wanted to generalize, I'd take it up in
> rec.soc.scofflaw.
>

Oh, I forgot about that excuse for Dave's "never breaking the law," the
question of which I am sure he will either never answer, or use something
like the above.

>
> > The important thing (To me, at least.) is that I AM wiser for the wear
and
> > am in a position to help someone else avoid those mistakes entirely
based
> > upon my experiences. BTW, one does not necessarily have to agree with a
> > law/rule while obeying it. For ex.
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> >
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> > causes harm.
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> > - I would never work DX on the legal 40 CB frequencies with 12 Watts
P.E.P.
> > because it's not worth risking my ticket over. (But I think it'd be a
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> > recruitment tool.)
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> I've never put forth the idea that one should obey a law because one
> agrees with it. Kim knew she was breaking the law and decided that
> she'd do it anyway.
>
> > It's a good thing we really don't go blind for doing some of the "wrong"
> > things of our youth. With the amount of DX I worked on ch. 38 LSB on my
> > Royce rig in '78/79, I'd be typing this post on a Braille keyboard. Take
> > care now, OM. ;-)
>
> So you knew you were breaking the law but decided it was okay? Was that
> all in your youth?
>
> Dave K8MN
>

So, Dave. About the speeding, yes? No?

Kim W5TIT

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2413. Re: CW sub-bands must disapear

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-23 01:57:26 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307221542.3278a572@posting.google.com>
Source record: 72295

"K0HB" <k0hb@earthlink.net> wrote in message
news:<63b0090192ade4351a23bafe8fd159c4.128005@mygate.mailgate.org>...
> "N2EY" <N2EY@AOL.COM> wrote
>
> > IOW, there's no cure for stupid.
>
> Of course there is!
>
> God Bless You, Dr. Kervorkian.
>
> With all kind wishes,
>
> de Hans, K0HB

I dunno.

Kevorkian is only one man, and there are a lot of stupid ones out there.

Actuarial Tables are painfully slow.

Large meteor impacts are few and far between.

I think we're stuck with no cure.

2414. Re: Why don't Real Hams you face the facts?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-23 02:15:40 UTC
From: Dave Heil <k8mn@earthlink.net>
Message-ID: <3F1DEFB2.8955156C@earthlink.net>
Source record: 72298

Kim W5TIT wrote:
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> "Dave Heil" <k8mn@earthlink.net> wrote in message
> news:3F1CAADB.F77FFB7@earthlink.net...
> > Kim W5TIT wrote:
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> > > "Dave Heil" <k8mn@earthlink.net> wrote in message
> > > news:3F1C0F27.E2909DAE@earthlink.net...
> > > > Kim W5TIT wrote:
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> > > > > Whenever I used to bootleg--and I did before I was licensed, I
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> > > made
> > > > > extra sure to stay out of ham radio frequencies--most hams know too
> much
> > > > > about R&R and DFing. ;)
> > > > >
> > > > Such seems in character for you, Kim.
> > > > >
> > > > > I won't do it now but only because I don't want to
> > > > > compromise my license.
> > > > >
> > > > So, not because it was illegal, only so you don't lose your license.
> >
> > >
> > > Absolutely! The only reason I don't kill someone is because I don't
> believe
> > > in killing; not because it's illegal. Do you only refrain from doing
> things
> > > because they are illegal? You really should get out of that book!
> >
> > So you don't believe in killing someone (which is illegal) but you
> > didn't mind bootlegging on the radio (which is illegal). You believe in
> > one but not the other. You'd have us believe that it is a simple matter
> > of personal choice.
> >
> > If you believed in killing someone (which is illegal), the legality
> > wouldn't matter to you by your logic. Society's rules are the ones
> > which count, Kim.

>
> Only to the people who think society matters, Dave.

Those are the individuals who make civilization work. Right, then.
We'll put you down for anarchy.

> So, you've never, ever broken the speed limit, eh?

Not deliberately, Kim. In my three years back in the U.S., I've logged over 100,000 miles on the highways. I've not even been stopped for a warning. On the interstate highways I set my cruise control for the speed limit and let those who are in a hurry blow by.
But all of this is just a diversionary attempt on your part.
How about addressing the point of whether you believe that you can pick and choose which laws to obey?

Dave K8MN

2415. Re: Why don't Real Hams you face the facts?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-23 02:18:38 UTC
From: Dave Heil <k8mn@earthlink.net>
Message-ID: <3F1DF06F.598248E9@earthlink.net>
Source record: 72299

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Kim W5TIT wrote:
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> "Dave Heil" <k8mn@earthlink.net> wrote in message
> news:3F1CAC49.66F2AC48@earthlink.net...
> > Bert Craig wrote:
> > >
> > > Dave Heil <k8mn@earthlink.net> wrote in message
> news:<3F1C0F27.E2909DAE@earthlink.net>...
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> > > > > about R&R and DFing. ;)
> > > >
> > > > Such seems in character for you, Kim.
> > > >
> > > > > I won't do it now but only because I don't want to
> > > > > compromise my license.
> > > >
> > > > So, not because it was illegal, only so you don't lose your license.
> > > >
> > > > Dave K8MN
> > >
> > > Hi Dave,
> > >
> > > You kinda conveniently left out "Well, along with the fact that now I
> > > realize what an idiot I was being." I believe that pretty much answers
> > > your last query.
> >
> > I don't think it does as evidenced by her reply to my comments.
> >
> > > We ALL make foolish errors in our youth and most of
> > > us eventually grow up, hopefully, wiser for the wear. It's got sump'n
> > > to do with casting the first stone or some such saying. ;-)
> >
> > Kim didn't write that this was stuff she'd done in her youth. I was
> > never a bootlegger in my youth or in my adulthood. Were you? :-)
> >
> > Dave K8MN
> >
> > > 73 de Bert
> > > WA2SI
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>
> Have you ever broken the law, in any way, Dave?

Not deliberately, Kim. I'm not a scofflaw.

How about it, Kim: Were your bootlegging days part of youthful transgressions or were you a supposedly mature adult?

Dave K8MN

2416. Re: Smells like type acceptance

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-23 02:26:24 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030722222624.09955.00000825@mb-m21.aol.com>
Source record: 72301

In article <132d6edf32fa92cbf24eeffacb00add9.128005@mygate.mailgate.org>, "K0HB with non-approved radios" <k0hb@earthlink.net> writes:

>"N2EY" <n2ey@aol.com> wrote

>> I'm glad the ARRL is keeping quiet. This guy gives ham radio a black eye.
>> You wanna defend his "right" to modify his rig to a bunch of emergency
>> personnel who scrambled to answer the phony distress calls?

>> I do NOT want one cent of my dues, or one second of ARRL personnel's time,
>> spent defending the modification of amateur equipment for *illegal*
>> transmission on frequencies hams are *not* authorized to use.

>Under FCC rules there is NOTHING ILLEGAL about modifying an amateur
>radio transmitter. NOTHING. ZIPPO. NADA!

OK, fine.
>
>The *illegal* part of this incident lies in the *USE*.
>
Yup.

>I'm not here to defend this guy for USING his radio in the manner he
>did, nor did I ever suggest the ARRL should defend his illegal use of
>the radio, but they damn well SHOULD defend our existing privelege of
>tinkering and modifying our equipment, as mandated by 97.1(b) of the
>Commissions Rules.

With the privilege of being able to modify goes the responsibility to follow the rules. That guy demonstrated that he could not follow the rules, therefore, he lost the privilege.

Now if a law-abiding ham gets into trouble with the FCC for modification, that's a different story. I don't know of any law-abiding ham who has gotten into trouble for modifications. Do you?

But this dude isn't law abiding. Got his license two weeks and he's sending phony distress calls on a marine freq.
>
>"Modified radios don't break the rules, people do."
>
Yup. So the rulebreakers don't get to modify.

>With all kind wishes for your QCAO chapter membership drive,

If you only knew.....

73 de Jim, N2EY

2417. Re: Code a Deterrent to a Ham Ticket ??

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-23 03:14:22 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030722231422.12501.00001080@mb-m04.aol.com>
Source record: 72307

In article <bfkljc$2v1p$1@adenine.netfront.net>, "Kim W5TIT"
<fahgedit@nomail.net> writes:

>
>Yeah, I always like how your job description ends up sounding like a
>defense...LOL
>
>No, I don't have a college degree, Larry. I didn't have the money to waste.
>I also didn't have the time to waste. I wanted to do too many things, so I
>set out to do them. And, I've accomplished most of them.
>
>With or without that college degree I now earn quite a healthy living, with
>a lot more room to grow. So, you wasted your time, in my opinion, and I did
>not, in my opinion.

Kim:

Yes, I guess a college education would be wasted on you. Such is the pity.

73 de Larry, K3LT

2418. Re: The "trained pool of operators" argument - debunked

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-23 03:14:22 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030722231422.12501.00001079@mb-m04.aol.com>
Source record: 72308

In article <cuvyxnansvbet.hiftqkp.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>, "Phil Kane"
<Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop> writes:

>>Izzat so? Where's all the high-speed digital communications infrastructure
>>that was promised to ham radio when the 5 WPM code test was dropped
>>for the Technician-class license?
>
> It's working - quite well, than kew - in the San Francisco Bay Area
> on the 2.4 GHz band. Sorry, there's no access point in Pennsylvania.

Phil:

I wouldn't know about Pennsylvania, but down here in a place that prides
itself in the name "Lower, Slower Delaware," I'm sure that a high-speed
digital infrastructure will be the last thing to come to the local amateur
radio scene.

73 de Larry, K3LT

2419. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-23 03:14:23 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030722231423.12501.00001081@mb-m04.aol.com>
Source record: 72306

In article <3F1D5AB2.3B13D08A@yahoo.moc>, Scott Unit 69
<scott_unit_69@yahoo.moc> writes:

>> My own participation in the "online" code test debate dates back to
>> 1991 when I returned from the UK and purchased my first US modem.
>> I had limited participation in Fidonet from the UK from late '89 to '91,
>> but at the time, the Ham Radio forum was tightly moderated, and anyone
>> with a pro-code stance was persona non-grata.
>
>
>And the rest of the world would appreciate if you'd stop
>taking it out on us. It's not my fault. I don't care.

Then don't read this newsgroup. I'm not going away.

73 de Larry, K3LT

2420. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-23 03:14:23 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030722231423.12501.00001082@mb-m04.aol.com>
Source record: 72311

In article <3F1DD69F.9070306@adelphia.net>, Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
writes:

>> Let me know when you're ready, Mike! I've still got to get my station put
>> back together in the wake of Field Day.
>
>Field day is definitely rough on the equipment. Must be that sleep
>deprived carelessness of the tear-down afterward!

Mike:

Oh, you mean like "disconnecting" antenna rotor control boxes with a
pair of dikes? Yes, indeed. 12 hours to set up, 2 to tear down!
Fortunately, I'm not that hard on my own equipment, just a bit
unmotivated to get the station set back up for at least a month after
Field Day. Since I run the digital mode station for my club, I have
to take not only my radios, but my whole bloody computer system
as well. Fortunately, that's the easiest thing to return to functional
normalcy at the home QTH. Can't be missing out on rrap now, can I?

73 de Larry, K3LT

2421. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-23 03:14:24 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030722231424.12501.00001083@mb-m04.aol.com>
Source record: 72309

In article <bfjac3$f5ot3$7@ID-189073.news.uni-berlin.de>, "Ryan, KC8PMX"
<kc8pmx@diamondcs.net> writes:

>> >I suppose Larry will never consider me a fully-fledged ham, even with 20
>> >wpm, 'cause I operate 100% phone, LOL.
>>
>> Alun, my opinion of you as a ham is not dependant on your usage of CW.
>> All I ask is that you don't whine about it, and that as a ham, you make an
>> effort to do something more challenging than just yakking into a
>> microphone. That would imply the use of at least one digital mode. CW
>> operation would be the icing on the cake, and go a long way to impress
>> me.
>
>(seriously asking this question)
>So if a person is getting into technical research, project building of any
>kind (generically speaking), or any other strong contribution to amateur
>radio, but DOES like to "yakking into a microphone" whilst on the air is a
>bad thing?
>
>Just curious,

Ryan:

That would depend on whether or not he/she was whining about the
code test requirements, or gloating over the fact that they had been
dropped. If he/she were, in actual fact, doing the technical R&D you're
talking about, then I would have a very high opinion of their contribution
to amateur radio -- notwithstanding the yakking.

73 de Larry, K3LT

2422. Re: With CW gone, can the CW allocations be far behind?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-23 03:14:25 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030722231425.12501.00001085@mb-m04.aol.com>
Source record: 72305

In article <glkphv48e1eo5vc77j03ip33vpv3mqed7a@4ax.com>, Radio Amateur KC2HMZ
<kc2hmz@aa-mail.net> writes:

>>Since you have no practical on-the-air experience using CW, I don't
>>expect you to appreciate this, and consider you to be unqualified to
>>render an opinion on the subject.
>
>On that note, we're still waiting for your opinion on eating elephant
>dung - good idea or bad?
>
>73 DE John, KC2HMZ

Bad. Very bad, indeed. Personally, I wouldn't do that. Your mileage
may vary.

73 de Larry, K3LT

2423. Re: With CW gone, can the CW allocations be far behind?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-23 03:14:25 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030722231425.12501.00001084@mb-m04.aol.com>
Source record: 72312

In article <bfkm6b$2v41$1@adenine.netfront.net>, "Kim W5TIT"
<fahgedit@nomail.net> writes:

>> Kim:
>>
>> Don't look now, but yakking into a microphone is something that anyone
>> can do without learning any new communications skills.
>>
>
>Oh, duh...I should have seen that spin coming.

Kim:

That wasn't "spin" -- it was a simple statement of fact. However, I guess that

you are too intellectually immature to understand the difference.

>> Use of Morse/CW
>> requires the acquisition of a new, very useful comm skill (Morse code) and
>> the patience and initiative to develop this skill adequately to become an
>> efficient, effective CW operator. The content of the "yakking" may be the
>> same, but the difference is that the CW operator is yakking in a totally
>> different way, using a skill and mode which offers benefits and advantages
>> not found in voice modes.

>Simply your opinion.

No, just more facts, Kim.

>The trouble with you is you truly believe everyone else has to have your
opinion, too.

No, but I expect everyone else to be able to process reality in rational
manner.

>> Since you have no practical on-the-air experience using CW, I don't
>> expect you to appreciate this, and consider you to be unqualified to
>> render an opinion on the subject.
>>
>> 73 de Larry, K3LT
>>
>
>Uh huh. That's why you spent so much time, eh?

Typically unresponsive answer, Kim. You're out of your depth here, to a degree
which would be quite embarrassing to anyone with the emotional and
intellectual maturity to understand the concept. Your responses on virtually
any

topic at hand are uniformly childlike and devoid of any evidence of well-reasoned
logic. For the most part, you simply parrot or show approval for things other people say -- as if that contributed something of value to the discussion, which
it does not. Participation in this newsgroup is way over your head, Kim -- which isn't saying much about you!

I now await one of your typically asinine replies.

73 de Larry, K3LT

2424. Re: Why don't Real Hams you face the facts?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-23 03:14:26 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030722231426.12501.00001086@mb-m04.aol.com>
Source record: 72310

In article <bfkl9n$2uu8$1@adenine.netfront.net>, "Kim W5TIT"
<fahgedit@nomail.net> writes:

>> Kim:
>>
>> If an armed robber walks into a Seven Eleven and points his gun at
>> Mr. Singh behind the counter, does Mr. Singh have the right to pull
>> *his* gun and kill the robber? Remember two things -- 1. You don't
>> believe in killing. 2. It is impossible to pick up a gun, point it at a
>> human being, and pull the trigger without the rational expectation that
>> you will kill the person you're aiming at. Now, please answer the Q.
>>
>> 73 de Larry, K3LT
>>
>
>*I* don't believe in killing, Larry. What part of that don't you
>understand? What part of *I* don't you understand?
>
>Kim W5TIT

Kim:

Sooo, you don't believe in killing to defend your own life, or the life of a
third party? You don't believe people have the right to defend their own lives

with deadly force? If some terrorist wacko started shooting innocent
people in a subway station, you wouldn't want a police officer to shoot
him to protect innocent lives?

I don't believe in killing either, Kim. Killing is not something that any
decent, law-abiding, morally conscious person would want to do.
However, if faced with a life-or-death situation, I would not hesitate to
respond with deadly force in order to protect my own life or the lives
of others. That is a very important distinction. If you honestly believe
that nobody has a legitimate right to defend life with deadly force, should
the need arise, then you are obviously not looking at this subject from
a rational point of view. I hope that you are never personally faced with
that situation.

73 de Larry, K3LT

2425. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-23 03:38:07 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
Message-ID: <3F1E02FD.2020905@adelphia.net>
Source record: 72313

Larry Roll K3LT wrote:
> In article <3F1DD69F.9070306@adelphia.net>, Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
> writes:
>
>
>>>Let me know when you're ready, Mike! I've still got to get my station put
>>>back together in the wake of Field Day.
>>
>>Field day is definitely rough on the equipment. Must be that sleep
>>deprived carelessness of the tear-down afterward!
>
>
> Mike:
>
> Oh, you mean like "disconnecting" antenna rotor control boxes with a
> pair of dikes? Yes, indeed. 12 hours to set up, 2 to tear down!

Darn near! No one is trying to abuse the equipment, but after a weekend of hard labor setting the stations up and no sleep we can get goofy and mess a few things up.

Wouldn't trade it for anything tho'. Work hard, play hard.

> Fortunately, I'm not that hard on my own equipment, just a bit
> unmotivated to get the station set back up for at least a month after
> Field Day. Since I run the digital mode station for my club, I have
> to take not only my radios, but my whole bloody computer system
> as well. Fortunately, that's the easiest thing to return to functional
> normalcy at the home QTH. Can't be missing out on rrap now, can I?

Yup, me too. Interesting thing with the digital modes besides CW. I "snuck" in my interface over the objections of some members. The new people loved it! Kids, who are used to chat rooms, picked up on that quickly, and the GOTA station will have PSK31 available from now on.

I think things like that only help the case for CW. The newbies were looking at that paddle on the bench, and you could see the gears turning....

- Mike KB3EIA -

2426. Re: With CW gone, can the CW allocations be far behind?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-23 04:19:46 UTC
From: Robert Casey <wa2ise@ix.netcom.com>
Message-ID: <3F1E0CE2.803@ix.netcom.com>
Source record: 72314

>
>
>On that note, we're still waiting for your opinion on eating elephant
>dung - good idea or bad?
>
>
>
Tastes like crap. So I would recommend against it......

2427. Re: The myth that BPL is a solution for rural broadband

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-23 05:41:31 UTC
From: robkemp90210@hotmail.com
Message-ID: <6114e4af.0307222141.1efa9628@posting.google.com>
Source record: 72315
Cross-posted to:
rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.shortwave

It would be very difficult to achieve sufficient input to output
isolation to repeat on frequency so either do time division (lots of
latency) or translate to another band (most likely).

Guess these repeater units would be very vulnerable to any non
linearity that causes I.M. or harmonics from the output to occur at
the input frequency.

The more I think about this, the more convinced that the BPL lobbyists
have excellent P.R. and are first division bull shit merchants but are
totally and utterly clueless when it comes to R.F.

Expect a few systems to be deployed before the money folks from Wall
Street realize that BPL won't work. Trouble is that a few badly
maintained systems could trash the whole of H.F. during the next
sunspot maximum. Reminds me of the pager transmitter on the next hill
to me, wakes up once to twice a day and overloads my 2M equipment.

"WB2JKX" <mycall-N0SPAM@arrl.net> wrote in message
news:<LHbTa.67462$0v4.4498427@bgtnsc04-news.ops.worldnet.att.net>...
> Rob Kemp <robkemp90210@hotmail.com> wrote in message
> news:6114e4af.0307212024.28641436@posting.google.com...
> > Ed,
> >
> > In reply to your question on the technical requirements, (apologies in
> > advance for the verbose response but would like to ensure that the
> > implementation difference between European PLC/PLT and our BPL is
> > understood by everyone).
> >
> > In Europe BPL (PLC/PLT) is connected to the 220V (European voltage) at
> > the transformer that feeds 100~200 homes. Typically backhaul from the
> > transformer is a dedicated data line. European power lines are
> > underground and the emission limits are lower (NB30) but there are
> > still major interference problems. At NB30 emission limits PLC/PLT is
> > good for about 900 feet.
> >
> > Here in the U.S. our power system architecture is different with a
> > transformer for 4~6 homes in the suburbs, in rural areas many homes
> > will have individual transformers as the houses are far apart.
> >
> > BPL is transmitted down (and emitted from) the 11KV medium voltage
> > lines that go to the house transformers. 11KV lines have significant
> > attenuation (and radiation) at HF.
> >

> > The repeater issue has been "swept under carpet" as they are expensive
> > and need a truck roll to install. The BPL lobby's focus has been to
> > persuade the world that every socket magically becomes an Internet
> > connection.
> >
> > For details on a typical BPL repeater check;
> > http://www.amperion.com/products.asp
> >
> > There are no details on specific repeater distances at the Amperion
> > site, just a vague comment about data rates and latency. Latency will
> > cause problems for VoIP and gamers (the ping numbers will be bad).
> >
> > It is clear from the Amperion information that these repeaters are
> > complex as they decode the data. Presume that power is somehow picked
> > off the 11KV line.
> >
> > The source for the 2,000 feet is here;
> > http://www2.arrl.org/news/features/2003/06/01/1/
> > "According to industry sources, data rates of up to 20 MB/s are
> > possible for distances of up to 2,000 feet, and of up to 3 MB/s for
> > distances of up to 4,000 feet."
> >
> > The ARRL comments are for raw data rates under very ideal conditions,
> > actual download speed shared by all customers will be about 35% of the
> > raw data rate. The BPL systems both in Europe and the U.S. have
> > symmetrical upload/download speeds which is puzzling, as would expect
> > users to care more about download speeds.
> >
> > If the FCC raises the emission limits, then the repeater distance will
> > be greater. Suspect if they don't, the BPL operators will still turn
> > up the power anyway and wait for complaints
> >
> > "Ed G." <Spectrumhog@_REMOVE_StarBand.net> wrote in message
> news:<Xns93BE7E5C0161Frog207Junocom@148.78.248.75>...
> > > While I certainly don't want to see BPL implemented, I must question
> > > your statements about the power companies' technical requirements to
> > > deploy BPL to rural customers.
> > >
> > > Can you please provide official sources for the technical information
> > > you posted?
> > >
> > >
> > > Ed WB6SAT
>
> It would seem that the use of repeaters on the HV lines would require the
> power line to be broken into isolated sections (RF-wise) where the repeaters
> are located, with the 60Hz bypassed around the repeater. This can't be good
> for reliable electric service.

2428. Re: Smells like type acceptance

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-23 10:55:52 UTC
From: kelly@dvol.com
Message-ID: <d22b54c3.0307230255.2f8e3048@posting.google.com>
Source record: 72316

n2ey@aol.com (N2EY) wrote in message
news:<20030722222624.09955.00000825@mb-m21.aol.com>...

> >
> >"Modified radios don't break the rules, people do."
> >
> Yup. So the rulebreakers don't get to modify.
>
> >With all kind wishes for your QCAO chapter membership drive,
>
> If you only knew.....

http://www.wwdxc.org/tabloid0203/tab0403.htm

>
> 73 de Jim, N2EY

2429. Re: Ham Radio In The Post-Code Testing Era

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-23 11:49:01 UTC
From: N2EY@AOL.COM
Message-ID: <c2356669.0307230349.6c285471@posting.google.com>
Source record: 72317

"Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net> wrote in message
news:<sviTa.11952$Vx2.5812057@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com>...
> "Radio Amateur KC2HMZ" <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net> wrote in message
> news:3qnohvomptdh7okbmqihsjf5bq8ihqorc8@4ax.com...
> > On 20 Jul 2003 02:35:45 GMT, yodoc@aol.comnospam (Larry Roll K3LT)
> > wrote:
> >
> > >My statement about future hams having no experience with Morse/CW
> > >is plain FACT, not opinion, Bill.
> >
> > There seem to be quite a few hams now who have no experience with
> > Morse/CW. There are 257,319 Technicians in the ARS, according to the
> > most recently posted figures from N2EY, some of which are undoubtedly
> > former Tech-Plus licensees renewed as Technician, but most of whom are
> > undoubtedly of the no-code variety.

20% renewals is a reasonable estimate.

> > Even if 20% are renewed Tech+ then
> > that's still over 200,000 hams with no Morse/CW experience.

Actually, that's not strictly true. We don't know how many of those
~200,000 have experience with code. An unknown number have the Element
1 CSCE, but haven't passed General theory yet. Others are studying but
haven't passed the code test - yet.

> > >It is also a fact that because of their
> > >lack of experience, they are self-disqualified from having an "opinion"
> > >about the subject.
> >
> > I disagree - it's not a fact, it's your opinion. I also happen to
> > disagree with that opinion.

Anyone can have an opinion about anything. Whether that opinion is
based on reasonable evidence and logic or not is another matter. For
example, a person who says that Sealtest vanilla bean ice cream is the
best ice cream in the world but has only tried a few other types of
ice cream isn't basing that opinion on reasonable evidence and logic.
> >
> > Larry, no disrespect intended here, but what's your current opinion of
> > eating...oh...how about...elephant dung, for example?
> >
> > Most of us would say that the idea sounds quite disgusting, no thanks,
> > I'll pass. Same goes for cat dung, rat dung, bat dung, or any other
> > kind of dung for that matter. I don't need to have tasted 'em all in
> > order to form that opinion.

Bad analogy. Here's why:

You would be hard pressed to find a rational person, at any time or in
any culture, who finds that activity anything other than disgusting.
Also, taste and smell are closely related, and it's very rare that
something will smell bad but taste good.

> > Similarly, one does not need to have
> > learned to send and receive CW at 50 WPM in order to decide that one
> > is not interested in that particular mode.

Not similarly. But the rest of the statement is quite reasonable. It's
like saying "I tried sushi a few times and I just don't like them. I
know others do, but not me. You go ahead, I'll have a cheeseburger."
(There's actually a song by Pat Donahue about this).
>
> That's a specious argument and you know it.
>
> You do have to actually eat an apple to determine if you will like it. It's
> not possible to determine what a cake or whatever will taste like by reading
> the ingredients of the mix. You have to eat it.

Smell can be an indicator, too. And it's possible to use all the right
ingredients and yet bake a terrible cake.

> For example, I hate
> tomatoes, cheeses, and garlic.

But you tried those things before you decided you hated them, right?

> Yet I could not predetermine what pizza
> tasted like. I had to try it. And you know what, I love pizza.
>
With anchovies?

> > Note that it is not my intention to equate CW skills with animal dung,
> > the skill remains a useful one to have and I don't begrudge those who
> > enjoy CW their pleasure at using the mode - not for a single minute.
>
> Yes it was and yes you do or you would not have used the dung comparison.

There's the Utah Phillips story about the moose....
>
> > I'm merely pointing out that expertise at a particular activity is not
> > a prerequisite for deciding whether or not one wishes to pursue said
> > activity. Do I need to be able to deadlift 600 pounds in order to
> > decide I don't wish to be an olympic weightlifter? Nope. Can I
> > currently deadlift 600 pounds? Nope. Does that render my decision to
> > not try to deadlift 600 pounds invalid? Nope.

Which boils down to "I don't think I will like that".
>
> CW skills are more like music. You have to acquire a BASIC level of skill
> to determine if you will like it. Almost every adult that I know wishes

> they had learned to play an instrument and wishes their parents had made
> them take lessons.

I wish I'd had the opportunity, anyway.

Simple question: Have you ever thought you wouldn't like something,
tried it anyway, and decided you really liked it? Example: ever get
dragged to a movie you thought you wouldn't like and wound up liking
it so much that you bought the tape/DVD?

73 de Jim, N2EY

2430. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-23 12:24:02 UTC
From: Anonymous <rebleep@hush.com>
Message-ID: <ee4cad4c58d6935e3a7a67886c08fcaa@rebleep>
Source record: 72319

In article <3F1CB10C.1DA487F6@earthlink.net>
Dave Heil <k8mn@earthlink.net> wrote:
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>
> Vshah101 wrote:
> >
> > From: Dave Heil k8mn
> >
> > >> I don't want to talk to some older males. Thats not anti-social.
> > >
> > >If we go by your rules, it certainly is.
> >
> > Its still consistent. Those Hams are on the radio, not in person. For example,
> > those Hams at the "DXpedition" contacted other (anti-social) Hams on Sat night,
> > but did not meet anyone in person.
>
> Fine, Vipul. Then those hams present with you must not have talked to
> each other or to you. If they did otherwise, there was social
> interaction. I've worked several hams in India any number of times over
> the past couple of decades. I've never met them in person nor have I
> telephoned them to chat and ask of their families. By your definition,
> I'm anti-social.

No, you just stalk other hams..........

> > That has nothing to do with the technical part of the hobby. The technical part
> > occurred during the antenna and equipment setup. There was plenty of operating
> > during the day, so operating on Sat night more represented the social aspect
> > more than any technical aspect. Therefore, this is how those Hams spent their
> > Sat night. Seems anti-social to me.
>
> Who are you to tell people enjoying their hobby as a group what they
> should be doing with their Saturdays?

Who the hell are you to tell len what he can or cannot post, dickhead?

> > >You didn't go on a DXpedition.
> >
> > They called it a DXpedition.
>
> They were wrong. You've been corrected several times before but you
> continue to put forth the error as fact. You are wrong.

PKB, dumbass.

> > >> Many Hams will work DX. They get a thrill from that. But, they won't talk
> to
> > >> the person next door or to anyone in person.
> > >
> > >Your record is stuck, Vipul. Your claim is simply another tired
> > >stereotype offered without proof of any kind.
> >
> > I gave an example above where the Hams contacted people through the radio, but
> > did not meet anyone in person. (Probably avoided it). This was not my local
> > club. It was a random group of Hams.
>
> I hope we don't have a QSO, Vipul. I couldn't take the suspense of
> waiting for you to show up at my door.

Why would he want to see that dump, he could see a ghetto in his ow2n country.

> Are you familiar with the term
> "flakey"?

Yeah, you define it, ASSHOLE.

2431. Re: Smells like type acceptance

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-23 12:25:02 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307230425.3f912ab1@posting.google.com>
Source record: 72318

"Phil Kane" <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop> wrote in message
news:<cuvyxnansvbet.hicfsj3.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>...
> On 20 Jul 2003 15:55:43 -0700, Brian wrote:
>
> >> Cash deal and what radio are you talking about? I never met the guy.
> > >
> > >You have the mind of a criminal.
> >
> > A mind of a criminal is better than no mind at all.

Then Kelly is a lucky man, sort of.

2432. Re: With CW gone, can the CW allocations be far behind?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-23 12:28:02 UTC
From: Jon Bloom <jbloom@arrl.org>
Message-ID: <pan.2003.07.23.12.28.02.335300.22713@arrl.org>
Source record: 72320

On Mon, 21 Jul 2003 19:41:11 -0400, N2EY wrote:
> In article <slrnbhohnj.7g5.gsm@cable.mendelson.com>, gsm@mendelson.com
> (Geoffrey S. Mendelson) writes:
>
>>In article <3F1BFB13.1070109@psu.edu>, Mike Coslo wrote:
>>
>>> This cannot be, for no one wants to take anything away from Morse
>>> code
>>> users.
>>
>>Why not, 8 years ago, the Arrl did a survey.
>
> That's pretty close - 1996
>
>> They asked amateurs who had
>>passed a morse code exam if they EVER used morse code.
>
> No, you are mistaken. On several counts.
>
> They asked 1100 US hams, chosen at random. Of these, 100 were Novices
> and 200 each Techs, Tech Pluses, Generals, Advanceds and Extras. So they
> asked hams who had not taken a code test as well as hams who had.
>
> The question was "How much do you operate Morse code?" and there were
> only three possible answers: "Regularly", "Rarely" and "Never". No
> definitions of what those terms mean, no questions on other modes, etc.
> (After all, a ham who is not on the air at all never uses Morse code on
> the air).
>
>>Two out of three
>>responded "no". I.e. 2/3's of the hams surveyed NEVER used morse code.
>
> Wrong again!
>
> 35% answered "Never"
> 37% answered "Rarely"
> 27% answered "Regularly"
> 1% did not answer.
>
> It is obvious that the question is so flawed as to be meaningless. For
> example, how much Morse operation is "regular"?

It's only flawed for the purposes you're trying to put it to. Its original
purpose was to gauge the level of interest based on use of Morse. For that

purpose, it doesn't matter whether the respondent's use of Morse fits your definition of "regularly" -- or mine -- it matters only whether it fits the respondent's definition.

Most of the cavilling about survey questions comes from misunderstanding the question's purpose and misuse of the results to try to "prove" things that the survey wasn't addressing. If you want to sample opinion on a topic, hire a reputable research firm to formulate and conduct a survey that will elicit the facts you want. Trying to hammer an existing survey into something that it wasn't designed to be is almost certain to lead to skewed conclusions.

> Note that the question doesn't specify HF operation, or ask if the ham
> is active at all, if he/she is equipped for HF operation, etc. etc.
>
>>Of course in those days they spun it as "1 out 3 sometimes uses morse
>>code".
>
> Wrong again!
>
> 64% (37+27) sometimes use Morse code, according to that survey. That's a
> fact, not spin.

But as you point out, nobody really knows what "operate" means in this case. For example, if a person's entire use of Morse code is to copy repeater IDs, which they do by laboriously copying down the dots and dashes and then looking up the letters in a table, is that "operation" of Morse? The survey doesn't say.

>>So if it came to a vote you'd have a hard time keeping things as they
>>are.
>
> Maybe.
>
> Try this "survey": Actually listen to the CW/digital subbands and see
> how much activity there really is. Try 40 meters below 7050 some
> evening.

That's a much better way to get a feel for the true level of interest. Signals on the air are a much better measure of what's popular in ham radio than any survey results or any amount of Usenet bloviating.

Jon

2433. Re: Why don't Real Hams you face the facts?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-23 12:41:55 UTC
From: k4yz@aol.com
Message-ID: <5c01b95b.0307230441.3b5e7197@posting.google.com>
Source record: 72321

"Kim W5TIT" <fahgedit@nomail.net> wrote in message
news:<bfkrdg$12e$5@adenine.netfront.net>...

> On the WHAT floor, laughing WHAT body part off?!

If I HAVE to tell ya...!!! =)

73

Steve, K4YZ

2434. Re: Why don't Real Hams you face the facts?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-23 12:47:53 UTC
From: An Metet <anmetet@liberty.gmsociety.org>
Message-ID: <0bca5e1a0b80b193873d286c54abab0e@aonymous.poster>
Source record: 72322

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In article <3F1CB4EB.49D0E1FB@earthlink.net>
Dave Heil <k8mn@earthlink.net> wrote:
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>
> Kim W5TIT wrote:
> >
> > "Bert Craig" <wa2si@arrl.net> wrote in message
> > news:b7d1465c.0307211657.6e4f58f6@posting.google.com...
> > > Dave Heil <k8mn@earthlink.net> wrote in message
> news:<3F1C0F27.E2909DAE@earthlink.net>...
> > > > Kim W5TIT wrote:
> > > >
> > > > > Whenever I used to bootleg--and I did before I was licensed, I always
> made
> > > > > extra sure to stay out of ham radio frequencies--most hams know too
> much
> > > > > about R&R and DFing. ;)
> > > >
> > > > Such seems in character for you, Kim.
> > > >
> > > > > I won't do it now but only because I don't want to
> > > > > compromise my license.
> > > >
> > > > So, not because it was illegal, only so you don't lose your license.
> > > >
> > > > Dave K8MN
> > >
> > > Hi Dave,
> > >
> > > You kinda conveniently left out "Well, along with the fact that now I
> > > realize what an idiot I was being." I believe that pretty much answers
> > > your last query. We ALL make foolish errors in our youth and most of
> > > us eventually grow up, hopefully, wiser for the wear. It's got sump'n
> > > to do with casting the first stone or some such saying. ;-)
> > >
> > > 73 de Bert
> > > WA2SI
> >
> > Thanks, Bert. I would have expected nothing else from Dave.
>
> Maybe you should have kept mum on your bootleg radio operations, Kim.
>
> Dave K8MN
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Like you should've kept mum about your downloading of kiddie porn, ASSHOLE.

2435. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-23 16:32:11 UTC
From: N2EY@AOL.COM
Message-ID: <c2356669.0307230832.74e1a60f@posting.google.com>
Source record: 72323

Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net> wrote in message
news:<mshphvc9vp3kms0qo5dmemce4kspg1bpef@4ax.com>...
> On 14 Jul 2003 11:56:26 -0700, N2EY@AOL.COM (N2EY) wrote:
>
> >Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net> wrote in message
news:<bqc1hvcttcd96ae8nrgfoll2t6f9bvmjmp@4ax.com>...
> >> On Sun, 13 Jul 2003 11:58:29 -0500, "Kim" <fahgedit@nomail.net>
> >> wrote:
> >>
> >> >"Larry Roll K3LT" <yodoc@aol.comnospam> wrote in message
> >> >news:20030713015318.23406.00000814@mb-m27.aol.com...
>
> >> >> You are not a
> >> >> CW operator, so you are not even qualified to judge any "proof" offered.
> >>
> >> You are not a cow, Larry, therefore you are not even qualified to
> >> judge whether McDonald's or Wendy's makes better cheeseburgers.
> >
> >You may not be too fond of CW, and CW ops, but contrary to rumor we do
> >not eat each other.
>
> I'm not all that fond of CW, insofar as it's not one of the things I
> personally enjoy doing. CW ops, like any other fellow ham, are welcome
> around here any time.

Thanks.

> As for not eating each other, someone else's
> comment about CQ WPX seems to be as good or better a retort than I can
> think of at the moment.

I think he was referring to CQ WW dx contest and the level of
competitiveness displayed.....
>
> >> >> Those of us who are proficient CW operators with adequate on-the-air
> >> >> experience have certainly had this fact proven to them to their
> >> >> satisfaction,
> >>
> >> Hitler had the collective guilt of Jews, Jehovah's Witnesses, and
> >> homosexuals proven to his satisfaction, too.
> >
> >Usenet 101: First person to call their opposition "nazis" or compare
> >them to Hitler loses the argument. (Godwin's Law)
>
> The comparison was valid to the extent that Hitler was wrong, but was

> blinded by zeal and therefore unable to see past the end of his nose,
> so to speak.

Godwin's Law still holds.

Try this: The jury in the Scopes monkey trial was convinced of the
"error" of the theory of evolution and the "guilt" of the teacher
involved. Blinded by zeal, etc., see classic film "Inherit The Wind".

See also the refusal of various cardinals and other birds to look
through Galileo's telescope.

> Larry is wrong, but is blinded by zeal and therefore
> unable to see past the end of his straight key. That is where the
> similarity ends, as I have already explained to Larry in another post.

Godwin's Law still holds.
>
> >> >> but a no-coder will always claim that it isn't proven simply because they
> >> >> have no way of discerning and analyzing the evidence, and they have an
> >> >> agenda which would cause them to deny the outcome.
> > >
> > >Incorrect. They could always accept the evidence presented by an
> > >experienced CW operator.
> >
> Larry posted that, I didn't

I know. I'm responding to both of ya.

> - however, I have not disputed that CW is
> a useful communications skill. Any communications skill is useful in a
> communications hobby, and any technical skill is useful in a technical
> hobby. For me to claim otherwise would be illogical.

There are those on the nocodetest side of the fence who take the
illogical stand that Morse/CW is not useful, outdated, etc.

The operative question is how much something has to be useful in order
to qualify to be tested.

> What I am
> disputing is the notion put forth by K3LT that one needs to have
> acquired CW proficiency in order to form an opinion as to whether one
> wishes to pursue that aspect of the hobby or not...an assertion which
> I find equally illogical.

Perhaps the confusion arises because there's a difference between
judging something's usefulness and judging whether someone wants to
use it. A Harley Davidson motorcycle is certainly useful and desirable
(IMHO) but at this time in my life I am not going to pursue having
one.

> >> Actually, all that's really required is a receiver.
> > >

> >With an antenna.
>
> Although on occasion I have managed to receive signals with a radio
> that had no antenna connected to it - and have actually even found it
> very useful indeed to try to do so - I'll concede that one gets a much
> better handle on current conditions on an HF band by listening to a
> receiver that has at least a reasonable facsimile of an antenna
> connected to it.

Point I was making is that some folks have claimed "nobody uses CW
anymore" etc. without any real knowledge of is current use.

> >> If there are a few
> >> dozen CW QSOs going on at the bottom of the band, but nobody in the
> >> phone portion of the band...
> >
> >How about if there are more CW QSOs going on than 'phone?
>
> To use a phrase that I have always found oxymoronic: same difference.

OK
>
> >> well, why would you think that would
> >> happen, unless there's a CW contest going on?
> >
> >Coupla possible reasons:
> >
> >1) Propagation isn't so hot. (CW really does have an advantage over
> >all commonly-used forms of analog 'phone in this regard)
>
> ...which was exactly my point...

OK
>
> >2) There's a 'phone contest going on, and most of the 'phone ops are
> >working the contest - on another band.
>
> ...where conditions are apparently better since they support phone on
> that band? Then why haven't the CW guys moved there as well, to take
> advantage of the better band conditions?

Because the type of operation desired is different. Example: Suppose
there's a 'phone DX contest going on, it's the bottom of the susnspot
cycle, and the bands above 15 MHz are open. Most of the hams in the
contest are going to be on 15 and 10 meters trying to gather as many
countries and QSOs on those bands while they are usable. The
distribution of hams using 'phone will be heavily concentrated in
those bands.

Meanwhile, hams who are working CW (and obviously not interested in
the contest) will be distributed differently among the bands. Since
much of the DX is working 'phone, the CW ops will probably be looking

for ragchews, and may be on bands like 40 and 80, which are more
suited for non-DX when the upper bands are open.

Consider also that not all contests involve the WARC bands, further
shifting things.

> After all, they have the
> bottom part of that band to themselves too...

CW ops do not have the bottom part of ANY HF band to themselves. We
have to deal with digital ops and an ever-increasing number of foreign
'phones.

> >3) The 'phone bands become obnoxious enough that folks go to CW just
> >to have a decent QSO.
>
> Well, if we're going to clutch at straws here,

How is that "clutching at straws"?

> then we might as well also include:
>
> 4) One has tuned to the 30 meter band, where phone is not permitted.
>
Yup.

> >> Larry gets rather emotional over the topic, whereas Jim looks at
> >> things a bit more objectively. But then, I think you noticed that.
> >
> >Just "a bit more"? ;-)
>
> Just call me the master of understatement. ;-)

Us Yankees can appreciate such.
>
> >> >When you get as good as N2EY at knowing CW and examples of its tremendous
> >> >cabability, get back to us, won't you?
> >
> >There are plenty of examples which prove the point of CW/Morse's
> >usefulness. Whether those examples constiute "proof" of the necessity
> >of a TEST is a matter of opinion.
>
> I agree. Larry, whose material is quoted here, doesn't.

And so we're back to opinions.
>
> >> Knowing them and being able to articulate them in this forum are two
> >> different things.
> >
> >If someone "knows" something but cannot articulate to someone who
> >doesn't, does the first person really "know" it?
>
> I believe so. I know how to get to a certain hamfest from my house. I

> doubt that I could give someone directions that would allow them to
> arrive at that hamfest without getting further directions from someone
> else. I may not be able to articulate how to get there, but I "know"
> how to get there, and will prove it this Sept. 27 when I again hop
> into my van and drive there, just as I have every year since getting
> my ham license (it's only a three-hour ride).

Good example! Which 'fest, btw? Biggest I've ever been to is
Rochester.

However, your example could be used to back up the claim that someone
without CW skill can't really know its capability. You know the route
but can't explain it to someone who wants to know. Larry knows the
capability but can't expalin it to someone who doesn't want to know.
Similar...
>
> >Kinda like the old
> >saying "if you have a thing 'someplace', but you can't find it when
> >you need it, then you don't really have it, do you?"
>
> No, you don't.

'zactly.

> However, what we're discussing here isn't a material
> thing, but rather, an idea. How does one manage to misplace an idea?
> "Sunuvagun, it was right here in my cerebellum a minute ago!" :-)

Variously called "halfheimer's" (remembering half of something) and
"cerebral cortex 404 error".

73 de Jim, N2EY

2436. Re: Why don't Real Hams you face the facts?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-23 18:06:54 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307231006.498d11ea@posting.google.com>
Source record: 72324

Dave Heil <k8mn@earthlink.net> wrote in message news:<3F1DEFB2.8955156C@earthlink.net>...

> Not deliberately, Kim. In my three years back in the U.S., I've logged
> over 100,000 miles on the highways. I've not even been stopped for a
> warning. On the interstate highways I set my cruise control for the
> speed limit and let those who are in a hurry blow by.

Not in Ohio. Since the trucks have to go 10mph slower than auto
traffic it jams up the whole works. I'm suprised DOT doesn't withhold
some federal money until they reconcile the speed limit laws as a
safety issue.

Brian

2437. Re: With CW gone, can the CW allocations be far behind?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-23 18:09:18 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307231009.607b0953@posting.google.com>
Source record: 72325

Jon Bloom <jbloom@arrl.org> wrote in message
news:<pan.2003.07.23.12.28.02.335300.22713@arrl.org>...

If you want to sample opinion on a
> topic, hire a reputable research firm to formulate and conduct a survey
> that will elicit the facts you want.

Thats what the ARRL should have done.

2438. Re: With CW gone, can the CW allocations be far behind?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-23 18:11:25 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307231011.4ed162c4@posting.google.com>
Source record: 72326

Jon Bloom <jbloom@arrl.org> wrote in message
news:<pan.2003.07.23.12.28.02.335300.22713@arrl.org>...

> But as you point out, nobody really knows what "operate" means in this
> case. For example, if a person's entire use of Morse code is to copy
> repeater IDs, which they do by laboriously copying down the dots and
> dashes and then looking up the letters in a table, is that "operation" of
> Morse? The survey doesn't say.

Hmmmm. Are you saying that the "Operate CW" numbers are inflated?

2439. Re: With CW gone, can the CW allocations be far behind?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-23 18:12:52 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307231012.35f3501c@posting.google.com>
Source record: 72327

n2ey@aol.com (N2EY) wrote in message
news:<20030721194111.23406.00000959@mb-m27.aol.com>...

> Try this "survey": Actually listen to the CW/digital subbands and see how much
> activity there really is. Try 40 meters below 7050 some evening.
>
> 73 de Jim, N2EY

Why not try 7.100 to 7.150 instead?

2440. Re: Why don't Real Hams you face the facts?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-23 18:21:57 UTC
From: Bert Craig <wa2si@arrl.netNOSPAM>
Message-ID: <9nATa.30870$7O.15123@nwrdny01.gnilink.net>
Source record: 72328

"Kim W5TIT" <fahgedit@nomail.net> wrote in message
news:bfksj4$12e$7@adenine.netfront.net...
> Not just in our youth, Bert, either. But, apparently, Dave has never, in
> any way, broken the law. Not even for speeding. Of course, he'll
probably
> respond that he's never gotten a ticket. Neither have I.
>
> Kim W5TIT

Well, radiowise, I'd have to say my errors are pretty much confined to my "young and selfish" youth. I still cruise with the pack at 60/65 m.p.h. though and I sure do jay walk occassionally. What can I say? Lock me up and throw away the key. (hihi)

I'm sure Dave is a fine person, just as I'm certain about you. Anybody with a gorgeous antenna farm like that is a-ok with me. Besides, this is USENET and if you take any of this stuff seriously, you'll just drive yourself nuts. Like I said, the important thing is to learn from your mistakes and possibly help others avoid the same. Jim, N2EY, made a very good comment about why folks that follow the rules are granted "privileges," and those who send false distress signals and such are not. Not to worry though, that's why there are "statute of limitations." (hihi) Take care. :-)

--
73 de Bert
WA2SI

2441. Re: Why don't Real Hams you face the facts?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-23 18:46:45 UTC
From: Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
Message-ID: <cuvyxnansvbet.higaaav.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 72329

On Wed, 23 Jul 2003 02:15:40 GMT, Dave Heil wrote:

>How about addressing the point of whether you believe that you can pick
>and choose which laws to obey?

The renegade CB violators that we used to nail would say "proudly"
"I only obey the legal laws..."

Maybe he wants to be lumped into that category.

--
73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane

2442. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-23 19:44:03 UTC
From: Scott Unit 69 <scott_unit_69@yahoo.moc>
Message-ID: <3F1EE583.33C2F857@yahoo.moc>
Source record: 72330

I'll just put you in the bozo bin...

2443. Scam Alert swiftpay or swiftSpay or swiftASpay

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-23 20:01:04 UTC
From: scam alert <scam_member@newsguy.com>
Message-ID: <bfmpi001r3@drn.newsguy.com>
Source record: 72331
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.swap

If you are selling or buying anything beware of swiftpay services. The seller or buyer will tell you to go there to provide credit card or bank information. It turns out that this domain is either a scam or it's database has now been compromised.
Their appears to be hundreds of false charges on credit cards and the federal and state government(s) is now investigating. The original swiftpay company is located in Europe.

2444. Re: Why don't Real Hams you face the facts?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-23 20:29:35 UTC
From: Dave Heil <k8mn@earthlink.net>
Message-ID: <3F1EF01D.FB058984@earthlink.net>
Source record: 72332

Brian wrote:
>
> Dave Heil <k8mn@earthlink.net> wrote in message
news:<3F1DEFB2.8955156C@earthlink.net>...
>
> > Not deliberately, Kim. In my three years back in the U.S., I've logged
> > over 100,000 miles on the highways. I've not even been stopped for a
> > warning. On the interstate highways I set my cruise control for the
> > speed limit and let those who are in a hurry blow by.
>
> Not in Ohio.

Not in Ohio what?

> Since the trucks have to go 10mph slower than auto
> traffic it jams up the whole works.

I do a lot of my driving in Ohio. Except for steep uphill grades, many
of those blowing by me are truckers.

> I'm suprised DOT doesn't withhold
> some federal money until they reconcile the speed limit laws as a
> safety issue.

A bigger problem is the lack of enforcement of existing speed laws by
the states, though Ohio and Pennsylvania seem to do a better job than
most. These diversions aside, what's your honest opinion of Kim's
admission to deliberately taking to the airwaves as a bootlegger.
You're often the individual who writes of a double standard here. Are
you operating under one of your own?

Dave K8MN

2445. Re: Why don't Real Hams you face the facts?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-23 20:50:05 UTC
From: Bert Craig <wa2si@arrl.netNOSPAM>
Message-ID: <1yCTa.31013$7O.8262@nwrdny01.gnilink.net>
Source record: 72333

"Phil Kane" <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop> wrote in message
news:cuvyxnansvbet.higaaav.pminews@netnews.comcast.net...
> On Wed, 23 Jul 2003 02:15:40 GMT, Dave Heil wrote:
>
> >How about addressing the point of whether you believe that you can pick
> >and choose which laws to obey?
>
> The renegade CB violators that we used to nail would say "proudly"
> "I only obey the legal laws..."

How about the indignant "I know my rights, man!" (A favorite of my
father's.)

> Maybe he wants to be lumped into that category.

Who's "he?"

> --
> 73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane

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73 de Bert
WA2SI

2446. House Reverses FCC New Media Rule. Will this help stop BPL?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-23 21:15:52 UTC
From: R_R_A_P <R_R_A_P_member@newsguy.com>
Message-ID: <bfmtu80iek@drn.newsguy.com>
Source record: 72334

http://nytimes.com/
House Votes, 400-21, to Block Media Rule by the F.C.C.
By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS 4:10 PM ET
The House voted today to support the reversal of a rule that permits the nation's biggest TV networks to grow larger.

Well it looks like the new FCC Media rule is being stopped. Does any one think we can stop the increase of power in BPL applications with this Powell character still in charge?
I don't think the moron even understands what the hell the radio spectrum is.

2447. Re: The myth that BPL is a solution for rural broadband

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-23 21:51:54 UTC
From: ricknj101@hotmail.com
Message-ID: <3f1f0219.94695468@news.optonline.net>
Source record: 72335

It's very simple - BPL is NOT for rural areas. If you were trying to make a buck with this new technology would you deploy it out in the rural areas, or right on every street in America? Right on every street there are dozens of the real customers, with bucks ready to spend - the AOL dial-up users !!! Every single one of the 25 million AOL customers is ripe for BPL.
So if the FCC is serious the solution is simple - make rules so it can only be deployed out in the rural areas, and you will see BPL disappear faster than your money at a craps table.
I wish I had thought of this before I made my comments to the FCC.

Rick K2XT

2448. Re: Ham Radio In The Post-Code Testing Era

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-23 22:52:17 UTC
From: "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net>
Message-ID: <BkETa.12335$Vx2.5995085@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com>
Source record: 72336

"N2EY" <N2EY@AOL.COM> wrote in message
news:c2356669.0307230349.6c285471@posting.google.com...
> "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net> wrote in message
news:<sviTa.11952$Vx2.5812057@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com>...
> > For example, I hate
> > tomatoes, cheeses, and garlic.
>
> But you tried those things before you decided you hated them, right?

Based on my many postings, you should be able to deduce that I would not
have formed the opinion without trying them. However I will formally
confirm that I did taste them and my dislike is based on actual experience.

>
> > Yet I could not predetermine what pizza
> > tasted like. I had to try it. And you know what, I love pizza.
> >
> With anchovies?
>

Tried anchovies but they go in the do not repeat category. However bacon,
sausage, pepperoni, etc are all nice.

> > > Note that it is not my intention to equate CW skills with animal dung,
> > > the skill remains a useful one to have and I don't begrudge those who
> > > enjoy CW their pleasure at using the mode - not for a single minute.
> >
> > Yes it was and yes you do or you would not have used the dung
comparison.
>
> There's the Utah Phillips story about the moose....
> >
> > > I'm merely pointing out that expertise at a particular activity is not
> > > a prerequisite for deciding whether or not one wishes to pursue said
> > > activity. Do I need to be able to deadlift 600 pounds in order to
> > > decide I don't wish to be an olympic weightlifter? Nope. Can I
> > > currently deadlift 600 pounds? Nope. Does that render my decision to
> > > not try to deadlift 600 pounds invalid? Nope.
>
> Which boils down to "I don't think I will like that".
> >
> > CW skills are more like music. You have to acquire a BASIC level of
skill
> > to determine if you will like it. Almost every adult that I know wishes
> > they had learned to play an instrument and wishes their parents had made

> > them take lessons.
>
> I wish I'd had the opportunity, anyway.
>
> Simple question: Have you ever thought you wouldn't like something,
> tried it anyway, and decided you really liked it? Example: ever get
> dragged to a movie you thought you wouldn't like and wound up liking
> it so much that you bought the tape/DVD?
>

If everyone in here was honest about past experiences, they would admit to trying something they believed they would dislike (generally under pressure of some type) yet ending up feeling quite the opposite.

Dee D. Flint, N8UZE

2449. Re: CW sub-bands must disapear

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-23 22:58:19 UTC
From: k4yz@aol.com
Message-ID: <5c01b95b.0307231458.7b837fec@posting.google.com>
Source record: 72337

"Hans Kohb" <k0hb@earthlink.net> wrote in message
news:<8f02feb31ddb579148f941fd4d16518c.128005@mygate.mailgate.org>...

> Reality does not care what you believe. -K0HB

I like the one from "Star Trek: The Voyage Home" : "Nothing Unreal Exisits"

73

Steve, K4YZ

2450. Re: Time to call a truce?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-23 23:02:48 UTC
From: Dan/W4NTI <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com>
Message-ID: <bfn4a1$f7g$1@slb5.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 72338

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"Kim W5TIT" <fahgedit@nomail.net> wrote in message
news:bfkl47$2um4$1@adenine.netfront.net...
> "Radio Amateur KC2HMZ" <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net> wrote in message
> news:96cphvg0jppiqd0shhnf6ttgkitl121ls5@4ax.com...
> > "Kim W5TIT" <fahgedit@nomail.net> wrote in message
> > news:bffc09$1etd$1@adenine.netfront.net...
> > >> "Dan/W4NTI" <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com> wrote in message
> > >> news:bff468$imu$1@slb9.atl.mindspring.net...
> > >> We know, we have been there and got the tee shirt. Now pick up your
> > >jaw
> > >> > and commence to run off at the mouth little girl.
> > >> >
> > >> > Dan/W4NTI
> > >> >
> > >>
> > >> Yep, you're an asshole, alright.
> > >
> > Some guys are born that way, though. Dan seems to be telling us he's
> > worked at it his whole life.
> >
> > 73 DE John, KC2HMZ
> >
>
> I'm giggling, John. You're "settling in" nicely! ;)
>
> Kim W5TIT
>
>
> ---
> Posted via news://freenews.netfront.net
> Complaints to news@netfront.net

Your are correct....I am one of the best assholes you will ever meet. And
it has taken me a lifetime to perfect the 'art'. You on the other hand have
a long way to go. Take some lessons from 'TIT'. She is on here way.

Dan/W4NTI
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2451. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-23 23:05:41 UTC
From: Dan/W4NTI <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com>
Message-ID: <bfn4bt$3r5$1@slb6.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 72339

"Mike Coslo" <mcoslo@adelphia.net> wrote in message
news:3F1E02FD.2020905@adelphia.net...
> Larry Roll K3LT wrote:
> > In article <3F1DD69F.9070306@adelphia.net>, Mike Coslo
<mcoslo@adelphia.net>
> > writes:
> >
> >
> > >>>Let me know when you're ready, Mike! I've still got to get my station
put
> > >>>back together in the wake of Field Day.
> > >>
> > >>Field day is definitely rough on the equipment. Must be that sleep
> > >>deprived carelessness of the tear-down afterward!
> > >
> > >
> > > Mike:
> > >
> > > Oh, you mean like "disconnecting" antenna rotor control boxes with a
> > > pair of dikes? Yes, indeed. 12 hours to set up, 2 to tear down!
> >
> > Darn near! No one is trying to abuse the equipment, but after a weekend
> > of hard labor setting the stations up and no sleep we can get goofy and
> > mess a few things up.
> >
> > Wouldn't trade it for anything tho'. Work hard, play hard.
> >
> > > Fortunately, I'm not that hard on my own equipment, just a bit
> > > unmotivated to get the station set back up for at least a month after
> > > Field Day. Since I run the digital mode station for my club, I have
> > > to take not only my radios, but my whole bloody computer system
> > > as well. Fortunately, that's the easiest thing to return to functional
> > > normalcy at the home QTH. Can't be missing out on rrap now, can I?
> >
> > Yup, me too. Interesting thing with the digital modes besides CW. I
> > "snuck" in my interface over the objections of some members. The new
> > people loved it! Kids, who are used to chat rooms, picked up on that
> > quickly, and the GOTA station will have PSK31 available from now on.
> >
> > I think things like that only help the case for CW. The newbies were
> > looking at that paddle on the bench, and you could see the gears
turning....
> >
> > - Mike KB3EIA -

>

I did a field day like that some years ago. And your right I was the center of attention. Maybe that is what these 'no codeers' need to do. See CW in action.

Dan/W4NTI

2452. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-23 23:06:47 UTC
From: Dan/W4NTI <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com>
Message-ID: <bfn4e0$5eg$1@slb2.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 72340

"Kim W5TIT" <fahgedit@nomail.net> wrote in message
news:bfknse$302b$2@adenine.netfront.net...
> "Larry Roll K3LT" <yodoc@aol.comnospam> wrote in message
> news:20030722002558.25815.00001584@mb-m07.aol.com...
> > In article <3F1B3FC1.9020400@adelphia.net>, Mike Coslo
> <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
> > writes:
> >
> > >> Scotty:
> > >>
> > >> Hey, I know what you mean about those darned ole outdated modes
> > >> of communication. Once you get your No-Code test General or
> > >> Extra, wanna make a sked to work some Hellschreiber with me?
> > >
> > > Actually Larry, I might take you up on that one sometime. I've been
> > >wanting to try that mode sometime. I'm swamped now, and I found that I
> > >nuked my card interface ad FD, but in the next couple of weeks.......
> >
> > Let me know when you're ready, Mike! I've still got to get my station
put
> > back together in the wake of Field Day.
> >
> > 73 de Larry, K3LT
> >
>
> Don't hold your breath, Mike. I'm not sure I've ever seen that Larry has
> met a chall....sched yet.
>
> Kim W5TIT
>
>
> ---
> Posted via news://freenews.netfront.net
> Complaints to news@netfront.net

Who wants a sked in Hellschreiber mode? Send me an e-mail and we can do so.

Dan/W4NTI

2453. Survey? Was: Re: With CW gone, can the CW allocations be far behind?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-23 23:08:45 UTC
From: N2EY@AOL.COM
Message-ID: <c2356669.0307231413.1ea00b26@posting.google.com>
Source record: 72341

Jon Bloom <jbloom@arrl.org> wrote in message
news:<pan.2003.07.23.12.28.02.335300.22713@arrl.org>...
> On Mon, 21 Jul 2003 19:41:11 -0400, N2EY wrote:
> > In article <slrnbhohnj.7g5.gsm@cable.mendelson.com>, gsm@mendelson.com
> > (Geoffrey S. Mendelson) writes:
> >
> >>In article <3F1BFB13.1070109@psu.edu>, Mike Coslo wrote:
> >>
> >>> This cannot be, for no one wants to take anything away from Morse
> >>> code users.

> >>Why not, 8 years ago, the Arrl did a survey.

> > That's pretty close - 1996

> >> They asked amateurs who had
> >>passed a morse code exam if they EVER used morse code.

> > No, you are mistaken. On several counts.
> >
> > They asked 1100 US hams, chosen at random. Of these, 100 were Novices
> > and 200 each Techs, Tech Pluses, Generals, Advanceds and Extras. So they
> > asked hams who had not taken a code test as well as hams who had.
> >
> > The question was "How much do you operate Morse code?" and there were
> > only three possible answers: "Regularly", "Rarely" and "Never". No
> > definitions of what those terms mean, no questions on other modes, etc.
> > (After all, a ham who is not on the air at all never uses Morse code on
> > the air).
> >
> >>Two out of three
> >>responded "no". I.e. 2/3's of the hams surveyed NEVER used morse code.
> >
> > Wrong again!
> >
> > 35% answered "Never"
> > 37% answered "Rarely"
> > 27% answered "Regularly"
> > 1% did not answer.
> >
> > It is obvious that the question is so flawed as to be meaningless. For
> > example, how much Morse operation is "regular"?
>
> It's only flawed for the purposes you're trying to put it to. Its original
> purpose was to gauge the level of interest based on use of Morse. For that

> purpose, it doesn't matter whether the respondent's use of Morse fits your
> definition of "regularly" -- or mine -- it matters only whether it fits
> the respondent's definition.

I disagree, Jon. Too much is left to the respondent's interpretation.

A person can have a 'high level of interest' in Morse, yet rarely or never operate, because of inactivity, equipment failure, etc. IOW a ham who rarely or never operates at all must, by definition, rarely or never operate Morse. A sizable percentage of those responding to the survey were completely inactive on ANY mode, so they probably answered the question "never".

And that's just one problem.

Does once a year count as "regularly"? Does one day a month CW and all the rest 'phone constitute "rarely"?
>
> Most of the cavilling about survey questions comes from misunderstanding
> the question's purpose and misuse of the results to try to "prove" things
> that the survey wasn't addressing.

As I understand it, the survey was trying to determine what position ARRL should take WRT code testing at a WRC in the late 1990s (1997, I think). So why do the questions beat about the bush so much? Why notjust ask those surveyed what they think FCC should do, and how much they operate CW?

> If you want to sample opinion on a
> topic, hire a reputable research firm to formulate and conduct a survey
> that will elicit the facts you want. Trying to hammer an existing survey
> into something that it wasn't designed to be is almost certain to lead to
> skewed conclusions.

I'm making two points in that post:

1) The person who cited the survey had a lot of the facts wrong (the survey was not just to hams who passed a code test, 35%, not 66%, answered "never", etc.)

2) The survey left itself wide open to all sorts of interpretations because it was not well designed. The fact that the League payed a professional does not mean they got a good survey.

Heck, the sample wasn't even representative of the distribution by license class in the ARS at that time. ~174,000 Techs and only ~75,000 Extras, yet both groups got 200 samples. But the ~66,000 Novices only got 100.
>
> > Note that the question doesn't specify HF operation, or ask if the ham
> > is active at all, if he/she is equipped for HF operation, etc. etc.
> >
> >>Of course in those days they spun it as "1 out 3 sometimes uses morse

> >>code".
> >
> > Wrong again!
> >
> > 64% (37+27) sometimes use Morse code, according to that survey. That's a
> > fact, not spin.
>
> But as you point out, nobody really knows what "operate" means in this
> case.

Sure they do. It means to have QSOs using the mode.

> For example, if a person's entire use of Morse code is to copy
> repeater IDs, which they do by laboriously copying down the dots and
> dashes and then looking up the letters in a table, is that "operation" of
> Morse? The survey doesn't say.

How many hams do you know do that? I don't know any. I do know lots of
hams who have 2-way QSOs on the amateur HF bands using CW, though.
>
> >>So if it came to a vote you'd have a hard time keeping things as they
> >>are.
> >
> > Maybe.
> >
> > Try this "survey": Actually listen to the CW/digital subbands and see
> > how much activity there really is. Try 40 meters below 7050 some
> > evening.
>
> That's a much better way to get a feel for the true level of interest.
> Signals on the air are a much better measure of what's popular in ham
> radio than any survey results or any amount of Usenet bloviating.

Then why was that question in the 1996 survey?

If you listen to the HF/MF amateur bands, Morse/CW is second in
popularity only to SSB.

I strongly suggest that a well-constructed survey/poll of the entire
ARRL membership be conducted, and the results published in QST. Web
polls and small samples are not necessarily indicative of the views of
the membership. The last time such a survey was conducted was 1975. I
know, I responded to it. The questions were extensive and the results
published in QST. Why can't this be done today? Make it a tear-out
sheet in QST and have everyone enter their member number to avoid
dupes.

Whatever position ARRL takes on this issue will be very unpopular with
a large number of members and nonmembers alike, so it is important to
be able to back up that position with solid data. A valid survey of
the entire membership, backing up the ARRL position, can only serve to
improve ARRL's credibility with both the amateur community and FCC,

and increase support for the position chosen ï¿½ whatever it may be. Who could fault ARRL for going with the majority opinion of its entire membership?

Too many amateurs, ARRL members or not, think that decisions are made in "ivory tower isolation", and that their views are not considered adequately when ARRL formulates a position. While such a survey will not be free, it will be money well spent if the membership and amateur radio community perceives that ARRL is truly responding to member opinion and input.

In fact, it may be advisable to survey every radio amateur in the US. Such a survey might change the way the ARRL is viewed by nonmembers on both sides of the issue.

Here are some suggested questions for the survey:

Answers for questions 1-11: SA = Strongly Agree, A = Agree, N = Neutral/No Opinion, D = Disagree, SD = Strongly Disagree

1. All Morse Code testing for a US amateur license should be eliminated as soon as possible.

2. Morse Code testing for US amateur licenses should be retained as it is today.

3. Morse Code testing for US amateur licenses should be reduced in some way but not totally eliminated.

4. Amateur radio tests in the USA for license classes above entry-level should have the option of a Morse Code test or an additional written test on other modes.

5. There should continue to be separate subbands on the HF amateur bands reserved for Morse Code and digital signals only

6. Separate subbands on the HF amateur bands reserved for Morse Code signals only should be created.

7. Separate subbands on the HF amateur bands reserved for Morse Code signals only should be created if the code test is eliminated.

8. Subbands by mode on the HF amateur bands should be eliminated.

9. Any further reduction, or elimination, of Morse code testing in the USA should be accompanied by more comprehensive written testing.

10. If the code test is eliminated, there should be other changes to the privileges granted to the entry-level license classes (Novice, Technician, Technician Plus)

11. The code test issue should be dealt with as a single issue and not connected to other changes.

12. Of my current amateur operation, I use Morse code:
A - Never
B - 0 to 25% of the time
C ï¿½ 26 to 50% of the time
D ï¿½ 51 to 75% of the time
E ï¿½ 75 to 100% of the time
F - I am currently inactive

13. Of my current amateur HF/MF operation, I use Morse code:
A - Never
B - 0 to 25% of the time
C ï¿½ 26 to 50% of the time
D ï¿½ 51 to 75% of the time
E ï¿½ 75 to 100% of the time
F - I am currently inactive on HF/MF

14. The ARRL leadership should take the following role in the code
test issue:
A ï¿½ Actively seek to eliminate the code test issue
B ï¿½ Actively seek to preserve code testing
C ï¿½ Wait for FCC to take the first step, then respond
D ï¿½ Take a neutral stand

14. The ARRL leadership should form its position on code testing:
A ï¿½ Based primarily or exclusively on this survey
B ï¿½ Based partly on this survey
C ï¿½ Based on what the leadership thinks is best regardless the
survey
D ï¿½ No position should be taken by ARRL

That will all fit on one side of one sheet of paper. Return address on
the back. Fold it over, put a stamp on and send it in. Why not?

73 de Jim, N2EY

2454. Interesting Article on ARRL Website

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-24 00:10:47 UTC
From: Bert Craig <wa2si@arrl.netNOSPAM>
Message-ID: <buFTa.104246$ye5.18720420@news4.srv.hcvlny.cv.net>
Source record: 72342

Found this on the ARRL site. Looks like I'll be writing a few ARRL officials.

http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2003/07/22/1/?nc=1

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73 de Bert
WA2SI

2455. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-24 00:22:02 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030723202202.02222.00000924@mb-m16.aol.com>
Source record: 72343

In article <3F1E02FD.2020905@adelphia.net>, Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
writes:

>I think things like that only help the case for CW. The newbies were
>looking at that paddle on the bench, and you could see the gears turning....

I've seen that happen time and again. The CW setups at Field Day get the most
attention from nonhams, for some reason.

73 de Jim, N2EY

2456. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-24 00:26:20 UTC
From: "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net>
Message-ID: <MIFTa.12412$Vx2.6008453@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com>
Source record: 72345

"N2EY" <n2ey@aol.com> wrote in message
news:20030723202202.02222.00000924@mb-m16.aol.com...
> In article <3F1E02FD.2020905@adelphia.net>, Mike Coslo
<mcoslo@adelphia.net>
> writes:
>
> >I think things like that only help the case for CW. The newbies were
> >looking at that paddle on the bench, and you could see the gears
turning....
>
> I've seen that happen time and again. The CW setups at Field Day get the
most
> attention from nonhams, for some reason.
>
> 73 de Jim, N2EY

Simple, it's more "exotic" than voice or keyboard.

Dee D. Flint, N8UZE

2457. Re: CW sub-bands must disapear

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-24 00:26:51 UTC
From: Robert Casey <wa2ise@ix.netcom.com>
Message-ID: <3F1F27CB.4020206@ix.netcom.com>
Source record: 72344

>
>
> I like the one from "Star Trek: The Voyage Home" : "Nothing Unreal Exisits"
>
>
Well, there's "imaginary" numbers in math class. Not real, but they
exist....

2458. Re: CW sub-bands must disapear

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-24 00:29:28 UTC
From: "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net>
Message-ID: <ILFTa.12413$Vx2.6009144@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com>
Source record: 72346

"Robert Casey" <wa2ise@ix.netcom.com> wrote in message
news:3F1F27CB.4020206@ix.netcom.com...
> >
> >
> > I like the one from "Star Trek: The Voyage Home" : "Nothing Unreal
Exisits"
> >
> >
> Well, there's "imaginary" numbers in math class. Not real, but they
> exist....
>

Ah but "imaginary" numbers are used to describe things that do exist (phase phenomena and such I believe). Since imaginary numbers describe real events, therefore "imaginary" numbers do exist and are thus real. In this case, "imaginary" is a misnomer.

Dee D. Flint, N8UZE

2459. Re: With CW gone, can the CW allocations be far behind?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-24 00:31:39 UTC
From: kelly@dvol.com
Message-ID: <d22b54c3.0307231631.14b1fa50@posting.google.com>
Source record: 72347
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy

"Dan/W4NTI" <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com> wrote in message
news:<bfk79q$v98$1@slb3.atl.mindspring.net>...
> Not a problem...let all the no code braindeads have phone. I'll just run cw
> on top of them with my narrow filter.

We already do that. They're never get it.

> Dan/W4NTI

w3rv

2460. Re: Survey? Was: Re: With CW gone, can the CW allocations be far behind?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-24 00:47:39 UTC
From: Jon Bloom <jbloom@arrl.org>
Message-ID: <pan.2003.07.24.00.47.39.443612.14546@arrl.org>
Source record: 72348

On Wed, 23 Jul 2003 19:08:45 -0400, N2EY wrote:
> Jon Bloom <jbloom@arrl.org> wrote in message
> news:<pan.2003.07.23.12.28.02.335300.22713@arrl.org>...
>> On Mon, 21 Jul 2003 19:41:11 -0400, N2EY wrote:
>> > In article <slrnbhohnj.7g5.gsm@cable.mendelson.com>,
>> > gsm@mendelson.com (Geoffrey S. Mendelson) writes:
>> >
>> >>In article <3F1BFB13.1070109@psu.edu>, Mike Coslo wrote:
>> >>
>> >>> This cannot be, for no one wants to take anything away from Morse
>> >>> code users.
>>
>> >>Why not, 8 years ago, the Arrl did a survey.
>>
>> > That's pretty close - 1996
>>
>> >> They asked amateurs who had
>> >>passed a morse code exam if they EVER used morse code.
>>
>> > No, you are mistaken. On several counts.
>> >
>> > They asked 1100 US hams, chosen at random. Of these, 100 were Novices
>> > and 200 each Techs, Tech Pluses, Generals, Advanceds and Extras. So
>> > they asked hams who had not taken a code test as well as hams who
>> > had.
>> >
>> > The question was "How much do you operate Morse code?" and there were
>> > only three possible answers: "Regularly", "Rarely" and "Never". No
>> > definitions of what those terms mean, no questions on other modes,
>> > etc. (After all, a ham who is not on the air at all never uses Morse
>> > code on the air).
>> >
>> >>Two out of three
>> >>responded "no". I.e. 2/3's of the hams surveyed NEVER used morse
>> >>code.
>> >
>> > Wrong again!
>> >
>> > 35% answered "Never"
>> > 37% answered "Rarely"
>> > 27% answered "Regularly"
>> > 1% did not answer.
>> >
>> > It is obvious that the question is so flawed as to be meaningless.

>> > For example, how much Morse operation is "regular"?
>>
>> It's only flawed for the purposes you're trying to put it to. Its
>> original purpose was to gauge the level of interest based on use of
>> Morse. For that purpose, it doesn't matter whether the respondent's use
>> of Morse fits your definition of "regularly" -- or mine -- it matters
>> only whether it fits the respondent's definition.
>
> I disagree, Jon.

You refuse to accept that the survey wasn't intended to answer the
question you want answered.

> Too much is left to the respondent's interpretation.

Too much for your purposes, yes.

> A person can have a 'high level of interest' in Morse, yet rarely or
> never operate, because of inactivity, equipment failure, etc. IOW a ham
> who rarely or never operates at all must, by definition, rarely or never
> operate Morse. A sizable percentage of those responding to the survey
> were completely inactive on ANY mode, so they probably answered the
> question "never".
>
> And that's just one problem.

It's only a problem for you.

> Does once a year count as "regularly"? Does one day a month CW and all
> the rest 'phone constitute "rarely"?

That judgement is left up to the individual responding.

>> Most of the cavilling about survey questions comes from
>> misunderstanding the question's purpose and misuse of the results to
>> try to "prove" things that the survey wasn't addressing.
>
> As I understand it, the survey was trying to determine what position
> ARRL should take WRT code testing at a WRC in the late 1990s (1997, I
> think). So why do the questions beat about the bush so much? Why notjust
> ask those surveyed what they think FCC should do, and how much they
> operate CW?

Because it's not a plebiscite.

>> If you want to sample opinion on a
>> topic, hire a reputable research firm to formulate and conduct a survey
>> that will elicit the facts you want. Trying to hammer an existing
>> survey into something that it wasn't designed to be is almost certain
>> to lead to skewed conclusions.
>
> 2) The survey left itself wide open to all sorts of interpretations
> because it was not well designed. The fact that the League payed a

> professional does not mean they got a good survey.

The fact that the survey doesn't answer the questions you want answered
doesn't mean it's not a good survey, either.

>> But as you point out, nobody really knows what "operate" means in this
>> case.
>
> Sure they do. It means to have QSOs using the mode.

To you. To everybody? Who knows?

>> For example, if a person's entire use of Morse code is to copy repeater
>> IDs, which they do by laboriously copying down the dots and dashes and
>> then looking up the letters in a table, is that "operation" of Morse?
>> The survey doesn't say.
>
> How many hams do you know do that?

I've known a few over the years. I guess these days most repeaters have
voice ID, though.

> I don't know any. I do know lots of
> hams who have 2-way QSOs on the amateur HF bands using CW, though.

Maybe a better example: If you just listen around the band are you
"operating?" I bet you would get less than complete consensus on that one.
If you listen a lot but rarely transmit, are you operating "regularly" or
"rarely"?

>> >>So if it came to a vote you'd have a hard time keeping things as they
>> >>are.
>> >
>> > Maybe.
>> >
>> > Try this "survey": Actually listen to the CW/digital subbands and see
>> > how much activity there really is. Try 40 meters below 7050 some
>> > evening.
>>
>> That's a much better way to get a feel for the true level of interest.
>> Signals on the air are a much better measure of what's popular in ham
>> radio than any survey results or any amount of Usenet bloviating.
>
> Then why was that question in the 1996 survey?

I believe it was intended to provide background to the answers to the
other questions in the survey. Much of the usefulness of surveys comes
from crosstabbing of the results. The purpose of this survey was to sample
opinions on Morse testing, not to nail down the percentages of operating
time by mode. For the purposes of the survey, a simple indication of
activity, as gauged by the member's own characterization, was sufficient.
More would have been overkill and thus would have unneccesarily
complicated the survey, leading to lower response rates -- to no good

purpose.

> If you listen to the HF/MF amateur bands, Morse/CW is second in
> popularity only to SSB.

So if we already know that, what's the point of surveying -- to learn
something that we already know?

> I strongly suggest that a well-constructed survey/poll of the entire
> ARRL membership be conducted, and the results published in QST. Web
> polls and small samples are not necessarily indicative of the views of
> the membership. The last time such a survey was conducted was 1975. I
> know, I responded to it.

My wife's first job was a part-time job at HQ opening the survey
responses. (She was four years old at the time, of course!)

> The questions were extensive and the results published in QST. Why can't
> this be done today? Make it a tear-out sheet in QST and have everyone
> enter their member number to avoid dupes.

I have no idea whether that will happen -- it wouldn't if it were up to
me. I'd consider it a monumental waste of resources.

> Whatever position ARRL takes on this issue will be very unpopular with a
> large number of members and nonmembers alike, so it is important to be
> able to back up that position with solid data. A valid survey of the
> entire membership, backing up the ARRL position, can only serve to
> improve ARRL's credibility with both the amateur community and FCC, and
> increase support for the position chosen -- whatever it may be. Who
> could fault ARRL for going with the majority opinion of its entire
> membership?

All of those who disagree with the result, of course!

> Too many amateurs, ARRL members or not, think that decisions are made in
> "ivory tower isolation", and that their views are not considered
> adequately when ARRL formulates a position.

Polls won't change that. Those who dislike the result will just claim the
poll questions were no good. (Oops!)

> While such a survey will
> not be free, it will be money well spent if the membership and amateur
> radio community perceives that ARRL is truly responding to member
> opinion and input.

There's a difference between taking people's views into account and taking
a direct vote. It's the difference between representative democracy and
direct democracy. (Say, were you a Perot voter by any chance?)

I don't quite understand why you think an all-inclusive vote should be
taken when you don't even think the voters are smart enough to decide
whether they operate CW "regularly" or "rarely"!

On the other hand, if you are willing to spend the money to do the polling, please let us all know what results you get. If nothing else, it'll make good fodder for rrap.

> In fact, it may be advisable to survey every radio amateur in the US.
> Such a survey might change the way the ARRL is viewed by nonmembers on
> both sides of the issue.

People's minds are well made up on this issue, and nothing anyone does is going to change that. Those who support Morse testing will be angry with the ARRL if it comes out for elimination of the test no matter how that decision was made. Those who favor elimination will be equally angry if the ARRL supports continuation of testing. And those of us who think far too much energy has already been wasted on this subject will groan yet again if ARRL spends any more substantial resources on it.

> Here are some suggested questions for the survey:
[snip]
> That will all fit on one side of one sheet of paper. Return address on
> the back. Fold it over, put a stamp on and send it in.

And then we hire the mail crew to open and the data-entry crew to enter the responses from a half million 14-question survey responses. This is your idea of money well spent?

> Why not?

In my opinion, because it's a waste of resources -- time and money -- that would be better devoted to tackling the problems Amateur Radio faces that are important -- a list that does not, in my mind, include anything to do with Morse testing.

Jon

2461. Re: With CW gone, can the CW allocations be far behind?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-24 00:54:56 UTC
From: Jon Bloom <jbloom@arrl.org>
Message-ID: <pan.2003.07.24.00.54.54.631391.14546@arrl.org>
Source record: 72349

On Wed, 23 Jul 2003 14:11:25 -0400, Brian wrote:

> Jon Bloom <jbloom@arrl.org> wrote in message
> news:<pan.2003.07.23.12.28.02.335300.22713@arrl.org>...
>
>> But as you point out, nobody really knows what "operate" means in this
>> case. For example, if a person's entire use of Morse code is to copy
>> repeater IDs, which they do by laboriously copying down the dots and
>> dashes and then looking up the letters in a table, is that "operation"
>> of Morse? The survey doesn't say.
>
> Hmmmm. Are you saying that the "Operate CW" numbers are inflated?

No, I'm saying the survey measures the respondents opinions of their own
levels of activity. What that means in objective terms is something on
which you're free to speculate, although I can't imagine what useful
result would obtain from such speculations.

Jon

2462. Re: With CW gone, can the CW allocations be far behind?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-24 01:07:22 UTC
From: zorg@netkops.com
Message-ID: <d22b54c3.0307231631.14b1fa50@netkops.com>
Source record: 72350
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy

On 23 Jul 2003 17:31:39 -0700, Brian Kelly <kelly@dvol.com> wrote:
> "Dan/W4NTI" <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com> wrote in message
news:<bfk79q$v98$1@slb3.atl.mindspring.net>...
> > Not a problem...let all the no code braindeads have phone. I'll just run cw
> > on top of them with my narrow filter.
>
> We already do that. They're never get it.
> --------------------^^^^^^^
> w3rv

Can't you see this guy with a key? No wonder people on the other
end never "get it." He can't even construct a meaningful sentence!

And he's talking about jamming other operators to boot! Ain't CW
operators a cut above the rest? (not)

2463. Re: Ham Radio In The Post-Code Testing Era

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-24 01:33:42 UTC
From: Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net>
Message-ID: <hb6uhvshckmt34cbegpo197t7iqdhv6428@4ax.com>
Source record: 72151

On Tue, 22 Jul 2003 22:02:00 GMT, "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net>
wrote:

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>"Radio Amateur KC2HMZ" <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net> wrote in message
>news:3qnohvomptdh7okbmqihsjf5bq8ihqorc8@4ax.com...

>> Note that it is not my intention to equate CW skills with animal dung,
>> the skill remains a useful one to have and I don't begrudge those who
>> enjoy CW their pleasure at using the mode - not for a single minute.
>
>Yes it was and yes you do or you would not have used the dung comparison.

If you insist on thinking that you know what is inside my own mind
better than I do, go right ahead and delude yourself.

>> I'm merely pointing out that expertise at a particular activity is not
>> a prerequisite for deciding whether or not one wishes to pursue said
>> activity. Do I need to be able to deadlift 600 pounds in order to
>> decide I don't wish to be an olympic weightlifter? Nope. Can I
>> currently deadlift 600 pounds? Nope. Does that render my decision to
>> not try to deadlift 600 pounds invalid? Nope.
>
>CW skills are more like music. You have to acquire a BASIC level of skill
>to determine if you will like it.

I don't think so. Every time I turn on a broadcast band radio, I hear
what passes for music nowadays - often being performed by "musicians"
who sound as if they never bothered to acquire a basic level of skill
in much of anything related to music - while at the same time there
are countless people the world over who enjoy listening to music, even
though many of them couldn't carry a tune in a bushel basket to save
their necks.

>Almost every adult that I know wishes
>they had learned to play an instrument and wishes their parents had made
>them take lessons.

Mine did. I gave it up as soon as I was given the opportunity. To this
day I wish they'd have let me spend the time I something I was
actually interested in. Different strokes for different folks.

Funny, though, I have yet to meet anyone who's told me they wish their
parents had made them learn Morse. <shrug>

73 DE John, KC2HMZ

2464. Re: How Ugly Can One Creep Be?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-24 01:33:44 UTC
From: Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net>
Message-ID: <087uhv4o8nau4tlq2h3rfn6vukpqbehd1h@4ax.com>
Source record: 72152

On 22 Jul 2003 05:47:23 GMT, yodoc@aol.comnospam (Larry Roll K3LT)
wrote in regards to mutual acquaintance K2RSK

>Yes, indeed. I was one of the first to see the nifty HF antenna mount he
>got made for his '94 Mercury Grand Marquis. I think we had breakfast the
>day after it was done. I saw him last fall, and he still had that car!

Last time I saw him (this summer) he was driving it down I-290 East
just before the I-90 split, chatting with someone on the WNYDXA
repeater and wondering who he'd just passed with four antennas on top
of a van (which was me). :-)

>I'll have to check that EchoLink thing out. All I know about it is how to
>spell it. I occasionally E-mail to Pete, but he doesn't seem to read his
>mail that often, or reply, for that matter.

John Taylor, K1RFD, created it. Its use is limited to licensed radio
amateurs only. You can download it, entirely for free, at the
following website:

http://www.echolink.org

Echolink uses voice-over-IP. You can use your computer and Internet
connection to get a repeater anywhere in the world if that repeater is
linked in via the Internet. Ham stations, including repeaters in
different parts of the world can be linked via Echolink as well. As an
example, I've talked to a ham in California using my 2m mobile rig
while driving downthe road here in New York. The repeater I was on was
connected to Echolink at the time, and so was the repeater in
California that the other ham was using.

You can also set up a link on your station at home (on a simplex
frequency) and use your handheld to access the link.

You might expect no-code Techs to gravitate to this as a means of
contacting DX without HF privileges - and they do - but many longtime
hams with HF privileges use it too, particularly guys that have
retired and moved away and use Echolink to keep in touch with the
locals from "back home" - especially true of guys who are now living
in condos down in Florida and aren't permitted to erect HF antennas.

>Breakfast or lunch, it matters not to me! A Beef on Weck and a glass
>of Genny would be a great way to enjoy some ham camaraderie.

I might opt for a soft drink instead of the Genny, but other than that
it sounds good to me. Be sure and let me know ahead of time next time
you plan to head up this way, and we'll plan a get-together.

(For those not familiar with Western new York culture, Genny is a locally brewed beer that's quite popular in these here parts)

>OK, great. Like I said before, my next visit to the WNY area will
>most likely be over the Thanksgiving holiday, if I can manage to take
>some personal days off.

Better yet! Gives me a perfect excuse to eat something besides turkey. I like turkey, but usually have had more than enough of it by Saturday.

>I've pretty much given up on being home
>for Christmas, due to the tendency to be forced to spend an
>inordinate amount of time behind the snow blower!

Snow blower!? You ain't a "real" Western New Yorker! If you were, you'd use a shovel like they used to do a hundred years ago. It's still a perfectly efficient and viable means of snow removal. Anybody who uses a snow blower is just plain lazy. :-)

>If I were to
>ever move again, I think I'd just go to various places and walk
>around carrying a snow shovel. As soon as someone asked me,
>"What the heck is THAT?" -- I'd stop!

Just make sure the guy who asks is a local resident and not some tourist from somewhere in the Mojave Desert who's just visiting! Or one of those lazy types who's just interested in clearing the driveway and has never even owned a shovel like a "real" Western New Yorker.

73 DE John, KC2HMZ

2465. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-24 01:33:45 UTC
From: Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net>
Message-ID: <1r8uhvcem1rvpk5bacmhh0459je8gcvv2e@4ax.com>
Source record: 72153

On Tue, 22 Jul 2003 20:09:03 -0500, "Kim W5TIT" <fahgedit@nomail.net>
wrote:

>Watch this, John:
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>John, you said:
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>> >2. Any *prospective* US ham who learns the code and gets their Extra
>> >(as opposed to getting their General) will be villified and condemned
>> >by you, as well as others in this NG, as a product of the (supposedly)
>> >dumbed down written exams, even if they operate CW 100% of their total
>> >operating time, and
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>
>Then, Larry said:
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>>
>> Not by me, they won't! Please don't go Kim on me, John!
>>
>Then you made a couple of points and Larry said:
>>
>> . . .In any
>> event, I don't think that passing ANY current amateur radio test element
>> is a particularly challenging endeavor these days. With open question
>> pools, VE testing that allows taking the test multiple times per session,
>> and a 70% passing score, anyone who can't go into a test session and
>> walk out with an Extra just isn't trying.
>>
>
>Ummmm, if that's not an inference to "dumbed down" then what is?

Yeah, I know, Larry basically proved my point for me, and probably
doesn't even realize that he did so - but that doesn't mean that the
rest of the folks reading the exchange didn't catch it. Your post
proves that at least one person did.

Since you're the only one who pointed it out, you win this thread's
grand prize for the week. You can choose between two prizes of equal
value, either two cents towards your next rental of the movie
"Frequency" or an autographed photo of Dick Carroll. Before you make
your choice, I feel it is only fair for me to warn you that there is
no truth to the rumor that all existing photographs of Dick Carroll
have been superimposed onto dart boards - so you wouldn't be getting
any sort of home entertainment device by choosing that option.

>Then, Larry goes on even more to say:
>
>>
>> The current technical
>> requirements in the written exams are strictly amateur level, as they
>> should be, and prove little about a prospective ham's technical
>> competence. This he will have to prove to his/her fellow hams by
>> actual participation, which is subject to evaluation by his/her peers.
>>
>
>And, if you ain't on board with Larry's way of operating, then you ain't
>Larry. And, if you ain't Larry, well, then...

...then you might not only own a microphone, but can probably manage
to locate it in less than three or four days.

>And, here's the clincher from Larry:
>>
>> You're entitled to your opinion. The problem is, the NCTA's don't think
>> I'm entitled to mine!

Yes...this is the guy who maintains that no-coders aren't qualified to
even have an opinion about CW...thus Larry doesn't think other people
are entitled to their own opinions but takes offense when he perceives
that someone else thinks he isn't entitled to his. How ironic, eh?

> If I don't follow the rest of the flock of
>lemmings,
>> put on my tie-dyed tee shirt, faded jeans and Birkenstock sandals, and
>> hold hands with them and sing "Kumbuya" as they chant their liberal,
>> politically-correct mantra of "inclusiveness" while celebrating the end
>> of the requirement to be tested for a useful communications skill, I may
>> as well take that .50AE and use my radio gear for target practice, as far
>as
>> they're concerned!

Instead, I'm supposed to put on my pocket protector, slide rule, and
visor and hold hands with Larry and Dick and sing "The Telegrapher's
Lament" as they chant their mantra of dumbing down in the ARS while
bemoaning the end of the requirement to be tested for a communications
skill that is no longer used anywhere else BUT in the ARS. Hmmmm....

>>The NCTA are classic liberals, and like all liberals,
>> they can "tolerate" anything except a difference of opinion.

You do remember, Kim, that it was Larry and not I who holds no-code
hams unqualified to form an opinion, do you not?

>Larry doesn't know we read between the lines...LOL

Sure he does. That's why he won't bite on the question of eating
elephant dung. By his own standards, he is not qualified to form an
opinion on eating elephant dung unless he has tried some, and he's not
about to admit having sampled the goods, now is he? Hmmm...no, I

suppose not...yet if he expresses the same opinion of eating elephant dung that any sane individual would express he's hung on his own petard by expressing an opinion that by his own insistence he is unqualified to possess - at which point, feel free to join me in insisting that he dine that evening as a guest at the elephant house at the nearest zoo so as to lend an air of legitimacy to his opinion.

73 DE John, KC2HMZ

2466. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-24 01:33:47 UTC
From: Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net>
Message-ID: <ojauhvscrb44fntav08k7f3kjaarphntji@4ax.com>
Source record: 72154

On Tue, 22 Jul 2003 22:11:43 GMT, "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net>
wrote:

>There is a new article as of today on the ARRL site that also predicts about
>two years. They also are of the opinion that the FCC will take no action on
>its own but will only respond to petitions for changes. If that's indeed
>the case, then someone has to file a petition, then there has to be time for
>comments and related petitions, then the FCC needs to review it all and file
>a NPRM and allow time for comments on that and so on.

Wouldn't it be ironic if nobody filed a petition because everybody
thought someone else was already doing it? You know, kinda like when
the band's open but nobody knows it because they're all sitting there
listening for somebody else to call CQ?

The other thing that occurs to me is, you could basically take the
database of comments filed during the inquiry that preceded the last
restructuring, stamp a new docket number on it, and get it over with.
We've all been through this before in excruciating detail.

73 DE John, KC2HMZ

2467. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-24 01:33:48 UTC
From: Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net>
Message-ID: <qtauhvga2casr7pfa97rdk70scu5ep73a5@4ax.com>
Source record: 72155

On Wed, 23 Jul 2003 00:40:53 GMT, Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
wrote:

> If you think about it, it is logical. There is no particular effect on
>the FCC one way or the other wheether there is a code test or not. VE's
>are doing the examinations, and as far as I know, the test doesn't make
>for any extra work at all for the FCC. So they probably don't care very
>much when it happens.

I also don't think the code test makes much extra work for FCC. It saw
to that itself when it quit keeping track of which Technicians have
Element 1 credit and which do not.

Which either meant that:

(1) Somebody at FCC dropped the ball when they forgot to provision for
the new license database to contain that information (and they decided
to leave said ball on the ground rather than try to recover it. Why?
Maybe because FCC at that point had quit caring which Technicians had
Element 1 credit and which did not? if so, that carries some
interesting implications, doesn't it?), or

(2) The whole exercise was a test to see if Techs with no code credit
would invade the HF bands now that nobody could really tell for sure
if they had privileges there or not - in which case we seem to have
passed the test since as far as I can see, that didn't happen.

But, I digress. However you arrive at it, it seems that no, FCC would
appear to have no reason to care about the chronology here.

73 DE John, KC2HMZ

2468. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-24 01:33:49 UTC
From: Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net>
Message-ID: <iobuhvoas081vcu54c83qbm5s39nfrs0q6@4ax.com>
Source record: 72156

On Tue, 22 Jul 2003 19:58:12 -0500, "Kim W5TIT" <fahgedit@nomail.net>
wrote:

>Larry would have to be
>having an impact for me to desire leaving because of him; anyone else for
>that matter. I have a honed skill, that took a long time and a terrible
>first marriage to perfect: I can completely turn off to someone I deem
>unworthy of my time and/or emotion. Larry is one of those people. Dick
>Carroll is another. There's a few others...

Yet you spend quite a bit of time responding to their posts, and some
of your replies...well, sure looked a little emotionally charged from
over here.

>>
>> Heh...Let's just say that, for reasons that I won't bother to explain
>> here, I try not to pull things out of my pants in public.
>>
>
>I suppose I'll thank you in advance for that; however, it would be great
>conversation for quite some time!

What would be great conversation? Me pulling something out, or me
explaining why I choose not to? LOL

>Oh, goodness! There's no one even remotely close to Larry's demeanor--at
>work or otherwise--in my life. Good grief, that would be like going to
>Hell, wouldn't it?

Only if they have a code-testing requirement down there. If they do,
I'd bet big money that they have a devil of a VE team.

>Naw, what I meant is that I just approach this newsgroup
>with no expectations and much like a good round of any computer or video
>shoot 'em up game! :)

In the military that's called entering a target-rich environment.

Know why there aren't any Wal-Mart stores in Iraq? Because there's a
Target on every corner.

>I am hoping that more and more realization will come to be, that amateur
>radio--all radio services really--have a great potential for our served
>agencies!

The emergency managers who train properly to do what they're supposed
to be doing ought to know. FEMA publishes a workbook specifically for
the = purpose of explaining it to them - which should also be required

reading for anyone in the ARS who wants to explain to an emergency manager what we hams have to offer.

>I haven't been involved in any amateur radio for about a year now. In fact,
>my usual entourage of radio equipment is in the shed, not in the truck. I
>had to have some work done on my truck, which meant I had to take out my
>Comm Shelf (custom built by my darlin' hubby) and then sick, then surgery,
>then recovery, one thing after another. I haven't had the gumption to get
>it all back in there.
>
<my own quoted comments snipped>
>
>I had the pleasure to be a part of the ARRL ARECC Courses, both as student
>and mentor. I was also, for a very short time, Hunt County ARES EC here in
>Texas. Plus lots of other dabbling in groups here and there. Leadership is
>not as cool as just plain getting out there and doing it! I'll still go out
>after a storm--regardless of radio equipment--and chase it around for a
>while.

Egad! Storm-chasing without your radios in the truck? Why, shame on ya...get those rigs back in your truck where they belong! :-)

As for me, I need to build myself a comm shelf of some sort. I have enough comm gear in the van (to the extent that anyone can ever have enough radios, which is debatable), but some of it could be installed more elegantly.

>The past couple of years have been challenging, if you've seen the news.
>However, prior years saw a lot of "good" (it's always difficult to call bad
>weather good) activity, in terms of severe storms, up in OK and Kansas, off
>"thataway."

Despite what's said about Buffalo weather in the winter, the place here in NY state that gets the most snow every year is Syracuse, which is off thataway from here. If you were to ask me how I feel about that, I'd tell you that as far as I'm concerned, they're welcome to it. Not that I wish anybody any bad times or anything, but it has to fall somewhere, and every inch of snow they get down there is an inch we don't get here.

>Kim W5TIT, on a Tuesday again--coincidentally
>PS--Notice how serious discussions go pretty ignored?

Maybe if we tried using Morse...?

73 DE John, KC2HMZ

2469. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-24 01:41:40 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
Message-ID: <3F1F3925.1070808@adelphia.net>
Source record: 72157

Scott Unit 69 wrote:
> I'll just put you in the bozo bin...

Who?

- Mike KB3EIA -

2470. Re: CW sub-bands must disapear

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-24 02:21:54 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030723222154.00871.00000826@mb-m17.aol.com>
Source record: 72158

In article <5c01b95b.0307231458.7b837fec@posting.google.com>, k4yz@aol.com (Steve Robeson, K4CAP) writes:

>"Hans Kohb" <k0hb@earthlink.net> wrote in message
>news:<8f02feb31ddb579148f941fd4d16518c.128005@mygate.mailgate.org>...
>
>> Reality does not care what you believe. -K0HB
>
> I like the one from "Star Trek: The Voyage Home" : "Nothing Unreal
>Exisits"
>
Personal favorite of mine:

"If it happens, it must be possible"

73 de Jim, N2EY

2471. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-24 02:51:40 UTC
From: "Ryan, KC8PMX" <kc8pmx@diamondcs.net>
Message-ID: <bfpetd$gqsk8$3@ID-189073.news.uni-berlin.de>
Source record: 72364

Okay, thanks Larry, just wanted to clarify that.

One last other question, define "whining." Is that anything that you just
don't want to hear, or ?? Again, I am asking this actually seriously, not
fecetiously (sp.?) At least I am attempting to see your side of
it.....

One could view anything that they don't wanna hear as whining, and if thats
the case I hear thousands of "whining words" on a daily basis.

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Ryan, KC8PMX
FF1-FF2-MFR-(pending NREMT-B!)
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.. --. .... - . .-. ...
"Larry Roll K3LT" <yodoc@aol.comnospam> wrote in message
news:20030722231424.12501.00001083@mb-m04.aol.com...
> In article <bfjac3$f5ot3$7@ID-189073.news.uni-berlin.de>, "Ryan, KC8PMX"
> <kc8pmx@diamondcs.net> writes:
>
> >> >I suppose Larry will never consider me a fully-fledged ham, even with
20
> >> >wpm, 'cause I operate 100% phone, LOL.
> >>
> >> Alun, my opinion of you as a ham is not dependant on your usage of CW.
> >> All I ask is that you don't whine about it, and that as a ham, you make
an
> >> effort to do something more challenging than just yakking into a
> >> microphone. That would imply the use of at least one digital mode. CW
> >> operation would be the icing on the cake, and go a long way to impress
> >> me.
> >
> >(seriously asking this question)
> >So if a person is getting into technical research, project building of
any
> >kind (generically speaking), or any other strong contribution to amateur
> >radio, but DOES like to "yakking into a microphone" whilst on the air is
a
> >bad thing?
> >
> >Just curious,
>
> Ryan:
>
> That would depend on whether or not he/she was whining about the

> code test requirements, or gloating over the fact that they had been
> dropped. If he/she were, in actual fact, doing the technical R&D you're
> talking about, then I would have a very high opinion of their contribution
> to amateur radio -- notwithstanding the yakking.
>
> 73 de Larry, K3LT
>

2472. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-24 02:58:59 UTC
From: vshah101@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030723225859.18070.00000460@mb-m17.aol.com>
Source record: 72159

From N2EY:

>I've seen that happen time and again. The CW setups at Field Day get the most
>attention from nonhams, for some reason.

How did non-Hams see any setup, not even a CW setup, at field day? Were they invited or did they see the field day setup when they were driving by, and decided to stop by?

Also, were they male or female, and about what ages were they? Were they anti-social?

Did they just stop by, or stay a while?

Please explain.

At this year's Field Day, we had a (*rather un-attractive) female non-Ham visitor. (I don't know if she was invited). She was a reporter and claimed to be asking questions for the local paper.

No, I didn't stay there the whole time. Also, there was some extra food left over, and I managed to take some with me.
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*Sorry I don't qualify for any sensitivity awards. I don't want to (be sensitive) and I don't need to.

2473. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-24 03:03:46 UTC
From: "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net>
Message-ID: <m0ITa.12458$Vx2.6034461@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com>
Source record: 72160

"Vshah101" <vshah101@aol.com> wrote in message
news:20030723225859.18070.00000460@mb-m17.aol.com...
> From N2EY:
>
> >I've seen that happen time and again. The CW setups at Field Day get the
most
> >attention from nonhams, for some reason.
>
> How did non-Hams see any setup, not even a CW setup, at field day? Were
they
> invited or did they see the field day setup when they were driving by, and
> decided to stop by?

Depends on the setup. For example, one year I set up between the local fire department and the convenience store. There was lots of foot traffic and many stopped to find out what we were doing.

In other cases, the event is published in the community calendar in the local newspaper and people come by.

>
> Also, were they male or female, and about what ages were they? Were they
> anti-social?

What does age or sex matter? No they were not anti-social as they stopped by, asked questions, and talked.

>
> Did they just stop by, or stay a while?
>

Some of each.

Dee D. Flint, N8UZE

2474. K1MAN...does anyone really know who this is?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-24 03:21:58 UTC
From: "Chuck...K1KW" <cdoneal@comcast.net>
Message-ID: <qhITa.131201$ye4.93756@sccrnsc01>
Source record: 72161
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy

This idiot has been broadcasting and jamming legitimate
amateur QSO's for years on several selected amateur
radio frequencies with his inane BS. In one
bold statement a few years ago he stated that he would
be "bigger" than the ARRL is by today...anyone notice
this flea? Just curious....is this guy a jerk or what???

2475. Re: ARS License Numbers

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-24 03:25:57 UTC
From: vshah101@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030723232557.18070.00000464@mb-m17.aol.com>
Source record: 72162

From: Dave Heil k8mn

>> When I asked different
>> people about their setup, he seemed busy and not wanting to talk about it.
>If
>> it was me, I would happily explain what I made, brag about it, show
>interested
>> people schematics, share technical info, etc.
>
>The more you go on with these tales, the more I suspect that you
>fabricate portions so as to promote your agenda.

Please tell me how what I said was fabricated. What would they have said instead? Are you saying they were enthiusiastic about explaining their setup, and I said the reverse?

>> Sure, I have not taken a poll.
>
>Then you have no factual evidence.

I have seen it first hand. Where it the alternate reality? If its not too far from me (so I can get there), then tell me about it. Please provide an example.

2476. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-24 03:28:02 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030723232802.01315.00001106@mb-m18.aol.com>
Source record: 72164

In article <bfjac2$f5ot3$6@ID-189073.news.uni-berlin.de>, "Ryan, KC8PMX"
<kc8pmx@diamondcs.net> writes:

>Ryan, KC8PMX
>FF1-FF2-MFR-(pending NREMT-B!)
>--. --- -.. ... .- -. --. . .-.. ... .- .-. . ..-. .. .-. . ..-.
>.. --. .... - . .-. ...

Ryan:

What about police and the military? Aren't they also doing God's work?

73 de Larry, K3LT
--. --- -.. ... .- -. --. . .-.. ... .- .-. . .--. .- .-. .- - .-. .- -. ...
.. - -.. .-. .. ...- . .-. ...

2477. Challenge to Kim

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-24 03:28:03 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030723232803.01315.00001107@mb-m18.aol.com>
Source record: 72165

In article <bfknse$302b$2@adenine.netfront.net>, "Kim W5TIT"
<fahgedit@nomail.net> writes:

>
>Don't hold your breath, Mike. I'm not sure I've ever seen that Larry has
>met a chall....sched yet.

Kim:

I "challenge" you to a schedule on 20-meter PSK-31. Put up or shut up!
BTW -- I know you're a Tech, so simply have your OM (a General) serve
as control op! Perfectly legal Third-Party operation. The ball is in YOUR
court now -- so no excuses! You started this, now show us all that you
have any credibility whatsoever. If you squirm out of this QSO challenge,
you will forever be self-nullified in this NG.

73 de Larry, K3LT

2478. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-24 03:28:03 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030723232803.01315.00001108@mb-m18.aol.com>
Source record: 72167

In article <bfkpl1$12e$2@adenine.netfront.net>, "Kim W5TIT"
<fahgedit@nomail.net> writes:

>
>Larry doesn't know we read between the lines...LOL
>
>Kim W5TIT

Kim:

I don't know how your newsreader works, but here on good 'ole AOL 5.0,
what I see "between the lines" is about 1/16" of blank screen! To everyone
else who isn't wasting their time reading "between the lines," I assure
you that the meaning contained within my postings is always going to be
right where you have come to expect it to be -- WITHIN the lines.

BTW -- your capacity for making a fool of yourself is seemingly endless,
Kim. Why is that?

73 de Larry, K3LT

2479. Re: With CW gone, can the CW allocations be far behind?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-24 03:28:04 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030723232804.01315.00001110@mb-m18.aol.com>
Source record: 72163

In article <3F1E0CE2.803@ix.netcom.com>, Robert Casey <wa2ise@ix.netcom.com>
writes:

>>On that note, we're still waiting for your opinion on eating elephant
>>dung - good idea or bad?
>>
>>
>>
>Tastes like crap. So I would recommend against it......

I'm OTOH, haven't a clue as to what elephant dung tastes like, and I
intend to keep it that way! However, since Bob has obviously tasted
elephant dung, I will admit that he is qualified to evaluate it's taste. I
will,
from now on, defer to his judgment of the taste of elephant dung.

73 de Larry, K3LT

2480. Re: With CW gone, can the CW allocations be far behind?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-24 03:28:04 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030723232804.01315.00001109@mb-m18.aol.com>
Source record: 72166

In article <c10e12e8f70fcad6aceb4eab43f846e7.128005@mygate.mailgate.org>,
"K0HB" <k0hb@earthlink.net> writes:

>John,
>
>Many years ago one of the popular magazines (Sat Eve Post, Colliers,
>Readers Digest?) had a reader-contributed feature called "The Perfect
>Squelch". Your comment above would surely have been a winner!
>
>73, de Hans, K0HB

Hansl:

Please read my recent reply to Bob Casey on the above topic, then let
me know if I've been "squelched" or not!

Memo to John, KC2HMZ: If I were you, I'd get my squelch fixed -- it
doesn't seem to be working!

73 de Larry, K3LT

2481. Re: Why don't Real Hams you face the facts?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-24 03:28:06 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030723232806.01315.00001111@mb-m18.aol.com>
Source record: 72168

In article <bfks0a$12e$6@adenine.netfront.net>, "Kim W5TIT"
<fahgedit@nomail.net> writes:

>
>That's bull. I don't know what statistics would say, but the local TV and
>radio news too often reports the deaths of store, gas station, and
>restaurant folks around the Dallas area.

Kim:

Uh huh. I'm sure they do. And how are these people being killed? Who
is killing them? And what are they being killed with?

I'll save you the bother of responding. They are being killed by CRIMINALS
using GUNS. Criminals will always have guns in this country, because
criminals, by definition, are not constrained by the moral necessity to
observe the law, including gun laws. Just ask any victim of gun crime in
Great Britain, where the law-abiding citizens have no rights to keep and
bear arms, and even sporting shotguns must be kept in gun club armories,
instead of in the owner's home. Over there, violent criminals have no
problem getting guns -- they're brought into the country by the SEALAND
container load under the watchful eye of Customs officers who have nice
fat pockets full of payoff money. They are quickly distributed throughout
the criminal and terrorist underground at obscene profits, and end up in
the hands of the same kinds of criminals that they've always ended up
in. Even unarmed criminals are having a "field day" of their own. They can
simply walk into the homes of innocent citizens, even in broad daylight,
since they know with absolute certainty that they will not be faced with the
barrel of a shotgun or a 9mm pistol, as they may have been years before.
The net result is that British citizens are being robbed and killed by
criminals with guns at a rate three times what it was before the country
went to total civil disarmament. Crimes against property have risen to
the point where it is now estimated that fully 50% of the British population
has been or will be crime victims within their lifetimes.

It is a proven fact that everywhere in the United States where "Shall Issue"
Right-to-Carry concealed weapon laws exist, violent crime drops at a
dramatic rate. Your own home state of Texas is one of the leading examples.
It is also a proven fact that the only force that can stop a criminal with a
gun is a law-abiding citizen with another gun. You see, the guns don't
know who is using them -- they are inanimate objects which require a
responsible human agency to utilize them for good or evil. The best
solution to the problem of violent gun crime is to ensure that the criminals
have as much to fear from their victims as their victims have to fear from
them.

>> BTW, If I were the owner of a convenience store, I'd have a special door
>> chime that played a .WAV of a 12-ga. pump-action shotgun being racked
>> every time someone came in after sundown.
>>
>
>And, you'd probably be local news.

Yeah. The story would be about why my store is never robbed.

73 de Larry, K3LT

2482. Re: With CW gone, can the CW allocations be far behind?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-24 03:34:08 UTC
From: "Ryan, KC8PMX" <kc8pmx@diamondcs.net>
Message-ID: <bfpete$gqsk8$4@ID-189073.news.uni-berlin.de>
Source record: 72365

Show me a truly impartial survey and I might actually consider joining the
Anti-Radio Relay League. ALL surveys are slanted in some direction or
another, as to prove some point or theory.

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Ryan, KC8PMX
FF1-FF2-MFR-(pending NREMT-B!)
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.. --. .... - . .-. ...
"Brian" <brianburke@juno.com> wrote in message
news:f45722ac.0307231009.607b0953@posting.google.com...
> Jon Bloom <jbloom@arrl.org> wrote in message
news:<pan.2003.07.23.12.28.02.335300.22713@arrl.org>...
>
> If you want to sample opinion on a
> > topic, hire a reputable research firm to formulate and conduct a survey
> > that will elicit the facts you want.
>
> Thats what the ARRL should have done.

2483. Re: Survey? Was: Re: With CW gone, can the CW allocations be far behind?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-24 03:50:48 UTC
From: "Ryan, KC8PMX" <kc8pmx@diamondcs.net>
Message-ID: <bfpetg$gqsk8$5@ID-189073.news.uni-berlin.de>
Source record: 72366

[major snippage]
>
> Here are some suggested questions for the survey:
>
> Answers for questions 1-11: SA = Strongly Agree, A = Agree, N =
> Neutral/No Opinion, D = Disagree, SD = Strongly Disagree
>
> 1. All Morse Code testing for a US amateur license should be
> eliminated as soon as possible.

Neutral

>
> 2. Morse Code testing for US amateur licenses should be retained as it
> is today.

Disagree

>
> 3. Morse Code testing for US amateur licenses should be reduced in
> some way but not totally eliminated.
>

Disagree (that's been done already)

> 4. Amateur radio tests in the USA for license classes above
> entry-level should have the option of a Morse Code test or an
> additional written test on other modes.

Disagree (I think) (entry level license should allow maybe 2 of the more
"busier bands" say for instance like 10 meters and 2 meters.)

>
> 5. There should continue to be separate subbands on the HF amateur
> bands reserved for Morse Code and digital signals only
>

Agree, as there needs to be some form of organization. Different parallel,
the public roadways; if there wasn't some type of organization on the
roadways there would be even more chaos than there is now. Allocations for
the different voice, digital and morse code modes should be able to be
created with adequate room for all parties to "play well together."

> 6. Separate subbands on the HF amateur bands reserved for Morse Code
> signals only should be created.

See answer in question 5.

>
> 7. Separate subbands on the HF amateur bands reserved for Morse Code
> signals only should be created if the code test is eliminated.

As long as some hams feel morse code is beneficial, there should be allocations for them as well as other modes. Periodic review of usage on some type of a regular basis could help to direct that. See question 5 response as well.

>
> 8. Subbands by mode on the HF amateur bands should be eliminated.
>

See response to question 5 again.

> 9. Any further reduction, or elimination, of Morse code testing in the
> USA should be accompanied by more comprehensive written testing.
>

That needs to happen, or needed to happen as far as 30 years ago or more. Any testing I have taken in the public/emergency services field has ALWAYS been at least 100 questions, and some cases as much as 250 questions. I am not declaring as to how many should fit the bill, but I will say we need more questions added to ALL amateur license tests.

> 10. If the code test is eliminated, there should be other changes to
> the privileges granted to the entry-level license classes (Novice,
> Technician, Technician Plus)

Possibly... will have to get back on this one......

>
> 11. The code test issue should be dealt with as a single issue and not
> connected to other changes.

BINGO!

>
> 12. Of my current amateur operation, I use Morse code:

> B - 0 to 25% of the time

>
> 13. Of my current amateur HF/MF operation, I use Morse code:

> F - I am currently inactive on HF/MF

> 14. The ARRL leadership should take the following role in the code
> test issue:

E. Stay the hell out of it until they truly represent all of the amateur radio community.

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Ryan, KC8PMX
FF1-FF2-MFR-(pending NREMT-B!)

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.. --. .... - . .-. ...

2484. UK to abolish code test on Friday

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-24 04:04:46 UTC
From: Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93C2BEEDBAAelektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>
Source record: 72169

There have been lot of different rumours floating about, but it now looks definite that the UK will scrap the code test on Friday. This will be the second country after Switzerland, which already did it.

It looks as if quite a few countries will wait until after the CEPT meeting, which turns out to be in September (I had thought it was earlier than that).

73 de Alun, N3KIP (G8VUK, G0VUK)

2485. Re: UK to abolish code test on Friday

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-24 04:15:04 UTC
From: vshah101@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030724001504.18070.00000468@mb-m17.aol.com>
Source record: 72170

Subject: UK to abolish code test on Friday

All these new threads on Morse code. They should be under a few topics, not a seperate topic on any new Morse code news.

Its fragmenting the newsgroup, making it very hard to read.

2486. Re: Challenge to Kim

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-24 04:34:25 UTC
From: vshah101@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030724003425.18070.00000469@mb-m17.aol.com>
Source record: 72171

I just found some long time ago report I wrote on essential education.(It was long before I got an amateur radio licence or knew that there was such a thing). Surprising, among other things, I wrote that I wanted to learn Morse code. Never was obcessed about it. In fact, I forgot I even wrote that. At that time, I just believed that its something one should learn.

I no longer believe that.

2487. Re: Interesting Article on ARRL Website

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-24 04:57:43 UTC
From: Scott Unit 69 <scott_unit_69@yahoo.moc>
Message-ID: <3F1F6747.F73B8A36@yahoo.moc>
Source record: 72172

> http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2003/07/22/1/?nc=1

Another sign of too much government in inaction.

2488. Vshah101 is a troll

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-24 05:00:32 UTC
From: Scott Unit 69 <scott_unit_69@yahoo.moc>
Message-ID: <3F1F67F0.440DBC6F@yahoo.moc>
Source record: 72173

WAAAAAAAAAAAA!

Respectfully, STFU!

Would you like some cheese with your whine?

Vshah101 wrote:
>
> Subject: UK to abolish code test on Friday
>
> All these new threads on Morse code. They should be under a few topics, not a
> seperate topic on any new Morse code news.
>
> Its fragmenting the newsgroup, making it very hard to read.

2489. Re: CW sub-bands must disapear

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-24 05:12:24 UTC
From: Scott Unit 69 <scott_unit_69@yahoo.moc>
Message-ID: <3F1F6AB8.C47203C@yahoo.moc>
Source record: 72174

> > I like the one from "Star Trek: The Voyage Home" : "Nothing Unreal Exisits"
> >
> >
> Well, there's "imaginary" numbers in math class. Not real, but they
> exist....

How about the "j" portion of an impedance.

2490. Re: With CW gone, can the CW allocations be far behind?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-24 08:21:59 UTC
From: kelly@dvol.com
Message-ID: <d22b54c3.0307240021.af79eac@posting.google.com>
Source record: 72175
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy

zorg@netkops.com (I Zorg) wrote in message
news:<d22b54c3.0307231631.14b1fa50@netkops.com>...
> On 23 Jul 2003 17:31:39 -0700, Brian Kelly <kelly@dvol.com> wrote:
> > "Dan/W4NTI" <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com> wrote in message
news:<bfk79q$v98$1@slb3.atl.mindspring.net>...
> > > Not a problem...let all the no code braindeads have phone. I'll just run cw
> > > on top of them with my narrow filter.
> >
> > We already do that. They're never get it.
> > --------------------^^^^^^^
> > w3rv
>
> Can't you see this guy with a key? No wonder people on the other
> end never "get it." He can't even construct a meaningful sentence!

Getting off on a typo is about what I'd expect. Folks in around 300
DXCC countries "on the other end" have managed to "get me".

> And he's talking about jamming other operators to boot! Ain't CW
> operators a cut above the rest? (not)

Wrong dweeb. Go back and get a grip on the thread before you spout
off. The discussion was what would happen if SSB ops moved down into
the spaces where CW is used and CW ops stay put. The results would not
constitute jamming. Work it through.

As if.

w3rv

2491. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-24 10:21:51 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030724062151.00871.00000833@mb-m17.aol.com>
Source record: 72176

In article <ojauhvscrb44fntav08k7f3kjaarphntji@4ax.com>, Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net> writes:

>Wouldn't it be ironic if nobody filed a petition because everybody
>thought someone else was already doing it?

One can only hope. Stranger things have happened.

The problem for the petition-filers is a question of timing and ratification. If, as the article suggests, FCC doesn't have to wait for Senate ratification of the treaty, the time to file a petition is right now. But if FCC has to wait for ratification, filing a petition just makes the filer look clueless in front of FCC. Which is not a good way to get the desired result. Meanwhile, if ratification isn't far off, it makes sense to sit tight, refine the petition as best you can, and then present it as soon as possible after ratification.

>You know, kinda like when
>the band's open but nobody knows it because they're all sitting there
>listening for somebody else to call CQ?
>
>The other thing that occurs to me is, you could basically take the
>database of comments filed during the inquiry that preceded the last
>restructuring, stamp a new docket number on it, and get it over with.
>We've all been through this before in excruciating detail.

Which is what some of us think FCC may do. But then again, maybe not.

73 de Jim, N2EY

2492. Re: Contact the FCC and Tell Them to get rid of CW Test and Requirements

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-24 12:34:41 UTC
From: Roland Stiner <nk2u@1stconnect.com>
Message-ID: <xdQTa.1331$jW.736@fe01.atl2.webusenet.com>
Source record: 72177

The FCC is unresponsive to the public's wishes, they do what they want; look at the recent decision to expand media ownership by one company!

Roland, NK2U

"Keith" <kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net> wrote in message news:bfobj80lhb@enews2.newsguy.com...
> As long as no code techs and others that are interested in HF ham radio
> operation do nothing the FCC and the ARRL will drag their feet to keep this
> dinosaur technology for the next year or so.
> Write the FCC and let them know this is not satisfactory. There are 200,000+
> hams that deserve immediate access to the HF bands today.
>
> To Contact the Commissioners via E-mail
> Chairman Michael K. Powell: mpowell@fcc.gov
> Commissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy: kabernat@fcc.gov
> Commissioner Michael J. Copps: mcopps@fcc.gov
> Commissioner Kevin J. Martin: kjmweb@fcc.gov
> Commissioner Jonathan S. Adelstein: jadelste@fcc.gov
>
> If you do nothing then nothing can change. The squeaky wheel gets the grease.
>
> http://groups.yahoo.com/group/CWProtest/
>
> --
> The Radio Page Ham, Police Scanner, Shortwave and more.
> http://www.kilowatt-radio.org/

2493. Re: Tech Licensee USA Morse Code Freedom Day is August 1st

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-24 13:06:44 UTC
From: Bert Craig <wa2si@arrl.netNOSPAM>
Message-ID: <ERQTa.114335$ye5.20555210@news4.srv.hcvlny.cv.net>
Source record: 72178
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb

<morse@code.is.dead> wrote in message news:bfo6vm01bhh@enews3.newsguy.com...
> Let the FCC know that they can no longer keep you from your right to use
the
> ten meter band allocation if you are a technician licensee. The
international
> requirement for morse code has been removed and there is no such thing as
a
> technician plus license.
> You don't have to use your identity, but no code technicians need to
finally
> speak out to the FCC they will no longer be oppressed by rules designed
for the
> stone age of electronic technology.
> Get on the air at 6pm local time on August 1st or if the band is open any
time
> to make contacts in the 28.300-28.500 MHz that is allocated to technicians
for
> voice. Or if you have a computer you can use the allocated technician CW
bands
> to send and receive morse code.
> Currently the FCC and ARRL want to drag this morse code requirement out
for
> one or two years while they put BPL and other technology on the fast
track. I
> will be on the air and I hope 10,000 or more no code technicians will join
me.
> I guess Hollingsworth will have to require 10,000 people to turn in their
CW
> proficiency certificate if YOU will join us.
> The morse code game is over and I'm not driving 55 when the speed limit
is
> really 70 mph and the government hasn't changed the signs yet. Just go by
the
> limitation of your technician license and don't go overboard, we want to
show
> that just because we didn't pass some dinosaur morse code test that we are
bad
> operators.
> Get on 28.306 USB at 6 PM local time to talk with other no code tech's
that
> are protesting the FCC and ARRL stupidity.

The FCC needs additional funds for enforcement and such...so all those with a few extra thousand dollars that would like to contribute in the form of a NAL, please go right ahead.

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73 de Bert
WA2SI

2494. CW Gone ?? It Ain't Over Til It Is Over!

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-24 14:05:43 UTC
From: Elmer E Ing <"Elmer E Ing"@tutor.org>
Message-ID: <XIRTa.11189$ff.4959@fed1read01>
Source record: 72179

Better read URL:
http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2003/07/22/1/?nc=1

2495. Re: Tech Licensee USA Morse Code Freedom Day is August 1st

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-24 14:14:51 UTC
From: Scott Unit 69 <scott_unit_69@yahoo.moc>
Message-ID: <3F1FE9DB.9D4DB740@yahoo.moc>
Source record: 72180
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb

> > Get on the air at 6pm local time on August 1st or if the band is open any
> time
> > to make contacts in the 28.300-28.500 MHz that is allocated to technicians
> for voice.

Yes, I have that equipment. No, I won't be dumb enough to do it.

> The FCC needs additional funds for enforcement and such...so all those with
> a few extra thousand dollars that would like to contribute in the form of a
> NAL, please go right ahead.

This is the same troll who has had no luck trolling the amateur newsgroup,
so now he's crossposting to the CB newsgroup. Ignore him and he'll go away
faster then the CW requirement in Sweden or the UK. Speaking of the UK, listen
for them after 8PM EDT, that's the start of Friday over there.

2496. Re: Tech Licensee USA Morse Code Freedom Day is August 1st

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-24 14:22:50 UTC
From: Bert Craig <wa2si@arrl.netNOSPAM>
Message-ID: <_YRTa.32713$7O.20424@nwrdny01.gnilink.net>
Source record: 72181
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb

"Keith" <kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net> wrote in message
news:bfomp90249o@enews4.newsguy.com...
> On Thu, 24 Jul 2003 13:06:44 GMT, "Bert Craig" <wa2si@arrl.netNOSPAM>
wrote:
>
> > --
> > 73 de Bert
> > WA2SI
>
> Another extra class trying to spread FUD.

I was once a no-code Technician. The only difference between you and I is two writtens and a 5-wpm code test. The ability to pass the 5-wpm is not anywhere near Morse code proficiency and can be passed easily with some study and determination.

I disagree with your stance but I like your fire. Encouraging those with similar beliefs to get off their collective ar$es and make some noise is likely the right direction. I hope that those opposed to dropping Element 1 do the same. I happen to believe we (PCTA) outnumber you (NCTA) by a count of 2:1.

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73 de Bert
WA2SI

BTW, what's FUD?

2497. Re: Contact the FCC and Tell Them to get rid of CW Test and Requirements

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-24 14:28:39 UTC
From: kf6vyh@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030724102839.15423.00000292@mb-m13.aol.com>
Source record: 72182

>Don't do anything so a few spoiled hams can keep their precious
>bands to themselves and keep the average citizen out of ham radio.

The average citizen has no FCC lic.and no interest it what happens to ham
radio. THis is who we do not want. THe average citizen belongs on 11 meters

2498. Re: CW Gone ?? It Ain't Over Til It Is Over!

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-24 14:31:36 UTC
From: Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93C26B046E8A4elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>
Source record: 72183

"Elmer E Ing" <Elmer E Ing@tutor.org> wrote in
news:XIRTa.11189$ff.4959@fed1read01:

> Better read URL:
> http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2003/07/22/1/?nc=1
>
>
>

I have read it now. IME, it is more typical for the rule making process to take about a year. I guess the two year figure in this NG comes specifically from this article. Whilst I think that two years is a worst case scenario, one other useful piece of info does come out from the article, i.e. that ratification is not required before the FCC can act (although I'm not sure why not).

My XYL (a no-coder) has asked me to draft a petition to the FCC. Since it looks like others may be waiting unnecesaarily for ratification, I guess I should get to work on it. Does anyone here have any sensible advice on how to draft an FCC petition? I'm sure there are people here who have filed one before.

2499. Re: Contact the FCC and Tell Them to get rid of CW Test and Requirements

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-24 14:35:48 UTC
From: kf6vyh@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030724103548.15423.00000293@mb-m13.aol.com>
Source record: 72184

If you want to CW reqiurement to go away, some one is going need to file a
petition for rule change with the FCC. Until this happens, nothing can change,
I have no problem with the CW requirement going away, as the FCC has stated
Being able to send CW does not make some one a proficient ham operator.
So for those who want to get on HF and not learn code, get of your asses and
file a petition with the FCC. Otherwise, start to study and learn CW.

2500. Re: Ham Radio In The Post-Code Testing Era

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-24 15:16:24 UTC
From: K3UD <K3UD@charter.net>
Message-ID: <240720031016245730%K3UD@charter.net>
Source record: 72185

In article <20030713024811.23406.00000818@mb-m27.aol.com>, Larry Roll
K3LT <yodoc@aol.comnospam> wrote:

> Now that it seems as though code testing will finally be abolished in the
> ARS, let's amuse ourselves with a bit of speculation as to what this will
> mean in terms of future growth in the numbers of licensed amateur radio
> operators in the United States. What do you think will happen? How
> much growth do you think will occur, and how fast?
>
> I predict that there will be no significant growth in new licensees.
> Now, all we need to do is define the term "significant growth." We currently
> have around 600-some kilohams in the US. I'd call a five percent growth
> factor, or 30,000 newly-licensed radio amateurs, to be significant. Let's
> give this a year to happen. I say it won't. How say you? Keep in mind
> that at this stage of the discussion, I'm just trying to establish reasonable
> parameters -- so let's all weigh in and try to arrive at a consensus as to
> what any future growth could be. Then we can commit to our numbers
> and see who gets it right -- or at least close.
>
> 73 de Larry, K3LT

Larry,

We presently had had an average of .05% growth per year since the new
licensing regs took effect in 2000. at those rates we might see 6%
growth in the decade. This is about 80% LESS growth than we have seen
in the last two decades. Other than possibly a one or two year mini
spurt in growth I do not see it sustaining. Lowering the code
requirement to 5 WPM did virtually nothing not increase year to year
growth, why would one believe that eliminating it would?

There is a least one person posting some astounding numbers based on
the FCC database on the QRZ.com forums which purport to show that 97%
of no code techs are dropping out after the term of the license
expires. Of course there is only about 6 months of FCC data being used
as a baseline due to the grace periods.

Perhaps the no code requirement for HF (if adopted by the FCC) will
keep more of the technician class in the ARS than the numbers predict.

73
George
K3UD

(ex W3GEO)

2501. Re: Tech Licensee USA Morse Code Freedom Day is August 1st

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-24 15:21:01 UTC
From: Train <tra1n@verizon.net>
Message-ID: <xPSTa.12125$634.9301@nwrdny03.gnilink.net>
Source record: 72186
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb

Come on Bert.....We all know you are an elitist radio snob!
Just kidding.....
Lugar's is waiting for us to get there.
Train

Who me? Top post? Never!
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"Bert Craig" <wa2si@arrl.netNOSPAM> wrote in message
news:_YRTa.32713$7O.20424@nwrdny01.gnilink.net...
> "Keith" <kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net> wrote in message
> news:bfomp90249o@enews4.newsguy.com...
> > On Thu, 24 Jul 2003 13:06:44 GMT, "Bert Craig" <wa2si@arrl.netNOSPAM>
> wrote:
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> > > --
> > > 73 de Bert
> > > WA2SI
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> of 2:1.
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> 73 de Bert
> WA2SI
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> BTW, what's FUD?
>
>

2502. Re: Tech Licensee USA Morse Code Freedom Day is August 1st

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-24 16:00:55 UTC
From: Spamhater <nospam@nospam.com>
Message-ID: <kpTTa.549$603.29051@iad-read.news.verio.net>
Source record: 72188
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb

Ummmm, maybe the requirement is dropped in other countries but they don't live by our laws, nor we theirs.... Just because you want to jump off a bridge, don't expect others to. IF the speed limit in other countries is 100 MPH, you feel you deserve to drive 100MPH here too? The FCC had to go along with the INTERNATIONAL community. I'm sure that if you would keep your pants on, they will be issuing shortly a memo to abolish the code requirement. IT IS A BUREAUCRACY... It doesn't happen over night. As to the ARRL, they don't run the country. NOR the FCC regardless what anyone may want to think.

IF YOU want to be a law breaker, have at it... but don't expect the law abiding people to slit their throats at your command. SOME do believe in rules and laws. Obviously, you're not one of them. You portrayed that very well. I'm not a code fan, but hold a 20WPM Extra license. It was a requirement that earned me the right to use the bands much like the license to drive my vehicle.. ALL PRIVILEGES - EARNED. You aren't born with them. It amazes me how many are so gung ho to side step the laws and rules and yet if their feet are stepped on, the first to bitch. Sit back and enjoy what you have. Some day, radio will be so miserable you won't want it anyway. It is going there very quickly. Some day you'll wish there were laws and rules being upheld. As I said, I'm not a code fan, but it took work to get my license... another thing many are afraid of. WORK. When something is GIVEN to you, it holds NO value. When you EARN it, you tend to value it. A LOT.

Just my 2 cents...
JMS

<morse@code.is.dead> wrote in message news:bfo6vm01bhh@enews3.newsguy.com...
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> are protesting the FCC and ARRL stupidity.
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2503. Re: Tech Licensee USA Morse Code Freedom Day is August 1st

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-24 16:01:10 UTC
From: Bert Craig <wa2si@arrl.netNOSPAM>
Message-ID: <apTTa.32739$7O.27158@nwrdny01.gnilink.net>
Source record: 72187
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb

Hey Brian,

"Train" <tra1n@verizon.net> wrote in message
news:xPSTa.12125$634.9301@nwrdny03.gnilink.net...
> Come on Bert.............We all know you are an elitist radio snob!
> Just kidding.............

Lol!

> Lugar's is waiting for us to get there.

I'm with you, although I have much less time now. (Two jobs.) Our friend
went back to Oregon. Sadly, a victim of corporate downsizing...er, I mean
"streamlining." I haven't seen him post in over a year now. But I'm
certainly game. Went to TSR, The Spare Rib, yesterday and had a nice cut of
prime rib.

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73 de Bert
WA2SI

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> Who me? Top post? Never!
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> > news:bfomp90249o@enews4.newsguy.com...
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> > WA2SI
> >
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> >
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>

2504. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-24 16:06:11 UTC
From: Bill Sohl <billsohl@mindspring.com>
Message-ID: <bfp0br$d4c$1@slb9.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 72189

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"Kim W5TIT" <fahgedit@nomail.net> wrote in message
news:bffbqf$1er5$1@adenine.netfront.net...
> "Dan/W4NTI" <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com>
wrote in message
> news:bff3hj$ur2$1@slb6.atl.mindspring.net...
> >
> > "Kim W5TIT" <fahgedit@nomail.net> wrote in message
> > news:bfeidb$ur7$1@adenine.netfront.net...
> > > "William H. O'Hara, III" <whoohara@yahoo.com> wrote in message
> > > news:Xns93BE6AD6148C9AX2A3DA5M1512AODKAMO@65.100.3.61...
> > > > Kim,
> > > >
> > > > I don't think that you mentioned the
> > > > only practical use for CW, today. In
> > > > an emergency operation one can use CW
> > > > almost as a cipher. If Newsreporters, whom
> > > > possess "investigative skills", were to
> > > > attempt their intercepts by a scanner,
> > > > then they would simply have no
> > > > comprehension.
> > > >
> > >
> > > With all due respect, William (or is it Bill), seems that deliberately
> > > coding/encrypting on the amateur bands is contrary to the R&R, if ya
> know
> > > what I mean. And, it also seems to me that any reporter with really
> good
> > > investigative skills would be well aware of your scenario, above.
> > >
> > >
> >
> > Now Ive heard everything. CW is now a method of encryption. Oh good
> grief.
> >
> > That is a first. I never thought Id live so long as to see so much
idiocy
> > about the Morse Code. Unbelievable
> >
> > Dan/W4NTI
> >
>
> Dan, you really should stop being so reactionary. Perhaps you'll re-read
> the comment "In an emergency operation one can use CW almost as a
cipher."
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> Then, perhaps you'll look at my response in a different light. I was
> remarking on the fact that William (Bill) was promoting the idea that CW
> is/can be used as a cipher. That would not be legal in any way,

Bzzt!

Wrong...use of CW with recognized character set is never illegal.
If you believe otherwise, please post the appropriate Part 97
rule. It matters not what the intent might be (i.e. to shield certain
information from media reporters)...as long as conventional
character set is used, it ain't illegal.

> and
> promoting the idea of CW as being a way to "cipher" information is quite
> misleading, don't you think?

Personally I could care less. No different than if two hams
are having a QSO in another language than English because
they know few reporters or others that might be listening
can't understand it.

> Sheesh, take some time off...

Looking forward to doing exactly that :-) :-)

Cheers,
Bill K2UNK

2505. Re: UK to abolish code test on Friday

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-24 16:15:50 UTC
From: Bill Sohl <billsohl@mindspring.com>
Message-ID: <bfp0ts$852$1@slb0.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 72191

"Alun Palmer" <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote in message
news:Xns93C2BEEDBAAelektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4...
> There have been lot of different rumours floating about, but it now looks
> definite that the UK will scrap the code test on Friday. This will be the
> second country after Switzerland, which already did it.
>
> It looks as if quite a few countries will wait until after the CEPT
> meeting, which turns out to be in September (I had thought it was earlier
> than that).
>
> 73 de Alun, N3KIP (G8VUK, G0VUK)

Here's the details from a friend with RSGB access:

Here's a quote from the members only page of the RSGB's website:

>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>
The RSGB is pleased to announce that, with effect from Friday the 25th of July, there is no longer a requirement to have passed a Morse code test in order to operate on the HF bands in the UK. All Full and Intermediate Class B licensees are therefore automatically granted their respective Class A operating privileges and may operate on the HF bands using their existing callsigns from the 25th of July. Class B licensees need not take any action to obtain these additional operating privileges.

This long-awaited move comes about following the decision taken at the recent World Radiocommunication Conference in Geneva, which agreed that a Morse code test should no longer be an international requirement in order to hold an HF amateur licence. The Radiocommunications Agency is to be thanked for moving quickly in introducing this change in the UK. The official 'Gazette Notice' to bring in the change in the UK is scheduled to be published on the 25th of July.

A series of 'Frequently Asked Questions' and answers about these changes will be published on the RSGB website. Please note that these changes do not affect Foundation Licensees.

The RSGB welcomes all former Class B amateurs on to the HF bands and hopes that they will obtain even greater enjoyment from their hobby.
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So the Brits have to honour of being the first to actually scrap Morse testing (the Swiss have been granted "provision" access)

Cheers,
Bill K2UNK

2506. Re: Hey CBers Help Get rid of Morse Code Test and Requirement

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-24 16:17:32 UTC
From: Scott Unit 69 <scott_unit_69@yahoo.moc>
Message-ID: <3F20069C.D734DD14@yahoo.moc>
Source record: 72190
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.policy

ROLDAIGNAULT wrote:
>
> From: Scott Unit 69 scott_unit_69@yahoo.moc
> > | PLEASE DO NOT | :.:\:\:/:/:.:
> > | FEED THE TROLLS! | :=.' -
>
> Keith made a legitimate request to take action to eliminate the code testing.
> He provided the websites to do just that. If you happen to disagree with him on
> that issue, it doesn't make it a troll post.

Keith wrote:
> as soon as possible. The first protest is August 1st 6 pm local time on 28.306 USB

A troll is one who asks others to do something wrong. In this case, it is use of
10 meters without the proper class of license. The second part of his message is
something that can be done. If you wish to use 10 meters in violation of your
ticket, so be it, it's your NAL, pay it if you want.

His message is half-troll, half good idea. I think we all just need to sit
back and wait a few more months to see what happens. You would be better off
complaining about BPL. If it happens, HF won't mean shit, CW or not.
(Also CB, MW, TV 2 thru 6, 6 meters, VHF lo band and harmonics out the wazoo)

2507. Re: Contact the FCC and Tell Them to get rid of CW Test and Requirements

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-24 16:26:57 UTC
From: Scott Unit 69 <scott_unit_69@yahoo.moc>
Message-ID: <3F2008D1.AECD6526@yahoo.moc>
Source record: 72192

Kf6vyh wrote:
>
> If you want to CW reqiurement to go away, some one is going need to file a
> petition for rule change with the FCC. Until this happens, nothing can change,
> I have no problem with the CW requirement going away, as the FCC has stated
> Being able to send CW does not make some one a proficient ham operator.
> So for those who want to get on HF and not learn code, get of your asses and
> file a petition with the FCC. Otherwise, start to study and learn CW.

Print and keep:
http://www.texasstar.com/code.gif

2508. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-24 16:51:25 UTC
From: Bill Sohl <billsohl@mindspring.com>
Message-ID: <bfp30j$k47$1@slb4.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 72193

"Bill Sohl" <billsohl@mindspring.com> wrote in message
news:bfp0br$d4c$1@slb9.atl.mindspring.net...
>
> "Kim W5TIT" <fahgedit@nomail.net> wrote in message
> news:bffbqf$1er5$1@adenine.netfront.net...
> > "Dan/W4NTI" <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com>
> wrote in message

(SNIP)

> > > Now Ive heard everything. CW is now a method of encryption.
> > > That is a first. I never thought Id live so long as to see so much
> > > so much idiocy about the Morse Code. Unbelievable
> > > Dan/W4
> >
> > Dan, you really should stop being so reactionary. Perhaps you'll
re-read
> > the comment "In an emergency operation one can use CW almost as a
> cipher."
> > Then, perhaps you'll look at my response in a different light. I was
> > remarking on the fact that William (Bill) was promoting the idea that CW
> > is/can be used as a cipher. That would not be legal in any way,
>
> Bzzt!
>
> Wrong...use of CW with recognized character set is never illegal.
> If you believe otherwise, please post the appropriate Part 97
> rule. It matters not what the intent might be (i.e. to shield certain
> information from media reporters)...as long as conventional
> character set is used, it ain't illegal.

Oops, let me be more specific before some net.attorney
takes issue with my "never" above.

The first sentance should, more precisely read:

Wrong...use of CW with recognized character set,
where CW as a mode is a permitted use, is never illegal.

Cheers,
Bill K2UNK

2509. Re: Tech Licensee USA Morse Code Freedom Day is August 1st

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-24 17:16:03 UTC
From: Bill Sohl <billsohl@mindspring.com>
Message-ID: <bfp4epsco1@slb9.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 72194
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb

"Spamhater" <nospam@nospam.com> wrote in message
news:kpTTa.549$603.29051@iad-read.news.verio.net...
> Ummmm, maybe the requirement is dropped in other countries but they don't
> live by our laws, nor we theirs.... Just because you want to jump off a
> bridge, don't expect others to. IF the speed limit in other countries is
100
> MPH, you feel you deserve to drive 100MPH here too?

Actually, yes I do where proper road engineering should allow it.

> The FCC had to go along
> with the INTERNATIONAL community.

They "had to go along"? Sorry friend, the FCC position
going in to WRC was for TOTAL elimination of S25.5
morse requirement.

> I'm sure that if you would keep your pants
> on, they will be issuing shortly a memo to abolish the code requirement.
IT
> IS A BUREAUCRACY... It doesn't happen over night. As to the ARRL, they
don't
> run the country. NOR the FCC regardless what anyone may want to think.

The process isn't clear yet as to what the dependencies may
be for that to happen.

> IF YOU want to be a law breaker, have at it... but don't expect the law
> abiding people to slit their throats at your command. SOME do believe in
> rules and laws.

I agree the rules must be followed until they are changed.

> Obviously, you're not one of them. You portrayed that very
> well. I'm not a code fan, but hold a 20WPM Extra license. It was a
> requirement that earned me the right to use the bands much like the
license
> to drive my vehicle.. ALL PRIVILEGES - EARNED. You aren't born with them.
It
> amazes me how many are so gung ho to side step the laws and rules and yet
if
> their feet are stepped on, the first to bitch.

I agree the rules must still be followed.

> Sit back and enjoy what you
> have. Some day, radio will be so miserable you won't want it anyway. It is
> going there very quickly.

Same old "sky is falling" negativity of some that profess
the end of ham radio. The same silly attitude was there
when any rule changes are suggested or made.

> Some day you'll wish there were laws and rules
> being upheld.

Ditto my last.

> As I said, I'm not a code fan, but it took work to get my
> license... another thing many are afraid of. WORK.

Yawn, same old work effort garbage for the sake of serving
as a test of interest level.

> When something is GIVEN
> to you, it holds NO value.

Strange, I have been given many things in life that I
treasure greatly.

> When you EARN it, you tend to value it. A LOT.

So my easy ability to pass the Extra written once the code test was
dropped to 5 wpm because I have a career in electronics
must mean I value the license less? Bzzzt! Does not compute!

> Just my 2 cents...

And mine also.
Cheers,
Bill K2UNK

> <morse@code.is.dead> wrote in message
news:bfo6vm01bhh@enews3.newsguy.com...
> > Let the FCC know that they can no longer keep you from your right to us
> > the ten meter band allocation if you are a technician licensee. The
> international
> > requirement for morse code has been removed and there is no such thing
> > as a technician plus license.
> > You don't have to use your identity, but no code technicians need to
> finally
> > speak out to the FCC they will no longer be oppressed by rules designed
> for the
> > stone age of electronic technology.
> > Get on the air at 6pm local time on August 1st or if the band is open
any
> time
> > to make contacts in the 28.300-28.500 MHz that is allocated to
technicians
> for

> > voice. Or if you have a computer you can use the allocated technician CW
> bands
> > to send and receive morse code.
> > Currently the FCC and ARRL want to drag this morse code requirement out
> for
> > one or two years while they put BPL and other technology on the fast
> track. I
> > will be on the air and I hope 10,000 or more no code technicians will
join
> me.
> > I guess Hollingsworth will have to require 10,000 people to turn in
their
> CW
> > proficiency certificate if YOU will join us.
> > The morse code game is over and I'm not driving 55 when the speed limit
> is
> > really 70 mph and the government hasn't changed the signs yet. Just go
by
> the
> > limitation of your technician license and don't go overboard, we want to
> show
> > that just because we didn't pass some dinosaur morse code test that we
are
> bad
> > operators.
> > Get on 28.306 USB at 6 PM local time to talk with other no code tech's
> that
> > are protesting the FCC and ARRL stupidity.
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>

2510. Re: Contact the FCC and Tell Them to get rid of CW Test and Requirements

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-24 18:27:30 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu>
Message-ID: <3F202512.9030905@psu.edu>
Source record: 72195

Keith wrote:

> Another EXTRA class licensee that wants to keep dinosaur technology in ham
> radio testing. Don't do anything so a few spoiled hams can keep their precious
> bands to themselves and keep the average citizen out of ham radio.

The way to get the average citizen involved in ham radio is to
eliminate the tests altogether.

NTI anyone?

- Mike KB3EIA -

2511. Re: Contact the FCC and Tell Them to get rid of CW Test and Requirements

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-24 18:29:17 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu>
Message-ID: <3F20257D.4030404@psu.edu>
Source record: 72196

Kf6vyh wrote:
> If you want to CW reqiurement to go away, some one is going need to file a
> petition for rule change with the FCC. Until this happens, nothing can change,
> I have no problem with the CW requirement going away, as the FCC has stated
> Being able to send CW does not make some one a proficient ham operator.
> So for those who want to get on HF and not learn code, get of your asses and
> file a petition with the FCC. Otherwise, start to study and learn CW.

Then again, just about any ARS test subject doesn't make proficiency
one way or the other, does it?

- mike KB3EIA -

2512. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-24 18:41:23 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu>
Message-ID: <3F202853.4020004@psu.edu>
Source record: 72197

Dan/W4NTI wrote:
> "Mike Coslo" <mcoslo@adelphia.net> wrote in message

<some snippage>

>>I think things like that only help the case for CW. The newbies were
>>looking at that paddle on the bench, and you could see the gears
>
> turning....
>
>>- Mike KB3EIA -
>>
>
>
> I did a field day like that some years ago. And your right I was the center
> of attention. Maybe that is what these 'no codeers' need to do. See CW in
> action.

There is something magical about watching the exchanges. I'll never be
good at it, but I love watching the fast guys n' gals work.

- Mike KB3EIA -

2513. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-24 18:43:39 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu>
Message-ID: <3F2028DB.2090506@psu.edu>
Source record: 72198

Dee D. Flint wrote:
> "N2EY" <n2ey@aol.com> wrote in message
> news:20030723202202.02222.00000924@mb-m16.aol.com...
>
>>In article <3F1E02FD.2020905@adelphia.net>, Mike Coslo
>
> <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
>
>>writes:
>>
>>
>>>I think things like that only help the case for CW. The newbies were
>>>looking at that paddle on the bench, and you could see the gears
>>
> turning....
>
>>I've seen that happen time and again. The CW setups at Field Day get the
>
> most
>
>>attention from nonhams, for some reason.
>>
>>73 de Jim, N2EY
>
>
> Simple, it's more "exotic" than voice or keyboard.

When you watch a person using no apparent effort, save what looks like
a nervous tremor in their hand, make a QSO - now that is pretty exotic!

- Mike KB3EIA -

2514. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-24 18:51:03 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu>
Message-ID: <3F202A97.4060104@psu.edu>
Source record: 72199

Vshah101 wrote:
> From N2EY:
>
>
>>I've seen that happen time and again. The CW setups at Field Day get the most
>>attention from nonhams, for some reason.
>
>
> How did non-Hams see any setup, not even a CW setup, at field day? Were they
> invited or did they see the field day setup when they were driving by, and
> decided to stop by?
>
> Also, were they male or female, and about what ages were they? Were they
> anti-social?
>
> Did they just stop by, or stay a while?
>
> Please explain.
>
> ---
> At this year's Field Day, we had a (*rather un-attractive) female non-Ham
> visitor.

Shame on you. Where on earth do you get off saying something like that?

> ---
> *Sorry I don't qualify for any sensitivity awards.

NO you don't.

- Mike KB3EIA -

2515. Re: Contact the FCC and Tell Them to get rid of CW Test and Requirements

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-24 19:11:39 UTC
From: Elmer E Ing <"Elmer E Ing"@tutor.org>
Message-ID: <2cWTa.11226$ff.7619@fed1read01>
Source record: 72200

Average, above average, and below average citizens have access to radio --
CB, FRS, GMRS, MURS with no tests.

The best way to get the average citizen in to ham radio is to pass the
tests -- The FCC sed that

You did that when you got your drivers license -- didn't you ???

How did you get thru school, el, hi, college -- took the damn tests --
right?

Achieve me buckos, can do, be all you can be -- take the damn test! Audacity
that's the spirit!

"Mike Coslo" <mjc5@psu.edu> wrote in message
news:3F202512.9030905@psu.edu...
> Keith wrote:
>
> > Another EXTRA class licensee that wants to keep dinosaur technology in
ham
> > radio testing. Don't do anything so a few spoiled hams can keep their
precious
> > bands to themselves and keep the average citizen out of ham radio.
>
> The way to get the average citizen involved in ham radio is to
> eliminate the tests altogether.
>
> NTI anyone?
>
> - Mike KB3EIA -
>
>

2516. Re: UK to abolish code test on Friday

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-24 19:26:45 UTC
From: tbonet@fzap.net
Message-ID: <bfp0ts$852$1@fzap.net>
Source record: 72351

On Thu, 24 Jul 2003 12:15:50 -0400, Bill Sohl <billsohl@mindspring.com> wrote:
>
> So the Brits have to honour of being the first to actually scrap Morse
> testing (the Swiss have been granted "provision" access)
>

Bwa HAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHA!!! The Morse code whiners will have to go
sit in a corner somewhere and mumble things about "real hams" while
the rest of us show up on "their" frequencies. I can't wait to
operate USB on 3.510 MHz.

The hazing ritual has been eliminated in the UK and soon the US will
follow suit. Bye bye CW elitists!

2517. Re: Ham Radio In The Post-Code Testing Era

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-24 19:35:28 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu>
Message-ID: <3F203500.1080106@psu.edu>
Source record: 72352

N2EY wrote:

> You would be hard pressed to find a rational person, at any time or in
> any culture, who finds that activity anything other than disgusting.
> Also, taste and smell are closely related, and it's very rare that
> something will smell bad but taste good.

Have you heard of that coffee in which the beans are passed through the digestive tract of a monkey? It seems to be real (although it now passes through a critter called a Palm Toddy (Civet) Cat. Read:

http://www.geocities.com/unasoda42/portfolio/monkey-featurette.html

and:

http://home.earthlink.net/~stewartallen/india.html

and

http://www.truthorfiction.com/rumors/kopiluwak.htm

I won't say this isn't some kind of joke, but we can always hope....

Let's go into Starbucks and ask for a cup of crappuchino....

- Mike KB3EIA -

2518. Re: Ham Radio In The Post-Code Testing Era

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-24 19:39:44 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu>
Message-ID: <3F203600.9050905@psu.edu>
Source record: 72353

Dee D. Flint wrote:

> Tried anchovies but they go in the do not repeat category. However bacon,
> sausage, pepperoni, etc are all nice.

Feeling brave, Dee? Pizza with ham and pineapple. Sounds disgusting,
tastes great!

- Mike KB3EIA -

2519. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-24 19:41:14 UTC
From: Elmer E Ing <"Elmer E Ing"@tutor.org>
Message-ID: <6EWTa.11229$ff.3812@fed1read01>
Source record: 72354

> > How did non-Hams see any setup, not even a CW setup, at field day? Were they
> > invited or did they see the field day setup when they were driving by, and
> > decided to stop by?

At our field day -- many many posters were distributed over three cities -- we had lots of non-hams attend. It was held right down town near shopping centers at a local school. All local high school science teachers and Scout groups were informed. We operated on battery, solar, and generator power. They saw CW, Satellite, QRP, bicycle propelled generator, solar cells and dazzling antennas, tuna can homebrew rigs. ATV and videos of Ham Radio. They were able to talk on the radio by virtue of the GOTA station. A giant picture board explaining Amateur Radio, Emergency Communications, and repeaters was fabricated. Also explained what Field Day was for. Handout sheets -- 200 of them disappeared.

> > Also, were they male or female, and about what ages were they? Were they
> > anti-social?

They were every gender and age imaginable as though that would be relevant. One gal and her two sons 10 and 12 got their ham tickets later on. Another couple sed wow and both now have tickets. Had a troop of boy scouts show as well. Several of them now have licenses. Several high schools now have Youth Ham Clubs. All were very sociable as if that has any bearing on the matter. We had several volunteers bus in local high school students that were interested. Ya gotta work at PR and it takes effort and time -- GET INVOLVED
> >
> > Did they just stop by, or stay a while?

Both, one 11 year old worked Australia and was enthralled --- Mom had to drag him home for dinner. He now has a Ham ticket, passed the code test as well later on.

> >
> > Please explain.

Just did

2520. Re: Hey CBers Help Get rid of Morse Code Test and Requirement

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-24 20:05:23 UTC
From: tnom@mucks.net
Message-ID: <lte0ivssmbubhbvo0p33bujshl0p0b1f24@4ax.com>
Source record: 72355
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.policy

>A troll is one who asks others to do something wrong. In this case, it is use of
>10 meters without the proper class of license.

Could you please quote the part about people using 10 meters
illegally???????????

2521. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-24 20:06:15 UTC
From: Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net>
Message-ID: <29a0ivg9fob1c2r9djam6jgcjhtn3d0q9v@4ax.com>
Source record: 72356

On 23 Jul 2003 09:32:11 -0700, N2EY@AOL.COM (N2EY) wrote:

>Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net> wrote in message
news:<mshphvc9vp3kms0qo5dmemce4kspg1bpef@4ax.com>...
>> On 14 Jul 2003 11:56:26 -0700, N2EY@AOL.COM (N2EY) wrote:
>>
>> I'm not all that fond of CW, insofar as it's not one of the things I
>> personally enjoy doing. CW ops, like any other fellow ham, are welcome
>> around here any time.
>
>Thanks.

You're welcome - as I already stated. :-)

>> As for not eating each other, someone else's
>> comment about CQ WPX seems to be as good or better a retort than I can
>> think of at the moment.
>
>I think he was referring to CQ WW dx contest and the level of
>competitiveness displayed.....

I'm sure he was. I thought it was a good humorous comment, and since I
couldn't top it...

>Godwin's Law still holds.

I don't know (or care) who Godwin is (or was). As for Godwin's Law,
unless it was passed by a duly authorized legislative body and signed
by the appropriate chief of the executive branch, it is neither law
nor binding.

>Godwin's Law still holds.

Tell Godwin to hold on to this awhile.

>> - however, I have not disputed that CW is
>> a useful communications skill. Any communications skill is useful in a
>> communications hobby, and any technical skill is useful in a technical
>> hobby. For me to claim otherwise would be illogical.
>
>There are those on the nocodetest side of the fence who take the
>illogical stand that Morse/CW is not useful, outdated, etc.

As far as the rest of the radio world is concerned, it is outdated.
The ARS is the last remaining radio service that still uses it as a
primary method of communication.

>The operative question is how much something has to be useful in order
>to qualify to be tested.

Exactly. There was once a time when CW was so prevalent in the radio world that knowledge of Morse was vital to one's success in radio. That is no longer the case today except for one minor detail, that being the fact that the code test is still part of the licensing requirements. Whether you or I or anyone else in the ARS likes it or not, that's likely to change at some point within the next few years, so those of us (myself included) who continue to debate the point are beating a dead Morse...er, I mean, horse.

>> What I am
>> disputing is the notion put forth by K3LT that one needs to have
>> acquired CW proficiency in order to form an opinion as to whether one
>> wishes to pursue that aspect of the hobby or not...an assertion which
>> I find equally illogical.
>
>Perhaps the confusion arises because there's a difference between
>judging something's usefulness and judging whether someone wants to
>use it. A Harley Davidson motorcycle is certainly useful and desirable
>(IMHO) but at this time in my life I am not going to pursue having
>one.

Similarly, the skill to copy Morse at 75 WPM is certainly useful and desirable but at this time in my life I am not going to pursue developing it.

>> Although on occasion I have managed to receive signals with a radio
>> that had no antenna connected to it - and have actually even found it
>> very useful indeed to try to do so - I'll concede that one gets a much
>> better handle on current conditions on an HF band by listening to a
>> receiver that has at least a reasonable facsimile of an antenna
>> connected to it.
>
>
>Point I was making is that some folks have claimed "nobody uses CW
>anymore" etc. without any real knowledge of is current use.

Well, neither of us can really account for people who have their opinions spoon-fed to them by somebody else instead of developing their own, can we? Speaking for myself, though, I've been a radio hobbyist for over three decades now. I think I have enough experience to have knowledge of its current use.

The U.S. military has abandoned it. Commercial maritime HF radio has abandoned it...yes, some ship-to-ship ragchewing between radio ops still goes on, but try contacting a commercial shore station on CW to send or receive message traffic. Aviation has abandoned it. Outside of the ARS, the easiest place to find Morse in use is on your scanner, where repeaters used by public safety and business still identify in Morse. Given that, I find it ironic that in the ARS, the last bastion of Morse communications, most of the repeaters have voice ID'ers.

>> >2) There's a 'phone contest going on, and most of the 'phone ops are
>> >working the contest - on another band.
>>
>> ...where conditions are apparently better since they support phone on
>> that band? Then why haven't the CW guys moved there as well, to take
>> advantage of the better band conditions?
>
>Because the type of operation desired is different. Example: Suppose
>there's a 'phone DX contest going on, it's the bottom of the susnspot
>cycle, and the bands above 15 MHz are open. Most of the hams in the
>contest are going to be on 15 and 10 meters trying to gather as many
>countries and QSOs on those bands while they are usable. The
>distribution of hams using 'phone will be heavily concentrated in
>those bands.
>
>Meanwhile, hams who are working CW (and obviously not interested in
>the contest) will be distributed differently among the bands. Since
>much of the DX is working 'phone, the CW ops will probably be looking
>for ragchews, and may be on bands like 40 and 80, which are more
>suited for non-DX when the upper bands are open.

OK, agreed. Many of the non-contesting phone ops will probably be
doing the same, in fact. They'll go to the lower frequencies because
conditions there are better suited to their intgended activity - and
to avoid the congestion on the higher frequencies that results from
all the contesters operating on those bands. Makes sense to me.

>Consider also that not all contests involve the WARC bands, further
>shifting things.

I'm no expert on contesting, but I hear very little contest activity
on the WARC bands - at least on 12m and 17m anyway. Haven't spent much
time listening to 30m except to listen for signals for the purpose of
gauging band conditions.

>CW ops do not have the bottom part of ANY HF band to themselves. We
>have to deal with digital ops and an ever-increasing number of foreign
>'phones.

Quite correct, of course, and although it slipped my mind when I was
posting the comments, I am aware of that - at least with respect to
the digital signals anyway. I must admit that I hadn't considered the
fact that there are many foreign phone ops down there who aren't
subject to the same farming of spectrum by mode that U.S. ops are.
However, I'd expect the digital signals to cause more problems for CW
ops, since filters can get rid of phone signals much more easily.

>> >3) The 'phone bands become obnoxious enough that folks go to CW just
>> >to have a decent QSO.
>>
>> Well, if we're going to clutch at straws here,
>
>How is that "clutching at straws"?

In posting that comment, I took the word "obnoxious" to refer to frequencies being inhabited by...well, by the kinds of folks that give the rest of the ARS a black eye. Listen on certain frequencies long enough and you'll be treated to a command performance.

In retrospect, though, it occurs to me that you may have simply been referring to the volume of phone traffic one may observe on a band during a phone contest. There's not a lot of room left for ragchewing on phone, so I can see where guys might drop down to the bottom of the band and use CW, especially if the alternative is to try to gut it out on another band where conditions aren't as good for the contact(s) they want to make.

>> then we might as well also include:
>>
>> 4) One has tuned to the 30 meter band, where phone is not permitted.
>>
>Yup.

In retrospect, other digital modes are, which, as you've already pointed out, is a factor that should be considered.

>> >If someone "knows" something but cannot articulate to someone who
>> >doesn't, does the first person really "know" it?
>>
>> I believe so. I know how to get to a certain hamfest from my house. I
>> doubt that I could give someone directions that would allow them to
>> arrive at that hamfest without getting further directions from someone
>> else. I may not be able to articulate how to get there, but I "know"
>> how to get there, and will prove it this Sept. 27 when I again hop
>> into my van and drive there, just as I have every year since getting
>> my ham license (it's only a three-hour ride).
>
>Good example! Which 'fest, btw? Biggest I've ever been to is
>Rochester.

The one I had in mind is held in a little town in Chemung County, NY called Horseheads, but it's usually referred to as Elmira because Elmira is relatively close by and is better known than Horseheads. Elmira has other claims to fame. Horseheads is the site of the Chemung County Fairgrounds, which is where the hamfest in question is held, but beyond that it's best known for being the place they usually end up catching convicts who escape from the state prison that's not far from there. The last two - both convicted murderers who escaped a few weeks ago using the old "tie the bedsheets together to make a rope" routine (literally) - were found sleeping in a van in the parking lot of the supermarket just down the road from the fairgrounds. But, I digress...we now return you to our regularly scheduled discussion, already in progress.

>However, your example could be used to back up the claim that someone
>without CW skill can't really know its capability. You know the route
>but can't explain it to someone who wants to know. Larry knows the

>capability but can't expalin it to someone who doesn't want to know.
>Similar...

>>
>> >Kinda like the old
>> >saying "if you have a thing 'someplace', but you can't find it when
>> >you need it, then you don't really have it, do you?"
>>
>> No, you don't.
>
>'zactly.
>
>> However, what we're discussing here isn't a material
>> thing, but rather, an idea. How does one manage to misplace an idea?
>> "Sunuvagun, it was right here in my cerebellum a minute ago!" :-)
>
>Variously called "halfheimer's" (remembering half of something) and
>"cerebral cortex 404 error".

Around here it's simply called CRS...can't remember stuff.

73 DE John, KC2HMZ

2522. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-24 20:06:17 UTC
From: Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net>
Message-ID: <m4d0iv8c3pl55dd3r9pq9duvp4d9dcahcl@4ax.com>
Source record: 72357

On 23 Jul 2003 03:14:23 GMT, yodoc@aol.comnospam (Larry Roll K3LT)
wrote:

>Oh, you mean like "disconnecting" antenna rotor control boxes with a
>pair of dikes? Yes, indeed.

Is that how you highly technical CW ops handle it? Wow, I'll have to
suggest that to our ops next year...NOT!

>12 hours to set up, 2 to tear down!

Amazing what you can do when gravity is working in your favor rather
than against you, isn't it? That wire that took six shots with a
slingshot to get over just the right tree branch comes down on the
first try when you cut the rope, almost as if by magic!

>Fortunately, I'm not that hard on my own equipment, just a bit
>unmotivated to get the station set back up for at least a month after
>Field Day.

Most of my FD stuff is still in my van. However, since that's where it
also spends most of the rest of the year, that's no problem. Still, I
could stand to do some tidying up in the rear cargo area.

>Since I run the digital mode station for my club, I have
>to take not only my radios, but my whole bloody computer system
>as well.

Sorry to break it to you now rather than before Field Day, OM, but
there now exist these wonderful little devices called laptop
computers. For that matter you can do some digital stuff with a Palm
handheld computer. Want a quick hundred bonus points next year? Get
somebody to load the APRS software on a Palm and mate it to their HT,
and demo APRS. I think there's also PSK31 software for the Palm.

BTW, don't try it at night unless you're good with the Palm graffitti.
Typing on that little Palm "keyboard" at a FD station at 3:00 in the
morning is bound to make your eye doctor independently wealthy. Been
there, done that, bought the t-shirt, later burned the t-shirt. :-)

>Fortunately, that's the easiest thing to return to functional
>normalcy at the home QTH. Can't be missing out on rrap now, can I?

Well, I managed to live without it for about four years, but then
again, here I am back again.

73 DE John, KC2HMZ

2523. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-24 20:06:18 UTC
From: Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net>
Message-ID: <hsd0iv0cfsjjt2r3g0tfj7nrkdrrkt7k6v@4ax.com>
Source record: 72359

On 24 Jul 2003 00:22:02 GMT, n2ey@aol.com (N2EY) wrote:

>In article <3F1E02FD.2020905@adelphia.net>, Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
>writes:
>
>>I think things like that only help the case for CW. The newbies were
>>looking at that paddle on the bench, and you could see the gears turning....
>
>I've seen that happen time and again. The CW setups at Field Day get the most
>attention from nonhams, for some reason.

Wierdness always attracts attention. That's why at the circus, the
line to get in and see the three-legged lady is longer than the line
to get in and see the dancing girls.

73 DE John, KC2HMZ

2524. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-24 20:06:19 UTC
From: Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net>
Message-ID: <g0e0iv44ba6ud70keg4bm9bv8m77cvp660@4ax.com>
Source record: 72358

On 23 Jul 2003 03:14:23 GMT, yodoc@aol.comnospam (Larry Roll K3LT)
wrote:

>In article <3F1D5AB2.3B13D08A@yahoo.moc>, Scott Unit 69
><scott_unit_69@yahoo.moc> writes:
>
>>> My own participation in the "online" code test debate dates back to
>>> 1991 when I returned from the UK and purchased my first US modem.
>>> I had limited participation in Fidonet from the UK from late '89 to '91,
>>> but at the time, the Ham Radio forum was tightly moderated, and anyone
>>> with a pro-code stance was persona non-grata.
>>
>>
>>And the rest of the world would appreciate if you'd stop
>>taking it out on us. It's not my fault. I don't care.
>
>Then don't read this newsgroup. I'm not going away.

Not even if we ask pretty please and offer an extremely good severance
package? :-)

73 DE John, KC2HMZ

2525. Re: With CW gone, can the CW allocations be far behind?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-24 20:06:19 UTC
From: Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net>
Message-ID: <u7e0iv4pm62ag13iq4gcgdvn1scu8imhl6@4ax.com>
Source record: 72360

On 23 Jul 2003 03:14:25 GMT, yodoc@aol.comnospam (Larry Roll K3LT)
wrote:

>In article <glkphv48e1eo5vc77j03ip33vpv3mqed7a@4ax.com>, Radio Amateur KC2HMZ
><kc2hmz@aa-mail.net> writes:
>
>>>Since you have no practical on-the-air experience using CW, I don't
>>>expect you to appreciate this, and consider you to be unqualified to
>>>render an opinion on the subject.
>>
>>On that note, we're still waiting for your opinion on eating elephant
>>dung - good idea or bad?
>>
>>73 DE John, KC2HMZ
>
>Bad. Very bad, indeed. Personally, I wouldn't do that. Your mileage
>may vary.

I presume you have practical experience eating elephant dung on which
you base that opinion. I know you wouldn't express an opinion if you
weren't qualified to render one...right?

73 DE John, KC2HMZ

2526. Re: With CW gone, can the CW allocations be far behind?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-24 20:06:20 UTC
From: Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net>
Message-ID: <nce0ivgma5kr0ndlqfq96v16vrfpkdmb4f@4ax.com>
Source record: 72361

On Wed, 23 Jul 2003 00:19:46 -0400, Robert Casey
<wa2ise@ix.netcom.com> wrote:

>>
>>
>>On that note, we're still waiting for your opinion on eating elephant
>>dung - good idea or bad?
>>
>>
>>
>Tastes like crap. So I would recommend against it......

Having never eaten it, I don't know what crap tastes like. If you do,
please enlighten those of us who don't.

73 DE John, KC2HMZ

2527. Re: With CW gone, can the CW allocations be far behind?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-24 20:11:10 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307240433.3da41110@posting.google.com>
Source record: 72362

Jon Bloom <jbloom@arrl.org> wrote in message
news:<pan.2003.07.24.00.54.54.631391.14546@arrl.org>...
> On Wed, 23 Jul 2003 14:11:25 -0400, Brian wrote:
>
> > Jon Bloom <jbloom@arrl.org> wrote in message
> > news:<pan.2003.07.23.12.28.02.335300.22713@arrl.org>...
> >
> >> But as you point out, nobody really knows what "operate" means in this
> >> case. For example, if a person's entire use of Morse code is to copy
> >> repeater IDs, which they do by laboriously copying down the dots and
> >> dashes and then looking up the letters in a table, is that "operation"
> >> of Morse? The survey doesn't say.
> >
> > Hmmmm. Are you saying that the "Operate CW" numbers are inflated?
>
> No, I'm saying the survey measures the respondents opinions of their own
> levels of activity. What that means in objective terms is something on
> which you're free to speculate, although I can't imagine what useful
> result would obtain from such speculations.
>
> Jon

Jon, you can't, huh? At a time when the ARRL wanted to save CW
testing, I could imagine the use of upping the numbers. Just my
opinion.

Brian

2528. Re: With CW gone, can the CW allocations be far behind?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-24 20:12:00 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307240434.42e1523@posting.google.com>
Source record: 72363

Jon Bloom <jbloom@arrl.org> wrote in message
news:<pan.2003.07.24.00.54.54.631391.14546@arrl.org>...
> On Wed, 23 Jul 2003 14:11:25 -0400, Brian wrote:
>
> > Jon Bloom <jbloom@arrl.org> wrote in message
> > news:<pan.2003.07.23.12.28.02.335300.22713@arrl.org>...
> >
> >> But as you point out, nobody really knows what "operate" means in this
> >> case. For example, if a person's entire use of Morse code is to copy
> >> repeater IDs, which they do by laboriously copying down the dots and
> >> dashes and then looking up the letters in a table, is that "operation"
> >> of Morse? The survey doesn't say.
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> result would obtain from such speculations.
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> Jon

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testing, I could imagine the use of upping the numbers. Just my
opinion.

Brian

2529. Re: ARS License Numbers

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-24 20:29:05 UTC
From: Dave Heil <k8mn@earthlink.net>
Message-ID: <3F204210.6EC7F4D@earthlink.net>
Source record: 72367

Vshah101 wrote:
>
> From: Dave Heil k8mn
>
> >> When I asked different
> >> people about their setup, he seemed busy and not wanting to talk about it.
> >If
> >> it was me, I would happily explain what I made, brag about it, show
> >interested
> >> people schematics, share technical info, etc.
> >>
> >The more you go on with these tales, the more I suspect that you
> >fabricate portions so as to promote your agenda.
>
> Please tell me how what I said was fabricated. What would they have said
> instead?

I suppose you mean, "How could I have fabricated portions to further my
hidden agenda?" The answer would be: by stretching the truth so as to
make it seem that no radio amateur at any gathering is interested in
talking to you. If, however, your statements are true, you seem to have
a god-given gift for honking people off. In all of your tales, no one
seems to want to have a thing to do with you. That leads me to believe
that you are the problem.

> Are you saying they were enthiusiastic about explaining their setup,
> and I said the reverse?

No.

>
> >> Sure, I have not taken a poll.
> >>
> >Then you have no factual evidence.
>
> I have seen it first hand.

So you say. Either things aren't as you say or your presence brings out
the worst in people.

> Where it the alternate reality? If its not too far
> from me (so I can get there), then tell me about it. Please provide an > example.

There may not be an "alternate reality" for you, Vipul. You seem to
have your personal black could following wherever you go.

Dave K8MN

2530. Re: UK to abolish code test on Friday

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-24 20:35:30 UTC
From: Dave Heil <k8mn@earthlink.net>
Message-ID: <3F2043B6.C561C40D@earthlink.net>
Source record: 72370

Vshah101 wrote:
>
> Subject: UK to abolish code test on Friday
>
> All these new threads on Morse code. They should be under a few topics, not a
> seperate topic on any new Morse code news.
>
> Its fragmenting the newsgroup, making it very hard to read.

You're still having a problem with hams not doing what you think they
should be doing. If you don't like an existing thread, don't read it.
Feel happy to start your own.

Dave K8MN

2531. Re: Challenge to Kim

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-24 20:37:30 UTC
From: k4yz@aol.com
Message-ID: <5c01b95b.0307240502.558d5b18@posting.google.com>
Source record: 72368

vshah101@aol.com (Vshah101) wrote in message
news:<20030724003425.18070.00000469@mb-m17.aol.com>...

> I just found some long time ago report I wrote on essential education.(It was
> long before I got an amateur radio licence or knew that there was such a
> thing). Surprising, among other things, I wrote that I wanted to learn Morse
> code. Never was obcessed about it. In fact, I forgot I even wrote that. At that
> time, I just believed that its something one should learn.
>
> I no longer believe that.

What in the Blue Blazes did THAT have to do with Larry's
challenge to Kim on a PSK31 schedule, Vippy?

Steve, K4YZ

2532. Re: Challenge to Kim

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-24 20:37:53 UTC
From: k4yz@aol.com
Message-ID: <5c01b95b.0307240502.5b4d1b59@posting.google.com>
Source record: 72369

vshah101@aol.com (Vshah101) wrote in message
news:<20030724003425.18070.00000469@mb-m17.aol.com>...

> I just found some long time ago report I wrote on essential education.(It was
> long before I got an amateur radio licence or knew that there was such a
> thing). Surprising, among other things, I wrote that I wanted to learn Morse
> code. Never was obcessed about it. In fact, I forgot I even wrote that. At that
> time, I just believed that its something one should learn.
>
> I no longer believe that.

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challenge to Kim on a PSK31 schedule, Vippy?

Steve, K4YZ

2533. Re: Challenge to Kim

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-24 20:38:07 UTC
From: k4yz@aol.com
Message-ID: <5c01b95b.0307240502.7b9779d1@posting.google.com>
Source record: 72371

vshah101@aol.com (Vshah101) wrote in message
news:<20030724003425.18070.00000469@mb-m17.aol.com>...

> I just found some long time ago report I wrote on essential education.(It was
> long before I got an amateur radio licence or knew that there was such a
> thing). Surprising, among other things, I wrote that I wanted to learn Morse
> code. Never was obcessed about it. In fact, I forgot I even wrote that. At that
> time, I just believed that its something one should learn.
>
> I no longer believe that.

What in the Blue Blazes did THAT have to do with Larry's
challenge to Kim on a PSK31 schedule, Vippy?

Steve, K4YZ

2534. Re: UK to abolish code test on Friday

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-24 20:40:44 UTC
From: k4yz@aol.com
Message-ID: <5c01b95b.0307240506.370ee361@posting.google.com>
Source record: 72372

vshah101@aol.com (Vshah101) wrote in message
news:<20030724001504.18070.00000468@mb-m17.aol.com>...
> Subject: UK to abolish code test on Friday
>
> All these new threads on Morse code. They should be under a few topics, not a
> seperate topic on any new Morse code news.
>
> Its fragmenting the newsgroup, making it very hard to read.

Perhaps it would be easier for you to take an English
Comprehension course, or even an ESL (English as a Second Language)
course, Vipul.

Once again you demonstrate your arrogance at suggesting that
everyone ELSE modify their conduct in order to accomodate YOUR
shortcomings.

Steve, K4YZ

2535. Re: Why don't Real Hams you face the facts?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-24 20:41:47 UTC
From: Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net>
Message-ID: <7lf0ivsf8dhl6cgkokr7a95bmgdktn1bbp@4ax.com>
Source record: 72373

On 24 Jul 2003 03:28:06 GMT, yodoc@aol.comnospam (Larry Roll K3LT)
wrote:

>Kim:
>
>Uh huh. I'm sure they do. And how are these people being killed? Who
>is killing them? And what are they being killed with?

Ummm...Colonel Mustard, in the library, with the candlestick?

>I'll save you the bother of responding. They are being killed by CRIMINALS
>using GUNS. Criminals will always have guns in this country, because
>criminals, by definition, are not constrained by the moral necessity to
>observe the law, including gun laws. Just ask any victim of gun crime in
>Great Britain, where the law-abiding citizens have no rights to keep and
>bear arms, and even sporting shotguns must be kept in gun club armories,
>instead of in the owner's home. Over there, violent criminals have no
>problem getting guns -- they're brought into the country by the SEALAND
>container load under the watchful eye of Customs officers who have nice
>fat pockets full of payoff money. They are quickly distributed throughout
>the criminal and terrorist underground at obscene profits, and end up in
>the hands of the same kinds of criminals that they've always ended up
>in. Even unarmed criminals are having a "field day" of their own. They can
>simply walk into the homes of innocent citizens, even in broad daylight,
>since they know with absolute certainty that they will not be faced with the
>barrel of a shotgun or a 9mm pistol, as they may have been years before.
>The net result is that British citizens are being robbed and killed by
>criminals with guns at a rate three times what it was before the country
>went to total civil disarmament. Crimes against property have risen to
>the point where it is now estimated that fully 50% of the British population
>has been or will be crime victims within their lifetimes.

This is exactly why NRA used to sell bumper stickers that said, "If
guns are outlawed, only outlaws will have guns."

>It is a proven fact that everywhere in the United States where "Shall Issue"
>Right-to-Carry concealed weapon laws exist, violent crime drops at a
>dramatic rate. Your own home state of Texas is one of the leading examples.
>It is also a proven fact that the only force that can stop a criminal with a
>gun is a law-abiding citizen with another gun. You see, the guns don't
>know who is using them -- they are inanimate objects which require a
>responsible human agency to utilize them for good or evil.

From a bumper sticker that I had on my Blazer before selling it: "No
gun pulls its own trigger."

>The best
>solution to the problem of violent gun crime is to ensure that the criminals
>have as much to fear from their victims as their victims have to fear from
>them.

Better yet, ensure that criminals have *more* to fear from their
victims than their victims have to fear from them:

Punk On Street: Hand over the wallet, buddy! (Sound of switchblade
knife opening and blade locking open)

Intended Victim: Not very bright, young man, bringing a knife to a
gunfight. (Sound of hammer being cocked on Smith & Wesson .357 Magnum
revolver...followed by sound of Punk On Street turning into an albino
with brown pants on and running away at Warp 9)

73 DE John, KC2HMZ
Criminals love gun control, it makes their jobs easier.

2536. Re: UK to abolish code test on Friday

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-24 20:53:07 UTC
From: Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93C2ABB47E0D7elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>
Source record: 72374

tbonet@fzap.net (Tom Bonet) wrote in news:bfp0ts$852$1@fzap.net:

> On Thu, 24 Jul 2003 12:15:50 -0400, Bill Sohl <billsohl@mindspring.com>
> wrote:
>>
>> So the Brits have to honour of being the first to actually scrap Morse
>> testing (the Swiss have been granted "provision" access)
>>
>
> Bwa HAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHA!!! The Morse code whiners will have to go
> sit in a corner somewhere and mumble things about "real hams" while
> the rest of us show up on "their" frequencies. I can't wait to
> operate USB on 3.510 MHz.
>
> The hazing ritual has been eliminated in the UK and soon the US will
> follow suit. Bye bye CW elitists!

The IARU bandplan recommends that you stay above 3.630, however, and in the US we can't go below 3.750. I will glad to work you on a suitable frequency.

2537. Re: Hey CBers Help Get rid of Morse Code Test and Requirement

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-24 20:53:15 UTC
From: Scott Unit 69 <scott_unit_69@yahoo.moc>
Message-ID: <3F20473B.1CF7F5EB@yahoo.moc>
Source record: 72375
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.policy

tnom@mucks.net wrote:
>
> >A troll is one who asks others to do something wrong. In this case, it is use of
> >10 meters without the proper class of license.
>
> Could you please quote the part about people using 10 meters
> illegally????????????

If it wasn't someone using the name "Keith", someone also posting from
newsguy was suggesting the use of 10 meters by techs in protest.

Now you're gonna' tell me it's not the same guy, just because you're you.
You may drag Frank into a pissing contest, but I see right through your BS.

Are you related to stewart (horseshoe7)?

I can smell a troll a dialup away...

Subject: ATTN: Tech Licensee USA Morse Code Freedom Day is August 1st
Date: Thu, 24 Jul 2003 01:54:43 -0700
From: morse@code.is.dead
Organization: http://extra.newsguy.com
Newsgroups: rec.radio.amateur.policy, rec.radio.cb

Let the FCC know that they can no longer keep you from your right to use the
ten meter band allocation if you are a technician licensee. The international
requirement for morse code has been removed and there is no such thing as a
technician plus license.
You don't have to use your identity, but no code technicians need to finally
speak out to the FCC they will no longer be oppressed by rules designed for the
stone age of electronic technology.
Get on the air at 6pm local time on August 1st or if the band is open any time
to make contacts in the 28.300-28.500 MHz that is allocated to technicians for
voice. Or if you have a computer you can use the allocated technician CW bands
to send and receive morse code.
Currently the FCC and ARRL want to drag this morse code requirement out for
one or two years while they put BPL and other technology on the fast track. I
will be on the air and I hope 10,000 or more no code technicians will join me.
I guess Hollingsworth will have to require 10,000 people to turn in their CW
proficiency certificate if YOU will join us.
The morse code game is over and I'm not driving 55 when the speed limit is
really 70 mph and the government hasn't changed the signs yet. Just go by the
limitation of your technician license and don't go overboard, we want to show
that just because we didn't pass some dinosaur morse code test that we are bad
operators.

Get on 28.306 USB at 6 PM local time to talk with other no code tech's that are protesting the FCC and ARRL stupidity.

2538. Re: Ham Radio In The Post-Code Testing Era

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-24 21:02:33 UTC
From: N2EY@AOL.COM
Message-ID: <c2356669.0307241302.41dbc327@posting.google.com>
Source record: 72376

"Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net> wrote in message
news:<BkETa.12335$Vx2.5995085@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com>...
> "N2EY" <N2EY@AOL.COM> wrote in message
> news:c2356669.0307230349.6c285471@posting.google.com...
> > "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net> wrote in message
> news:<sviTa.11952$Vx2.5812057@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com>...
> > > For example, I hate
> > > tomatoes, cheeses, and garlic.
> >
> > But you tried those things before you decided you hated them, right?
>
> Based on my many postings, you should be able to deduce that I would not
> have formed the opinion without trying them.

I did, Dee - 'twas a rhetorical question.

> However I will formally
> confirm that I did taste them and my dislike is based on actual experience.

'zactly.

> > > Yet I could not predetermine what pizza
> > > tasted like. I had to try it. And you know what, I love pizza.

> > With anchovies?

> Tried anchovies but they go in the do not repeat category. However bacon,
> sausage, pepperoni, etc are all nice.

I can load one up so you can't see the crust. mmmmmmmmmm...bacon...I
gotta try bacon....
>
> > > > Note that it is not my intention to equate CW skills with animal dung,
> > > > the skill remains a useful one to have and I don't begrudge those who
> > > > enjoy CW their pleasure at using the mode - not for a single minute.
> > >
> > > Yes it was and yes you do or you would not have used the dung
> comparison.
> >
> > There's the Utah Phillips story about the moose....

And the pie...
> > >
> > > > I'm merely pointing out that expertise at a particular activity is not
> > > > a prerequisite for deciding whether or not one wishes to pursue said
> > > > activity. Do I need to be able to deadlift 600 pounds in order to
> > > > decide I don't wish to be an olympic weightlifter? Nope. Can I

> > > > currently deadlift 600 pounds? Nope. Does that render my decision to
> > > > not try to deadlift 600 pounds invalid? Nope.
> >
> > Which boils down to "I don't think I will like that".
> > >
> > > CW skills are more like music. You have to acquire a BASIC level of
> skill
> > > to determine if you will like it. Almost every adult that I know wishes
> > > they had learned to play an instrument and wishes their parents had made
> > > them take lessons.
> >
> > I wish I'd had the opportunity, anyway.
> >
> > Simple question: Have you ever thought you wouldn't like something,
> > tried it anyway, and decided you really liked it? Example: ever get
> > dragged to a movie you thought you wouldn't like and wound up liking
> > it so much that you bought the tape/DVD?

> If everyone in here was honest about past experiences, they would admit to
> trying something they believed they would dislike (generally under pressure
> of some type) yet ending up feeling quite the opposite.

You got that right, Dee.

Also, there's the effect of being exposed to something the wrong way.
Example: Old friend of mine got a new boyfriend who simply loved
calves' liver. She hated the stuff. I said "problem is, you've never
had it cooked the right way". So I made them both some of my special
recipe sauteed liver/bacon/onions combo. She was converted. They got
married. Ah, romance. Call me Cupid with a fryin' pan.

73 de Jim, N2EY

2539. Re: CW Gone ?? It Ain't Over Til It Is Over!

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-24 21:03:15 UTC
From: kelly@dvol.com
Message-ID: <d22b54c3.0307241303.17b7fab0@posting.google.com>
Source record: 72377

Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote in message
news:<Xns93C26B046E8A4elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>...
> "Elmer E Ing" <Elmer E Ing@tutor.org> wrote in
> news:XIRTa.11189$ff.4959@fed1read01:
>
> > Better read URL:
> > http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2003/07/22/1/?nc=1
> >
> >
> >
>
> I have read it now. IME, it is more typical for the rule making process to
> take about a year. I guess the two year figure in this NG comes
> specifically from this article. Whilst I think that two years is a worst
> case scenario, one other useful piece of info does come out from the
> article, i.e. that ratification is not required before the FCC can act
> (although I'm not sure why not).
>
> My XYL (a no-coder) has asked me to draft a petition to the FCC. Since it
> looks like others may be waiting unnecesaarily for ratification, I guess I
> should get to work on it. Does anyone here have any sensible advice on how
> to draft an FCC petition? I'm sure there are people here who have filed
> one before.

I strongly suggest you wait until the NPRM is published then add your
comments to the din which is a much simpler proposition. There won't
be any shortage of petitions for the NPRM, believe me.

w3rv

2540. Re: Ham Radio In The Post-Code Testing Era

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-24 21:03:43 UTC
From: kelly@dvol.com
Message-ID: <d22b54c3.0307240534.30638fce@posting.google.com>
Source record: 72378

"Ryan, KC8PMX" <kc8pmx@diamondcs.net> wrote in message
news:<bf42ij$991is$7@ID-189073.news.uni-berlin.de>...
> I would have to agree with that statement in its basic form.
>
> I would also add and feel pretty safe in saying that some of those people
> that were required to learn the code, some may have learned it as a
> requirement for the license set forth and might care for it, and some might
> have turned out loving it like yourself.

See below.

> --
> Ryan, KC8PMX
> FF1-FF2-MFR-(pending NREMT-B!)
> --. --- -.. ... .- -. --. . .-.. ... .- .-. . ..-. .. .-. . ..-.
> .. --. .... - . .-. ...
> >
> > I think I'm pretty safe in saying that it was the code testing requirement
> > that caused hams to learn the code -- not any innate love or appreciation
> > for the mode.

I don't particularly agree with any of this. While learning Morse
certainly was a requirement for getting a license back when I got into
the game it was also quite obvious that what mattered far more than
any issues surrounding the code tests were the innate characteristics
of ham Morse as they relate to the raw effectiveness of the mode vs.
any other modes. Bang for the buck on gear per watt per lousy antenna
per parts count per potential number of DXCC countries countries
confirmed. In other words FCC test requirements completely aside I
learned Morse because it's the best tool on the shelf for what I
wanted out of ham radio going into the hobby a half century ago.

In the following half century stuffed with massive technological
upheavals and advances the stuff is *still* the best tool on my shelf,
NOTHING has changed. Again, the tests completely aside. I don't "love"
Morse, that's a ridiculous concept. I don't go ga-ga over any of the
rest of my tools either. Screwdrivers is screwdrivers and Morse is
just another one.

> >
> > 73 de Larry, K3LT
> >

w3rv

2541. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-24 21:17:23 UTC
From: Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93C2AFD1E3605elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>
Source record: 72379

<SNIP>
>
>>Consider also that not all contests involve the WARC bands, further
>>shifting things.
>
> I'm no expert on contesting, but I hear very little contest activity
> on the WARC bands - at least on 12m and 17m anyway. Haven't spent much
> time listening to 30m except to listen for signals for the purpose of
> gauging band conditions.
>

Contests don't normally allow WARC band operation

>>CW ops do not have the bottom part of ANY HF band to themselves. We
>>have to deal with digital ops and an ever-increasing number of foreign
>>'phones.
>
> Quite correct, of course, and although it slipped my mind when I was
> posting the comments, I am aware of that - at least with respect to
> the digital signals anyway. I must admit that I hadn't considered the
> fact that there are many foreign phone ops down there who aren't
> subject to the same farming of spectrum by mode that U.S. ops are.
> However, I'd expect the digital signals to cause more problems for CW
> ops, since filters can get rid of phone signals much more easily.
>
<SNIP>

You should not hear any phone below at least 1830, 3600, 7040 (7030 in region 3), 14100, 18110, 21150, 24930 or 28300, unless people are ignoring the bandplans, which aren't compulsory everywhere. These numbers are based on the _old_ IARU bandplans before the IARU reallocated the bottom ends of the phone subbands (and the top ends of the CW subbands) to data (actually just RTTY at the time). Some phone ops may go too far down in contests, but even some contests disallow phone contacts in the CW subbands. The perception here in the US is a little skewed because the US prohibits phone in parts of the phone subbands (not a typo, I meant exactly what I said).

2542. Re: With CW gone, can the CW allocations be far behind?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-24 21:17:58 UTC
From: Dan/W4NTI <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com>
Message-ID: <bfpidt$1qt$1@slb4.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 72380
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy

"I Zorg" <zorg@netkops.com> wrote in message
news:d22b54c3.0307231631.14b1fa50@netkops.com...
> On 23 Jul 2003 17:31:39 -0700, Brian Kelly <kelly@dvol.com> wrote:
> > "Dan/W4NTI" <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com> wrote in message
news:<bfk79q$v98$1@slb3.atl.mindspring.net>...
> > > Not a problem...let all the no code braindeads have phone. I'll just
run cw
> > > on top of them with my narrow filter.
> >
> > We already do that. They're never get it.
> > --------------------^^^^^^^
> > w3rv
>
> Can't you see this guy with a key? No wonder people on the other
> end never "get it." He can't even construct a meaningful sentence!
>
> And he's talking about jamming other operators to boot! Ain't CW
> operators a cut above the rest? (not)

Jamming? How can I be jamming if Im dead zero beat and you dont hear a
thing? IDIOT.

Dan/W4NTI

2543. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-24 21:25:36 UTC
From: Dan/W4NTI <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com>
Message-ID: <bfpis7$4m4$1@slb9.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 72381

"Mike Coslo" <mjc5@psu.edu> wrote in message
news:3F2028DB.2090506@psu.edu...
> Dee D. Flint wrote:
> > "N2EY" <n2ey@aol.com> wrote in message
> > news:20030723202202.02222.00000924@mb-m16.aol.com...
> >
> >>In article <3F1E02FD.2020905@adelphia.net>, Mike Coslo
> >
> > <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
> >
> >>writes:
> >>
> >>
> >>>I think things like that only help the case for CW. The newbies were
> >>>looking at that paddle on the bench, and you could see the gears
> >>
> > turning....
> >
> >>I've seen that happen time and again. The CW setups at Field Day get the
> >
> > most
> >
> >>attention from nonhams, for some reason.
> >>
> >>73 de Jim, N2EY
> >
> >
> > Simple, it's more "exotic" than voice or keyboard.
>
>
> When you watch a person using no apparent effort, save what looks like
> a nervous tremor in their hand, make a QSO - now that is pretty exotic!
>
> - Mike KB3EIA -
>

Doing CW at around 28 wpm is like talking to a Southerner. Layed back.

Dan/W4NTI

2544. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-24 21:26:59 UTC
From: Dan/W4NTI <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com>
Message-ID: <bfpiuq$v6a$1@slb2.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 72382

The night before fielday we all put on our batboy suits and captured them.
Fed the instant grits and forced them to enjoy.

Your in idiot "Vshah101"

Dan/W4NTI

"Vshah101" <vshah101@aol.com> wrote in message
news:20030723225859.18070.00000460@mb-m17.aol.com...
> From N2EY:
>
> >I've seen that happen time and again. The CW setups at Field Day get the
most
> >attention from nonhams, for some reason.
>
> How did non-Hams see any setup, not even a CW setup, at field day? Were
they
> invited or did they see the field day setup when they were driving by, and
> decided to stop by?
>
> Also, were they male or female, and about what ages were they? Were they
> anti-social?
>
> Did they just stop by, or stay a while?
>
> Please explain.
>
> ---
> At this year's Field Day, we had a (*rather un-attractive) female non-Ham
> visitor. (I don't know if she was invited). She was a reporter and claimed
to
> be asking questions for the local paper.
>
> No, I didn't stay there the whole time. Also, there was some extra food
left
> over, and I managed to take some with me.
> ---
> *Sorry I don't qualify for any sensitivity awards. I don't want to (be
> sensitive) and I don't need to.
>

2545. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-24 21:29:44 UTC
From: Dan/W4NTI <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com>
Message-ID: <bfpj3u$n1$1@slb0.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 72383

"Radio Amateur KC2HMZ" <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net> wrote in message
news:hsd0iv0cfsjjt2r3g0tfj7nrkdrrkt7k6v@4ax.com...
> On 24 Jul 2003 00:22:02 GMT, n2ey@aol.com (N2EY) wrote:
>
> >In article <3F1E02FD.2020905@adelphia.net>, Mike Coslo
<mcoslo@adelphia.net>
> >writes:
> >
> >>I think things like that only help the case for CW. The newbies were
> >>looking at that paddle on the bench, and you could see the gears
turning....
> >
> >I've seen that happen time and again. The CW setups at Field Day get the
most
> >attention from nonhams, for some reason.
>
> Wierdness always attracts attention. That's why at the circus, the
> line to get in and see the three-legged lady is longer than the line
> to get in and see the dancing girls.
>
> 73 DE John, KC2HMZ
>

I always prefered a good looking girl to a three legged freak myself.

Dan/W4NTI

2546. Re: Challenge to Kim

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-24 21:33:26 UTC
From: Dan/W4NTI <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com>
Message-ID: <bfpjas$c4i$1@slb2.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 72384

"Vshah101" <vshah101@aol.com> wrote in message
news:20030724003425.18070.00000469@mb-m17.aol.com...
> I just found some long time ago report I wrote on essential education.(It
was
> long before I got an amateur radio licence or knew that there was such a
> thing). Surprising, among other things, I wrote that I wanted to learn
Morse
> code. Never was obcessed about it. In fact, I forgot I even wrote that. At
that
> time, I just believed that its something one should learn.
>
> I no longer believe that.
>
>

I know how you feel. At one time I liked anyone with a ham license.

I no longer feel that way.

Dan/W4NTI

2547. Re: Contact the FCC and Tell Them to get rid of CW Test and Requirements

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-24 21:37:05 UTC
From: "Ro&#65533;ert G. Schaffrath" <rschaffrath@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <3F205185.4BB5@yahoo.com>
Source record: 72385

Keith wrote:
>
> As long as no code techs and others that are interested in HF ham radio
> operation do nothing the FCC and the ARRL will drag their feet to keep this
> dinosaur technology for the next year or so.
> Write the FCC and let them know this is not satisfactory. There are 200,000+
> hams that deserve immediate access to the HF bands today.
>
> To Contact the Commissioners via E-mail
> Chairman Michael K. Powell: mpowell@fcc.gov
> Commissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy: kabernat@fcc.gov
> Commissioner Michael J. Copps: mcopps@fcc.gov
> Commissioner Kevin J. Martin: kjmweb@fcc.gov
> Commissioner Jonathan S. Adelstein: jadelste@fcc.gov
>
> If you do nothing then nothing can change. The squeaky wheel gets the grease.
>
> http://groups.yahoo.com/group/CWProtest/
>
> --
> The Radio Page Ham, Police Scanner, Shortwave and more.
> http://www.kilowatt-radio.org/

Deserve?

2548. Re: Why don't Real Hams you face the facts?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-24 21:39:08 UTC
From: Dan/W4NTI <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com>
Message-ID: <bfpjlk$s5m$1@slb6.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 72386

"Radio Amateur KC2HMZ" <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net> wrote in message
news:7lf0ivsf8dhl6cgkokr7a95bmgdktn1bbp@4ax.com...
> On 24 Jul 2003 03:28:06 GMT, yodoc@aol.comnospam (Larry Roll K3LT)
> wrote:
>
> >Kim:
> >
> >Uh huh. I'm sure they do. And how are these people being killed? Who
> >is killing them? And what are they being killed with?
>
> Ummm...Colonel Mustard, in the library, with the candlestick?
>
> >I'll save you the bother of responding. They are being killed by
CRIMINALS
> >using GUNS. Criminals will always have guns in this country, because
> >criminals, by definition, are not constrained by the moral necessity to
> >observe the law, including gun laws. Just ask any victim of gun crime in
> >Great Britain, where the law-abiding citizens have no rights to keep and
> >bear arms, and even sporting shotguns must be kept in gun club armories,
> >instead of in the owner's home. Over there, violent criminals have no
> >problem getting guns -- they're brought into the country by the SEALAND
> >container load under the watchful eye of Customs officers who have nice
> >fat pockets full of payoff money. They are quickly distributed
throughout
> >the criminal and terrorist underground at obscene profits, and end up in
> >the hands of the same kinds of criminals that they've always ended up
> >in. Even unarmed criminals are having a "field day" of their own. They
can
> >simply walk into the homes of innocent citizens, even in broad daylight,
> >since they know with absolute certainty that they will not be faced with
the
> >barrel of a shotgun or a 9mm pistol, as they may have been years before.
> >The net result is that British citizens are being robbed and killed by
> >criminals with guns at a rate three times what it was before the country
> >went to total civil disarmament. Crimes against property have risen to
> >the point where it is now estimated that fully 50% of the British
population
> >has been or will be crime victims within their lifetimes.
>
> This is exactly why NRA used to sell bumper stickers that said, "If
> guns are outlawed, only outlaws will have guns."
>
> >It is a proven fact that everywhere in the United States where "Shall
Issue"

> >Right-to-Carry concealed weapon laws exist, violent crime drops at a
> >dramatic rate. Your own home state of Texas is one of the leading
examples.
> >It is also a proven fact that the only force that can stop a criminal
with a
> >gun is a law-abiding citizen with another gun. You see, the guns don't
> >know who is using them -- they are inanimate objects which require a
> >responsible human agency to utilize them for good or evil.
>
> From a bumper sticker that I had on my Blazer before selling it: "No
> gun pulls its own trigger."
>
> >The best
> >solution to the problem of violent gun crime is to ensure that the
criminals
> >have as much to fear from their victims as their victims have to fear
from
> >them.
>
> Better yet, ensure that criminals have *more* to fear from their
> victims than their victims have to fear from them:
>
> Punk On Street: Hand over the wallet, buddy! (Sound of switchblade
> knife opening and blade locking open)
>
> Intended Victim: Not very bright, young man, bringing a knife to a
> gunfight. (Sound of hammer being cocked on Smith & Wesson .357 Magnum
> revolver...followed by sound of Punk On Street turning into an albino
> with brown pants on and running away at Warp 9)
>
> 73 DE John, KC2HMZ
> Criminals love gun control, it makes their jobs easier.
>

First thing you said that makes sense John.

Dan/W4NTI

2549. Re: Interesting Article on ARRL Website

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-24 21:44:16 UTC
From: kelly@dvol.com
Message-ID: <d22b54c3.0307240606.4c28c8fb@posting.google.com>
Source record: 72387

"Bert Craig" <wa2si@arrl.netNOSPAM> wrote in message
news:<buFTa.104246$ye5.18720420@news4.srv.hcvlny.cv.net>...
> Found this on the ARRL site. Looks like I'll be writing a few ARRL
> officials.
>
> http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2003/07/22/1/?nc=1

The wheel goes 'round and 'round and 'round again . . Here comes the
next code test war . . I'll give it three years.

w3rv

2550. BPL pollution ☐ file reply comments by August 6

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-24 21:55:33 UTC
From: robkemp90210@hotmail.com
Message-ID: <6114e4af.0307240616.648f1f00@posting.google.com>
Source record: 72388
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.shortwave

BPL pollution ï¿½ please file reply comments by August 6 (the FCC site tends to go down close to deadlines so try and post in plenty of time).

The reply phase enables us to respond to the comments from the BPL lobbyists (not to make new comments).

Good reply comments examples are here;
http://svartifoss2.fcc.gov/prod/ecfs/retrieve.cgi?native_or_pdf=pdf&id_document=6514286932
http://svartifoss2.fcc.gov/prod/ecfs/retrieve.cgi?native_or_pdf=pdf&id_document=6514286161
http://svartifoss2.fcc.gov/prod/ecfs/retrieve.cgi?native_or_pdf=pdf&id_document=6514286102
http://gullfoss2.fcc.gov/prod/ecfs/retrieve.cgi?native_or_pdf=pdf&id_document=6514287007

The comments of the BPL lobbyists can be found here;
Cinergy
http://svartifoss2.fcc.gov/prod/ecfs/retrieve.cgi?native_or_pdf=pdf&id_document=6514284577

PPL Telecom
http://svartifoss2.fcc.gov/prod/ecfs/retrieve.cgi?native_or_pdf=pdf&id_document=6514284575

Current Technologies
http://svartifoss2.fcc.gov/prod/ecfs/retrieve.cgi?native_or_pdf=pdf&id_document=6514284570

Electric Broadband
http://svartifoss2.fcc.gov/prod/ecfs/retrieve.cgi?native_or_pdf=pdf&id_document=6514284566

United Power Line Council
http://svartifoss2.fcc.gov/prod/ecfs/retrieve.cgi?native_or_pdf=pdf&id_document=6514284754

Southern Linc
http://svartifoss2.fcc.gov/prod/ecfs/retrieve.cgi?native_or_pdf=pdf&id_document=6514284561

Amperion
http://svartifoss2.fcc.gov/prod/ecfs/retrieve.cgi?native_or_pdf=pdf&id_document=6514284558

xG Technology, LLC
http://svartifoss2.fcc.gov/prod/ecfs/retrieve.cgi?native_or_pdf=pdf&id_document=6514284528

Progress Energy, Inc
http://svartifoss2.fcc.gov/prod/ecfs/retrieve.cgi?native_or_pdf=pdf&id_document=6514284481

Power Line Communications Association
http://svartifoss2.fcc.gov/prod/ecfs/retrieve.cgi?native_or_pdf=pdf&id_document=6514284549

HomePlug Powerline Alliance
http://svartifoss2.fcc.gov/prod/ecfs/retrieve.cgi?native_or_pdf=pdf&id_document=6514284554

POWERWAN, INC
http://svartifoss2.fcc.gov/prod/ecfs/retrieve.cgi?native_or_pdf=pdf&id_document=6514284548

Ameren Energy Communications Inc
http://svartifoss2.fcc.gov/prod/ecfs/retrieve.cgi?native_or_pdf=pdf&id_document=6514284552
http://svartifoss2.fcc.gov/prod/ecfs/retrieve.cgi?native_or_pdf=pdf&id_document=6514284553

Ambient Corporation
http://svartifoss2.fcc.gov/prod/ecfs/retrieve.cgi?native_or_pdf=pdf&id_document=6514284539

Main.net Communications Ltd
http://svartifoss2.fcc.gov/prod/ecfs/retrieve.cgi?native_or_pdf=pdf&id_document=6514284546

HomePlug Powerline Alliance
http://svartifoss2.fcc.gov/prod/ecfs/retrieve.cgi?native_or_pdf=pdf&id_document=6514284554

Intellon Corporation
http://svartifoss2.fcc.gov/prod/ecfs/retrieve.cgi?native_or_pdf=pdf&id_document=6514284532

To file, go here;
http://gullfoss2.fcc.gov/prod/ecfs/upload_v2.cgi
"Proceeding" field, enter "03-104"
"Document Type" select "Reply to comments"

2551. Re: Contact the FCC and Tell Them to get rid of CW Test and Requirements

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-24 21:55:37 UTC
From: helmsman <helmsman@mindspring.com>
Message-ID: <rdl0ivkgh6ifk5drtri79o4fo07215bvv2@4ax.com>
Source record: 72389

On Thu, 24 Jul 2003 03:13:24 -0700, Keith
<kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net> wrote:

Go buy a CB!

>As long as no code techs and others that are interested in HF ham radio
>operation do nothing the FCC and the ARRL will drag their feet to keep this
>dinosaur technology for the next year or so.
>Write the FCC and let them know this is not satisfactory. There are 200,000+
>hams that deserve immediate access to the HF bands today.
>
>To Contact the Commissioners via E-mail
>Chairman Michael K. Powell: mpowell@fcc.gov
>Commissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy: kabernat@fcc.gov
>Commissioner Michael J. Copps: mcopps@fcc.gov
>Commissioner Kevin J. Martin: kjmweb@fcc.gov
>Commissioner Jonathan S. Adelstein: jadelste@fcc.gov
>
> If you do nothing then nothing can change. The squeaky wheel gets the grease.
>
>http://groups.yahoo.com/group/CWProtest/

.
Boycott anything made in France & Germany & vacation somewhere else.

2552. Re: CW Gone ?? It Ain't Over Til It Is Over!

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-24 22:03:01 UTC
From: Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93C2B78E0B2ECelektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>
Source record: 72390

kelly@dvol.com (Brian Kelly) wrote in
news:d22b54c3.0307241303.17b7fab0@posting.google.com:

> Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote in message
> news:<Xns93C26B046E8A4elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>...
>> "Elmer E Ing" <Elmer E Ing@tutor.org> wrote in
>> news:XIRTa.11189$ff.4959@fed1read01:
>>
>> > Better read URL:
>> > http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2003/07/22/1/?nc=1
>> >
>> >
>> >
>>
>> I have read it now. IME, it is more typical for the rule making
>> process to take about a year. I guess the two year figure in this NG
>> comes specifically from this article. Whilst I think that two years is
>> a worst case scenario, one other useful piece of info does come out
>> from the article, i.e. that ratification is not required before the
>> FCC can act (although I'm not sure why not).
>>
>> My XYL (a no-coder) has asked me to draft a petition to the FCC. Since
>> it looks like others may be waiting unnecesaarily for ratification, I
>> guess I should get to work on it. Does anyone here have any sensible
>> advice on how to draft an FCC petition? I'm sure there are people here
>> who have filed one before.
>
> I strongly suggest you wait until the NPRM is published then add your
> comments to the din which is a much simpler proposition. There won't
> be any shortage of petitions for the NPRM, believe me.
>
> w3rv
>

Too late, I've written it. All 22 pages of it. I would post it here, but
none of the rule changes are visible after you convert it to ASCII. I
could post a pdf version on the web if anyone is interested?

In a nutshell, it asks them to ditch Element 1 and give all Techs all the
novice subbands. I may as well go ahead and file it, now. The FCC want 5
copies, though, including the original. That's a lot of paper and ink!

2553. Re: CW sub-bands must disapear

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-24 22:13:00 UTC
From: Robert Casey <wa2ise@ix.netcom.com>
Message-ID: <3F2059EC.8050804@ix.netcom.com>
Source record: 72391

Dee D. Flint wrote:

>Ah but "imaginary" numbers are used to describe things that do exist (phase
>phenomena and such I believe). Since imaginary numbers describe real
>events, therefore "imaginary" numbers do exist and are thus real. In this
>case, "imaginary" is a misnomer.
>
>
You know, I hated the term "imaginary" for these numbers. To me
"imaginary" = "fake".
It's just another convention that is too deeply entrenched to ever fix.
Like current
being in the opposite direction of the way the electrons actually go.

2554. Re: Ham Radio In The Post-Code Testing Era

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-24 22:22:16 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030724182216.23307.00001618@mb-m29.aol.com>
Source record: 72393

In article <3F203600.9050905@psu.edu>, Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu> writes:

>Dee D. Flint wrote:
>
>> Tried anchovies but they go in the do not repeat category. However bacon,
>> sausage, pepperoni, etc are all nice.
>
>Feeling brave, Dee? Pizza with ham and pineapple. Sounds disgusting,
>tastes great!

I tried that combo once. Sounds disgusting, tastes disgusting. YMMV

73 de Jim, N2EY

2555. Re: Contact the FCC and Tell Them to get rid of CW Test and Requirements

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-24 22:22:17 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030724182217.23307.00001619@mb-m29.aol.com>
Source record: 72392

In article <xdQTa.1331$jW.736@fe01.atl2.webusenet.com>, "Roland Stiner" <nk2u@1stconnect.com> writes:

>The FCC is unresponsive to the public's wishes, they do what they want; look >at the recent decision to expand media ownership by one company!

Didn't the House overrule the FCC on that one a few days ago?

73 de Jim, N2EY

2556. Re: CW Gone ?? It Ain't Over Til It Is Over!

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-24 22:28:57 UTC
From: Scott Unit 69 <scott_unit_69@yahoo.moc>
Message-ID: <3F205DA9.CE777A92@yahoo.moc>
Source record: 72394

> Too late, I've written it. All 22 pages of it. I would post it here, but
> none of the rule changes are visible after you convert it to ASCII. I
> could post a pdf version on the web if anyone is interested?
>
> In a nutshell, it asks them to ditch Element 1 and give all Techs all the
> novice subbands. I may as well go ahead and file it, now. The FCC want 5
> copies, though, including the original. That's a lot of paper and ink!

Ink? You must have a stinkjet printer. I have a laser. Cleaner and clearer. <:

2557. Re: Why don't Real Hams you face the facts?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-24 22:33:37 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307241433.5eb3d95a@posting.google.com>
Source record: 72395

Dave Heil <k8mn@earthlink.net> wrote in message news:<3F1EF01D.FB058984@earthlink.net>...

> These diversions aside, what's your honest opinion of Kim's
> admission to deliberately taking to the airwaves as a bootlegger.

Operating illegally is wrong. I condemn her actions.

> You're often the individual who writes of a double standard here.

Yes, I am.

Are
> you operating under one of your own?

No.

2558. Re: BPL pollution ☐ file reply comments by August 6

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-24 22:34:52 UTC
From: Scott Unit 69 <scott_unit_69@yahoo.moc>
Message-ID: <3F205F0C.6D9FCF1B@yahoo.moc>
Source record: 72396
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.shortwave,rec.radio.cb

For anyone that wants to save their radio waves from an RF intrusion
of the greedy type, read on.

This is much more important then the CW issue.
This is a real problem in the making for ALL RADIO USERS!!!

Write your congressperson, write the chairman of the FCC, write letters
to the editors. Speak loudly. Speak often against BPL. Do not take this
issue lightly. Do not assume someone else will do it for you.

Our radio waves are in JEOPARDY!!!

Rob Kemp wrote:
>
> BPL pollution ï¿½ please file reply comments by August 6 (the FCC site
> tends to go down close to deadlines so try and post in plenty of
> time).
>
> The reply phase enables us to respond to the comments from the BPL
> lobbyists (not to make new comments).
>
> Good reply comments examples are here;
>
http://svartifoss2.fcc.gov/prod/ecfs/retrieve.cgi?native_or_pdf=pdf&id_document=6514286932
>
http://svartifoss2.fcc.gov/prod/ecfs/retrieve.cgi?native_or_pdf=pdf&id_document=6514286161
>
http://svartifoss2.fcc.gov/prod/ecfs/retrieve.cgi?native_or_pdf=pdf&id_document=6514286102
> http://gullfoss2.fcc.gov/prod/ecfs/retrieve.cgi?native_or_pdf=pdf&id_document=6514287007
>
> The comments of the BPL lobbyists can be found here;
> Cinergy
>
http://svartifoss2.fcc.gov/prod/ecfs/retrieve.cgi?native_or_pdf=pdf&id_document=6514284577
>
> PPL Telecom
>
http://svartifoss2.fcc.gov/prod/ecfs/retrieve.cgi?native_or_pdf=pdf&id_document=6514284575
>
> Current Technologies
>
http://svartifoss2.fcc.gov/prod/ecfs/retrieve.cgi?native_or_pdf=pdf&id_document=6514284570
>
> Electric Broadband

>
http://svartifoss2.fcc.gov/prod/ecfs/retrieve.cgi?native_or_pdf=pdf&id_document=6514284566
>
> United Power Line Council
>
http://svartifoss2.fcc.gov/prod/ecfs/retrieve.cgi?native_or_pdf=pdf&id_document=6514284754
>
> Southern Linc
>
http://svartifoss2.fcc.gov/prod/ecfs/retrieve.cgi?native_or_pdf=pdf&id_document=6514284561
>
> Amperion
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http://svartifoss2.fcc.gov/prod/ecfs/retrieve.cgi?native_or_pdf=pdf&id_document=6514284558
>
> xG Technology, LLC
>
http://svartifoss2.fcc.gov/prod/ecfs/retrieve.cgi?native_or_pdf=pdf&id_document=6514284528
>
> Progress Energy, Inc
>
http://svartifoss2.fcc.gov/prod/ecfs/retrieve.cgi?native_or_pdf=pdf&id_document=6514284481
>
> Power Line Communications Association
>
http://svartifoss2.fcc.gov/prod/ecfs/retrieve.cgi?native_or_pdf=pdf&id_document=6514284549
>
> HomePlug Powerline Alliance
>
http://svartifoss2.fcc.gov/prod/ecfs/retrieve.cgi?native_or_pdf=pdf&id_document=6514284554
>
> POWERWAN, INC
>
http://svartifoss2.fcc.gov/prod/ecfs/retrieve.cgi?native_or_pdf=pdf&id_document=6514284548
>
> Ameren Energy Communications Inc
>
http://svartifoss2.fcc.gov/prod/ecfs/retrieve.cgi?native_or_pdf=pdf&id_document=6514284552
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http://svartifoss2.fcc.gov/prod/ecfs/retrieve.cgi?native_or_pdf=pdf&id_document=6514284553
>
> Ambient Corporation
>
http://svartifoss2.fcc.gov/prod/ecfs/retrieve.cgi?native_or_pdf=pdf&id_document=6514284539
>
> Main.net Communications Ltd
>
http://svartifoss2.fcc.gov/prod/ecfs/retrieve.cgi?native_or_pdf=pdf&id_document=6514284546
>
> HomePlug Powerline Alliance

>
http://svartifoss2.fcc.gov/prod/ecfs/retrieve.cgi?native_or_pdf=pdf&id_document=6514284554
>
> Intellon Corporation
>
http://svartifoss2.fcc.gov/prod/ecfs/retrieve.cgi?native_or_pdf=pdf&id_document=6514284532
>
> To file, go here;
> http://gullfoss2.fcc.gov/prod/ecfs/upload_v2.cgi
> "Proceeding" field, enter "03-104"
> "Document Type" select "Reply to comments"

2559. Re: Why don't Real Hams you face the facts?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-24 22:35:41 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307241435.59ff88d9@posting.google.com>
Source record: 72397

An Metet <anmetet@liberty.gmsociety.org> wrote in message
news:<0bca5e1a0b80b193873d286c54abab0e@aonymous.poster>...
>
> Like you should've kept mum about your downloading...

Not cool.

2560. Re: Survey? Was: Re: With CW gone, can the CW allocations be far behind?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-24 22:35:46 UTC
From: "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net>
Message-ID: <6bZTa.12581$Vx2.6166676@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com>
Source record: 72398

"Ryan, KC8PMX" <kc8pmx@diamondcs.net> wrote in message
news:bfpetg$gqsk8$5@ID-189073.news.uni-berlin.de...
>> 14. The ARRL leadership should take the following role in the code
> > test issue:
>
> E. Stay the hell out of it until they truly represent all of the amateur
> radio community.

Right now they are the only organization who represents us at all. If you want to control their policies, become a member and climb the political structure.

Those who are not members of the ARRL have chosen to remain unrepresented since they have done nothing to form a lobyy to take the place of the ARRL.

Dee D. Flint, N8UZE

2561. Re: BPL pollution - file reply comments by August 6

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-24 22:38:12 UTC
From: Brenda Ann <brendad@shinbiro.com>
Message-ID: <bfpkv4srq1@news1.kornet.net>
Source record: 72399
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.shortwave,rec.radio.cb

"Scott Unit 69" <scott_unit_69@yahoo.moc> wrote in message
news:3F205F0C.6D9FCF1B@yahoo.moc...
> For anyone that wants to save their radio waves from an RF intrusion
> of the greedy type, read on.
>
> This is much more important then the CW issue.
> This is a real problem in the making for ALL RADIO USERS!!!

Talk about irony... if BPL goes through, there's a good chance that only CW
will be able to punch through it... : |

2562. Re: Ham Radio In The Post-Code Testing Era

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-24 22:44:31 UTC
From: "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net>
Message-ID: <jjZTa.12583$Vx2.6168402@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com>
Source record: 72400

"K3UD" <K3UD@charter.net> wrote in message
news:240720031016245730%K3UD@charter.net...
> In article <20030713024811.23406.00000818@mb-m27.aol.com>, Larry Roll
> K3LT <yodoc@aol.comnospam> wrote:
>
> There is a least one person posting some astounding numbers based on
> the FCC database on the QRZ.com forums which purport to show that 97%
> of no code techs are dropping out after the term of the license
> expires. Of course there is only about 6 months of FCC data being used
> as a baseline due to the grace periods.
>
> Perhaps the no code requirement for HF (if adopted by the FCC) will
> keep more of the technician class in the ARS than the numbers predict.
>

Doubtful. Keep in mind that a large percentage of no-code techs (and other license classes for that matter) are inactive and will not get the word. It's been awhile since the requirement was dropped to 5wpm and there has been no noticeable surge of pre-1987 Techs getting the paper upgrade to General and no surge of Tech plusses taking the General written. All of these people should have gotten their upgrades by now and haven't. There's plenty of hams don't even know about it.

Dee D. Flint, N8UZE

2563. Re: Contact the FCC and Tell Them to get rid of CW Test and Requirements

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-24 22:45:07 UTC
From: Walt Bertram <wbertram@optonline.net>
Message-ID: <3F20617C.AA6CF78D@optonline.net>
Source record: 72401

You "deserve" nothing! You wanna be on HF? Study the code.

And, for the record, I was never able to pass the code test. So, I
never got a ham ticket.

Keith wrote:
>
> As long as no code techs and others that are interested in HF ham radio
> operation do nothing the FCC and the ARRL will drag their feet to keep this
> dinosaur technology for the next year or so.
> Write the FCC and let them know this is not satisfactory. There are 200,000+
> hams that deserve immediate access to the HF bands today.
>
> To Contact the Commissioners via E-mail
> Chairman Michael K. Powell: mpowell@fcc.gov
> Commissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy: kabernat@fcc.gov
> Commissioner Michael J. Copps: mcopps@fcc.gov
> Commissioner Kevin J. Martin: kjmweb@fcc.gov
> Commissioner Jonathan S. Adelstein: jadelste@fcc.gov
>
> If you do nothing then nothing can change. The squeaky wheel gets the grease.
>
> http://groups.yahoo.com/group/CWProtest/
>
> --
> The Radio Page Ham, Police Scanner, Shortwave and more.
> http://www.kilowatt-radio.org/

2564. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-24 22:49:51 UTC
From: "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net>
Message-ID: <joZTa.12585$Vx2.6169416@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com>
Source record: 72402

"Mike Coslo" <mjc5@psu.edu> wrote in message
news:3F202853.4020004@psu.edu...
> There is something magical about watching the exchanges. I'll never be
> good at it, but I love watching the fast guys n' gals work.
>
> - Mike KB3EIA -
>

One can always improve their own abilities however even if you never get to be a super star. So jump on in, the water's fine even if you have to swim slow.

Dee D. Flint, N8UZE (not yet fast on CW but striving to be)

2565. Re: UK to abolish code test on Friday

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-24 22:53:18 UTC
From: "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net>
Message-ID: <yrZTa.12586$Vx2.6169471@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com>
Source record: 72403

"Tom Bonet" <tbonet@fzap.net> wrote in message news:bfp0ts$852$1@fzap.net...
> On Thu, 24 Jul 2003 12:15:50 -0400, Bill Sohl <billsohl@mindspring.com>
wrote:
> >
> > So the Brits have to honour of being the first to actually scrap Morse
> > testing (the Swiss have been granted "provision" access)
> >
>
> Bwa HAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHA!!! The Morse code whiners will have to go
> sit in a corner somewhere and mumble things about "real hams" while
> the rest of us show up on "their" frequencies. I can't wait to
> operate USB on 3.510 MHz.
>
> The hazing ritual has been eliminated in the UK and soon the US will
> follow suit. Bye bye CW elitists!

Even though most European nations don't have mandated subbands like the US,
it is still considered poor operating practice to disregard the voluntary
band plans. So please operate voice on the higher end of the band and use
the standard LSB that is the accepted norm.

Dee D. Flint, N8UZE

2566. Re: BPL pollution - file reply comments by August 6

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-24 22:54:22 UTC
From: Scott Unit 69 <scott_unit_69@yahoo.moc>
Message-ID: <3F20639E.610EFE55@yahoo.moc>
Source record: 72404
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.shortwave,rec.radio.cb

> > For anyone that wants to save their radio waves from an RF intrusion
> > of the greedy type, read on.
> >
> > This is much more important then the CW issue.
> > This is a real problem in the making for ALL RADIO USERS!!!
>
> Talk about irony... if BPL goes through, there's a good chance that only CW
> will be able to punch through it... : |

Just make sure to key your elements on their carrier frequencies.

2567. Re: Ham Radio In The Post-Code Testing Era

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-24 22:54:40 UTC
From: "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net>
Message-ID: <QsZTa.12587$Vx2.6170130@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com>
Source record: 72405

"Mike Coslo" <mjc5@psu.edu> wrote in message
news:3F203600.9050905@psu.edu...
> Dee D. Flint wrote:
>
> > Tried anchovies but they go in the do not repeat category. However
bacon,
> > sausage, pepperoni, etc are all nice.
>
>
> Feeling brave, Dee? Pizza with ham and pineapple. Sounds disgusting,
> tastes great!

Tried that too. Ham was fine but somehow the blend of pineapple with pizza
sauce doesn't please my palette.

Dee D. Flint, N8UZE

2568. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-24 23:00:17 UTC
From: "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net>
Message-ID: <5yZTa.12589$Vx2.6171131@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com>
Source record: 72406

"Radio Amateur KC2HMZ" <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net> wrote in message
news:29a0ivg9fob1c2r9djam6jgcjhtn3d0q9v@4ax.com...
>
> I'm no expert on contesting, but I hear very little contest activity
> on the WARC bands - at least on 12m and 17m anyway. Haven't spent much
> time listening to 30m except to listen for signals for the purpose of
> gauging band conditions.
>

There is absolutely no contesting on the WARC bands. All contest organizers
and sponsors have chosen to honor the approach that these are to be kept
free of contesting. This is for at least two reasons. 1) Have an area
where non-contesters can operate without getting run over by those in a
contest. 2) The WARC bands are just too narrow to allow contesting.

Dee D. Flint, N8UZE

2569. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-24 23:06:01 UTC
From: k4yz@aol.com
Message-ID: <5c01b95b.0307241506.7ea68ad8@posting.google.com>
Source record: 72407

Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu> wrote in message news:<3F202A97.4060104@psu.edu>...

> Vshah101 wrote:
> > From N2EY:
> >
> >
> >>I've seen that happen time and again. The CW setups at Field Day get the most
> >>attention from nonhams, for some reason.
> >
> >
> > How did non-Hams see any setup, not even a CW setup, at field day? Were they
> > invited or did they see the field day setup when they were driving by, and
> > decided to stop by?
> >
> > Also, were they male or female, and about what ages were they? Were they
> > anti-social?
> >
> > Did they just stop by, or stay a while?
> >
> > Please explain.
> >
> > ---
> > At this year's Field Day, we had a (*rather un-attractive) female non-Ham
> > visitor.
>
> Shame on you. Where on earth do you get off saying something like that?
>
>
> > ---
> > *Sorry I don't qualify for any sensitivity awards.
>
>
> NO you don't.

Judging by his other comments on contesting-vs-competition I
doubt he could qualify for ANY kind of award.

I'll tell ya what, though...Vipul is making his own rants about
the general state of social interaction of Amatuers come true. If I
were a non-Amateur today and Vipul was my example of what constituted
an "average" Amateur, I'd stick with CB too!

And if I was female...?!?! saaaaaaaaaaaaaaa-LAP!

73

Steve, K4YZ

2570. Re: Tech Licensee USA Morse Code Freedom Day is August 1st

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-24 23:23:45 UTC
From: Jim Hampton <aa2qa@frontiernet.net>
Message-ID: <5UZTa.195$Wz6.190@news01.roc.ny>
Source record: 72408
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb

I believe that if a technician was licensed a long time ago, he would already be grandfathered to general. I also believe that the codeless techs and tech pluses are lacking one element of written exam to be grandfathered into a general class ticket, but I could well be wrong. Back in the late 60s I also managed a qso using land-line Morse. I doubt there are any CW programs for computers that would have much luck with that :)

73 from Rochester, NY
Jim AA2QA

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2571. Re: CWProtest Yahoo Group Hey Techs Lets Liberate Ham Radio

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-24 23:31:07 UTC
From: Jim Hampton <aa2qa@frontiernet.net>
Message-ID: <%_ZTa.197$8x6.117@news01.roc.ny>
Source record: 72409

Um, Keith, what about element 3? You are aware there is an additional written exam which will have to be taken - even with the elimination of code. Or do you believe that if you can spell your name correctly and put your address (also correctly) on the application, that is a difficult enough test?

73 from Rochester, NY
Jim AA2QA

"Keith" <kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net> wrote in message news:bfoaaq0k3r@enews2.newsguy.com...
> Join up and let your voice be heard. There are 200,000+ amateur radio
> technicians that deserve the right to use the HF bands. Hams in Europe have
> already been allowed access to the HF bands and America should take the lead
> and let it's citizens enjoy HF amateur radio as soon as possible.
>
> http://groups.yahoo.com/group/CWProtest/
>
>
> --
> The Radio Page Ham, Police Scanner, Shortwave and more.
> http://www.kilowatt-radio.org/

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2572. Re: Contact the FCC and Tell Them to get rid of CW Test and Requirements

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-24 23:33:37 UTC
From: Jim Hampton <aa2qa@frontiernet.net>
Message-ID: <I1_Ta.198$8y6.183@news01.roc.ny>
Source record: 72410

Keith,

A tech will still have to pass the element 3 written in order to obtain the general. A modest try at a troll, no doubt.

73 from Rochester, NY
Jim AA2QA

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2573. Re: The "trained pool of operators" argument - debunked

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-24 23:42:21 UTC
From: Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
Message-ID: <cuvyxnansvbet.hijopi4.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 72411

On 23 Jul 2003 03:14:22 GMT, Larry Roll K3LT wrote:

>> It's working - quite well, than kew - in the San Francisco Bay Area
>> on the 2.4 GHz band. Sorry, there's no access point in Pennsylvania.
>
>Phil:
>
>I wouldn't know about Pennsylvania, but down here in a place that prides
>itself in the name "Lower, Slower Delaware," I'm sure that a high-speed
>digital infrastructure will be the last thing to come to the local amateur
>radio scene.

That's a people lethargy problem, not an equipment/technology
availability problem.

The easy-cheapie way is to use commercial 802.11b Wi-Fi gear - one
of the channels is smack in the amateur band where we have priority
over the non-licensed Part 15 users.

The guys in Silicon Valley cobbled up 2.4 gig high-gain amplifiers
and antennas (which are unlawful for non-licensed Wi-Fi use) and as
long as they ID with their call signs and the content conforms to
that allowable in the amateur service, such operation is perfectly
legal.

That'e almost as good as my susceptability analysis that I did for
the Wireless Communications Alliance that a 1.5 KW transmitter in
the non-licensed "shared" band would front-end-overload the
non-licensed stuff in spite of the spread-spectrum ":protection"
built into the coding. All the hams at that meeting nodded their
head in assent, while the non-hams didn't have a clue.

Go for it.....

--
73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane

From a Clearing in the Silicon Forest
Beaverton (Washington County) Oregon

2574. Re: BPL pollution - file reply comments by August 6

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-24 23:57:31 UTC
From: Dan/W4NTI <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com>
Message-ID: <bfprp0gjp1@slb2.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 72412
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.shortwave,rec.radio.cb

"Scott Unit 69" <scott_unit_69@yahoo.moc> wrote in message
news:3F20639E.610EFE55@yahoo.moc...
> > > For anyone that wants to save their radio waves from an RF intrusion
> > > of the greedy type, read on.
> > >
> > > This is much more important then the CW issue.
> > > This is a real problem in the making for ALL RADIO USERS!!!
> >
> > Talk about irony... if BPL goes through, there's a good chance that only
CW
> > will be able to punch through it... : |
>
>
> Just make sure to key your elements on their carrier frequencies.

That makes no sense at all... What is 'key your elements' ?

Do you mean to set your carrier frequency to the carrier frequencies of the
interfering BPL signal? If so say so.

Dan/W4NTI

2575. Re: Contact the FCC and Tell Them to get rid of CW Test and Requirements

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 00:00:39 UTC
From: Dan/W4NTI <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com>
Message-ID: <bfprutkib1@slb3.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 72413

"N2EY" <n2ey@aol.com> wrote in message
news:20030724182217.23307.00001619@mb-m29.aol.com...
> In article <xdQTa.1331$jW.736@fe01.atl2.webusenet.com>, "Roland Stiner"
> <nk2u@1stconnect.com> writes:
>
> >The FCC is unresponsive to the public's wishes, they do what they want;
look
> >at the recent decision to expand media ownership by one company!
>
> Didn't the House overrule the FCC on that one a few days ago?
>
> 73 de Jim, N2EY
>
>

As I understand it a committee of the House voted to overturn it. It would
then need to go to the Senate. And all that bs.

This may indeed be the ONLY route we have to take against the FCC concerning
BPL.

Dan/W4NTI

2576. Re: BPL pollution - file reply comments by August 6

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 00:05:50 UTC
From: Scott Unit 69 <scott_unit_69@yahoo.moc>
Message-ID: <3F20745E.43876A6@yahoo.moc>
Source record: 72414
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.shortwave,rec.radio.cb

> That makes no sense at all... What is 'key your elements' ?
>
> Do you mean to set your carrier frequency to the carrier frequencies of the
> interfering BPL signal? If so say so.

"elements" as in the individual di's and dah's the make up each character.

I've been looking at the .gif from Texas Star, and have already learned
to copy a few characters. The first one I learned is "3". All the calls
here have it. Also "k" and a few more in my call.

dah-di-dah dah-dah-di-dah?

I figured with my musical background, it would be easy. I just don't like
you guys trying to force feed it to us. It won't look good on your shoes. <:

http://www.texasstar.com/code.gif

2577. CORRECTION!!!

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 00:07:51 UTC
From: Scott Unit 69 <scott_unit_69@yahoo.moc>
Message-ID: <3F2074D7.37980608@yahoo.moc>
Source record: 72415
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.shortwave,rec.radio.cb

Scott Unit 69 wrote:
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> here have it. Also "k" and a few more in my call.
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Not K-Q...CQ...

dah-di-dah-di dah-dah-di-dah?

> I figured with my musical background, it would be easy. I just don't like
> you guys trying to force feed it to us. It won't look good on your shoes. <:
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2578. Re: With CW gone, can the CW allocations be far behind?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 00:09:27 UTC
From: Scott Unit 69 <scott_unit_69@yahoo.moc>
Message-ID: <3F207537.E86E428E@yahoo.moc>
Source record: 72416
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy

> Man, it's a damned good thing that you CW operators will soon be put in your
> place by the FCC. Just nothing but a bunch of jammers. Pitiful lids. It's
> time you were put in your places.

They are only "jamming" for milliseconds. <:

2579. Re: With CW gone, can the CW allocations be far behind?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 00:13:07 UTC
From: Dan/W4NTI <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com>
Message-ID: <bfpsm8$j7k$1@slb6.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 72417
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy

"I Zorg" <zorg@netkops.com> wrote in message
news:bfpidt$1qt$1@netkops.com...
> On Thu, 24 Jul 2003 16:17:58 -0500, Dan/W4NTI <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com>
wrote:
> >
> > Jamming? How can I be jamming if Im dead zero beat and you dont hear a
> > thing? IDIOT.
>
> If you interefere with another licensed amateur's transmissions, you are
> an illegal jammer IDIOT!!!
>
> Zero beat or not (and I'll bet you aren't smart enough to really do that),
> any act of willful interference which causes receiver desensing or any
other
> kind of problem is AGAINST THE LAW.
>
> IDIOT!!
>
> Man, it's a damned good thing that you CW operators will soon be put in
your
> place by the FCC. Just nothing but a bunch of jammers. Pitiful lids.
It's
> time you were put in your places.

Nothing to worry about. You wont recognize cw if it bit you on the ass.
That is obvious from your stupid comments.

Oh and BTW...what makes you think because CW testing will be ended that CW
itself will be ended? You really are a stupid idiot ain't ya?

Dan/W4NTI

2580. Question for the No coders

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 00:14:51 UTC
From: Elmer E Ing <"Elmer E Ing"@tutor.org>
Message-ID: <vE_Ta.11268$ff.885@fed1read01>
Source record: 72418

How is that some folks can spend hours telling you why something can't be done and someone else can actually do it in a fraction of time that the dissenter took to tell you ---- can't can't can't?

Case in point -- using google and groups search --- some of the no-coders have posted hundreds and I mean hundreds -- nay thousands -- of no code posts.

I submit you could have learned the code in half the time it took to complain endlessly about the code.

Get a dose of old fashioned America CAN DO and stop making excuses.

362,073 + USA Amateurs have done it (not including tech pluses - have no figures on these) .

Take this test
1. CW is antiquated -- Yes __ No___
2. I don't want to learn anything I don't Like -- Yes__ No ___
3. I don't have time -- Yes __ No ___
4. It is too difficult -- Yes__ No __
5. Its all a case of dinosaurs trying to keep us out of Ham Radio Yes___ No ___
6. I'll never use CW -- Yes ___ No ___
7. It is just a dumb tradition -- Yes ___ No ___
8.It is a waste of time -- Yes No ___
9. Write In ______ Yes ___ No ___

Add up all your yes answers -- whether they are true or false -- THEY ARE ALL COPOUTS
They are excuses that keep you from achieving your goals.
Hope you don't do that with the rest of life's requirements.

The old Elmer

2581. Re: Contact the FCC and Tell Them to get rid of CW Test and Requirements

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 00:19:42 UTC
From: Scott Unit 69 <scott_unit_69@yahoo.moc>
Message-ID: <3F20779E.84973141@yahoo.moc>
Source record: 72419

> A tech will still have to pass the element 3 written in order to obtain the
> general. A modest try at a troll, no doubt.

Hell, element 3 was easy enough to pass without cracking a book.

Tonight, chapter 9 in the ARRL extra study book, antennas.

Hamfest this weekend. Not enough time to learn the rest of the CW
characters, but free VEC tests there. I only missed element 4 by
two answers, and I picked that info up in the first 2 chapters.

Some read the test questions and others just read the book, the hell
with the questions. Learning the answers doesn't help you in the
real world, learning the how and why helps you in much better ways.

http://www.bratsatv.org/hamfest.html
$6.00 entrance fee, + $10.00 for a tailgate space. Open 6AM, 7-27-03.

A few weeks later, is the CCARC tailgate fest on 8-10-03, if rain, 8-17-03.
$5.00 donation, buy, browse, sell, socialize. FOOD VENDORS THIS YEAR!
http://www.qis.net/~k3pzn/Tailgate.htm

Followed by their hamfest, 10-26-03.
http://www.qis.net/~k3pzn/mdhfest.htm

2582. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 00:22:14 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030724202214.15462.00001808@mb-m06.aol.com>
Source record: 72422

In article <20030723225859.18070.00000460@mb-m17.aol.com>, vshah101@aol.com (Vshah101) writes:

>From N2EY:
>
>>I've seen that happen time and again. The CW setups at Field Day get the
>>most attention from nonhams, for some reason.
>
>How did non-Hams see any setup, not even a CW setup, at field day? Were >they
>invited or did they see the field day setup when they were driving by, and
>decided to stop by?
>
The multi-club group I went with from 1996 to 2000 made it a point to set up in public parks so that the general public would be able to see them. It was also announced in local papers. I'd say that over the 24+ hours we typically had several dozen nonham visitors, at least.

>Also, were they male or female, and about what ages were they?

From babies to senior citizens and of all genders, races, nationalities, etc. A pretty even distribution.

>Were they anti-social?

No. Nor were the hams at the Field Day.
>
>Did they just stop by, or stay a while?

Both.
>
>Please explain.
>
Just did.
>---
>At this year's Field Day, we had a (*rather un-attractive) female non-Ham
>visitor. (I don't know if she was invited). She was a reporter and claimed to
>be asking questions for the local paper.

Publicity is a good thing.

Why does what she looked like matter?
>
>No, I didn't stay there the whole time. Also, there was some extra food left
>over, and I managed to take some with me.
>---
>*Sorry I don't qualify for any sensitivity awards. I don't want to (be
>sensitive) and I don't need to.

>
That's why nobody wants to act on your ideas.

2583. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 00:22:15 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030724202215.15462.00001809@mb-m06.aol.com>
Source record: 72421

In article <hsd0iv0cfsjjt2r3g0tfj7nrkdrrkt7k6v@4ax.com>, Radio Amateur KC2HMZ
<kc2hmz@aa-mail.net> writes:

>On 24 Jul 2003 00:22:02 GMT, n2ey@aol.com (N2EY) wrote:
>
>>In article <3F1E02FD.2020905@adelphia.net>, Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
>>writes:
>>
>>>I think things like that only help the case for CW. The newbies were
>>>looking at that paddle on the bench, and you could see the gears
>turning....
>>
>>I've seen that happen time and again. The CW setups at Field Day get the
>most
>>attention from nonhams, for some reason.
>
>Wierdness always attracts attention.

I prefer "exotic".

>That's why at the circus, the
>line to get in and see the three-legged lady is longer than the line
>to get in and see the dancing girls.
>
Not at the circuses I attend!

"Say.....I don't see no huley-huley girls....." - Foghorn Leghorn

The fact is that a good CW demo attracts and amazes people, particularly young folks. They've seen computers since they were born and talking into a radio is old hat too. Morse code is something completely unique and different.

73 de Jim, N2EY

2584. Re: Why don't Real Hams you face the facts?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 00:22:16 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030724202216.15462.00001810@mb-m06.aol.com>
Source record: 72420

In article <20030723232806.01315.00001111@mb-m18.aol.com>, yodoc@aol.comnospam (Larry Roll K3LT) writes:

>Kim:
>
>Uh huh. I'm sure they do. And how are these people being killed? Who
>is killing them? And what are they being killed with?

Bullets, mostly.

>I'll save you the bother of responding. They are being killed by CRIMINALS
>using GUNS. Criminals will always have guns in this country, because
>criminals, by definition, are not constrained by the moral necessity to
>observe the law, including gun laws. Just ask any victim of gun crime in
>Great Britain, where the law-abiding citizens have no rights to keep and
>bear arms, and even sporting shotguns must be kept in gun club armories,
>instead of in the owner's home. Over there, violent criminals have no
>problem getting guns -- they're brought into the country by the SEALAND
>container load under the watchful eye of Customs officers who have nice
>fat pockets full of payoff money. They are quickly distributed throughout
>the criminal and terrorist underground at obscene profits, and end up in
>the hands of the same kinds of criminals that they've always ended up
>in. Even unarmed criminals are having a "field day" of their own. They can
>simply walk into the homes of innocent citizens, even in broad daylight,
>since they know with absolute certainty that they will not be faced with the
>barrel of a shotgun or a 9mm pistol, as they may have been years before.
>The net result is that British citizens are being robbed and killed by
>criminals with guns at a rate three times what it was before the country
>went to total civil disarmament. Crimes against property have risen to
>the point where it is now estimated that fully 50% of the British population
>has been or will be crime victims within their lifetimes.

Can you point us to a source for that info, Larry?
>
>It is a proven fact that everywhere in the United States where "Shall Issue"
>Right-to-Carry concealed weapon laws exist, violent crime drops at a
>dramatic rate.

Surce, please?

> Your own home state of Texas is one of the leading examples.
>It is also a proven fact that the only force that can stop a criminal with a
>gun is a law-abiding citizen with another gun.

I assume you include law enforcement officers in that group.

>You see, the guns don't
>know who is using them -- they are inanimate objects which require a
>responsible human agency to utilize them for good or evil. The best
>solution to the problem of violent gun crime is to ensure that the criminals
>have as much to fear from their victims as their victims have to fear from
>them.

I disagree.

I think the best solution to the problem of violent gun crime is to ensure that the criminals have *MORE* to fear from their victims and the criminal justice system as their victims have to fear from them.

>>> BTW, If I were the owner of a convenience store, I'd have a special door
>>> chime that played a .WAV of a 12-ga. pump-action shotgun being racked
>>> every time someone came in after sundown.

>>And, you'd probably be local news.
>
>Yeah. The story would be about why my store is never robbed.

There is nothing so stupid that some criminal won't try it. Heck, there was at least one case where a couple of guys tried to hold up a gun shop. Owner was better armed and trained than they were. He's OK. They aren't.

Besides, total disarmament in this country would simply not work because millions of law-abiding citizens would simply hide their guns and ammo. Indeed, many non-gun-owners would go out and buy guns and ammo before any ban went into effect.

I still think the best arrangement would be to license gun owners, not their weapons. If someone is an adult, law abiding, responsible taxpaying citizen with a clean record, they should not have their rights infringed. OTOH, children, people with serious mental problems, and criminals should not be allowed to have any dangerous weapons. OF course the laws would have to be structured to put the burden on the govt. to show why someone should not get a license, not the other way around.

73 de Jim, N2EY

2585. Re: Question for the No coders

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 01:16:39 UTC
From: vshah101@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030724211639.14602.00000509@mb-m02.aol.com>
Source record: 72423

From: "Elmer E Ing" ElmerE Ing@tutor.org

>How is that some folks can spend hours telling you why something can't be
>done and someone else can actually do it in a fraction of time that the
>dissenter took to tell you ---- can't can't can't?

One reason is self-esteem. Some of the people in my local club said they didn't want to learn Morse code at first, then they learned it anyway. By the way, same persons in club that did that now claim to enjoy Morse code. People that don't want to learn the code have the self esteem not to be pressured into it.

Another reason is image. They don't want it shown that they put effort into a worthless (as perceived by non-Hams) pursuit.

Its also irrelavant.

Its also unfairly positioned in between the (technical) license classes. That equates code to technical ability.

2586. Re: ATTN: Tech Licensee USA Morse Code Freedom Day is August 1st

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 01:28:42 UTC
From: Merl Turkin <Terk@astroburp.net>
Message-ID: <CI%Ta.245$hn1.69966@news.uswest.net>
Source record: 72424
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb

On Thu, 24 Jul 2003 04:54:43 -0400, morse wrote:

> Let the FCC know that they can no longer keep you from your right to use
> the
> ten meter band allocation if you are a technician licensee. The
> international requirement for morse code has been removed and there is no
> such thing as a technician plus license.
> You don't have to use your identity, but no code technicians need to
> finally
> speak out to the FCC they will no longer be oppressed by rules designed
> for the stone age of electronic technology.
> Get on the air at 6pm local time on August 1st or if the band is open
> any time
> to make contacts in the 28.300-28.500 MHz that is allocated to
> technicians for voice. Or if you have a computer you can use the
> allocated technician CW bands to send and receive morse code.
> Currently the FCC and ARRL want to drag this morse code requirement out
> for
> one or two years while they put BPL and other technology on the fast
> track. I will be on the air and I hope 10,000 or more no code technicians
> will join me. I guess Hollingsworth will have to require 10,000 people to
> turn in their CW proficiency certificate if YOU will join us.
> The morse code game is over and I'm not driving 55 when the speed limit
> is
> really 70 mph and the government hasn't changed the signs yet. Just go by
> the limitation of your technician license and don't go overboard, we want
> to show that just because we didn't pass some dinosaur morse code test
> that we are bad operators.
> Get on 28.306 USB at 6 PM local time to talk with other no code tech's
> that
> are protesting the FCC and ARRL stupidity.

What's the matter, too lame to pass a 5 wpm code test? That's just sad...

2587. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 01:28:55 UTC
From: vshah101@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030724212855.14602.00000510@mb-m02.aol.com>
Source record: 72425

From: n2ey@aol.com (N2EY)

>I've seen that happen time and again. The CW setups at Field Day get the most
>attention from nonhams, for some reason.

As someone mentioned, its curiosity.
When people drove by the shack on a "DXpedition", traffic slowed down when they
say all those antennas around the shack.

2588. Re: BPL pollution - file reply comments by August 6

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 01:31:17 UTC
From: Hank Oredson <horedson@att.net>
Message-ID: <FL%Ta.71364$0v4.4760576@bgtnsc04-news.ops.worldnet.att.net>
Source record: 72426
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.shortwave,rec.radio.cb

<Moparholic@hotmailnospam.com> wrote in message
news:20030724190005.878$ri@newsreader.com...
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> > >
> > > Just make sure to key your elements on their carrier frequencies.
> > >
> > Just key the 30-L1.

Will a QRO HF2500DX work ok for this?

--

... Hank

Hank: http://horedson.home.att.net
W0RLI: http://w0rli.home.att.net

2589. Re: CW Gone ?? It Ain't Over Til It Is Over!

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 01:33:04 UTC
From: Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93C2DB2B88F8Delektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>
Source record: 72427

Scott Unit 69 <scott_unit_69@yahoo.moc> wrote in
news:3F205DA9.CE777A92@yahoo.moc:

>> Too late, I've written it. All 22 pages of it. I would post it here,
>> but none of the rule changes are visible after you convert it to
>> ASCII. I could post a pdf version on the web if anyone is interested?
>>
>> In a nutshell, it asks them to ditch Element 1 and give all Techs all
>> the novice subbands. I may as well go ahead and file it, now. The FCC
>> want 5 copies, though, including the original. That's a lot of paper
>> and ink!
>
>
> Ink? You must have a stinkjet printer. I have a laser. Cleaner and
> clearer. <:
>

Correct

2590. Re: Question for the No coders

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 01:34:33 UTC
From: Elmer E Ing <"Elmer E Ing"@tutor.org>
Message-ID: <JO%Ta.11275$ff.3569@fed1read01>
Source record: 72428

Hey thanks -- I'll add those to my tests for copouts

All in good fun

"Vshah101" <vshah101@aol.com> wrote in message
news:20030724211639.14602.00000509@mb-m02.aol.com...
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2591. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 01:35:17 UTC
From: vshah101@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030724213517.14602.00000511@mb-m02.aol.com>
Source record: 72429

From: "Dan/W4NTI"

>The night before fielday we all put on our batboy suits and captured them.
>Fed the instant grits and forced them to enjoy.

Hey, thats funny.

>Your in idiot "Vshah101"

That's not even a proper sentence. How can someone be "in" idiot.

2592. Re: UK to abolish code test on Friday

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 01:36:07 UTC
From: Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93C2DBAFC8EFEelektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>
Source record: 72430

"Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net> wrote in
news:yrZTa.12586$Vx2.6169471@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com:

>
> "Tom Bonet" <tbonet@fzap.net> wrote in message
> news:bfp0ts$852$1@fzap.net...
>> On Thu, 24 Jul 2003 12:15:50 -0400, Bill Sohl
>> <billsohl@mindspring.com> wrote:
>> >
>> > So the Brits have to honour of being the first to actually scrap
>> > Morse testing (the Swiss have been granted "provision" access)
>> >
>>
>> Bwa HAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHA!!! The Morse code whiners will have to go
>> sit in a corner somewhere and mumble things about "real hams" while
>> the rest of us show up on "their" frequencies. I can't wait to
>> operate USB on 3.510 MHz.
>>
>> The hazing ritual has been eliminated in the UK and soon the US will
>> follow suit. Bye bye CW elitists!
>
> Even though most European nations don't have mandated subbands like the
> US, it is still considered poor operating practice to disregard the
> voluntary band plans. So please operate voice on the higher end of the
> band and use the standard LSB that is the accepted norm.
>
> Dee D. Flint, N8UZE
>
>

I told him he should aim to stay above 3.630, although most over there
consider anything above 3.600 fair game as that used to be the extent of
the phone band before they created a data subband.

2593. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 01:45:55 UTC
From: vshah101@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030724214555.14602.00000513@mb-m02.aol.com>
Source record: 72431

From: n2ey@aol.com (N2EY)

>>Did they just stop by, or stay a while?
>
>Both.

Did any non-Hams stay on Fri, Sat night? I don't mean young children or senior citizens.

>Why does what she looked like matter?

Because a pretty female or someone with self esteem would not have been there. She could have asked the same questions Sat or Sun morning.

2594. Re: Ham Radio In The Post-Code Testing Era

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 01:47:55 UTC
From: kelly@dvol.com
Message-ID: <d22b54c3.0307241747.4e3b4d04@posting.google.com>
Source record: 72433

Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu> wrote in message news:<3F203600.9050905@psu.edu>...
> Dee D. Flint wrote:
>
> > Tried anchovies but they go in the do not repeat category. However bacon,
> > sausage, pepperoni, etc are all nice.
>
>
> Feeling brave, Dee? Pizza with ham and pineapple. Sounds disgusting,
> tastes great!

It's called "Hawaiian Pizza" around here. Not bad at all.

> - Mike KB3EIA -

w3rv

2595. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 01:49:02 UTC
From: vshah101@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030724214902.14602.00000514@mb-m02.aol.com>
Source record: 72434

From: "Dan/W4NTI"

>> Wierdness always attracts attention. That's why at the circus, the
>> line to get in and see the three-legged lady is longer than the line
>> to get in and see the dancing girls.
>>
>> 73 DE John, KC2HMZ
>>
>
>I always prefered a good looking girl to a three legged freak myself.

You will not likely see a good looking girl if you spend too much time in Ham radio. You definately won't hear/see one if you operate CW.

2596. Re: Tech Licensee USA Morse Code Freedom Day is August 1st

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 01:52:11 UTC
From: Jim <jim40@deletethisptdprolog.net>
Message-ID: <f30Ua.1596$lL.214546@nnrp1.ptd.net>
Source record: 72432
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb

<morse@code.is.dead> wrote in message news:bfo6vm01bhh@enews3.newsguy.com...
>>> .
>
> Let the FCC know that they can no longer keep you from your right to use
the
> ten meter band allocation if you are a technician licensee. The
international
> requirement for morse code has been removed and there is no such thing as
a
> technician plus license.
> You don't have to use your identity, but no code technicians need to
finally
> speak out to the FCC they will no longer be oppressed by rules designed
for the
> stone age of electronic technology.

How does breaking the rules of your license class prove that you are not
"bad operators". Seems to prove just the opposite.
The code may be an antiquated method of communication, but, it does prove
your desire to learn and work for what you want.
Remember, "Anything worth having is worth working for".
I may only be a 5 WPM extra because I got my license after the rule change
but I studied the code, struggled with the code
and finally passed after 3 tries. I value my license more because I had to
WORK for it than if all I had to do was fill out a form
and wait.
Nothing you ever learn is wasted.

2597. Re: CW Gone ?? It Ain't Over Til It Is Over!

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 02:02:34 UTC
From: kelly@dvol.com
Message-ID: <d22b54c3.0307241802.5cb44eb5@posting.google.com>
Source record: 72435

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Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote in message
news:<Xns93C2B78E0B2ECelektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>...
> kelly@dvol.com (Brian Kelly) wrote in
> news:d22b54c3.0307241303.17b7fab0@posting.google.com:
>
> > Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote in message
> > news:<Xns93C26B046E8A4elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>...
> >> "Elmer E Ing" <Elmer E Ing@tutor.org> wrote in
> >> news:XIRTa.11189$ff.4959@fed1read01:
> >>
> >> > Better read URL:
> >> > http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2003/07/22/1/?nc=1
> >> >
> >> >
> >> >
> >>
> >> I have read it now. IME, it is more typical for the rule making
> >> process to take about a year. I guess the two year figure in this NG
> >> comes specifically from this article. Whilst I think that two years is
> >> a worst case scenario, one other useful piece of info does come out
> >> from the article, i.e. that ratification is not required before the
> >> FCC can act (although I'm not sure why not).
> >>
> >> My XYL (a no-coder) has asked me to draft a petition to the FCC. Since
> >> it looks like others may be waiting unnecesaarily for ratification, I
> >> guess I should get to work on it. Does anyone here have any sensible
> >> advice on how to draft an FCC petition? I'm sure there are people here
> >> who have filed one before.
> >
> > I strongly suggest you wait until the NPRM is published then add your
> > comments to the din which is a much simpler proposition. There won't
> > be any shortage of petitions for the NPRM, believe me.
> >
> > w3rv
> >
>
> Too late, I've written it. All 22 pages of it. I would post it here, but
> none of the rule changes are visible after you convert it to ASCII. I
> could post a pdf version on the web if anyone is interested?
>
> In a nutshell, it asks them to ditch Element 1 and give all Techs all the
> novice subbands. I may as well go ahead and file it, now. The FCC want 5
> copies, though, including the original. That's a lot of paper and ink!
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I tried to warn ya!

w3rv

2598. Re: Survey? Was: Re: With CW gone, can the CW allocations be far behind?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 02:04:26 UTC
From: N2EY@AOL.COM
Message-ID: <c2356669.0307240837.2d652373@posting.google.com>
Source record: 72436

Jon Bloom <jbloom@arrl.org> wrote in message
news:<pan.2003.07.24.00.47.39.443612.14546@arrl.org>...
> On Wed, 23 Jul 2003 19:08:45 -0400, N2EY wrote:
> > Jon Bloom <jbloom@arrl.org> wrote in message
> > news:<pan.2003.07.23.12.28.02.335300.22713@arrl.org>...
> >> On Mon, 21 Jul 2003 19:41:11 -0400, N2EY wrote:
> >> > In article <slrnbhohnj.7g5.gsm@cable.mendelson.com>,
> >> > gsm@mendelson.com (Geoffrey S. Mendelson) writes:

> >> >>Why not, 8 years ago, the Arrl did a survey.
>
> >> > That's pretty close - 1996
>
> >> >> They asked amateurs who had
> >> >>passed a morse code exam if they EVER used morse code.
>
> >> > No, you are mistaken. On several counts.
> >> >
> >> > They asked 1100 US hams, chosen at random. Of these, 100 were Novices
> >> > and 200 each Techs, Tech Pluses, Generals, Advanceds and Extras. So
> >> > they asked hams who had not taken a code test as well as hams who
> >> > had.
> >> >
> >> > The question was "How much do you operate Morse code?" and there were
> >> > only three possible answers: "Regularly", "Rarely" and "Never". No
> >> > definitions of what those terms mean, no questions on other modes,
> >> > etc. (After all, a ham who is not on the air at all never uses Morse
> >> > code on the air).
> >> >
> >> >>Two out of three
> >> >>responded "no". I.e. 2/3's of the hams surveyed NEVER used morse
> >> >>code.
> >> >
> >> > Wrong again!
> >> >
> >> > 35% answered "Never"
> >> > 37% answered "Rarely"
> >> > 27% answered "Regularly"
> >> > 1% did not answer.
> >> >
> >> > It is obvious that the question is so flawed as to be meaningless.
> >> > For example, how much Morse operation is "regular"?
> >>
> >> It's only flawed for the purposes you're trying to put it to. Its

> >> original purpose was to gauge the level of interest based on use of
> >> Morse. For that purpose, it doesn't matter whether the respondent's use
> >> of Morse fits your definition of "regularly" -- or mine -- it matters
> >> only whether it fits the respondent's definition.
> >
> > I disagree, Jon.
>
> You refuse to accept that the survey wasn't intended to answer the
> question you want answered.

I guess we'll just have to agree to disagree.
>
> > Too much is left to the respondent's interpretation.
>
> Too much for your purposes, yes.

Too much for anyone's purposes.
>
> > A person can have a 'high level of interest' in Morse, yet rarely or
> > never operate, because of inactivity, equipment failure, etc. IOW a ham
> > who rarely or never operates at all must, by definition, rarely or never
> > operate Morse. A sizable percentage of those responding to the survey
> > were completely inactive on ANY mode, so they probably answered the
> > question "never".
> >
> > And that's just one problem.
>
> It's only a problem for you.
>
> > Does once a year count as "regularly"? Does one day a month CW and all
> > the rest 'phone constitute "rarely"?
>
> That judgement is left up to the individual responding.

Exactly!
>
> >> Most of the cavilling about survey questions comes from
> >> misunderstanding the question's purpose and misuse of the results to
> >> try to "prove" things that the survey wasn't addressing.
> >
> > As I understand it, the survey was trying to determine what position
> > ARRL should take WRT code testing at a WRC in the late 1990s (1997, I
> > think). So why do the questions beat about the bush so much? Why notjust
> > ask those surveyed what they think FCC should do, and how much they
> > operate CW?
>
> Because it's not a plebiscite.

Understood. But since ARRL is a representative organization, some
might think the majority opinion on an issue like this would be
important.

>
> >> If you want to sample opinion on a
> >> topic, hire a reputable research firm to formulate and conduct a survey
> >> that will elicit the facts you want. Trying to hammer an existing
> >> survey into something that it wasn't designed to be is almost certain
> >> to lead to skewed conclusions.
> >
> > 2) The survey left itself wide open to all sorts of interpretations
> > because it was not well designed. The fact that the League payed a
> > professional does not mean they got a good survey.
>
> The fact that the survey doesn't answer the questions you want answered
> doesn't mean it's not a good survey, either.

I think the questions I want answered are relevant questions.

>
> >> But as you point out, nobody really knows what "operate" means in this
> >> case.
> >
> > Sure they do. It means to have QSOs using the mode.
>
> To you. To everybody? Who knows?
>
> >> For example, if a person's entire use of Morse code is to copy repeater
> >> IDs, which they do by laboriously copying down the dots and dashes and
> >> then looking up the letters in a table, is that "operation" of Morse?
> >> The survey doesn't say.
> >
> > How many hams do you know do that?
>
> I've known a few over the years.

Exceptions that prove the rule.

> I guess these days most repeaters have
> voice ID, though.

I know some that have both. Voice unless there is audio on the receive
channel, so you don't have to talk over the ID.

> > I don't know any. I do know lots of
> > hams who have 2-way QSOs on the amateur HF bands using CW, though.
>
> Maybe a better example: If you just listen around the band are you
> "operating?"

Yes. I revise my earlier definition.

> I bet you would get less than complete consensus on that one.
> If you listen a lot but rarely transmit, are you operating "regularly" or
> "rarely"?

Depends on the respondent.
>
> >> >>So if it came to a vote you'd have a hard time keeping things as they
> >> >>are.
> >> >
> >> > Maybe.
> >> >
> >> > Try this "survey": Actually listen to the CW/digital subbands and see
> >> > how much activity there really is. Try 40 meters below 7050 some
> >> > evening.
> >>
> >> That's a much better way to get a feel for the true level of interest.
> >> Signals on the air are a much better measure of what's popular in ham
> >> radio than any survey results or any amount of Usenet bloviating.
> >
> > Then why was that question in the 1996 survey?
>
> I believe it was intended to provide background to the answers to the
> other questions in the survey. Much of the usefulness of surveys comes
> from crosstabbing of the results. The purpose of this survey was to sample
> opinions on Morse testing, not to nail down the percentages of operating
> time by mode. For the purposes of the survey, a simple indication of
> activity, as gauged by the member's own characterization, was sufficient.
> More would have been overkill and thus would have unneccesarily
> complicated the survey, leading to lower response rates -- to no good
> purpose.

I don't think having a few more choices would be a problem. On a
subject like this, most hams WANT to answer - hence the high response
rate.

One thing I found interesting in the results of the surveys sent to
nonmembers was how many were returned due to changed address.
>
> > If you listen to the HF/MF amateur bands, Morse/CW is second in
> > popularity only to SSB.
>
> So if we already know that, what's the point of surveying -- to learn
> something that we already know?

To put a more objective number on it.
>
> > I strongly suggest that a well-constructed survey/poll of the entire
> > ARRL membership be conducted, and the results published in QST. Web
> > polls and small samples are not necessarily indicative of the views of
> > the membership. The last time such a survey was conducted was 1975. I
> > know, I responded to it.
>
> My wife's first job was a part-time job at HQ opening the survey
> responses. (She was four years old at the time, of course!)

Tell her thank you for me.
>
> > The questions were extensive and the results published in QST. Why can't
> > this be done today? Make it a tear-out sheet in QST and have everyone
> > enter their member number to avoid dupes.
>
> I have no idea whether that will happen -- it wouldn't if it were up to
> me. I'd consider it a monumental waste of resources.

Interesting. 28 years ago, in paper-and-pencil days, Hq. thought it
was a good idea, and had the resources.
>
> > Whatever position ARRL takes on this issue will be very unpopular with a
> > large number of members and nonmembers alike, so it is important to be
> > able to back up that position with solid data. A valid survey of the
> > entire membership, backing up the ARRL position, can only serve to
> > improve ARRL's credibility with both the amateur community and FCC, and
> > increase support for the position chosen -- whatever it may be. Who
> > could fault ARRL for going with the majority opinion of its entire
> > membership?
>
> All of those who disagree with the result, of course!

I don't see how, if they were part of the survey.
>
> > Too many amateurs, ARRL members or not, think that decisions are made in
> > "ivory tower isolation", and that their views are not considered
> > adequately when ARRL formulates a position.
>
> Polls won't change that.

How do you know? It's been 28 years since the last one that surveyed
all members.

> Those who dislike the result will just claim the
> poll questions were no good. (Oops!)

Maybe not.
>
> > While such a survey will
> > not be free, it will be money well spent if the membership and amateur
> > radio community perceives that ARRL is truly responding to member
> > opinion and input.
>
> There's a difference between taking people's views into account and taking
> a direct vote. It's the difference between representative democracy and
> direct democracy.

Exactly. The point is that there's a difference between passively
asking for input and actively seeking it.

>(Say, were you a Perot voter by any chance?)

Now you've gone from disagreeing with me to being insulting! ;-)

It's because of Perot we had 8 years of Bill Clinton (he divided the
Republican vote TWICE so that Clinton got in). Just like Ralph Nader
gave George Bush II his shot at the White House.
>
> I don't quite understand why you think an all-inclusive vote should be
> taken when you don't even think the voters are smart enough to decide
> whether they operate CW "regularly" or "rarely"!

Not a question of smarts. A question of getting accurate information.
Some would say getting accurate information on this issue is a waste
because it's a lost cause.
>
> On the other hand, if you are willing to spend the money to do the
> polling, please let us all know what results you get. If nothing else,
> it'll make good fodder for rrap.

I thought things like polls were what my dues were for.
>
> > In fact, it may be advisable to survey every radio amateur in the US.
> > Such a survey might change the way the ARRL is viewed by nonmembers on
> > both sides of the issue.
>
> People's minds are well made up on this issue, and nothing anyone does is
> going to change that.

Agreed. But what is the majority opinion? Dump Element 1 ASAP? Keep it
at all costs? Something else, like drop code but beef up the writtens?

> Those who support Morse testing will be angry with
> the ARRL if it comes out for elimination of the test no matter how that
> decision was made. Those who favor elimination will be equally angry if
> the ARRL supports continuation of testing.

I think I said that way back in the beginning. Ah, here it is:

"Whatever position ARRL takes on this issue will be very unpopular
with a
large number of members and nonmembers alike, so it is important to be
able to back up that position with solid data. A valid survey of the
entire membership, backing up the ARRL position, can only serve to
improve ARRL's credibility with both the amateur community and FCC,
and
increase support for the position chosen -- whatever it may be. Who
could fault ARRL for going with the majority opinion of its entire
membership?"

> And those of us who think far
> too much energy has already been wasted on this subject will groan yet
> again if ARRL spends any more substantial resources on it.

OK, fine, we'll just go with the results of the 1996 poll, shich
showed the majority favoring code testing retention....
>
> > Here are some suggested questions for the survey:

> [snip]
> > That will all fit on one side of one sheet of paper. Return address on
> > the back. Fold it over, put a stamp on and send it in.
>
> And then we hire the mail crew to open and the data-entry crew to enter
> the responses from a half million 14-question survey responses. This is
> your idea of money well spent?

They cannot be read by computer? How was it done in '75?

> > Why not?
>
> In my opinion, because it's a waste of resources -- time and money -- that
> would be better devoted to tackling the problems Amateur Radio faces that
> are important -- a list that does not, in my mind, include anything to do
> with Morse testing.

OK, fine. I'd put BPL far ahead of code testing in importance any day.

But what I'm trying to point out is that many hams out here in the boonies feel ARRL ignores them and their opinions. Too many think that decisions are made "up there in Newington". Perhaps a large scale poll would help change that, perhaps not. However, I don't see how an attitude of "it's not worth the resources to poll the membership" is going to help change that "ivory tower" image.

There's also the possibility that FCC will simply dump Element 1 on its own and save ARRL from having to take a position at all. In that case, polling would be a waste because it would not make any difference in the outcome.

So how about this:

Suppose FCC just dumps Element 1 by MO&O, saying it's all been debated before. All it would take is one sentence, something like "Based upon decisions made with regard to WT98-143 and the Wormser-Adsit-Dinelli Petition for Reconsideration, credit for Element 1 is hereby given to all applicants for any class of amateur radio license".

Should there be other changes to the license requirements and privileges, particularly the entry-level license classes? Seems kind of odd that in a nocodetest future, most of the HF privileges of an entry-class ham would be CW.

73 de Jim, N2EY

2599. Re: Hey CBers Help Get rid of Morse Code Test and Requirement

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 02:07:10 UTC
From: tnom@mucks.net
Message-ID: <dr31ivkvma46aiehabeph8bfs7uegqh010@4ax.com>
Source record: 72437
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.policy

On Thu, 24 Jul 2003 16:53:15 -0400, Scott Unit 69
<scott_unit_69@yahoo.moc> wrote:

>
>
>tnom@mucks.net wrote:
>>
>> >A troll is one who asks others to do something wrong. In this case, it is use of
>> >10 meters without the proper class of license.
>>
>> Could you please quote the part about people using 10 meters
>> illegally???????????
>
>If it wasn't someone using the name "Keith", someone also posting from
>newsguy was suggesting the use of 10 meters by techs in protest.
>
>Now you're gonna' tell me it's not the same guy, just because you're you.
>You may drag Frank into a pissing contest, but I see right through your BS.

You responded to his original post calling it a troll post. The
post is not a troll post at all. If you see it as a troll post then it
is only in your imagination, so I will ask you again. Can you please
QUOTE the part about people using 10 meters illegally?????????

P.S. A quote is not imaginary.

2600. Re: Hey CBers Help Get rid of Morse Code Test and Requirement

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 02:09:36 UTC
From: "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net>
Message-ID: <Aj0Ua.12609$Vx2.6199879@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com>
Source record: 72439
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.policy

"Keith" <kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net> wrote in message
news:bfq0uj0n7g@enews3.newsguy.com...
> On Thu, 24 Jul 2003 16:53:15 -0400, Scott Unit 69
<scott_unit_69@yahoo.moc>
> wrote:
>
> > If it wasn't someone using the name "Keith", someone also posting from
> > newsguy was suggesting the use of 10 meters by techs in protest.
>
> It is not illegal for a technician to transmit voice on 28.300 to 28.500
MHz.
> Has the tech passed the morse code test? There is no way to know since the
FCC
> doesn't keep track of which techs pass the cw test and I don't need to
supply
> that information to anyone.
> It is a great big loop hole and a great way to protest stupid radio
rules.
>

Even though the FCC does not maintain the info in their database, you will certainly have to be able to provide proof via the appropriate documentation that you do have the privileges should you ever receive an NAL from the FCC. That means that the burden of proof will lie on the Technicians to prove they have the privileges not on the FCC to prove that they don't. The FCC will most likely maintain that anyone who cannot provide that proof does not have the privileges. You may think you have a loophole but you don't. So you had better keep that CSCE or old Novice license or old Tech Plus license in a safe place.

Dee D. Flint, N8UZE

2601. Re: Question for the No coders

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 02:10:21 UTC
From: Elmer E Ing <"Elmer E Ing"@tutor.org>
Message-ID: <gk0Ua.11280$ff.3485@fed1read01>
Source record: 72438

Thanks Keith I'll add those to the copout list.

BTW SSB is probably 30 or 40 years old.

Better check you receiver and antennas -- the bands are loaded with CW activity.

"Keith" <kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net> wrote in message news:bfq16g1n7g@enews3.newsguy.com...
> On Thu, 24 Jul 2003 17:14:51 -0700, "Elmer E Ing" <Elmer E Ing@tutor.org>
> wrote:
>
> > Case in point -- using google and groups search --- some of the no-coders
> > have posted hundreds and I mean hundreds -- nay thousands -- of no code
> > posts.
>
> Morse code is horse and buggy technology. If you want to pass a vehicle
> driving test maybe you should learn to ride a horse to obtain it? You never
> know when all the oil will dry up and you need to mount a horse to get to work.
> Listen to the morse code bands in the USA the signals are few and far.
> 3.600-3.725 MHz is a vast wasteland of morse code bandwidth that is hardly
> used.

The 80M band is a wasteland all over the band. Try 30M -- hi hi. 20M has a lot of activity also.

I worked a C6A from here in California on 6M CW -- ssb was buried in the noise.
>
> --
> The Radio Page Ham, Police Scanner, Shortwave and more.
> http://www.kilowatt-radio.org/

2602. Re: Question for the No coders

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 02:10:39 UTC
From: "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net>
Message-ID: <zk0Ua.12610$Vx2.6199450@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com>
Source record: 72440

"Keith" <kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net> wrote in message
news:bfq16g1n7g@enews3.newsguy.com...
> On Thu, 24 Jul 2003 17:14:51 -0700, "Elmer E Ing" <Elmer E Ing@tutor.org>
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work.
> Listen to the morse code bands in the USA the signals are few and far.
> 3.600-3.725 MHz is a vast wasteland of morse code bandwidth that is hardly
> used.

Something's wrong with your radio then. I find the CW bands to be rich in
signals most of the time.

Dee D. Flint, N8UZE

2603. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 02:13:50 UTC
From: "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net>
Message-ID: <yn0Ua.12614$Vx2.6200467@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com>
Source record: 72441

"Vshah101" <vshah101@aol.com> wrote in message
news:20030724214555.14602.00000513@mb-m02.aol.com...
> From: n2ey@aol.com (N2EY)
>
> >>Did they just stop by, or stay a while?
> >
> >Both.
>
> Did any non-Hams stay on Fri, Sat night? I don't mean young children or
senior
> citizens.
>

Yes.

> >Why does what she looked like matter?
>
> Because a pretty female or someone with self esteem would not have been
there.
> She could have asked the same questions Sat or Sun morning.

Says who. We had several pretty females with plenty of self-esteem at our Field Day. Someone with self esteem doesn't have to be out chasing dates. They can follow their own interests even if that is operating radio.

Dee D. Flint, N8UZE

2604. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 02:15:57 UTC
From: "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net>
Message-ID: <xp0Ua.12615$Vx2.6200769@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com>
Source record: 72442

"Vshah101" <vshah101@aol.com> wrote in message
news:20030724214902.14602.00000514@mb-m02.aol.com...
> From: "Dan/W4NTI"
>
> >> Wierdness always attracts attention. That's why at the circus, the
> >> line to get in and see the three-legged lady is longer than the line
> >> to get in and see the dancing girls.
> >>
> >> 73 DE John, KC2HMZ
> >>
> >
> >I always prefered a good looking girl to a three legged freak myself.
>
> You will not likely see a good looking girl if you spend too much time in
Ham
> radio. You definately won't hear/see one if you operate CW.

Wrong. Just look at the YLRL. Plenty of females (including good looking
ones) of all ages and many operate CW.

Dee D. Flint, N8UZE

2605. Re: How Ugly Can One Creep Be?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 02:29:20 UTC
From: N2EY@AOL.COM
Message-ID: <c2356669.0307240845.7fc4e699@posting.google.com>
Source record: 72443

Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net> wrote in message
news:<087uhv4o8nau4tlq2h3rfn6vukpqbehd1h@4ax.com>...
> On 22 Jul 2003 05:47:23 GMT, yodoc@aol.comnospam (Larry Roll K3LT)
>
> >Breakfast or lunch, it matters not to me! A Beef on Weck and a glass
> >of Genny would be a great way to enjoy some ham camaraderie.
>
> I might opt for a soft drink instead of the Genny, but other than that
> it sounds good to me. Be sure and let me know ahead of time next time
> you plan to head up this way, and we'll plan a get-together.
>
> (For those not familiar with Western new York culture, Genny is a
> locally brewed beer that's quite popular in these here parts)

Rochester, to be exact. Gawd, I miss that stuff. Red hots, beef on a
weck, real wings.....

If you get to Rochester or Syracuse, check out Dinosaur BBQ.

> Snow blower!? You ain't a "real" Western New Yorker! If you were,
> you'd use a shovel like they used to do a hundred years ago. It's
> still a perfectly efficient and viable means of snow removal. Anybody
> who uses a snow blower is just plain lazy. :-)
>
Damn straight. ;-)

I still have and use my shovel from Palmyra/Newark days. Just the
right size for the car trunk, snow slips right off, eay on the back.

> >If I were to
> >ever move again, I think I'd just go to various places and walk
> >around carrying a snow shovel. As soon as someone asked me,
> >"What the heck is THAT?" -- I'd stop!

Reworking of old Navy story about a sailor with an oar...
>
> Just make sure the guy who asks is a local resident and not some
> tourist from somewhere in the Mojave Desert who's just visiting! Or
> one of those lazy types who's just interested in clearing the driveway
> and has never even owned a shovel like a "real" Western New Yorker.
>
Ayup. Or who thinks "lake effect" has something to do with a
California basketball team...

73 de Jim, N2EY

2606. Re: Tech's on 28.3-28.5 can operate today.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 02:39:47 UTC
From: "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net>
Message-ID: <TL0Ua.12618$Vx2.6204054@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com>
Source record: 72444

"Keith" <kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net> wrote in message
news:bfq34p02uou@enews2.newsguy.com...
> On Thu, 24 Jul 2003 23:31:07 GMT, "Jim Hampton" <aa2qa@frontiernet.net>
wrote:
>
> > Um, Keith, what about element 3? You are aware there is an additional
> > written exam which will have to be taken - even with the elimination of
> > code.
>
> Wrong. The only thing that is *supposed* to keep tech from 28.300 to
28.500
> voice is the silly horse and buggy CW test. Once they pass the horse and
buggy
> technology test, SNARF,HA!HA!, they can operate on the voice bands. Isn't
that
> intelligent, you have to pass a morse code test to press a microphone
button?
> THERE IS NO WAY FOR THE FCC TO VERIFY IF A TECH HAS PASSED A MORSE CODE
TEST.
> TECH SHOULD FEEL FREE TO OPERATE ON YOUR TECH BANDS AT WILL.

The FCC will not have to verify it. The FCC will take that stance that the burden of proof will lie on the Techs. If the Tech can't prove it, they will be considered as not having the privileges. Amateur radio is considered a privilege not a right. So if you lose your proof that you have HF privileges, you lose your ability to operate on HF.

Techs with HF only have ONE voice band not multiple voice bands.

Dee D. Flint, N8UZE

2607. Re: Hey CBers Help Get rid of Morse Code Test and Requirement

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 02:41:54 UTC
From: Spamhater <nospam@nospam.com>
Message-ID: <mO0Ua.557$603.29628@iad-read.news.verio.net>
Source record: 72445
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.policy

<tnom@mucks.net> wrote in message
news:lte0ivssmbubhbvo0p33bujshl0p0b1f24@4ax.com...
>
> >A troll is one who asks others to do something wrong. In this case, it is
use of
> >10 meters without the proper class of license.
>
> Could you please quote the part about people using 10 meters
> illegally???????????

I believe he is referring to the part where they are asking the Technician
Class operators to go ahead and get on 10 meters to show support for
dropping the code requirement.... you need a TECHNICIAN PLUS or higher
license to get on 10 meters. SO, by wanting those NOT legally licensed
according to current rules and regulations, it would in fact, be ILLEGAL!

JMS

2608. Re: UK to abolish code test on Friday

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 02:44:21 UTC
From: kelly@dvol.com
Message-ID: <d22b54c3.0307240852.1c31bbc6@posting.google.com>
Source record: 72446

vshah101@aol.com (Vshah101) wrote in message
news:<20030724001504.18070.00000468@mb-m17.aol.com>...
> Subject: UK to abolish code test on Friday
>
> All these new threads on Morse code. They should be under a few topics, not a
> seperate topic on any new Morse code news.
>
> Its fragmenting the newsgroup, making it very hard to read.

Good.

w3rv

2609. Re: Survey? Was: Re: With CW gone, can the CW allocations be far behind?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 03:18:52 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307241918.102ebc18@posting.google.com>
Source record: 72447

"Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net> wrote in message
news:<6bZTa.12581$Vx2.6166676@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com>...
> "Ryan, KC8PMX" <kc8pmx@diamondcs.net> wrote in message
> news:bfpetg$gqsk8$5@ID-189073.news.uni-berlin.de...
> >> 14. The ARRL leadership should take the following role in the code
> > > test issue:
> >
> > E. Stay the hell out of it until they truly represent all of the amateur
> > radio community.
>
> Right now they are the only organization who represents us at all. If you
> want to control their policies, become a member and climb the political
> structure.
>
> Those who are not members of the ARRL have chosen to remain unrepresented
> since they have done nothing to form a lobyy to take the place of the ARRL.
>
> Dee D. Flint, N8UZE

Though I've been a member of the ARRL longer than I've been a ham, I
often find that it is wiser to represent myself than let the ARRL do
it. We often have differing viewpoints.

Those who are not ARRL members can simply represent themselves to the
FCC.

Brian

2610. Re: With CW gone, can the CW allocations be far behind?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 03:26:04 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307241926.3a05d2a9@posting.google.com>
Source record: 72448

"Ryan, KC8PMX" <kc8pmx@diamondcs.net> wrote in message
news:<bfpete$gqsk8$4@ID-189073.news.uni-berlin.de>...
> Show me a truly impartial survey and I might actually consider joining the
> Anti-Radio Relay League. ALL surveys are slanted in some direction or
> another, as to prove some point or theory.

Some much more so than others, thus the general disgust with the ARRL survey.

2611. Re: Hey CBers Help Get rid of Morse Code Test and Requirement

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 03:42:28 UTC
From: IP Daily <spade#abc.com>
Message-ID: <NgedneofovelOr2iU-KYuQ@comcast.com>
Source record: 72449
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.policy

<tnom@mucks.net> wrote in message
news:dr31ivkvma46aiehabeph8bfs7uegqh010@4ax.com...

> You responded to his original post calling it a troll post. The
> post is not a troll post at all. If you see it as a troll post then it
> is only in your imagination, so I will ask you again. Can you please
> QUOTE the part about people using 10 meters illegally?????????
>
> P.S. A quote is not imaginary.

Use your imagination and reread this part of his post. also where he calls
on Cbers to help out.

"A group to protest the requirement of morse code for properly licensed
technician licensee. And to remove the morse code test from ham radio
testing
as soon as possible. The first protest is August 1st 6 pm local time on
28.306
USB "

2612. Re: Contact the FCC and Tell Them to get rid of CW Test and Requirements

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 03:43:03 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030724234303.02197.00001553@mb-m12.aol.com>
Source record: 72454

In article <bfobj80lhb@enews2.newsguy.com>, Keith
<kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net> writes:

>As long as no code techs and others that are interested in HF ham radio
>operation do nothing the FCC and the ARRL will drag their feet to keep this
>dinosaur technology for the next year or so.
>Write the FCC and let them know this is not satisfactory. There are 200,000+
>hams that deserve immediate access to the HF bands today.
>
>To Contact the Commissioners via E-mail
>Chairman Michael K. Powell: mpowell@fcc.gov
>Commissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy: kabernat@fcc.gov
>Commissioner Michael J. Copps: mcopps@fcc.gov
>Commissioner Kevin J. Martin: kjmweb@fcc.gov
>Commissioner Jonathan S. Adelstein: jadelste@fcc.gov
>
> If you do nothing then nothing can change. The squeaky wheel gets the
>grease.
>
>http://groups.yahoo.com/group/CWProtest/
>

2613. Re: Contact the FCC and Tell Them to get rid of CW Test and Requirements

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 03:43:03 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030724234303.02197.00001552@mb-m12.aol.com>
Source record: 72456

In article <bfobj80lhb@enews2.newsguy.com>, Keith
<kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net> writes:

>As long as no code techs and others that are interested in HF ham radio
>operation do nothing the FCC and the ARRL will drag their feet to keep this
>dinosaur technology for the next year or so.
>Write the FCC and let them know this is not satisfactory. There are 200,000+
>hams that deserve immediate access to the HF bands today.
>
>To Contact the Commissioners via E-mail
>Chairman Michael K. Powell: mpowell@fcc.gov
>Commissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy: kabernat@fcc.gov
>Commissioner Michael J. Copps: mcopps@fcc.gov
>Commissioner Kevin J. Martin: kjmweb@fcc.gov
>Commissioner Jonathan S. Adelstein: jadelste@fcc.gov
>
> If you do nothing then nothing can change. The squeaky wheel gets the
>grease.
>
>http://groups.yahoo.com/group/CWProtest/
>
>--
>The Radio Page Ham, Police Scanner, Shortwave and more.
>http://www.kilowatt-radio.org/
>

Well, I did just what you asked! Here is what I sent:

TO: Michael K. Powell, Chairman, FCC <mpowell@fcc.gov>

Dear Chairman Powell,

I am an Amateur Radio Operator, licensed for over 21 years. As you know,
the recent World Radiocommunication Conference, WRC-03, has eliminated
the ITU International Treaty requirement for Morse Code proficiency testing,
and has left the decision whether or not to require Morse code testing in any
member nation's Amateur Radio Service up to the individual administrations.
I appeal to you NOT to take any action to eliminate the Morse code test
(Element 1) from the U.S. FCC Amateur Radio Licensing requirements.

You will undoubtedly be receiving many petitions from current and
prospective radio amateurs to do this, but the fact is, these people are
simply unqualified to know and understand the benefits and advantages
of the Morse/CW mode in the Amateur Radio Service. Indeed they, for

the most part, simply desire to be relieved of the necessity to expend the time and effort required to learn a useful radiocommunications skill at a basic proficiency level. Such "dumbing-down" of Amateur Radio serves no useful purpose, and would, in fact, probably have the effect of placing HF radiotelephone operating privileges in the hands of a large number of eager, yet technically uninvolved individuals. This could cause a dramatic increase in the number of operating violations on the HF voice allocations, increasing the FCC's enforcement workload without having any overall positive impact on the service.

Knowledge of the Morse code gives radio amateurs the ability to communicate effectively using low power, and under operating conditions which cause even the latest digital modes to fail. It is the ultimate backup communications mode. Unfortunately, the many benefits of the Morse/CW mode will be increasingly unavailable to radio amateurs if future operators are not required to obtain even an entry-level exposure to the use of the Morse code through a testing requirement for an amateur license with HF operating privileges. Therefore, I urge you to simply leave the FCC's amateur radio licensing structure and requirements as it is, and retain the Element 1 Morse code test forever. I assure you that this is in the best interest of the Amateur Radio Service and the FCC.

Sincerely,

Lawrence J. Roll, K3LT
1300 S. Farm View Dr. A-31
Dover, DE 19904-7721
(302) [xxx-xxxx]

Note: Copies to be sent to the Commissioners as well.

73 de Larry, K3LT

2614. Re: Challenge to Kim

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 03:43:04 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030724234304.02197.00001555@mb-m12.aol.com>
Source record: 72451

In article <5c01b95b.0307240502.558d5b18@posting.google.com>, k4yz@aol.com (Steve Robeson, K4CAP) writes:

>allenge to Kim on a PSK31 schedule, Vippy?
>
>Steve, K4YZ

Steve:

Don't waste your time asking him -- he doesn't know!

73 de Larry, K3LT

2615. Re: UK to abolish code test on Friday

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 03:43:04 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030724234304.02197.00001554@mb-m12.aol.com>
Source record: 72453

In article <bfp0ts$852$1@fzap.net>, tbonet@fzap.net (Tom Bonet) writes:

>On Thu, 24 Jul 2003 12:15:50 -0400, Bill Sohl <billsohl@mindspring.com>
>wrote:
>>
>> So the Brits have to honour of being the first to actually scrap Morse
>> testing (the Swiss have been granted "provision" access)
>>
>
>Bwa HAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHA!!! The Morse code whiners will have to go
>sit in a corner somewhere and mumble things about "real hams" while
>the rest of us show up on "their" frequencies. I can't wait to
>operate USB on 3.510 MHz.
>
>The hazing ritual has been eliminated in the UK and soon the US will
>follow suit. Bye bye CW elitists!
>

LCD Troll-O-Meter:

||||||||||
1 3 5 7 9 +10 +20 +40

73 de Larry, K3LT

2616. Re: Challenge to Kim

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 03:43:05 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030724234305.02197.00001556@mb-m12.aol.com>
Source record: 72452

In article <20030724003425.18070.00000469@mb-m17.aol.com>, vshah101@aol.com (Vshah101) writes:

>I just found some long time ago report I wrote on essential education.(It was
>long before I got an amateur radio licence or knew that there was such a
>thing). Surprising, among other things, I wrote that I wanted to learn Morse
>code. Never was obcessed about it. In fact, I forgot I even wrote that. At
>that
>time, I just believed that its something one should learn.
>
>I no longer believe that.

Well, Vipul, you just hold on to that belief. It will save you the time and effort required to learn a useful communications skill.

73 de Larry, K3LT

2617. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 03:43:07 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030724234307.02197.00001558@mb-m12.aol.com>
Source record: 72450

In article <g0e0iv44ba6ud70keg4bm9bv8m77cvp660@4ax.com>, Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net> writes:

>>>And the rest of the world would appreciate if you'd stop
>>>taking it out on us. It's not my fault. I don't care.
>>
>>Then don't read this newsgroup. I'm not going away.
>
>Not even if we ask pretty please and offer an extremely good severance
>package? :-)

John:

I'd consider it for two million U.S. dollars, after taxes.

73 de Larry, K3LT

2618. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 03:43:07 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030724234307.02197.00001557@mb-m12.aol.com>
Source record: 72458

In article <m4d0iv8c3pl55dd3r9pq9duvp4d9dcahcl@4ax.com>, Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net> writes:

>>Oh, you mean like "disconnecting" antenna rotor control boxes with a
>>pair of dikes? Yes, indeed.
>
>Is that how you highly technical CW ops handle it? Wow, I'll have to
>suggest that to our ops next year...NOT!

John:

Actually, it's not as bad an idea as it sounds. We do it that way because we leave the color-coded wire ends on the control box terminals, making it easy to duplicate the setup the next time. Wiring charts tend to get lost. Now, if only I could figure out a way to make my technically-inclined fellow hams stop putting 3-element HF Yagi antennas together with the director and reflector elements reversed! And don't suggest that I number the elements and boom 1,2,3…that doesn't seem to cut any ice with them!

>>12 hours to set up, 2 to tear down!
>
>Amazing what you can do when gravity is working in your favor rather
>than against you, isn't it? That wire that took six shots with a
>slingshot to get over just the right tree branch comes down on the
>*first* try when you cut the rope, almost as if by magic!

Yup, it sure does! And some idiot usually manages to get whacked by the balun when it does -- which is why we pass out the hard hats!

>>Fortunately, I'm not that hard on my own equipment, just a bit
>>unmotivated to get the station set back up for at least a month after
>>Field Day.
>
>Most of my FD stuff is still in my van. However, since that's where it
>also spends most of the rest of the year, that's no problem. Still, I
>could stand to do some tidying up in the rear cargo area.

Well, the living room of my apartment is my computer room/ham shack. Trust me, even on my better days, I'll never be called to do a photo spread for Better Homes and Gardens! Then again, I would have a bit of a hard time competing for QST's "Messy ham shack" contest!

>>Since I run the digital mode station for my club, I have
>>to take not only my radios, but my whole bloody computer system
>>as well.

>
>Sorry to break it to you now rather than before Field Day, OM, but
>there now exist these wonderful little devices called laptop
>computers. For that matter you can do some digital stuff with a Palm
>handheld computer. Want a quick hundred bonus points next year? Get
>somebody to load the APRS software on a Palm and mate it to their HT,
>and demo APRS. I think there's also PSK31 software for the Palm.

I've been using personal computers virtually since the day after they
were invented, and never owned a laptop! One of my fellow club
members brought some badly clapped-out used laptops to FD this year
for logging purposes, and out of four, we got one working! Last year,
our club President got his brand-new Dell laptop toasted, we don't
know if it was a power surge or stray RF, but the darn thing never
came back to life, and Dell couldn't fix it! For a lot of reasons, the
traditional desktop systems seem to work better and tolerate a lot
more rough handling than laptops. I made one concession, however,
and purchased a flat-panel monitor, which is much more easily
transported than my old 17" CRT monitor, which I gave away to my
YL friend when hers went South.

>BTW, don't try it at night unless you're good with the Palm graffitti.
>Typing on that little Palm "keyboard" at a FD station at 3:00 in the
>morning is bound to make your eye doctor independently wealthy. Been
>there, done that, bought the t-shirt, later burned the t-shirt. :-)

I prefer full-sized keyboards, since I'm something of an accomplished
typist. At home, I use the best keyboard available -- a Northgate
OmniKey Ultra, which I purchased in 1990 and is still going strong.
It has the same key size, placement, weight, and stroke as the old-
fashioned IBM Selectric typewriter keyboard. It has other features
like programmable function keys, and F-keys both across the top and
down the left side of the main keyboard. For FD, however, I just
bring the OEM cheapie that came with my computer. At FD sites,
things tend to get spilled.

>>Fortunately, that's the easiest thing to return to functional
>>normalcy at the home QTH. Can't be missing out on rrap now, can I?
>
>Well, I managed to live without it for about four years, but then
>again, here I am back again.

Hmmm. I don't seem to remember you from four years ago, but then
again, I don't remember what I had for lunch!

73 de Larry, K3LT

2619. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 03:43:08 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030724234308.02197.00001559@mb-m12.aol.com>
Source record: 72457

In article <bfpetd$gqsk8$3@ID-189073.news.uni-berlin.de>, "Ryan, KC8PMX" <kc8pmx@diamondcs.net> writes:

>Okay, thanks Larry, just wanted to clarify that.
>
>One last other question, define "whining." Is that anything that you just
>don't want to hear, or ?? Again, I am asking this actually seriously, not
>fecetiously (sp.?) At least I am attempting to see your side of
>it.....
>
>One could view anything that they don't wanna hear as whining, and if thats
>the case I hear thousands of "whining words" on a daily basis.

Ryan:

I would define "whining" as "shrill, uncontrolled complaint, usually made on a topic of concern to the individual making the complaint, but without any particular basis for objection other than the subject in question is a matter which the individual feels powerless to control, or chooses not to control by virtue of the personal effort or expense involved. The "whining" is usually directed at a person or organization the "whiner" considers to be responsible for the situation to which the "whiner" objects.

I will admit that most mature, hard-working, industrious and ingenious people definitely "don't want to hear" whining. For example, I certainly didn't appreciate being accused of being like Hitler, and in favor of things like "ethnic cleansing" because I supported the concept of code testing in the ARS. I truly could have done without hearing that, to be sure! For one thing, it quite possibly could have spared me the time I've spent on Usenet in the last 14 years.

73 de Larry, K3LT

2620. Re: With CW gone, can the CW allocations be far behind?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 03:43:09 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030724234309.02197.00001560@mb-m12.aol.com>
Source record: 72455

In article <u7e0iv4pm62ag13iq4gcgdvn1scu8imhl6@4ax.com>, Radio Amateur KC2HMZ
<kc2hmz@aa-mail.net> writes:

>>>On that note, we're still waiting for your opinion on eating elephant
>>>dung - good idea or bad?
>>>
>>>73 DE John, KC2HMZ
>>
>>Bad. Very bad, indeed. Personally, I wouldn't do that. Your mileage
>>may vary.
>
>I presume you have practical experience eating elephant dung on which
>you base that opinion. I know you wouldn't express an opinion if you
>weren't qualified to render one...right?

John:

I've had the experience of smelling elephant dung, and since the sense
of smell is directly related to the sense of tast, my "experience" made me
realize that the elephant dung would not make for a particularly
wholesome and appetizing meal. OTOH, people who have never learned
and used Morse code have no alternative experience from which to base
their objections to code testing, since they haven't learned, first-hand, of
it's operational benefits and advantages. The "elephant dung" argument
is purely apples-to-oranges.

73 de Larry, K3LT

2621. Re: Why don't Real Hams you face the facts?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 03:43:10 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030724234310.02197.00001561@mb-m12.aol.com>
Source record: 72459

In article <20030724202216.15462.00001810@mb-m06.aol.com>, n2ey@aol.com (N2EY)
writes:

>>I'll save you the bother of responding. They are being killed by CRIMINALS
>>using GUNS. Criminals will always have guns in this country, because
>>criminals, by definition, are not constrained by the moral necessity to
>>observe the law, including gun laws. Just ask any victim of gun crime in
>>Great Britain, where the law-abiding citizens have no rights to keep and
>>bear arms, and even sporting shotguns must be kept in gun club armories,
>>instead of in the owner's home. Over there, violent criminals have no
>>problem getting guns -- they're brought into the country by the SEALAND
>>container load under the watchful eye of Customs officers who have nice
>>fat pockets full of payoff money. They are quickly distributed throughout
>>the criminal and terrorist underground at obscene profits, and end up in
>>the hands of the same kinds of criminals that they've always ended up
>>in. Even unarmed criminals are having a "field day" of their own. They can
>>simply walk into the homes of innocent citizens, even in broad daylight,
>>since they know with absolute certainty that they will not be faced with the
>>barrel of a shotgun or a 9mm pistol, as they may have been years before.
>>The net result is that British citizens are being robbed and killed by
>>criminals with guns at a rate three times what it was before the country
>>went to total civil disarmament. Crimes against property have risen to
>>the point where it is now estimated that fully 50% of the British population
>>has been or will be crime victims within their lifetimes.
>
>Can you point us to a source for that info, Larry?

Jim:

I don't know if I should. I'm about 14 years behind on receiving "sources"
I've requested from others in the past. However, start at www.nra.org. Also
check out www.fredoneverything.com (columnist Fred Reed).

>>It is a proven fact that everywhere in the United States where "Shall Issue"
>>Right-to-Carry concealed weapon laws exist, violent crime drops at a
>>dramatic rate.
>
>Surce, please?

Axed and answered, sort of.

>> Your own home state of Texas is one of the leading examples.
>>It is also a proven fact that the only force that can stop a criminal with a
>>gun is a law-abiding citizen with another gun.
>
>I assume you include law enforcement officers in that group.

Certainly.

>>You see, the guns don't
>>know who is using them -- they are inanimate objects which require a
>>responsible human agency to utilize them for good or evil. The best
>>solution to the problem of violent gun crime is to ensure that the criminals
>>have as much to fear from their victims as their victims have to fear from
>>them.
>
>I disagree.
>
>I think the best solution to the problem of violent gun crime is to ensure
>that
>the criminals have *MORE* to fear from their victims and the criminal justice
>system as their victims have to fear from them.

Won't argue with that, Jim. I'm all for criminals being in fear.

>>>> BTW, If I were the owner of a convenience store, I'd have a special door
>>>> chime that played a .WAV of a 12-ga. pump-action shotgun being racked
>>>> every time someone came in after sundown.
>
>>>And, you'd probably be local news.
>>
>>Yeah. The story would be about why my store is never robbed.
>
>There is nothing so stupid that some criminal won't try it. Heck, there was
>at
>least one case where a couple of guys tried to hold up a gun shop. Owner was
>better armed and trained than they were. He's OK. They aren't.
>
>Besides, total disarmament in this country would simply not work because
>millions of law-abiding citizens would simply hide their guns and ammo.
>Indeed, many non-gun-owners would go out and buy guns and ammo before
>any ban went into effect.

Yep, they sure would! Look for that to start happening sometime in 2007,
when Hillary decides to run for President.

>I still think the best arrangement would be to license gun owners, not their
>weapons. If someone is an adult, law abiding, responsible taxpaying citizen
>with a clean record, they should not have their rights infringed. OTOH,
>children, people with serious mental problems, and criminals should not be
>allowed to have any dangerous weapons. OF course the laws would have to be
>structured to put the burden on the govt. to show why someone should not get
>a license, not the other way around.

I'm all for that, Jim!

73 de Larry, K3LT

2622. Re: ATTN: Tech Licensee USA Morse Code Freedom Day is August 1st

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 03:57:40 UTC
From: Jerry Oxendine <joxendi@bellsouth.net>
Message-ID: <fJ1Ua.12633$H73.6279@fe02.atl2.webusenet.com>
Source record: 72460
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb

<morse@code.is.dead> wrote in message news:bfo6vm01bhh@enews3.newsguy.com...
> Let the FCC know that they can no longer keep you from your right to use
the
> ten meter band allocation if you are a technician licensee. The
international
> requirement for morse code has been removed and there is no such thing as
a
> technician plus license.
> You don't have to use your identity, but no code technicians need to
finally
> speak out to the FCC they will no longer be oppressed by rules designed
for the
> stone age of electronic technology.
> Get on the air at 6pm local time on August 1st or if the band is open any
time
> to make contacts in the 28.300-28.500 MHz that is allocated to technicians
for
> voice. Or if you have a computer you can use the allocated technician CW
bands
> to send and receive morse code.
> Currently the FCC and ARRL want to drag this morse code requirement out
for
> one or two years while they put BPL and other technology on the fast
track. I
> will be on the air and I hope 10,000 or more no code technicians will join
me.
> I guess Hollingsworth will have to require 10,000 people to turn in their
CW
> proficiency certificate if YOU will join us.
> The morse code game is over and I'm not driving 55 when the speed limit
is
> really 70 mph and the government hasn't changed the signs yet. Just go by
the
> limitation of your technician license and don't go overboard, we want to
show
> that just because we didn't pass some dinosaur morse code test that we are
bad
> operators.
> Get on 28.306 USB at 6 PM local time to talk with other no code tech's
that
> are protesting the FCC and ARRL stupidity.

1. The ITU left the international interpretation up to individual countries and
administrations.

2. The current structure will remain the same until FCC makes any changes. This means that present band plans will stay in the meantime. They could decide to keep 5 WPM if they so choose.

3. The "protest" could fail if band conditions aren't conducive on 1 August.

4. And such a protest, while seeming to be in order, might lead to things worse
than the "problem". Who knows?

J

2623. Re: Tech Licensee USA Morse Code Freedom Day is August 1st

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 04:22:11 UTC
From: Jerry Oxendine <joxendi@bellsouth.net>
Message-ID: <842Ua.12121$h9.425@fe04.atl2.webusenet.com>
Source record: 72461
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb

Jim <jim40@deletethisptdprolog.net> wrote in message
news:f30Ua.1596$lL.214546@nnrp1.ptd.net...
>
> <morse@code.is.dead> wrote in message
news:bfo6vm01bhh@enews3.newsguy.com...
> >>> .
> >
> > Let the FCC know that they can no longer keep you from your right to
use
> the
> > ten meter band allocation if you are a technician licensee. The
> international
> > requirement for morse code has been removed and there is no such thing
as
> a
> > technician plus license.
> > You don't have to use your identity, but no code technicians need to
> finally
> > speak out to the FCC they will no longer be oppressed by rules designed
> for the
> > stone age of electronic technology.
>
> How does breaking the rules of your license class prove that you are not
> "bad operators". Seems to prove just the opposite.
> The code may be an antiquated method of communication, but, it does prove
> your desire to learn and work for what you want.
> Remember, "Anything worth having is worth working for".
> I may only be a 5 WPM extra because I got my license after the rule change
> but I studied the code, struggled with the code
> and finally passed after 3 tries. I value my license more because I had to
> WORK for it than if all I had to do was fill out a form
> and wait.
> Nothing you ever learn is wasted.

It's a symptom of today's society: I want it, I want it NOW, and I don't
want to
work for it--instant gratification. Unfortunately, why don't we just come
out and
say it? What the anti-code code folks want is the same anarchy that
prevails on
the CB band. Trouble is, they are not smart enough to realize that the
result would be worse than the cure: when they finally finished ruining
radio and making it unusable, they would wish that there had been some kind

of order after they can't talk across town for the keyclowns. It isn't a matter of whether there is a code requirement or not, it is a matter of what they ultimately want:
Next organization to pop up will be NTI--No Test International. Just go to Wal-
mart or Bubba's CB shop and VOILA--"Ah'm one of them 'ere 'good' operators, thar, tan fer thar?"

J

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>

2624. Re: CW Gone ?? It Ain't Over Til It Is Over!

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 04:24:56 UTC
From: Keith <kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net>
Message-ID: <bfqbi9017dn@enews3.newsguy.com>
Source record: 72465

On Thu, 24 Jul 2003 07:05:43 -0700, "Elmer E Ing" <Elmer E Ing@tutor.org>
wrote:

> Better read URL:
> http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2003/07/22/1/?nc=1
>

Too bad the ARRL has put itself in such a bad situation. As soon as morse code
is removed from HF operating requirements those that are mad about the ARRL not
stopping code removal will quit. All those no code techs and new hams that come
into the hobby will never join a organization that did everything it could to
keep the average citizen out of the HF bands. The ARRL has kept ham radio in
the dark ages by requiring horse and buggy morse code technology.
--
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2625. Re: Contact the FCC and Tell Them to get rid of CW Test and Requirements

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 04:26:18 UTC
From: Keith <kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net>
Message-ID: <bfqbkr117dn@enews3.newsguy.com>
Source record: 72466

On 25 Jul 2003 03:43:03 GMT, yodoc@aol.comnospam (Larry Roll K3LT) wrote:

> TO: Michael K. Powell, Chairman, FCC <mpowell@fcc.gov>
>
> Dear Chairman Powell,

Thank you for participating. I hope more will share their thoughts with the commission, pro or con.

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2626. Re: Hey CBers Help Get rid of Morse Code Test and Requirement

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 04:28:04 UTC
From: Keith <kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net>
Message-ID: <bfqbo5217dn@enews3.newsguy.com>
Source record: 72467
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.policy

On Thu, 24 Jul 2003 23:42:28 -0400, "IP Daily" <spade#abc.com> wrote:

> Use your imagination and reread this part of his post. also where he calls
> on Cbers to help out.
>
> "A group to protest the requirement of morse code for properly licensed
> technician licensee. And to remove the morse code test from ham radio
> testing
> as soon as possible. The first protest is August 1st 6 pm local time on
> 28.306
> USB "

Many CBers are ham radio operators also.

--
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2627. Re: ATTN: Tech Licensee USA Morse Code Freedom Day is August 1st

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 04:31:52 UTC
From: Jerry Oxendine <joxendi@bellsouth.net>
Message-ID: <hf2Ua.13725$3I1.9136@fe03.atl2.webusenet.com>
Source record: 72462
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb

<Moparholic@hotmailnospam.com> wrote in message
news:20030725000128.758$wQ@newsreader.com...
> "Jerry Oxendine" <joxendi@bellsouth.net> wrote:
> And such a protest, while seeming to be in order, might lead to things
> > worse
> > than the "problem". Who knows?
> >
> > J
> >
> Worse than a no-code with instant phone privilege? C'mon Jerry.
>
> --
> GO# 40

While they might not "catch" every one of the protestors, it might cause some
of them to lose the ability to gain access to other bands. Such as the general
bands. If found breaking a rule, a ham can be restricted, fined, revoked,
or denied the privilege of upgrading. I am just saying (even tho I smell a troll) that
such a "protest" is not a good idea, nor the way to affect change. If someone is
willing to break the law instead of waiting for change, or petitioning for
said change, then those so-called "good" operators don't deserve what they seek in
the first place.

73

Jerry

2628. Re: Ham Radio In The Post-Code Testing Era

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 04:39:46 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
Message-ID: <3F20B44D.5040407@adelphia.net>
Source record: 72463

N2EY wrote:
> In article <3F203600.9050905@psu.edu>, Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu> writes:
>
>
>>Dee D. Flint wrote:
>>
>>
>>>Tried anchovies but they go in the do not repeat category. However bacon,
>>>sausage, pepperoni, etc are all nice.
>>
>>Feeling brave, Dee? Pizza with ham and pineapple. Sounds disgusting,
>>tastes great!
>
>
> I tried that combo once. Sounds disgusting, tastes disgusting. YMMV

Gee, no accounting for taste, Jim! <grin>

- Mike KB3EIA -

2629. Re: Question for the No coders

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 04:47:17 UTC
From: Jerry Oxendine <joxendi@bellsouth.net>
Message-ID: <xr2Ua.12147$h9.7940@fe04.atl2.webusenet.com>
Source record: 72464

Keith <kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net> wrote in message
news:bfq16g1n7g@enews3.newsguy.com...
> On Thu, 24 Jul 2003 17:14:51 -0700, "Elmer E Ing" <Elmer E Ing@tutor.org>
> wrote:
>
> > Case in point -- using google and groups search --- some of the
no-coders
> > have posted hundreds and I mean hundreds -- nay thousands -- of no code
> > posts.
>
> Morse code is horse and buggy technology. If you want to pass a vehicle
> driving test maybe you should learn to ride a horse to obtain it?

Well, I learned to ride a horse before the age of 8. I was plowing on a
John Deere by 10.

The same thing could be said about Morse. Yes, it is old. But *if* radio
should fail (terrorists, infrastructure, etc) then CW can get thru when
others
fail. I learned it before there was a hint of doing away with code for any
license
class, I still will know it if it goes away, and, yes, I can still ride a
horse. Like CW horses are fun and no reason for me to have to do either at
present. But if
I need to I can.

J

You never
> know when all the oil will dry up and you need to mount a horse to get to
work.
> Listen to the morse code bands in the USA the signals are few and far.
> 3.600-3.725 MHz is a vast wasteland of morse code bandwidth that is hardly
> used.
>
> --
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2630. Re: Survey? Was: Re: With CW gone, can the CW allocations be far behind?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 05:18:52 UTC
From: kelly@dvol.com
Message-ID: <d22b54c3.0307240946.74d46280@posting.google.com>
Source record: 72468

Jon Bloom <jbloom@arrl.org> wrote in message
news:<pan.2003.07.24.00.47.39.443612.14546@arrl.org>...

> And then we hire the mail crew to open and the data-entry crew to enter
> the responses from a half million 14-question survey responses. This is
> your idea of money well spent?
>
> > Why not?
>
> In my opinion, because it's a waste of resources -- time and money -- that
> would be better devoted to tackling the problems Amateur Radio faces that
> are important -- a list that does not, in my mind, include anything to do
> with Morse testing.

Your list of priorities is yours and is not at all indicative of the membership's as a body. You're not any more prescient or more on top of what the membership thinks than I am. Since the code test wheel is apparently going to make yet one more revolution and many members do have opinions on the code test question I think a poll of the membership would be very much in order. Particularly in light of ARRL BoD divisive cat fight which preceeded the last revolution of the wheel. It's time for solid membership input on this one, repeat debacles get boring.

I don't agree with Jim's proposal for a detailed survey for the same basic reasons you don't agree. I'd like to have a very simple version: "Do you want to have the code test eliminated. If yes check here." "Do you want the code test retained? If yes check here." Any four year old could handle the tabulation . . .

> Jon

2631. Re: UK to abolish code test on Friday

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 06:26:23 UTC
From: Keith <kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net>
Message-ID: <bfqim001iiq@enews4.newsguy.com>
Source record: 72470

On 24 Jul 2003 19:26:45 GMT, tbonet@fzap.net (Tom Bonet) wrote:

> Bwa HAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHA!!! The Morse code whiners will have to go
> sit in a corner somewhere and mumble things about "real hams" while
> the rest of us show up on "their" frequencies. I can't wait to
> operate USB on 3.510 MHz.
>
> The hazing ritual has been eliminated in the UK and soon the US will
> follow suit. Bye bye CW elitists!

This is the reason that the morse code requirement that has been pushed by the ARRL for the last twenty years will destroy it. All the no code techs and ham newcomers will never join the ARRL when they get their HF privileges.

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2632. Re: Question for the No coders

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 06:41:53 UTC
From: Unclaimed Mysteries <k4doh@mindspring.com>
Message-ID: <bfqjgn$t$1@slb0.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 72469

Elmer E Ing wrote in part:

> I submit you could have learned the code in half the time it took to
> complain endlessly about the code.
>
> Get a dose of old fashioned America CAN DO and stop making excuses.
>

Get a horse.

> Take this test
> 1. CW is antiquated -- Yes __ No___

Nonsensical question.

> 2. I don't want to learn anything I don't Like -- Yes__ No ___

Yes.

> 3. I don't have time -- Yes __ No ___

Stupid question.

> 4. It is too difficult -- Yes__ No __

Not for me. But not everybody is wired the same. It's absurd to assume all no-coders are CB-ish ham-wannabes who demand a "free ride." I know several who are pretty sharp, enthusiastic and eager to push the hobby/service forward. In 2003, is amateur radio well-served by using the Morse Code requirement to disqualify prospective hams who otherwise have much to contribute?

> 5. Its all a case of dinosaurs trying to keep us out of Ham Radio Yes___
> No ___

Yes. It's human to be threatened by change. But I'm puzzled that some people who are immersed in this high-tech activity, where innovation and change are revered, seem to be terrified by these very things.

> 6. I'll never use CW -- Yes ___ No ___

No. I use QRPp CW to tune my antenna all the time. Heh.

> 7. It is just a dumb tradition -- Yes ___ No ___

No. It *IS* dumb to be consumed with nothing but tradition. Some of you pro-coders act like Bama football fans, who *still* can't deal with the fact that the BAHR is no longer around.

I find the arguments that Morse Code proficiency is useful under extreme conditions and circumstances very appealing. Just not enough to make it a defining issue in who gets a license.

> 8.It is a waste of time -- Yes No ___

No. Especially compared to the time spent on this poorly designed test. But it is my time, so there.

> 9. Write In ______ Yes ___ No ___

Harry Browne

>
> Add up all your yes answers -- whether they are true or false -- THEY ARE
> ALL COPOUTS

Do what?

> They are excuses that keep you from achieving your goals.

I know you! You're that Lebowski guy!

73 Corry K4DOH
--
It Came From C. L. "The Dude Abides" Smith's Unclaimed Mysteries.
http://www.unclaimedmysteries.net

2633. Re: Contact the FCC and Tell Them to get rid of CW Test and Requirements

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 07:00:36 UTC
From: kelly@dvol.com
Message-ID: <d22b54c3.0307242300.2062caac@posting.google.com>
Source record: 72471

"Elmer E Ing" <Elmer E Ing@tutor.org> wrote in message
news:<2cWTa.11226$ff.7619@fed1read01>...
> Average, above average, and below average citizens have access to radio --
> CB, FRS, GMRS, MURS with no tests.
>
> The best way to get the average citizen in to ham radio is to pass the
> tests -- The FCC sed that
>
> You did that when you got your drivers license -- didn't you ???
>
> How did you get thru school, el, hi, college -- took the damn tests --
> right?
>
> Achieve me buckos, can do, be all you can be -- take the damn test! Audacity
> that's the spirit!

I'm sorry but I don't see what getting off yer dead ass and taking the
test has to do with audacity.

w3rv

> ---
>
> "Mike Coslo" <mjc5@psu.edu> wrote in message
> news:3F202512.9030905@psu.edu...
> > Keith wrote:
> >
> > > Another EXTRA class licensee that wants to keep dinosaur technology in
> ham
> > > radio testing. Don't do anything so a few spoiled hams can keep their
> precious
> > > bands to themselves and keep the average citizen out of ham radio.
> >
> > The way to get the average citizen involved in ham radio is to
> > eliminate the tests altogether.
> >
> > NTI anyone?
> >
> > - Mike KB3EIA -
> >
> >

2634. Re: Question for the No coders

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 07:01:04 UTC
From: Keith <kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net>
Message-ID: <bfqkn101ha6@enews3.newsguy.com>
Source record: 72472

On Fri, 25 Jul 2003 00:47:17 -0400, "Jerry Oxendine" <joxendi@bellsouth.net>
wrote:

> The same thing could be said about Morse. Yes, it is old. But *if* radio
> should fail (terrorists, infrastructure, etc) then CW can get thru when
> others
> fail. I learned it before there was a hint of doing away with code for any
> license
> class, I still will know it if it goes away, and, yes, I can still ride a
> horse. Like CW horses are fun and no reason for me to have to do either at
> present. But if
> I need to I can.

Just because you did blah blah in 1960 doesn't mean the technology savvy
person of today should be tied down to some silly morse code test. I'm sorry to
inform you that if ham radio doesn't change in the next few years there will be
no one left to use it.
For gods sake are you that arrogant and ignorant of the world around you? I
bet you have a fancy computer. Let me put the morse code requirement in
perspective for you. What if the FCC and a national computer user group
required you to have a license to use a computer and to get a license you had
to pass a keyboard test of 35 WPM? I bet you would be screaming bloody murder
along with computer manufacturers and congress. The morse code test is the same
way.

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2635. Re: ATTN: Tech Licensee USA Morse Code Freedom Day is August 1st

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 07:29:59 UTC
From: Dwight Stewart <stewart@say.net>
Message-ID: <BB4654B7.1F5D5%stewart@say.net>
Source record: 72473
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb

"morse@code.is.dead" wrote:
>
> Let the FCC know that they can no longer keep you
> from your right to use the ten meter band allocation
> if you are a technician licensee. (snip)
>
> You don't have to use your identity, (snip)
>
> (snip) I will be on the air and I hope 10,000 or
> more no code technicians will join me. (snip)

And I suspect anyone who did this would find himself very much alone on those frequencies. Only an idiot would risk his license doing something like this. That and your provocative email address, should be enough to convince most you message is nothing more than a message trolling for suckers foolish enough to take it seriously.

Dwight Stewart (W5NET)

http://www.qsl.net/w5net/

2636. Re: Contact the FCC and Tell Them to get rid of CW Test and Requirements

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 07:31:21 UTC
From: Elmer E Ing <VITW@dontbother.com>
Message-ID: <d15Ua.11455$ff.11348@fed1read01>
Source record: 72474

"Brian Kelly" <kelly@dvol.com> wrote in message
news:d22b54c3.0307242300.2062caac@posting.google.com...
> "Elmer E Ing" <Elmer E Ing@tutor.org> wrote in message
news:<2cWTa.11226$ff.7619@fed1read01>...
> > Average, above average, and below average citizens have access to
adio --
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> >
> > The best way to get the average citizen in to ham radio is to pass the
> > tests -- The FCC sed that
> >
> > You did that when you got your drivers license -- didn't you ???
> >
> > How did you get thru school, el, hi, college -- took the damn tests --
> > right?
> >
> > Achieve me buckos, can do, be all you can be -- take the damn test!
Audacity
> > that's the spirit!
>
> I'm sorry but I don't see what getting off yer dead ass and taking the
> test has to do with audacity.

Used in the sense "undaunted resolution" -- Webster Dictionary
Or courageously resolute especially in the face of difficulty : not
discouraged -- Merriam-Webster

2637. Re: Question for the No coders

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 07:44:59 UTC
From: Dwight Stewart <stewart@say.net>
Message-ID: <BB46583B.1F5D7%stewart@say.net>
Source record: 72475

"Jerry Oxendine" wrote:

> (snip) But *if* radio should fail (terrorists,
> infrastructure, etc) then CW can get thru when
> others fail. (snip)

That is very easy to claim but the fact that neither the military or government requires all their operators to learn CW clearly suggests there is something seriously wrong with that claim.

Dwight Stewart (W5NET)

http://www.qsl.net/w5net/

2638. Re: ATTN: Tech Licensee USA Morse Code Freedom Day is August 1st

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 07:48:08 UTC
From: Keith <kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net>
Message-ID: <bfqnfa01orv@enews4.newsguy.com>
Source record: 72476
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb

On Fri, 25 Jul 2003 03:29:59 -0400, Dwight Stewart <stewart@say.net> wrote:

> "morse@code.is.dead" wrote:
> >
> > Let the FCC know that they can no longer keep you
> > from your right to use the ten meter band allocation
> > if you are a technician licensee. (snip)
> >
> > You don't have to use your identity, (snip)
> >
> > (snip) I will be on the air and I hope 10,000 or
> > more no code technicians will join me. (snip)
>
>
> And I suspect anyone who did this would find himself very much alone on
> those frequencies. Only an idiot would risk his license doing something like
> this. That and your provocative email address, should be enough to convince
> most you message is nothing more than a message trolling for suckers foolish
> enough to take it seriously.
>
>
> Dwight Stewart (W5NET)
>
> http://www.qsl.net/w5net/

Dwight, There is no way for anyone to know if a tech license has passed a
morse code test and all techs have voice privileges for 28.3-28.5 MHz.
What is the FCC going to do run around and check every tech license holder?
Besides would you rather give up ten meters to truckers and CBers?

--
The Radio Page Ham, Police Scanner, Shortwave and more.
http://www.kilowatt-radio.org/

2639. Re: Hey CBers Help Get rid of Morse Code Test and Requirement

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 09:25:39 UTC
From: tnom@mucks.net
Message-ID: <uct1iv860khn1kulfnomm1a26c7pbd59dr@4ax.com>
Source record: 72477
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.policy

On Thu, 24 Jul 2003 23:42:28 -0400, "IP Daily" <spade#abc.com> wrote:

>
><tnom@mucks.net> wrote in message
>news:dr31ivkvma46aiehabeph8bfs7uegqh010@4ax.com...
>
>> You responded to his original post calling it a troll post. The
>> post is not a troll post at all. If you see it as a troll post then it
>> is only in your imagination, so I will ask you again. Can you please
>> QUOTE the part about people using 10 meters illegally?????????
>>
>> P.S. A quote is not imaginary.
>
>
>Use your imagination and reread this part of his post. also where he calls
>on Cbers to help out.

You have a VERY active imagination. He asked for " properly licensed "
individuals to help out on Aug 1. The other method he described was
for CBers and others to contact the FCC He did this by posting the
message in rec.radio.cb

>"A group to protest the requirement of morse code for properly licensed
>technician licensee. And to remove the morse code test from ham radio
>testing
>as soon as possible. The first protest is August 1st 6 pm local time on
>28.306
>USB "
>

2640. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 10:21:48 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030725062148.23406.00001014@mb-m27.aol.com>
Source record: 72478

In article <bfpis7$4m4$1@slb9.atl.mindspring.net>, "Dan/W4NTI"
<w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com> writes:

>Doing CW at around 28 wpm is like talking to a Southerner. Layed back.
>
Laid back, very courteous and mannerly, much gets said without a lot of words.

73 de Jim, N2EY

2641. Re: Is Keith Wyatt Like Osama Bin Laden?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 10:54:38 UTC
From: Radio Patagonia <fedeede@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <1059130550.980323@newshost03.voicenet.com>
Source record: 72479

I'd not sweat it Keith.

I've been a ham since 1977 and an SWL
since 1969. Seen alot of changes and many
personnas come and go.

The CW argument will always be the archtype of ham radio's
arrested culture as hams, for some reason that I still cannot
fathom, always feel themselves and their equipment to be
"above" everything and everyone else.

They (we) may have had a technical edge back in the late
60's and thru the 1970's when the guy "with the funny
antennas in his yard" was the only person on the block who
could communicate around the world.

Today we are a curiosity, and an obsolete one at that.
Some of us still hold onto the ancient dogma of CW
or die, others new to the hobby are more progressive.
The bottom line however is that technology has passed
us by a very long time ago.

Our neighbor who has a Nextel phone with the iDEN
"walkie talkie" feature activated hanging on his belt and
a wireless ISP link for his laptop in his car is so far
ahead of us technologically that it's foolish to think that
hams (except for a very few) will ever apply such technology
to our ancient SSB radios and older HF/VHF band allocations.

We used to be unique, in that we could step beyond the
telephone to make a "wireless" long distance telephone
call. Today, anyone with inexpensive technology and a
Monthly Plan can run circles around us as far as communication
is concerned...

True, in an emergency we will be needed, and when the Sats
or Trunks or Links go down we may still be able to communicate
but there will still be those who insist on using the 80+ yer
old ARRL Message Radiogram Traffic method, and CW, while
the public looks at us, scratches their head, has a laugh, get's
bored and goes back home....

Buggy whips and crank start cars. Calling CQ...CQ...
Looks like Wayne Green was far ahead of his time all along
in those long-winded editorials in 73 that I love to pick up and
read today in retrospect/hindsight...

Ken :) :) :)

ps: In one of Bin Laden's grainy videos from his former
Afganistan training camp, you could see him holding an
HT with a telescopic antanna. If you look *real close*
and freeze the frame, you can make out that the radio
he is using is a vintage Icom IC-2AT. I bet one of his
friends bought it for him at Dayton or mail order. rotflmao

....

"Keith" <kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net> wrote in message
news:bfq6gm0159c@enews4.newsguy.com...
>
>
> This is some of the fan mail I have received. I actually have people
comparing
> me to Osama Bin Laden and other terrorists. I like to think of promoting
the
> elimination of horse and buggy morse code technology testing and
requirements
> as liberating people that were once required to ride in the back of the
bus.
> I'm a Rosa Parks, not a Osama Bin Laden.
> Oh no, they are going to turn me into the mighty Hollingsworth.
>
> JESUS H. CHRIST
>
>
> > From: "Brandon Coughlin" <deleted@urx.com>
> > To: <deleted@earthlink.net>,
> > <deleted@LISTSERV.UARK.EDU>
> > Subject: RE: No Code Tech Protest Aug 1st
> > Date: Thu, 24 Jul 2003 07:12:47 -0700
> > Message-ID: <BIEJKNOKFDDOLODHNLMMOEIHCPAA.bcoughlin@urx.com>
> >
> > Let's see here....
> >
> > September 11, 2001
> >
> > As I recall, the attacks on our soil were termed "protests" because
> > Al-Queda doesn't like our freedoms and our religions. So you consider
> > those types of protests acceptable as well because "protests are the
> > American way"? Terry echos my thoughts - Protests are the American
way...
> > peaceful, legal protests.
>
>
> > Hostname: dsc01-ati-ga-3-43.rasserver.net
> > IP Address: 206.215.212.43
> >
> > Message-ID: <20030725015431.32316.qmail@web14605.mail.yahoo.com>

> > Date: Thu, 24 Jul 2003 18:54:31 -0700
> > Reply-To: foon boss <deleted@YAHOO.COM>
> > From: foon boss <deleted@YAHOO.COM>
> > Subject: Kieth Kywatt's (AC7XC) - Planned "Disruption of the
Amatur band"
> > Aug. 1 2003
> > Comments: To: RHOLLING@fcc.gov, hq@arrl.org, deleted@EARTHLINK.NET
> > Comments: cc: fccham@fcc.gov, fccinfo@fcc.gov
> > To: deleted@LISTSERV.UARK.EDU
> >
> > Kieth E. Wyatt,
> > I'm glad you let us (and Riley Hollingsworth, FCC Special Counsel &
ARRL)
> > know about your planned "Civil Disobediance" and "Disruption of the
> > Amatur Band". Since this a violation of Section 97.101(d) of the
> > Commission's Rules that prohibits amateur operators from willfully or
> > maliciously interfering with or causing interference to any radio
> > communication or signal. 47 C.F.R. ï¿½ 97.101(d). the FCC Enforcement
> > division & ARRL will be very intrested in your activites.
> >
> > I just want verify that your call is still AC7XC (QRZ Look-up
> > http://www.qrz.com/callsign.html?callsign=ac7xc+) and your website is
> > http://www.kilowatt-radio.org/ is that correct? I just want to save
> > Mr.Riley Hollingsworth, FCC Special Counsel & the ARRL some work. You
can
> > now look forward to expressing your views up close and in person to
> > Mr.Riley Hollingsworth, FCC Special Counsel.
> >
> >
> > ==
> >
> > From: 1K Watt <deleted@EARTHLINK.NET>
> > 5:19 AM
> >
> > Subject: No Code Tech Protest Aug 1st
> > To:
> > deleted@LISTSERV.UARK.EDU
> >
> >
> > Let the FCC know that they can no longer keep you from your right to
use
> > the ten meter band allocation if you are a technician licensee. The
> > international requirement for morse code has been removed and there is
no
> > such thing as a technician plus license. You don't have to use your
> > identity, but no code technicians need to finally speak out to the FCC
> > they will no longer be oppressed by rules designed for the stone age of
> > electronic technology. Get on the air at 6pm local time on August 1st
or
> > if the band is open any time to make contacts in the 28.300-28.500 MHz

> > that is allocated to technicians for voice. Or if you have a computer
you
> > can use the allocated technician CW bands to send and receive morse
code.
> > Currently the FCC and ARRL want to drag this morse code requirement out
> > for one or two years while they put BPL and other technology on the
fast
> > track. I will be on the air and I hope 10,000 or more no code
technicians
> > will join me. I guess Hollingsworth will have to require 10,000 people
to
> > turn in their CW proficiency certificate if YOU will join us. The morse
> > code game is over and I'm not driving 55 when the speed limit is really
70
> > mph and the government hasn't changed the signs yet. Just go by the
> > limitation of your technician license and don't go overboard, we want
to
> > show that just because we didn't pass some dinosaur morse code test
that
> > we are bad operators.
> >
> >
> > Get on 28.306 USB at 6 PM local time to talk with other no code tech's
> > that are protesting the FCC and ARRL stupidity.
> >
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> >
> >
> > ---------------------------------
> > Do you Yahoo!?
> > Yahoo! SiteBuilder - Free, easy-to-use web site design software
> >
>
> --
> The Radio Page Ham, Police Scanner, Shortwave and more.
> http://www.kilowatt-radio.org/

2642. replace cw test with typing test!

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 11:02:38 UTC
From: David Robbins <k1ttt@arrl.net>
Message-ID: <0cedneFAGJTUk7yiXTWJkQ@crocker.com>
Source record: 72480

I think the fcc should replace the cw test with a typing accuracy and speed test. Just think about how much nicer the digital segments would be if everyone had to be able to type fast enough to keep their buffers full! No more diddles and wasted bandwidth while someone hunted around for the letters trying to answer a simple question that wasn't on their brag tape. This will of course become much more important as the manual digital method is phased out and the hf bands become more heavily used.

2643. Re: How Ugly Can One Creep Be?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 12:08:52 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu>
Message-ID: <3F211DD4.4070206@psu.edu>
Source record: 72481

N2EY wrote:
> Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net> wrote in message
news:<087uhv4o8nau4tlq2h3rfn6vukpqbehd1h@4ax.com>...
>
>>On 22 Jul 2003 05:47:23 GMT, yodoc@aol.comnospam (Larry Roll K3LT)
>>
>>
>>>Breakfast or lunch, it matters not to me! A Beef on Weck and a glass
>>>of Genny would be a great way to enjoy some ham camaraderie.
>>
>>I might opt for a soft drink instead of the Genny, but other than that
>>it sounds good to me. Be sure and let me know ahead of time next time
>>you plan to head up this way, and we'll plan a get-together.
>>
>>(For those not familiar with Western new York culture, Genny is a
>>locally brewed beer that's quite popular in these here parts)
>
>
> Rochester, to be exact. Gawd, I miss that stuff. Red hots, beef on a
> weck, real wings.....

> If you get to Rochester or Syracuse, check out Dinosaur BBQ.

Something tells me that I'm stepping into a henway, but what is beef on
a weck?

- Mike KB3EIA -

2644. Re: Question for the No coders

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 12:11:49 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu>
Message-ID: <3F211E85.1000000@psu.edu>
Source record: 72482

Elmer E Ing wrote:
> Hey thanks -- I'll add those to my tests for copouts
>
> All in good fun

Hey Elmer! That one also doesn't think there are any pretty women on the ARS, so you can paraphrase that to an excuse!

A really strange excuse, but still an excuse.

BTW, great job on trolling the troll. 8^)

- Mike KB3EIA -

2645. Re: With CW gone, can the CW allocations be far behind?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 12:21:49 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030725082149.23406.00001015@mb-m27.aol.com>
Source record: 72484

In article <bfpete$gqsk8$4@ID-189073.news.uni-berlin.de>, "Ryan, KC8PMX" <kc8pmx@diamondcs.net> writes:

>Show me a truly impartial survey and I might actually consider joining the
>Anti-Radio Relay League. ALL surveys are slanted in some direction or
>another, as to prove some point or theory.
>
Was my survey slanted? If so, how?

73 de Jim, N2EY

2646. Re: CW Gone ?? It Ain't Over Til It Is Over!

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 12:21:50 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030725082150.23406.00001016@mb-m27.aol.com>
Source record: 72483

In article <bfqbi9017dn@enews3.newsguy.com>, Keith
<kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net> writes:

>On Thu, 24 Jul 2003 07:05:43 -0700, "Elmer E Ing" <Elmer E Ing@tutor.org>
>wrote:
>
>> Better read URL:
>> http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2003/07/22/1/?nc=1
>>
>
> Too bad the ARRL has put itself in such a bad situation.

How did ARRL put itself in the situation?

>As soon as morse code is removed from HF operating requirements those that
>are mad about the ARRL not stopping code removal will quit.

Some will, some won't.

>All those no code techs and new hams that come
>into the hobby will never join a organization that did everything it could to
>keep the average citizen out of the HF bands.

"Keep the average citizen out of the HF bands"? How? FCC makes the rules, not
ARRL. The average citizen isn't interested in ham radio.

>The ARRL has kept ham radio in
>the dark ages by requiring horse and buggy morse code technology.

Nonsense. FCC makes the rules, not ARRL.

And it's more like stick-shift technology.

Since 1990 it has been possible to get full ham privileges with only a 5 wpm
code test, a medical waiver (doctor's note from ANY doctor) and the required
writtens. FCC said way back in 1990, and again in 2000, that they could not get
rid of the 5 wpm code test because of the ITU treaty. Treaty's been changed but
FCC hasn't done a thing. How is that ARRL's fault?

ARRL's policies are decided by the Directors. Who are elected by the members.
Some of them want the 5 wpm code test to go, others want it to stay.

If there really are lots of folks who want ARRL policy to change, all they have
to do is join up and elect Directors who want those same policies. Or run for
Director themselves. Simple.

Why hasn't that happened?

2647. Re: CW Gone ?? It Ain't Over Til It Is Over!

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 12:21:50 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030725082150.23406.00001017@mb-m27.aol.com>
Source record: 72485

In article <Xns93C2B78E0B2ECelektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>, Alun Palmer
<elektros@yahoo.com> writes:

>Too late, I've written it. All 22 pages of it. I would post it here, but
>none of the rule changes are visible after you convert it to ASCII. I
>could post a pdf version on the web if anyone is interested?
>
>In a nutshell, it asks them to ditch Element 1 and give all Techs all the
>novice subbands.

It took 22 pages to say that?

73 de Jim, N2EY

2648. Re: Tech Licensee USA Morse Code Freedom Day is August 1st

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 12:21:51 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030725082151.23406.00001018@mb-m27.aol.com>
Source record: 72486

In article <5UZTa.195$Wz6.190@news01.roc.ny>, "Jim Hampton"
<aa2qa@frontiernet.net> writes:

>I believe that if a technician was licensed a long time ago, he would
>already be grandfathered to general.

The date in question is March 21, 1987. If you can show that you had a Tech
before that date, you get credit for Element 1 and Element 3. That plus a
current Tech gets you a General. But you have to go to a VE session to cash in
the credits.

>I also believe that the codeless techs
>and tech pluses are lacking one element of written exam to be grandfathered
>into a general class ticket, but I could well be wrong.

Element 3. March 21, 1987 is when the old General/Tech written (old old Element
3) was split into separate Tech and General parts (old Elements 3A and 3B).

73 de Jim, N2EY

2649. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 12:27:50 UTC
From: kelly@dvol.com
Message-ID: <d22b54c3.0307250427.47189cac@posting.google.com>
Source record: 72487

Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net> wrote in message
news:<29a0ivg9fob1c2r9djam6jgcjhtn3d0q9v@4ax.com>...
> On 23 Jul 2003 09:32:11 -0700, N2EY@AOL.COM (N2EY) wrote:

> >>
> >> ...where conditions are apparently better since they support phone on
> >> that band? Then why haven't the CW guys moved there as well, to take
> >> advantage of the better band conditions?

They do exactly that if they're CW dxers. As do the SSB dxers who are
not in the contest but are out to work new ones which get on the air
for the contests. I'm not a phone contester but I've worked any number
of expeditions during the phone contests. The inverse is also true,
SSB contesters run CW in the CW contests to pick up new ones but are
not in the contests to generate scores.

Note that a huge percentage of the DX contesters are not "CW ops" or
"Phone ops", they're both.

> >Meanwhile, hams who are working CW (and obviously not interested in
> >the contest) will be distributed differently among the bands. Since
> >much of the DX is working 'phone, the CW ops will probably be looking
> >for ragchews, and may be on bands like 40 and 80, which are more
> >suited for non-DX when the upper bands are open.

Per previous if the CW op is a dxer he'll most likely be on the "hot
bands" chasing CW DX and/or mixing it up in the phone contest. If the
CW op is a ragchewer nothing changes and he hangs out where he usually
does.

> OK, agreed. Many of the non-contesting phone ops will probably be
> doing the same, in fact. They'll go to the lower frequencies because
> conditions there are better suited to their intgended activity - and
> to avoid the congestion on the higher frequencies that results from
> all the contesters operating on those bands. Makes sense to me.

What?? Ain't the way it is at all. The contests do not completely
occupy any bands, the ragchewers simply move up their favorite band
away from the contests and carry on as usual. Bitching about
contesters of course or they shut down for the weekend and go do
something else.

w3rv

2650. Re: Question for the No coders

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 12:42:52 UTC
From: kelly@dvol.com
Message-ID: <d22b54c3.0307250442.75b25398@posting.google.com>
Source record: 72488

Unclaimed Mysteries <k4doh@mindspring.com> wrote in message
news:<bfqjgn$t$1@slb0.atl.mindspring.net>...
> Elmer E Ing wrote in part:
>
>
> > I submit you could have learned the code in half the time it took to
> > complain endlessly about the code.

>
> > 4. It is too difficult -- Yes__ No __
>
> Not for me. But not everybody is wired the same. It's absurd to assume
> all no-coders are CB-ish ham-wannabes who demand a "free ride." I know
> several who are pretty sharp, enthusiastic and eager to push the
> hobby/service forward. In 2003, is amateur radio well-served by using
> the Morse Code requirement to disqualify prospective hams who otherwise
> have much to contribute?

Yeah, we heard all the same nonsense 11-12 years ago when the nocode
ticket became available. Can you cite a single example of a nocode who
"pushed the hobby/service forward" since then? Where's the BEEF?! And
while you're at it perhaps you can explain what would change in this
respect by handing nocodes access to the HF bands too?

>
>
> 73 Corry K4DOH

w3rv

2651. Re: Tech's on 28.3-28.5 can operate today.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 12:53:05 UTC
From: Bert Craig <wa2si@arrl.netNOSPAM>
Message-ID: <RK9Ua.139534$ye5.24118805@news4.srv.hcvlny.cv.net>
Source record: 72489

"Keith" <kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net> wrote in message
news:bfq6oe1159c@enews4.newsguy.com...
> On Fri, 25 Jul 2003 02:39:47 GMT, "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net> wrote:
>
> > Techs with HF only have ONE voice band not multiple voice bands.
>
> I didn't say that techs have more then one HF band. God no wonder ham
radio is
> dying with jack asses like you around. You f*cking hams are like the golf
clubs
> that refuse to admit jews and blacks. You are a dying bred.

Remember when I said I like your fire. Fire does not equal obnoxious. Folks
are actually trying to HELP you here by correcting your innacurate
statements. Recognize that. Try being nice, courtesy works wonders and
breaks down the highest walls.

--
73 de Bert
WA2SI

2652. Re: Contact the FCC and Tell Them to get rid of CW Test and Requirements

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 13:11:00 UTC
From: kelly@dvol.com
Message-ID: <d22b54c3.0307250511.78e23a92@posting.google.com>
Source record: 72490

"Elmer E Ing" <VITW@dontbother.com> wrote in message
news:<d15Ua.11455$ff.11348@fed1read01>...
> "Brian Kelly" <kelly@dvol.com> wrote in message
> news:d22b54c3.0307242300.2062caac@posting.google.com...
> > "Elmer E Ing" <Elmer E Ing@tutor.org> wrote in message
> news:<2cWTa.11226$ff.7619@fed1read01>...
> > > Average, above average, and below average citizens have access to
> adio --
> > > CB, FRS, GMRS, MURS with no tests.
> > >
> > > The best way to get the average citizen in to ham radio is to pass the
> > > tests -- The FCC sed that
> > >
> > > You did that when you got your drivers license -- didn't you ???
> > >
> > > How did you get thru school, el, hi, college -- took the damn tests --
> > > right?
> > >
> > > Achieve me buckos, can do, be all you can be -- take the damn test!
> Audacity
> > > that's the spirit!
> >
> > I'm sorry but I don't see what getting off yer dead ass and taking the
> > test has to do with audacity.
>
> Used in the sense "undaunted resolution" -- Webster Dictionary
> Or courageously resolute especially in the face of difficulty : not
> discouraged -- Merriam-Webster

"Main Entry:auï¿½dacï¿½iï¿½ty: a: intrepid boldness b: bold or arrogant
disregard of normal restraints.

I'll stick. If simply getting off one's dead ass takes an act of
"intrepid boldness" one has problems far beyond just learning the
goofy code.

w3rv

2653. Re: UK to abolish code test on Friday

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 13:21:41 UTC
From: Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93C35F2A54A40elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>
Source record: 72491

Keith <kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net> wrote in
news:bfqim001iiq@enews4.newsguy.com:

> On 24 Jul 2003 19:26:45 GMT, tbonet@fzap.net (Tom Bonet) wrote:
>
>> Bwa HAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHA!!! The Morse code whiners will have to go
>> sit in a corner somewhere and mumble things about "real hams" while
>> the rest of us show up on "their" frequencies. I can't wait to
>> operate USB on 3.510 MHz.
>>
>> The hazing ritual has been eliminated in the UK and soon the US will
>> follow suit. Bye bye CW elitists!
>
> This is the reason that the morse code requirement that has been
> pushed by the
> ARRL for the last twenty years will destroy it. All the no code techs
> and ham newcomers will never join the ARRL when they get their HF
> privileges.
>
>

The League will just try to convince them it was all their doing just as
they did with the no-code Tech licence. It wasn't true then either.

BTW, CW testing is abolished in the UK effective the 26th, i.e. allowing
for summer time, at 2300z tonight (the 25th), or 7pm EST. Less than 8
hours to go. I will try to get on at 7 to listen for G8, G6, G1, G7, M1
and 2E1 calls.

The following notice merges the Full A and Full B licences. I think there
is a similar notice merging the Intermediate A and Intermediate B
licences.

DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY

WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY ACT 1949

NOTICE OF VARIATION OF AMATEUR RADIO LICENCE (A) OR (B)

The Secretary of State hereby gives notice under section 1(4) and section
1E of the Wireless Telegraphy Act 1949 to holders of the Amateur Radio
Licence (A) or (B) that, with effect from 26 July 2003, the terms,
provisions and limitations of each licence shall be varied as follows:

1. In this notice the "Booklet" means the Amateur Radio Licence (A) or
(B) Terms, Provisions and Limitations Booklet BR68, the terms of which
form part of the Licence.

2. As from 26 July 2003, each licence shall be read and construed as if the reference in the
Licence to the Booklet were a reference to the Booklet containing the following changes.

(1) the heading of the Booklet shall be deleted and replaced by "Amateur Radio (Full) Licence Terms, Provisions and Limitations Booklet BR68"

(2) the words "These terms, provisions and limitations shall be read as an integral part of the Amateur Radio Licence (A) or (B)" appearing after the heading of the Booklet shall be deleted and replaced by the words "These terms, provisions and limitations shall be read as an integral part of the Amateur Radio (Full) Licence."

(3) sub-clause 2(2) of the Booklet shall be deleted

(4) sub-clause 2(3) of the Booklet shall be renumbered (2)2

(5) sub-clause 2(4) of the Booklet shall be renumbered (2)3

(6) sub-clause 2(5) of the Booklet shall be renumbered (2)4

(7) sub-clause 2(5A) of the Booklet shall be renumbered (2)5

(8) sub-clause 2(10)(a) of the Booklet shall be deleted and replaced by the following words "authorise any club member who holds an Amateur Radio (Full) Licence to use and supervise the operation of the station on his behalf under this Licence;"

(9) in sub-clause 3(1)(a), following the semicolon at the end of the clause, " and" shall be deleted and replaced with "or a Full Amateur Radio Examination Pass Certificate issued by or on behalf of the Secretary of State; or"

(10) sub-clause 3(1)b of the Booklet shall be deleted

(11) sub-clause 3(1)c of the Booklet shall be renumbered 3(1)b

(12) sub-clause 10(4) of the Booklet shall be deleted

(13) the heading of the Schedule to the Booklet shall be deleted and replaced by "Amateur Radio (Full) Licence Terms, Provisions and Limitations Booklet BR68"

(14) the following Schedule shall be substituted for the Schedule to the Booklet (the notes to the Schedule shall remain unchanged).

The Schedule to Terms, Provisions and Limitations Booklet BR68 (Amateur Radio (Full)
Licence)

1 2 3 4 5
FrequencyBands in MHz Status of Allocations in the United Kingdom
to: Maximum Power level in Watts (dB relative to 1 W) PEP Mode of Transmission
The Amateur Service The Amateur Satellite Service

0.1357-0.1378 Secondary. Available on the basis of non-interference to other services (inside or outside the United Kingdom) (not allocated) 1 W (0 dBW) erp MorseTelephonyRTTYDataFacsimileSSTV
1.810-1.830 Primary. Available on the basis of non-interference to other services (outside the United Kingdom) 400 W (26 dBW)
1.830-1.850 Primary
1.850-1.950 Available on the basis of non-interference to other services (inside or outside the United Kingdom) 32 W (15 dBW)
1.950-2.000 400 W (26 dBW)
3.500-3.800 Primary. Shared with other services
7.000-7.100 Primary Primary
10.100-10.150 Secondary (not allocated)
14.000-14.250 Primary Primary
14.250-14.350 (not allocated)
18.068-18.168 Primary
21.000-21.450
24.890-24.990
28.000-29.700
50.00-51.00 Primary. Available on the basis of non-interference to other services outside the United Kingdom (not allocated)
51.00-52.00 Secondary. Available on the basis of non-interference to other services inside or outside the United Kingdom 100 W (20 dBW)
70.00-70.50 160 W (22 dBW)
144.0-146.0 Primary Primary 400 W (26 dBW)
430.0-431.0 Secondary (not allocated) 40 W (16 dBW) erp MorseTelephonyRTTYDataFacsimileSSTVFSTV
431.0-432.0 Secondary. Not available for use within a 100 km radius of Charing Cross, London (51°30'30"N, 00°07'24"W)
432.0- 435.0 Secondary 400 W (26 dBW)
435.0-438.0 Secondary
438.0-440.0 (not allocated)
1240-1260 Secondary (not allocated) 400 W (26 dBW) MorseTelephonyRTTYDataFacsimileSSTVFSTV
1260-1270 Secondary.Earth to space only
1270-1325 (not allocated)
2310-2400
2400-2450 Secondary. Users must accept interference from ISM users Secondary. Users must accept interference from ISM users
3400-3475 Secondary (not allocated)
5650-5670 Secondary.Earth to space only
5670-5680 (not allocated)
5755-5765 Secondary. Users must accept interference from ISM users
5820-5830
5830-5850 Secondary. Users must accept interference from ISM users. Space to Earth only
10000-10125 Secondary (not allocated)
10225-10450
10450-10475 Secondary

10475-10500 (not allocated)
24000-24050 Primary. Users must accept interference from ISM
users Primary. Users must accept interference from ISM users
24050-24150 Secondary. May only be used with the written consent of the Secretary of State. Users must accept interference from ISM users (not allocated)
24150-24250 Secondary
47000-47200 Primary Primary
75500-76000 Primary (1) Primary (1)
76000-77500 Secondary Secondary
77500-78000 Primary Primary
78000-79000 Secondary (not allocated)
79000-81000 Secondary
122250-123000

134000-136000 Primary Primary 400 W (26
dBW) MorseTelephonyRTTYDataFacsimileSSTVFSTV
136000-141000 Secondary Secondary
142000-144000 Primary (1) Primary (1)
241000-248000 Secondary Secondary
248000 -250000 Primary Primary

ISM = Industrial, Scientific and Medical.

(1) until 31 December 2006.

Notes to the Booklet:

(15) Note (f) shall be deleted

(16) Note (g) of the Booklet shall be revised as (f)

(17) Note (h) of the Booklet shall be revised as (g)

(18) Note (i) of the Booklet shall be revised as (h)

(19) Note (j) of the Booklet shall be revised as (i)

(20) Note (k) of the Booklet shall be revised as (j)

(21) Note (l) of the Booklet shall be revised as (k)

(22) Note (m) of the Booklet shall be revised as (l)

(23) Note (n) of the Booklet shall be revised as (m)

(24) Note (o) of the Booklet shall be revised as (n)

(25) Note (p) of the Booklet shall be revised as (o)

(26) Note (q) of the Booklet shall be revised as (p)

(27) Note (r) of the Booklet shall be revised as (q)

(28) Note (s) of the Booklet shall be revised as (r)

(29) Note (t) of the Booklet shall be revised as (s)

(30) Note (u) of the Booklet shall be revised as (t)

(31) Note (v) of the Booklet shall be revised as (u)

(32) Note (w) of the Booklet shall be revised as (v)

(33) Note (x) of the Booklet shall be revised as (w)

(34) Note (y) of the Booklet shall be revised as (x)

(35) Note (z) of the Booklet shall be revised as (y)

(36) Note (aa) of the Booklet shall be revised as (z)

On behalf of the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry

July 2003

2654. Re: CW Gone ?? It Ain't Over Til It Is Over!

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 13:24:05 UTC
From: Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93C35F9319C2Eelektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>
Source record: 72492

n2ey@aol.com (N2EY) wrote in
news:20030725082150.23406.00001017@mb-m27.aol.com:

> In article <Xns93C2B78E0B2ECelektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>, Alun Palmer
> <elektros@yahoo.com> writes:
>
>>Too late, I've written it. All 22 pages of it. I would post it here,
>>but none of the rule changes are visible after you convert it to ASCII.
>>I could post a pdf version on the web if anyone is interested?
>>
>>In a nutshell, it asks them to ditch Element 1 and give all Techs all
>>the novice subbands.
>
> It took 22 pages to say that?
>
> 73 de Jim, N2EY
>
>
>

Do you realise how many rule changes are necessary to implement that Jim?
17 pages of it is just the rule changes.

2655. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 13:46:14 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307250546.7224eec3@posting.google.com>
Source record: 72493

n2ey@aol.com (N2EY) wrote in message
news:<20030725062148.23406.00001014@mb-m27.aol.com>...
> In article <bfpis7$4m4$1@slb9.atl.mindspring.net>, "Dan/W4NTI"
> <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com> writes:
>
> >Doing CW at around 28 wpm is like talking to a Southerner. Layed back.
> >
> Laid back, very courteous and mannerly, much gets said without a lot of words.
>
> 73 de Jim, N2EY

I get a completely different mental picture when Larry describes
someone with a Southern accent.

I wonder if Kim has a Southern accent.

2656. Re: Question for the No coders

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 13:56:52 UTC
From: Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93C36521EF60Delektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>
Source record: 72494

<snip>
>
> Yeah, we heard all the same nonsense 11-12 years ago when the nocode
> ticket became available. Can you cite a single example of a nocode who
> "pushed the hobby/service forward" since then? Where's the BEEF?! And
> while you're at it perhaps you can explain what would change in this
> respect by handing nocodes access to the HF bands too?
>
>>
>>
>> 73 Corry K4DOH
>
> w3rv
>

None of the QRM/bad behaviour from no-coders ever materialised either, did it? All the people cited for QRM by the FCC are Extras, like I am.

2657. Re: Is Keith Wyatt Like Osama Bin Laden?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 14:04:08 UTC
From: Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93C3665BE8EE4elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>
Source record: 72495

"Radio Patagonia" <fedeede@yahoo.com> wrote in
news:1059130550.980323@newshost03.voicenet.com:

> I'd not sweat it Keith.
>
> I've been a ham since 1977 and an SWL
> since 1969. Seen alot of changes and many
> personnas come and go.
>
> The CW argument will always be the archtype of ham radio's
> arrested culture as hams, for some reason that I still cannot
> fathom, always feel themselves and their equipment to be
> "above" everything and everyone else.
>
> They (we) may have had a technical edge back in the late
> 60's and thru the 1970's when the guy "with the funny
> antennas in his yard" was the only person on the block who
> could communicate around the world.
>
> Today we are a curiosity, and an obsolete one at that.
> Some of us still hold onto the ancient dogma of CW
> or die, others new to the hobby are more progressive.
> The bottom line however is that technology has passed
> us by a very long time ago.
>
> Our neighbor who has a Nextel phone with the iDEN
> "walkie talkie" feature activated hanging on his belt and
> a wireless ISP link for his laptop in his car is so far
> ahead of us technologically that it's foolish to think that
> hams (except for a very few) will ever apply such technology
> to our ancient SSB radios and older HF/VHF band allocations.
>
> We used to be unique, in that we could step beyond the
> telephone to make a "wireless" long distance telephone
> call. Today, anyone with inexpensive technology and a
> Monthly Plan can run circles around us as far as communication
> is concerned...
>
> True, in an emergency we will be needed, and when the Sats
> or Trunks or Links go down we may still be able to communicate
> but there will still be those who insist on using the 80+ yer
> old ARRL Message Radiogram Traffic method, and CW, while
> the public looks at us, scratches their head, has a laugh, get's

> bored and goes back home....
>
> Buggy whips and crank start cars. Calling CQ...CQ...
> Looks like Wayne Green was far ahead of his time all along
> in those long-winded editorials in 73 that I love to pick up and
> read today in retrospect/hindsight...
>
> Ken :) :) :)
>
> ps: In one of Bin Laden's grainy videos from his former
> Afganistan training camp, you could see him holding an
> HT with a telescopic antanna. If you look *real close*
> and freeze the frame, you can make out that the radio
> he is using is a vintage Icom IC-2AT. I bet one of his
> friends bought it for him at Dayton or mail order. rotflmao
>
> ....
>
> "Keith" <kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net> wrote in message
> news:bfq6gm0159c@enews4.newsguy.com...
>>
>>
>> This is some of the fan mail I have received. I actually have people
>> comparing me to Osama Bin Laden and other terrorists. I like to think
>> of promoting the elimination of horse and buggy morse code technology
>> testing and requirements as liberating people that were once required
>> to ride in the back of the bus.
>> I'm a Rosa Parks, not a Osama Bin Laden.
>> Oh no, they are going to turn me into the mighty Hollingsworth.
>>
>> JESUS H. CHRIST
>>
>>
>> > From: "Brandon Coughlin" <deleted@urx.com>
>> > To: <deleted@earthlink.net>, <deleted@LISTSERV.UARK.EDU>
>> > Subject: RE: No Code Tech Protest Aug 1st
>> > Date: Thu, 24 Jul 2003 07:12:47 -0700
>> > Message-ID: <BIEJKNOKFDDOLODHNLMMOEIHCPAA.bcoughlin@urx.com>
>> >
>> > Let's see here....
>> >
>> > September 11, 2001
>> >
>> > As I recall, the attacks on our soil were termed "protests" because
>> > Al-Queda doesn't like our freedoms and our religions. So you
>> > consider those types of protests acceptable as well because
>> > "protests are the American way"? Terry echos my thoughts - Protests
>> > are the American way... peaceful, legal protests.
>>

>>
>> > Hostname: dsc01-ati-ga-3-43.rasserver.net
>> > IP Address: 206.215.212.43
>> >
>> > Message-ID: <20030725015431.32316.qmail@web14605.mail.yahoo.com>
>> > Date: Thu, 24 Jul 2003 18:54:31 -0700
>> > Reply-To: foon boss <deleted@YAHOO.COM>
>> > From: foon boss <deleted@YAHOO.COM>
>> > Subject: Kieth Kywatt's (AC7XC) - Planned "Disruption of the
>> > Amatur band"
>> > Aug. 1 2003
>> > Comments: To: RHOLLING@fcc.gov, hq@arrl.org, deleted@EARTHLINK.NET
>> > Comments: cc: fccham@fcc.gov, fccinfo@fcc.gov
>> > To: deleted@LISTSERV.UARK.EDU
>> >
>> > Kieth E. Wyatt,
>> > I'm glad you let us (and Riley Hollingsworth, FCC Special Counsel &
>> > ARRL) know about your planned "Civil Disobediance" and "Disruption
>> > of the Amatur Band". Since this a violation of Section 97.101(d) of
>> > the Commission's Rules that prohibits amateur operators from
>> > willfully or maliciously interfering with or causing interference to
>> > any radio communication or signal. 47 C.F.R. 97.101(d). the FCC
>> > Enforcement division & ARRL will be very intrested in your
>> > activites.
>> >
>> > I just want verify that your call is still AC7XC (QRZ Look-up
>> > http://www.qrz.com/callsign.html?callsign=ac7xc+) and your website
>> > is http://www.kilowatt-radio.org/ is that correct? I just want to
>> > save Mr.Riley Hollingsworth, FCC Special Counsel & the ARRL some
>> > work. You can now look forward to expressing your views up close and
>> > in person to Mr.Riley Hollingsworth, FCC Special Counsel.
>> >
>> >
>> > ==
>> >
>> > From: 1K Watt <deleted@EARTHLINK.NET>
>> > 5:19 AM
>> >
>> > Subject: No Code Tech Protest Aug 1st
>> > To:
>> > deleted@LISTSERV.UARK.EDU
>> >
>> >
>> > Let the FCC know that they can no longer keep you from your right to
>> > use the ten meter band allocation if you are a technician licensee.
>> > The international requirement for morse code has been removed and
>> > there is no such thing as a technician plus license. You don't have
>> > to use your identity, but no code technicians need to finally speak
>> > out to the FCC they will no longer be oppressed by rules designed

>> > for the stone age of electronic technology. Get on the air at 6pm
>> > local time on August 1st or if the band is open any time to make
>> > contacts in the 28.300-28.500 MHz that is allocated to technicians
>> > for voice. Or if you have a computer you can use the allocated
>> > technician CW bands to send and receive morse code. Currently the
>> > FCC and ARRL want to drag this morse code requirement out for one or
>> > two years while they put BPL and other technology on the fast track.
>> > I will be on the air and I hope 10,000 or more no code technicians
>> > will join me. I guess Hollingsworth will have to require 10,000
>> > people to turn in their CW proficiency certificate if YOU will join
>> > us. The morse code game is over and I'm not driving 55 when the
>> > speed limit is really 70 mph and the government hasn't changed
>> > the signs yet. Just go by the limitation of your technician license
>> > and don't go overboard, we want to show that just because we didn't
>> > pass some dinosaur morse code test that we are bad operators.
>> >
>> >
>> > Get on 28.306 USB at 6 PM local time to talk with other no code
>> > tech's that are protesting the FCC and ARRL stupidity.
>> >
>> >
>> >
>> >
>> > ---------------------------------
>> > Do you Yahoo!?
>> > Yahoo! SiteBuilder - Free, easy-to-use web site design software
>> >
>>
>> --
>> The Radio Page Ham, Police Scanner, Shortwave and more.
>> http://www.kilowatt-radio.org/
>
>

I was watching the BBC news on PBS last night and they said something
about the 'close family relationship between the Bushes and the Bin
Ladens'. Does anyone one know what that's about? As far as I know the Bin
ladens are in construction and are/were based in Boston, Mass and in
Saudi. As opposed to Texas oilmen.

2658. Re: Survey? Was: Re: With CW gone, can the CW allocations be far behind?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 14:04:17 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307250604.29b80e6a@posting.google.com>
Source record: 72496

kelly@dvol.com (Brian Kelly) wrote in message
news:<d22b54c3.0307240946.74d46280@posting.google.com>...
> Jon Bloom <jbloom@arrl.org> wrote in message
news:<pan.2003.07.24.00.47.39.443612.14546@arrl.org>...
>
> > And then we hire the mail crew to open and the data-entry crew to enter
> > the responses from a half million 14-question survey responses. This is
> > your idea of money well spent?
> >
> > > Why not?
> >
> > In my opinion, because it's a waste of resources -- time and money -- that
> > would be better devoted to tackling the problems Amateur Radio faces that
> > are important -- a list that does not, in my mind, include anything to do
> > with Morse testing.
>
> Your list of priorities is yours and is not at all indicative of the
> membership's as a body. You're not any more prescient or more on top
> of what the membership thinks than I am. Since the code test wheel is
> apparently going to make yet one more revolution and many members do
> have opinions on the code test question I think a poll of the
> membership would be very much in order. Particularly in light of ARRL
> BoD divisive cat fight which preceeded the last revolution of the
> wheel. It's time for solid membership input on this one, repeat
> debacles get boring.
>
> I don't agree with Jim's proposal for a detailed survey for the same
> basic reasons you don't agree. I'd like to have a very simple version:
> "Do you want to have the code test eliminated. If yes check here." "Do
> you want the code test retained? If yes check here." Any four year old
> could handle the tabulation . . .

Kelly, that was a very nice presentation of an idea.

The survey could be accomplished via the ARRL web site, membership
required to log-in, at a total cost of about $40 for an hour of the
web programmer's time. The ARRL members who don't have web capability
can make a trip to the public library and vote. They should probably
get out more anyway.

Brian

2659. Re: Question for the No coders

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 14:04:55 UTC
From: kelly@dvol.com
Message-ID: <d22b54c3.0307242324.5042a8d6@posting.google.com>
Source record: 72497

"Elmer E Ing" <Elmer E Ing@tutor.org> wrote in message
news:<gk0Ua.11280$ff.3485@fed1read01>...
> Thanks Keith I'll add those to the copout list.
>
> BTW SSB is probably 30 or 40 years old.

SSB first showed up in the ham bands in 1934. AT&T had SSB running
around ten years before hams did. Next year will mark the 70th
anniversary of ham SSB. Gawd I love these "new, modern modes" like SSB
which make Morse such an artifact mode . . .

w3rv

2660. Re: Challenge to Kim

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 14:11:31 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307250611.545e93a2@posting.google.com>
Source record: 72498

yodoc@aol.comnospam (Larry Roll K3LT) wrote in message
news:<20030724234305.02197.00001556@mb-m12.aol.com>...
> In article <20030724003425.18070.00000469@mb-m17.aol.com>, vshah101@aol.com
> (Vshah101) writes:
>
> >I just found some long time ago report I wrote on essential education.(It was
> >long before I got an amateur radio licence or knew that there was such a
> >thing). Surprising, among other things, I wrote that I wanted to learn Morse
> >code. Never was obcessed about it. In fact, I forgot I even wrote that. At
> >that
> >time, I just believed that its something one should learn.
> >
> >I no longer believe that.
>
> Well, Vipul, you just hold on to that belief. It will save you the time and
> effort required to learn a useful communications skill.
>
> 73 de Larry, K3LT

Larry, is phone a useful communication skill?

2661. Re: UK to abolish code test on Friday

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 14:17:43 UTC
From: "Gareth (G1LVN)" <gareth@mycallsign.freeserve.co.uk>
Message-ID: <bfreg3$s2i$1@newsg2.svr.pol.co.uk>
Source record: 72499

"Alun Palmer" <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote in message
news:Xns93C2BEEDBAAelektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4...
> There have been lot of different rumours floating about, but it now looks
> definite that the UK will scrap the code test on Friday. This will be the
> second country after Switzerland, which already did it.

Actually the UK are making CW mandatory. All new amateurs from Dec 2003 will have to enter the hobby as foundation class, which requires a morse assessment which satisfies the pre WRC03 morse requirement (which never state a speed in wpm). The morse assessment requires the candidate to send a CW passage at any speed and to ask the assessor to slow down theoretically to 12 words per hour if necessary. It's also an "open book exam" i.e. they have access to a morse code table -.-. = C etc.

So far from abolishing the morse requirement - all new UK amateurs from Dec 2003 will have to sit the morse assessment at the lowest entry level. This does not apply to all former above 30Mhz (class B, CEPT class 2) who will get HF tomorrow (26th July 2003) without doing the morse assessment.

Why Dec 2003? well that is the next date for the Radio Amateurs Exam (scheduled twice a year - May and Dec) which allows you to go straight to Full (extra class) by sitting just one exam. After this "last" exam date (Dec 2004) all UK amateurs will have to sit three exams (and the morse assessment) to go Foundation Class then Intermediate (was Novice) then Full. Also after Dec 2004 the RAE will be no longer scheduled just twice a year but go "on-demand" and will be administrated by the Radio Society of Great Britain not the "City and Guilds" (a body responsible for NVQs across the UK) as before.

This guarantees that CW is never "forgotten" at least in the UK. As to be expected from the UK authorities a very diplomatic outcome.

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73 de G1LVN
Gateway details at: www.g1lvn.org.uk
(change "mycallsign" to reply by email)
send spam to abuse@theplanet.net

2662. Re: How Ugly Can One Creep Be?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 15:02:39 UTC
From: k4yz@aol.com
Message-ID: <5c01b95b.0307250702.439ac298@posting.google.com>
Source record: 72500

N2EY@AOL.COM (N2EY) wrote in message
news:<c2356669.0307240845.7fc4e699@posting.google.com>...
> Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net> wrote in message
news:<087uhv4o8nau4tlq2h3rfn6vukpqbehd1h@4ax.com>...

> > Snow blower!? You ain't a "real" Western New Yorker! If you were,
> > you'd use a shovel like they used to do a hundred years ago. It's
> > still a perfectly efficient and viable means of snow removal. Anybody
> > who uses a snow blower is just plain lazy. :-)
> >
> Damn straight. ;-)
>
> I still have and use my shovel from Palmyra/Newark days. Just the
> right size for the car trunk, snow slips right off, eay on the back.

NyukNyukNyuk...

Here in SE Tennessee we use snow shovels as talismen against
anyone who would dare bring snow here!

73

Steve, K4YZ

2663. Re: ATTN: Tech Licensee USA Morse Code Freedom Day is August 1st

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 15:19:53 UTC
From: Spamhater <nospam@nospam.com>
Message-ID: <wUbUa.562$603.30052@iad-read.news.verio.net>
Source record: 72501
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb

"Keith" <kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net> wrote in message
news:bfqnfa01orv@enews4.newsguy.com...
> On Fri, 25 Jul 2003 03:29:59 -0400, Dwight Stewart <stewart@say.net>
wrote:
>
> > "morse@code.is.dead" wrote:
> > >
> > > Let the FCC know that they can no longer keep you
> > > from your right to use the ten meter band allocation
> > > if you are a technician licensee. (snip)
> > >
> > > You don't have to use your identity, (snip)
> > >
> > > (snip) I will be on the air and I hope 10,000 or
> > > more no code technicians will join me. (snip)
> >
> >
> > And I suspect anyone who did this would find himself very much alone
on
> > those frequencies. Only an idiot would risk his license doing something
like
> > this. That and your provocative email address, should be enough to
convince
> > most you message is nothing more than a message trolling for suckers
foolish
> > enough to take it seriously.
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> > Dwight Stewart (W5NET)
> >
> > http://www.qsl.net/w5net/
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> Dwight, There is no way for anyone to know if a tech license has passed a
> morse code test and all techs have voice privileges for 28.3-28.5 MHz.
> What is the FCC going to do run around and check every tech license
holder?
> Besides would you rather give up ten meters to truckers and CBers?
>
>
> --
> The Radio Page Ham, Police Scanner, Shortwave and more.
> http://www.kilowatt-radio.org/

The above argument sucks... ANYONE who values their license "AGREES" to abide by the Rules and Regulations. YOUR argument that the FCC can't go checking all call signs and such is the same as this..... ALL Junior Operators of vehicles at - least here in PA, have to be off the street by a certain time of night and not much before day light can they get on the streets with a vehicle.. SO, will the cops stop EVERY car to see if they are a Junior Operator or NOT? NO, it is impractical.. But it STILL does NOT give you the authority to do as you damned well please. RULES AND LAWS are made to be adhered to.. YOU being a part of the lawless society are more a part of the problem than the solution. TO PROVOKE lawlessness IS a part of the problem. YOUR telling NO CODE techs to go on air without proper license - should the blind sheep follow, is as illegal as the CBers who are there as well. As I said, YOUR ARGUMENT SUCKS. PLUS, 5 wpm code is as lame as you can get. Once you learn the code, taking the test at 5 wpm will seem boring. It will be easier than you think..... THOUSANDS have passed it - myself INCLUDED.. I detect LAZINESS AND LAWLESSNESS. When YOU SIGN A 610 form, now a 605 for an Amateur License, OR any other form for an FCC license or permit, YOU "AGREE" to uphold the rules and laws. READ IT..... A man is only as good as his word, and if you agree to something then fall back on it, you are not a man of good deed. PLAIN AND SIMPLE..... Hell, why not provoke people to break all the laws... Allow anyone of any age, ability or back ground to drink, drive, possess firearms, use radios, whatever... See how long it takes before there is utter chaos. CRAZY, SIMPLY CRAZY..... ONE MORE THING..... when a person ACCEPTS the "agreement" to honor the "PRIVILEGES" earned via that license, they as a rule do NOT or SHOULD NOT talk to those NOT properly licensed. The ONLY exception being for preservation of life.

JMS

2664. Re: UK to abolish code test on Friday

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 15:20:23 UTC
From: Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93C3734A228F9elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>
Source record: 72502

"Gareth \(G1LVN\)" <gareth@mycallsign.freeserve.co.uk> wrote in
news:bfreg3$s2i$1@newsg2.svr.pol.co.uk:

> "Alun Palmer" <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote in message
> news:Xns93C2BEEDBAAelektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4...
>> There have been lot of different rumours floating about, but it now
>> looks definite that the UK will scrap the code test on Friday. This
>> will be the second country after Switzerland, which already did it.
>
> Actually the UK are making CW mandatory. All new amateurs from Dec 2003
> will have to enter the hobby as foundation class, which requires a
> morse assessment which satisfies the pre WRC03 morse requirement (which
> never state a speed in wpm). The morse assessment requires the
> candidate to send a CW passage at any speed and to ask the assessor to
> slow down theoretically to 12 words per hour if necessary. It's also an
> "open book exam" i.e. they have access to a morse code table -.-. = C
> etc.
>
> So far from abolishing the morse requirement - all new UK amateurs from
> Dec 2003 will have to sit the morse assessment at the lowest entry
> level. This does not apply to all former above 30Mhz (class B, CEPT
> class 2) who will get HF tomorrow (26th July 2003) without doing the
> morse assessment.
>
> Why Dec 2003? well that is the next date for the Radio Amateurs Exam
> (scheduled twice a year - May and Dec) which allows you to go straight
> to Full (extra class) by sitting just one exam. After this "last" exam
> date (Dec 2004) all UK amateurs will have to sit three exams (and the
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I knew all that Gareth, but of course most people on here won't.

73 de Alun, N3KIP

PS: I held both G8VUK (from passing the RAE) and G0VUK (obtained under the reciprocal agreement), but they have both lapsed. I intend to get G8VUK re-issued to me, but I am wondering whether to wait until the CEPT merge Class 1 and Class 2 (probably in September, as you say). I don't want to be G0VUK, particularly. I want to operate in Spain and in the Republic of Ireland with my FT-817 at some point (the UK as well, but obviously that's no problem).

BTW, as a British citizen my US licence entitles me to zero reciprocal privileges under CEPT, and isn't even valid in Canada under the bilateral agreement (albeit Industry Canada told me they don't care and I should just operate anyway as they wouldn't enforce the rules!).

2665. Germany Next?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 16:00:43 UTC
From: Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93C37A202C646elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>
Source record: 72503
Cross-posted to: uk.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.policy

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2666. Re: ATTN: Tech Licensee USA Morse Code Freedom Day is August 1st

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 16:17:08 UTC
From: Dwight Stewart <stewart@say.net>
Message-ID: <BB46D044.1F67D%stewart@say.net>
Source record: 72504
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb

"Keith" wrote:
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> Dwight, There is no way for anyone to know if
> a tech license has passed a morse code test
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> 28.5 MHz. What is the FCC going to do run
> around and check every tech license holder?
> Besides would you rather give up ten meters
> to truckers and CBers?

I would not do what you're seeking even if there was absolutely no chance at all for the FCC to catch me. When I joined the Amateur Radio community, I made a commitment to abide by the rules and regulations associated with it. That commitment is not based on the FCC's enforcement ability, but my own sense of what is good for this community. I personally benefit from a community that has an equal commitment to abide by the rules and regulations. I therefore would not do anything to upset that situation.

I suspect you will eventually find that most other Technician license holders have a similar commitment to abide by the rules and regulation.

By the way, your statement that "all techs have voice privileges for 28.3-28.5 MHz" is simply not true - only a Technician Plus license holder (a Tech who has also passed the 5wpm code test) is allowed to operate on those frequencies.

Dwight Stewart (W5NET)

http://www.qsl.net/w5net/

2667. Re: Tech's on 28.3-28.5 can operate today.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 16:33:59 UTC
From: Jim Hampton <aa2qa@frontiernet.net>
Message-ID: <WZcUa.259$eH.151@news01.roc.ny>
Source record: 72505

Keith,

Fortunately Jim, N2EY, supplied the information. Only the techs licensed before 1987 would get credit for element 3. Or are you suggesting there should be no written exam as well? I am well aware that amateur radio is not a do-all, end-all; rather it is a steppingstone to further learning. I'd be happy with written exams covering safety, some modest antenna theory, and ensuring the individual does know what his privileges are. Antennas with voltage peaks at the ends (dipoles) can be dangerous to people and animals if one (or both) ends are close enough to the ground for someone to contact them. There also is some concern as to strong e-fields surrounding antennas (especially on 10 meters and up). This should be of concern to neighbors with bedrooms on the second floor if the licensee has a beam on a short roof-mounted tower. Too many folks (such as yourself) think it is simply a case of code/no code. Frankly, I don't care about the code; I care about whether or not the licensee understands (or even cares) some of what is actually going on. If you want to go to the shoot-outs and expose your gonads to 20,000 watts erp, be my guest. Leave other folks (and *especially* children) out of it. BTW, whilst I have no problem with NCI (no code international), I *would* have a problem with NTI (no test international). The high end of the HF band (10, 11, 12) meters can expose folks to some nasty e-fields. With a typical dipole, you'd best be checking your controlled and uncontrolled zones if you're at 50 watts or more. That is pretty modest power. Yes, the broadcast stations run far more power, but AM broadcast is *much* lower in frequency and doesn't develop the e-field voltages like HF does. FM and television antennas are usually high on hills or skyscrapers *plus* have high towers to get the radiation away from the nearby ground. I remember the newly licensed tech who got killed putting up a tower. This hobby does have some dangers; if you aren't aware of them, you should study before getting a license. You do know that automobile drivers were not licensed at the start of the auto age, right? Do you think we should allow anyone to drive?

73 from Rochester, NY
Jim AA2QA

Keith" <kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net> wrote in message
news:bfq6oe1159c@enews4.newsguy.com...
> On Fri, 25 Jul 2003 02:39:47 GMT, "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net> wrote:
>
> > Techs with HF only have ONE voice band not multiple voice bands.
>
> I didn't say that techs have more then one HF band. God no wonder ham
radio is
> dying with jack asses like you around. You f*cking hams are like the golf

clubs
> that refuse to admit jews and blacks. You are a dying bred.
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> --
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2668. Re: Germany Next?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 16:36:31 UTC
From: citizensband <citizensband@ntlworld.com>
Message-ID: <w0dUa.707$sv5.284407@newsfep1-win.server.ntli.net>
Source record: 72506
Cross-posted to: uk.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.policy

"Alun Palmer" <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote in message
news:Xns93C37A202C646elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4...
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Another country sees sense!

tox

2669. Re: ATTN: Tech Licensee USA Morse Code Freedom Day is August 1st

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 16:37:40 UTC
From: Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93C38063E5E73elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>
Source record: 72507
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb

Dwight Stewart <stewart@say.net> wrote in
news:BB46D044.1F67D%stewart@say.net:

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granted an operator license of Novice Class or Technician
Class and who has received credit for proficiency in
telegraphy in accordance with the international

requirements.

(followed by frequency table)

The 'international requirements' (ITU-R s25.5) now read:

Administrations shall determine whether or not a person seeking a licence to operate an amateur station shall demonstrate the ability to send and receive texts in Morse code signals.

There is no international requirement for proficiency in telegraphy, so arguably any Tech could operate on all the frequencies listed in the table. Be prepared to argue it in court, though!

2670. Re: Understanding the Possible Legal Loophole of s25.5 and 97.301(e)

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 16:40:07 UTC
From: JJ <radiobuff0@mailcity.com>
Message-ID: <3F215D67.3050604@mailcity.com>
Source record: 72589
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.misc

Keith wrote:
> On Fri, 25 Jul 2003 21:56:50 GMT, "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net> wrote:
>
>
>>While not a violation of the international treaty, it would be a violation
>>of the current FCC rules. They are quite clear that Techs (at this time)
>>must have passed a code test to use HF.
>
>
> NO! This is what the rules say:
>
> s97.301(e) reads:
>
>>For a station having a control operator who has been
>>granted an operator license of Novice Class or Technician
>>Class and who has received credit for proficiency in
>>telegraphy in accordance with the international requirements.
>>^^^
>>(followed by frequency table)
>>
>
>
> Now we have the new regs from WRC that are NOW in effect. They require no morse
> code test except set down by the administration so a tech licensee should be in
> compliance with the requirement set down in 97.301(e) There is no requirement
> for morse code test except for the requirement by the international morse code
> requirements.
>

WRC has dropped the code requirement, the FCC has not as of yet, so
everything is still as before, nothing has changed. What a twit!!

2671. Re: replace cw test with typing test!

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 16:42:31 UTC
From: Jim Hampton <aa2qa@frontiernet.net>
Message-ID: <X5dUa.260$CK.37@news01.roc.ny>
Source record: 72509

Dave,

I made a somewhat similar observation when I mentioned that I had copied (100% perfect copy on a typewriter) 40 words per minute CW back when I was in the Navy. A lot of folks can't type 40 words per minute :) Also, I used to chat with Norm, VK2NP, in Brisbane Australia, for hours on end several times a week via teletype. It was about our 3rd qso when I had a mind cramp, stopped typing, then started with figs/letters/figs/letters, got the rhythm back and finished what I was saying. He almost fell out of his chair; he thought I was using the tape reader. Why use the tape? Amateur RTTY was only 60 words per minute and I could hit bursts of 92 words per minute on the 100 minute teletypes on the military circuits. Of course, I shouldn't be surprised today. Most people talk communications and they are talking 'cut and paste' on the internet, MP3 swapping on the internet, or yapping on the cell phone whilst driving all over the road :) Ah, the communications geniuses of today :)

73 from Rochester, NY
Jim AA2QA

"David Robbins" <k1ttt@arrl.net> wrote in message
news:0cedneFAGJTUk7yiXTWJkQ@crocker.com...
> I think the fcc should replace the cw test with a typing accuracy and
speed
> test. Just think about how much nicer the digital segments would be if
> everyone had to be able to type fast enough to keep their buffers full!
No
> more diddles and wasted bandwidth while someone hunted around for the
> letters trying to answer a simple question that wasn't on their brag tape.
> This will of course become much more important as the manual digital
method
> is phased out and the hf bands become more heavily used.
>
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>

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2672. Re: Germany Next?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 16:43:19 UTC
From: Brian Reay <brian.reay@bigfoot.com>
Message-ID: <bfrmlj$huhlv$1@ID-140397.news.uni-berlin.de>
Source record: 72508
Cross-posted to: uk.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.policy

"Alun Palmer" <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote in message
news:Xns93C37A202C646elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4...
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> official journal to be published on the 30th of July. Apparently, this
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ANOTHER one of Walt's stories debunked ;-)

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73
Brian
G8OSN
www.g8osn.org.uk
www.qsl.net/g8osn for FREE training material for the UK Foundation and
Intermediate Licences
www.phoenixradioclub.org.uk - a RADIO club specifically for those wishing
to learn more about amateur radio

2673. Re: Germany Next?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 16:53:13 UTC
From: Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93C38306E135Celektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>
Source record: 72510
Cross-posted to: uk.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.policy

"Brian Reay" <brian.reay@bigfoot.com> wrote in
news:bfrmlj$huhlv$1@ID-140397.news.uni-berlin.de:

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> www.qsl.net/g8osn for FREE training material for the UK Foundation and
> Intermediate Licences
> www.phoenixradioclub.org.uk - a RADIO club specifically for those
> wishing to learn more about amateur radio
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>

This thread doesn't seem to be appearing on uk.radio.amateur (at least not
on my server)?

2674. Germany Next? (Re-Posted)

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 16:55:22 UTC
From: Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93C383642AB20elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>
Source record: 72511
Cross-posted to: uk.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.policy

(Re-posted)

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2675. Re: UK to abolish code test on Friday

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 17:25:14 UTC
From: "Gareth (G1LVN)" <gareth@mycallsign.freeserve.co.uk>
Message-ID: <bfrpfi$g3e$1@news6.svr.pol.co.uk>
Source record: 72513

"Alun Palmer" <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote in message
news:Xns93C3734A228F9elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4...

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> no problem).
>

don't hold your breath on Spain. We've got a holiday home there and they have some very odd rules. e.g. no foreigners allowed on 6m even if they have a reciprocal, plus all the usual queuing at one office which is only open on Tuesday between 10 and 12:30. Then being told you need another piece of paper from the police station in another town etc etc etc. Biggest problem I have right now is our house didn't have an address !!! (which is quite common). It has one now - roughly translated as "Plot B outside town" Still love the culture though, quite charming really.

Sure you'll be able to get G8 but law says you cannot hold two licences of the same class so you'll have to lose the G0. Although you can pass it on to a living relative - son, daughter, wife? Or will it to anyone after you die.

2676. This news group needs to lighten up

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 17:29:17 UTC
From: The Joker <Joker@dontbother.com>
Message-ID: <pOdUa.11501$ff.3791@fed1read01>
Source record: 72512

Who sed dese - movies & actors

Round up the usual no-coders _____

Of all the ham shacks in all the world, and the FCC walks into mine (should have taken the damn morse test) _____

Morse Morse We don't need no stinkin morse _____

I could have been an extra Charlie _____

I love the sound of code in the morning, smells like radio _____

Do ya feel lucky No Coder -- Well do ya ? _____

Louie, I think this is the beginning of a beautiful CW QSO _____

Surely you can't be serious about Morse code?
I am dead serious, and don't ever call me Shirley. _____

Frankly my dear, I don't give a didah _____

Adios No-Coder _____

All ya gotta do is - didah -- Hint Movie To key or to key not _____

It's just another big fish -- like morse code an ancient dumb thing
_____

I'm mad as hell and I ain't gonna send code no more. _____

Pileup On The Morse Express -- Killed em with their Morse Keys _____

The trick is not to mind the morse (pain) _____

Now QRT That Out!!! (Comedian) _____

My Gawd! Its a Living Raptus Morse Interruptus _____

2677. Re: Germany Next?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 18:03:42 UTC
From: lenover21@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030725140342.02222.00000955@mb-m16.aol.com>
Source record: 72517

In article <Xns93C37A202C646elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>, Alun Palmer
<elektros@yahoo.com> writes:

>According to recent posts in de.comm.ham, Germany will abolish the code
>test on the 6th of August, by a notice published in issue number 15 of the
>official journal to be published on the 30th of July. Apparently, this
>appeared in 'Funkamateur' magazine.

Two down, about to become three.

Avalanches start with just a few grams of snow, then build under
gravity pull until there are tons of the stuff burying and destroying
all in its path.

All the ingrained self-importance of the procoders will be buried,
life-as-they-know-it destroyed in the avalanche of progress.

The change of S25.5 is like a "Weapon of Morse Destruction."

:-)

LHA

2678. Re: Question for the No coders

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 18:03:43 UTC
From: lenover21@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030725140343.02222.00000957@mb-m16.aol.com>
Source record: 72514

In article <d22b54c3.0307250442.75b25398@posting.google.com>, kelly@dvol.com (Brian Kelly) writes:

>Yeah, we heard all the same nonsense 11-12 years ago when the nocode
>ticket became available. Can you cite a single example of a nocode who
>"pushed the hobby/service forward" since then? Where's the BEEF?! And
>while you're at it perhaps you can explain what would change in this
>respect by handing nocodes access to the HF bands too?

Ah, another old Artifact heard from...

Okay, old Morseman, please give us some exact cites of procoders who have "pushed the envelope of the amateur state of the art."

There's been over 300K licensed procoders around since 1912.

All I've heard about is a lot of posturing and bragging and self-promotion of self-described "greatness" of the procoders.

LHA

2679. Re: Question for the No coders

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 18:03:43 UTC
From: lenover21@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030725140343.02222.00000956@mb-m16.aol.com>
Source record: 72516

In article <d22b54c3.0307242324.5042a8d6@posting.google.com>, kelly@dvol.com (Brian Kelly) writes:

>> BTW SSB is probably 30 or 40 years old.
>
>SSB first showed up in the ham bands in 1934.

How many sidebanders were active then? A thousand? A hundred? A dozen? Two?

>AT&T had SSB running
>around ten years before hams did.

1928 on radio. See the "Collins Sideband book" for references.

The Dutch beat us Yanks on establishing regular commercial SSB for messaging.

"Sideband" was used earlier in wired communications, called "carrier" equiment for long-distance service using open-wire lines with four voice circuits per wire pair.

>Next year will mark the 70th
>anniversary of ham SSB. Gawd I love these "new, modern modes" like SSB
>which make Morse such an artifact mode . . .

Morse code *IS* an artifact, old Artifact.

Morse code was first used for commercial communications in 1844.

1844 is 159 years ago. Morse is over twice your age.

All the other communications services in the world have dropped morse code modes.

Morse code survives only in a part of amateurism, a virtual life enjoyed by those who wanted very much to be "pioneers" but never could due to being born so much later after morse code's birth.

LHA

2680. Re: Question for the No coders

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 18:03:44 UTC
From: lenover21@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030725140344.02222.00000958@mb-m16.aol.com>
Source record: 72515

In article <BB46583B.1F5D7%stewart@say.net>, Dwight Stewart <stewart@say.net>
writes:

>"Jerry Oxendine" wrote:
>
>> (snip) But *if* radio should fail (terrorists,
>> infrastructure, etc) then CW can get thru when
>> others fail. (snip)
>
> That is very easy to claim but the fact that neither the military or
>government requires all their operators to learn CW clearly suggests there
>is something seriously wrong with that claim.

Dwight, the original claim's sentence was obviously misworded.

"CW gets through when everything else will" is how it should have
been written. :-)

Brian Burke reminded us all of the correctly-worded sentence last
week or so. <shrug>

LHA

2681. Re: Question for the No coders

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 18:03:44 UTC
From: lenover21@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030725140344.02222.00000959@mb-m16.aol.com>
Source record: 72518

In article <zk0Ua.12610$Vx2.6199450@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com>, "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net> writes:

>> Listen to the morse code bands in the USA the signals are few and far.
>> 3.600-3.725 MHz is a vast wasteland of morse code bandwidth that is hardly
>> used.
>
>Something's wrong with your radio then. I find the CW bands to be rich in
>signals most of the time.

If all you want to hear is morse signals, then "the bands are alive with the sound of music."

Personally, I find it very dull to sit around listening to a Continuous Wave carrier signal. Your mileage may vary.

LHA

2682. Re: With CW gone, can the CW allocations be far behind?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 18:03:46 UTC
From: lenover21@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030725140346.02222.00000961@mb-m16.aol.com>
Source record: 72519

In article <f45722ac.0307240433.3da41110@posting.google.com>,
brianburke@juno.com (Brian) writes:

>> > Hmmmm. Are you saying that the "Operate CW" numbers are inflated?
>>
>> No, I'm saying the survey measures the respondents opinions of their own
>> levels of activity. What that means in objective terms is something on
>> which you're free to speculate, although I can't imagine what useful
>> result would obtain from such speculations.
>>
>> Jon
>
>Jon, you can't, huh? At a time when the ARRL wanted to save CW
>testing, I could imagine the use of upping the numbers. Just my
>opinion.

ARRL represents LESS than a quarter of all licensed US radio
amateurs. By their own demographics, ARRL membership is
already slanted towards morsemanship.

For survival as an organization, ARRL must represent its member-
ship and thus there is a positive feedback to sustaining
morsemanship.

While that isn't "proof" quid pro quo, the inference is readily
apparant to anyone the least familiar with amateur radio.

ARRL spin is, of course, that they "represent all amateurs" but in
fact all they "represent" is a minority of all licensed amateurs.

LHA

2683. Re: Question for the No coders

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 18:03:46 UTC
From: lenover21@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030725140346.02222.00000960@mb-m16.aol.com>
Source record: 72520

In article <vE_Ta.11268$ff.885@fed1read01>, "Elmer E Ing" <Elmer E Ing@tutor.org> writes:

>How is that some folks can spend hours telling you why something can't be
>done and someone else can actually do it in a fraction of time that the
>dissenter took to tell you ---- can't can't can't?
>
>Case in point -- using google and groups search --- some of the no-coders
>have posted hundreds and I mean hundreds -- nay thousands -- of no code
>posts.
>
>I submit you could have learned the code in half the time it took to
>complain endlessly about the code.

I thought it was all about changing a LAW.

Obviously you think it all a matter of ethics and morality in a hobby
and recreation activity that has become your lifestyle?

>Get a dose of old fashioned America CAN DO and stop making excuses.

Let me clue you in, "old Elmer." I was born in, and raised, in that
"old fashioned America" and all us "old fashioned Americans"
didn't sit around making glorious pronouncements on how good we
were for following all the PAST CENTURIES' ways of doing things.

Most of us "old fashioned Americans" went ahead and IMPROVED
on things, our lives, and as much around us as we could. I think
that's how we managed to achieve all the prosperity and goods we
have and (most of us) use every day.

>362,073 + USA Amateurs have done it (not including tech pluses - have no
>figures on these) .

BFD, "old Elmer."

>Add up all your yes answers -- whether they are true or false -- THEY ARE
>ALL COPOUTS

Tsk, tsk, tsk. Sitting around pumping yourself as a role model of the
PAST CENTURY achievements instead of keeping up with the times
is the real "COPOUT."

>They are excuses that keep you from achieving your goals.

I never had any "excuse" to keep me from getting into and being a
part of radio electronics as a career.

Fifty years ago I was actively engaged in being part of HF military
communications for the Far East Command. At NO TIME did we
use morse modes nor did we ever have to use morse modes.
Throughout my working career and on into successful retirement,
I've never had to use any morse for any reason.

>Hope you don't do that with the rest of life's requirements.

I hope you've been able to keep up with technical progress that
happened in the 1900s. You know, the invention of the vacuum
tube that replaced the spark transmitter and galena crystal
receiver. And the forced migration of amateurs into the never-
never land of "below 200 meters [wavelength]."

[the centennial of the vacuum tube in radio is in 2004, a "Fleming
Valve" used as a detector]

>The old Elmer

Thank you, old artifact. Now back in the museum case where you
seem to belong...

Leonard H. Anderson
retired electronics engineer
ex-RA16408336
Life Member IEEE
First Class Radiotelephone (commercial) License since 1956
radio-electronics hobbyist since 1947
formerly an Associate Editor at HAM RADIO Magazine

2684. CEPT and the FCC

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 18:10:36 UTC
From: Rene <deleterene.altena@gmx.net>
Message-ID: <bfrrr0$h8vqg$1@ID-153362.news.uni-berlin.de>
Source record: 72521

If CEPT 2 is merged with CEPT 1, will the FCC stop aknowledging CEPT licences?

Rene

2685. Re: Germany Next?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 18:18:54 UTC
From: Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93C3918BD5D66elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>
Source record: 72522

lenover21@aol.com (Len Over 21) wrote in
news:20030725140342.02222.00000955@mb-m16.aol.com:

> In article <Xns93C37A202C646elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>, Alun Palmer
> <elektros@yahoo.com> writes:
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>>According to recent posts in de.comm.ham, Germany will abolish the code
>>test on the 6th of August, by a notice published in issue number 15 of
>>the official journal to be published on the 30th of July. Apparently,
>>this appeared in 'Funkamateur' magazine.
>
> Two down, about to become three.
>
> Avalanches start with just a few grams of snow, then build under
> gravity pull until there are tons of the stuff burying and
> destroying all in its path.
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> All the ingrained self-importance of the procoders will be buried,
> life-as-they-know-it destroyed in the avalanche of progress.
>
> The change of S25.5 is like a "Weapon of Morse Destruction."
>
> :-)
>
> LHA
>

Unlike Saddam's, it is real, LOL

2686. Re: CEPT and the FCC

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 18:23:26 UTC
From: Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93C3924FFA285elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>
Source record: 72523

"Rene" <deleterene.altena@gmx.net> wrote in news:bfrrr0$h8vqg$1@ID-153362.news.uni-berlin.de:

> If CEPT 2 is merged with CEPT 1, will the FCC stop aknowledging CEPT
> licences?
>
> Rene
>
>
>
>

Why would they? They'll probably let all kinds of visitors with no-code licences operate here.

2687. Re: Question for the No coders

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 18:33:11 UTC
From: Unclaimed Mysteries <k4doh@mindspring.com>
Message-ID: <bfrt6dkhd1@slb2.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 72524

Fab Five Freddy told me everybody's fly, "Brian Kelly" <kelly@dvol.com>
wrote in part:

> Yeah, we heard all the same nonsense 11-12 years ago when the nocode
> ticket became available. Can you cite a single example of a nocode who
> "pushed the hobby/service forward" since then?

No. I can cite that the most noteworthy advances in amateur HF
operations in the past 11-12 years have had little or nothing to do with
the ability to send and receive Morse Code. There's no reason to believe
that Morse Code will become more relevant in the future.

But if you wanna play dirty, I can also cite the wonderful operations
conducted by the code-fortified geniuses on 14.313 and several other HF
frequencies. And the cavalcade of Extra Class code-fetishists sanctioned
by the FCC for one violation or the other.

Would the author of the "Red Panties Song" have been able to compose and
sing that ditty on HF amateur frequencies without the exquisite sense of
rhythm only a thorough grounding in Morse Code can provide?

> Where's the BEEF?!

Don't quit your day job.

> And
> while you're at it perhaps you can explain what would change in this
> respect by handing nocodes access to the HF bands too?

Of course not. But I bet you can. I'm sure it has something to do with
liberals, people wanting "something for nothing" all the time, declining
standards, Clinton, atonal music, Human Sacrifice, Dogs and Cats
Sleeping Together, MASS HYSTERIA! ($1)

Real Wrath of God stuff.

Corry

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It Came From C. L. Smith's Unclaimed Mysteries.
http://www.unclaimedmysteries.net

"Unthinking respect for authority is the greatest enemy of truth."
-Albert Einstein

2688. Re: ATTN: Tech Licensee USA Morse Code Freedom Day is August 1st

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 18:33:25 UTC
From: Keith <kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net>
Message-ID: <bfrt9m02uqe@enews3.newsguy.com>
Source record: 72527
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb

On Fri, 25 Jul 2003 12:17:08 -0400, Dwight Stewart <stewart@say.net> wrote:

> Technician Plus license holder

The FCC does not issue technician plus license any more so I guess no one can operate on 10 meters that has passed the tech license test?

Hey Dwight have you ever driven 56 in 55 mph zone?

--
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http://www.kilowatt-radio.org/

2689. Re: CEPT and the FCC

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 18:44:48 UTC
From: Bill Sohl <billsohl@mindspring.com>
Message-ID: <bfru16aa1@slb4.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 72525

"Alun Palmer" <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote in message
news:Xns93C3924FFA285elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4...
> "Rene" <deleterene.altena@gmx.net> wrote in news:bfrrr0$h8vqg$1@ID-
> 153362.news.uni-berlin.de:
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> > If CEPT 2 is merged with CEPT 1, will the FCC stop aknowledging CEPT
> > licences?
> >
> > Rene
>
> Why would they? They'll probably let all kinds of visitors with no-code
> licences operate here.

As well they should.

Cheers,
Bill K2UNK

2690. There is no International Code Requirement and techs can operate HF according to FCC Rules

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 18:45:56 UTC
From: Keith <kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net>
Message-ID: <bfru1602vef@enews3.newsguy.com>
Source record: 72526
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.misc

On 25 Jul 2003 16:37:40 GMT, Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote:

> s97.301(e) reads:
>
> For a station having a control operator who has been
> granted an operator license of Novice Class or Technician
> Class and who has received credit for proficiency in
> telegraphy in accordance with the international
> requirements.
>
> (followed by frequency table)
>
> The 'international requirements' (ITU-R s25.5) now read:
>
> Administrations shall determine whether or not a person seeking a licence
> to operate an amateur station shall demonstrate the ability to send and
> receive texts in Morse code signals.
>
> There is no international requirement for proficiency in telegraphy, so
> arguably any Tech could operate on all the frequencies listed in the
> table. Be prepared to argue it in court, though!

That is what I'm talking about. There is no longer a international requirement
for morse code so tech's can pick up the microphone and talk on 10 meters.
Here in America the FCC has to issue a warning notice, then a violation notice
and the person cited can then simply demand a hearing before a administrative
law judge. The ALJ is a pretty informal process and you just need to cite the
rules and they are not very strict when it comes to matters like these.
If you have a tech license and you operate outside your allowed bands like pop
up in the twenty meter band and keep it up they might come after you. But if
you meet the international requirements and stay in the HF TECH bands it is not
a violation of the rules and no one can verify if you have passed a horse and
buggy CW test any god damn way.

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2691. August first no code tech protest cancelled. Privleges have been granted?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 19:06:07 UTC
From: Keith <kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net>
Message-ID: <bfrv70030li@enews3.newsguy.com>
Source record: 72528

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2692. Re: There is no International Code Requirement and techs can operate HF according to FCC Rules

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 19:47:07 UTC
From: 'Doc <w5lz@cwis.net>
Message-ID: <3F21893B.8306E0C7@cwis.net>
Source record: 72529
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.misc

Keith,
What you don't seem to realize is that the 'rule'
you quoted is NOT law in this country. Until it has
been adopted, it's only a recomendation. So until
the new ITU recomendations are accepted by the US,
nothing has changed.
It doesn't matter if the 'no-code' rule WILL be
changed. Until it IS changed, there is NO change.
The ITU can't change US law, only the US government
can do that. It's okay to be happy about the proposed
code change, but don't be stupid...
'Doc

2693. Re: Question for the No coders

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 19:52:44 UTC
From: N2EY@AOL.COM
Message-ID: <c2356669.0307251152.7e6f6840@posting.google.com>
Source record: 72530

kelly@dvol.com (Brian Kelly) wrote in message
news:<d22b54c3.0307242324.5042a8d6@posting.google.com>...
> "Elmer E Ing" <Elmer E Ing@tutor.org> wrote in message
news:<gk0Ua.11280$ff.3485@fed1read01>...
> > Thanks Keith I'll add those to the copout list.
> >
> > BTW SSB is probably 30 or 40 years old.
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> SSB first showed up in the ham bands in 1934. AT&T had SSB running
> around ten years before hams did.

However, the AT&T operations were fixed-frequency LF systems (5000
meters). HF SSB was not used by the telephone folks until the '30s,
when about a half-dozen systems were put in service.

One of the reasons AT&T went with SSB for the LF transatlantic
telephone was antenna bandwidth. A 6 kHz wide AM channel at 60 kHz
involves an antenna bandwidth of 10%.

Hmmm...self-funded basement-workshop hams were less than 10 years
behind AT&T and its nearly-unlimited resources...

> Next year will mark the 70th
> anniversary of ham SSB. Gawd I love these "new, modern modes" like SSB
> which make Morse such an artifact mode . . .

Yup - and the theoretical background for SSB goes back even further.
Truly an antique mode.

Here's a timeline:

1910 - G.A. Cambell (of AT&T) develops LC filters suitable for SSB in
the LF
range.

1914 - G.R Eglund (of Western Electric) sketches geometric
relationship of
carrier and sidebands.

1915 - J.R Carson (of Western Electric) describes mathematical
foundation of
modulation and shows the theoretical advantages of SSB suppressed
carrier
transmission.

1915 - Carson files for patent on SSB.

1917 - Experimental 3 channel SSB telephone carrier system installed between
Maumee Ohio and South Bend, Indiana.

1918 - "Type A" SSB telephone carrier system installed between Pittsburgh PA
and Baltimore MD. Four channels using LSB between 5 and 25 kHz. Type A was the
first nonexperimental commercial use of SSB, and eventually seven Type A
systems were installed, remaining in service until the 1940s

1923 - Experimental one-way LSB 60 kHz radio system demonstrated between Rocky Point, L.I.,(New York), and London. Many of the components, including tubes, for this system were developed by Western Electric.

1927 - Regular transatlantic telephone service using 60 kHz LSB put in service.
Transmitting stations at Rocky Point and Rugby, England. Receiving stations at
Houlton, Maine and Cupar, Scotland. A three-minute call cost $75.

1932 - Carsons's SSB patent granted (17 years after filing).

1933 - Robert Moore, W6DEI, puts an amateur station on 75 meter LSB. This
station was later described in detail in R/9 magazine. It used LC filtering at
10 kHz to generate the SSB signal, followed by conversion to 200 kHz and 3950
kHz.

1934 - Several amateur SSB stations are in the air using rigs similar to
W6DEI's

1939 - 68 kHz channel added to Rocky Point system

1946 - R.B. Dome describes "Wide Band Phase Shift Networks" in Electronics
magazine.

1947 - O. G. "Mike" Villard, W6QYT, puts Stanford University amateur station
W6YX on 75 meter LSB with a phasing type transmitter using an audio phase
shift network developed from the Dome article.

The term "SSSC" (Single Sideband Suppressed Carrier) was frequently used in the early days.

This brings us to the point where SSB began to become common in amateur
communications. Numerous homebrew transmitters and receive adapters

were described in the amateur literature, followed by manufactured equipment. Early SSB efforts all used separate receivers and transmitters - the first SSB transceivers and matched-pair receiver/transmitter sets for the amateur market did not appear until the late 1950s (Cosmophone 35, Collins KWM-1 & KWM-2, Collins S-Line, etc.).

SSB operation concentrated on 75 and 20 meters in the post-WW2 years because:

- they were the most crowded 'phone allocations
- 40 had no 'phone band, and 15 wasn't a ham band, until the early 1950s.

The main reasons SSB was not more widely adopted by hams in the '30s were cost and complexity.

In those years (late '40s-early '50s), QST had a regular column called "On The Air With Single Sideband". There were "SSB Handbooks" for hams put out by several publishers. And there were gripes that QST was becoming "too technical" and that ARRL was "forcing SSB down hams' throats".

The more things change...

73 de Jim, N2EY

2694. Re: There is no International Code Requirement and techs can operate HF according to FCC Rules

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 20:01:38 UTC
From: et472@FreeNet.Carleton.CA
Message-ID: <bfs2b2$k4m$1@freenet9.carleton.ca>
Source record: 72531
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.misc

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>
>
This is silly. Each country has it's own laws, and you are obliged
to follow them.

What has changed is that the treaty agreement whereby all countries
issuing amateur radio licenses are obliged to have a code test of some
sort for operating below 30MHz (or, was it a higher frequency?) is now

gone.

That means that each country no longer has to conform to that treaty agreement.

They can, if they so choose, to eliminate their law that requires code proficiency for amateurs operating in the HF bands.

But they are not obligated to do so.

Until a country changes it's law about this, everyone is obligated to follow those laws.

Just because the treaty agreement is gone does not mean that there is any more legality for someone who hasn't taken a code test to operate at HF. Two months ago, someone could have done it, and if caught they would face a certain process. If they do it today, and are caught, they face the same certain process. Nothing has changed on that account.

Michael VE2BVW

2695. Re: There is no International Code Requirement and techs can operate HF according to FCC Rules

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 20:08:19 UTC
From: Keith <kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net>
Message-ID: <bfs2rm0a5p@enews4.newsguy.com>
Source record: 72534
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.misc

On Fri, 25 Jul 2003 14:47:07 -0500, 'Doc <w5lz@cwis.net> wrote:

> Keith,
> What you don't seem to realize is that the 'rule'
> you quoted is NOT law in this country. Until it has
> been adopted, it's only a recomendation. So until
> the new ITU recomendations are accepted by the US,
> nothing has changed.

The 25.5 is automatically accepted by the US Government. The treaty has already been previously ratified. The change is administrative and it is not a new treaty.

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2696. Re: CW Gone ?? It Ain't Over Til It Is Over!

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 20:12:05 UTC
From: N2EY@AOL.COM
Message-ID: <c2356669.0307251212.5d74ba3@posting.google.com>
Source record: 72532

Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote in message
news:<Xns93C35F9319C2Eelektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>...
> n2ey@aol.com (N2EY) wrote in
> news:20030725082150.23406.00001017@mb-m27.aol.com:
>
> > In article <Xns93C2B78E0B2ECelektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>, Alun Palmer
> > <elektros@yahoo.com> writes:
> >
> >>Too late, I've written it. All 22 pages of it. I would post it here,
> >>but none of the rule changes are visible after you convert it to ASCII.
> >>I could post a pdf version on the web if anyone is interested?
> >>
> >>In a nutshell, it asks them to ditch Element 1 and give all Techs all
> >>the novice subbands.
> >
> > It took 22 pages to say that?
> >
> > 73 de Jim, N2EY

> Do you realise how many rule changes are necessary to implement that Jim?

A couple of deletions in about six to ten paragraphs. K2UNK and I did
a quick review a while back. That is, unless you want to renumber all
the elements and paragraphs.

There's a quicker way, though: FCC grants Element 1 credit to anyone
who has any class of amateur license, current or expired. One
sentence. Then rewrite Part 97 at leisure.

> 17 pages of it is just the rule changes.

Sounds like a good reason to leave it alone ;-)

73 de Jim, N2EY

2697. Re: replace cw test with typing test!

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 20:20:41 UTC
From: lenover21@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030725162041.02627.00000305@mb-m02.aol.com>
Source record: 72533

In article <X5dUa.260$CK.37@news01.roc.ny>, "Jim Hampton"
<aa2qa@frontiernet.net> writes:

>I made a somewhat similar observation when I mentioned that I had copied
>(100% perfect copy on a typewriter) 40 words per minute CW back when I was
>in the Navy. A lot of folks can't type 40 words per minute :)

Oooo...more stories from Olde Salts. <shrug>

I could cruise on a typewriter keyboard in 1951 at 60 WPM, burst
type to 90 WPM. Still can do that. Learned in middle school of
1947 (we called it "junior high" back then), using manual type-
writers with no markings on the keys. No "backspace" key then.

>Also, I used
>to chat with Norm, VK2NP, in Brisbane Australia, for hours on end several
>times a week via teletype. It was about our 3rd qso when I had a mind
>cramp, stopped typing, then started with figs/letters/figs/letters, got the
>rhythm back and finished what I was saying. He almost fell out of his
>chair; he thought I was using the tape reader. Why use the tape? Amateur
>RTTY was only 60 words per minute and I could hit bursts of 92 words per
>minute on the 100 minute teletypes on the military circuits.

When I was in the US Army there were no "100 WPM" teleprinters,
only the old pre-WW2 60 WPM machines. No problem to practiced
touch-typists. When I was an operating shift leader, I used to send
the confirmation list of frequencies by circuits to control (once per
shift) using manual keyboard instead of the reader...could feel the
mechanism lock-out hit back when I tried to go faster than 60.

But, none of the 36 transmitters at ADA were sending morse back in
the early 1950s. [later up to 43 transmitters at the new site] All of
the communications trans-Pacific was done via TTY, Voice, or (rarely)
FAX. No need for practiced morsemen although we had a few (all of
three at a maximum at one time).

The "torn tape" TTY relay used p-tape on purpose. One TTY relay
guy would normally handle 8 to 12 circuits at a time, plenty of time
to yank off an incoming tape to go to another circuit or to load and
start outgoing tapes. ADA handled over 200K messages a month in
1955. Just couldn't do that with manual morsemen...would have
taken a whole other battalion of personnel just to do that in morse.

>Of course, I
>shouldn't be surprised today. Most people talk communications and they are
>talking 'cut and paste' on the internet, MP3 swapping on the internet, or
>yapping on the cell phone whilst driving all over the road :) Ah, the

>communications geniuses of today :)

Are you saying "cut and paste" in general is a "bad" thing? I found that the modern word processor program is an excellent tool for writing, re-writing, and general polishing, greatly aided by the "cut and paste" features inherent in each package.

Oh, you must mean that using a computer to compose words is a "bad" thing using newfangled contraptions? You prefer "longhand" writing using real ink on real paper? That was a common tool back in 1844 when morse code debuted as a communications mode.

Tsk, tsk. I was on ARPANET in 1978 using a video terminal. Used old-fashioned 300 Baud modems. Five years earlier (1973) I was on a corporate network using 100 WPM teleprinters to connect to the central corporate mainframes.

I can still do handwriting as good as my physician (who just hit 33)... which isn't saying much for that skill. :-)

Of what possible use in amateur radio is manual typewriting? I see NO need of a test in that at all and I've been typing longer than being involved in radio.

It's better that amateurs learn a bit more technology than Ohm's Law in this modern age...not emulation of the "necessary manual skills in radio" (morse code) for my generation's daddies of pre-WW2 times.

LHA

>73 from Rochester, NY
>Jim AA2QA
>
>"David Robbins" <k1ttt@arrl.net> wrote in message
>news:0cedneFAGJTUk7yiXTWJkQ@crocker.com...
>> I think the fcc should replace the cw test with a typing accuracy and speed
>> test. Just think about how much nicer the digital segments would be if
>> everyone had to be able to type fast enough to keep their buffers full! No
>> more diddles and wasted bandwidth while someone hunted around for the
>> letters trying to answer a simple question that wasn't on their brag tape.
>> This will of course become much more important as the manual digital method
>> is phased out and the hf bands become more heavily used.

2698. Re: There is no International Code Requirement and techs can operate HF according to FCC Rules

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 20:30:08 UTC
From: Keith <kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net>
Message-ID: <bfs44k0c14@enews4.newsguy.com>
Source record: 72535
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.misc

On 25 Jul 2003 20:01:38 GMT, et472@FreeNet.Carleton.CA (Michael Black) wrote:

> What has changed is that the treaty agreement whereby all countries
> issuing amateur radio licenses are obliged to have a code test of some
> sort for operating below 30MHz (or, was it a higher frequency?) is now
> gone.

Read the regulation. The regulation indicates that according to international
morse code requirements the CW requirement is required. Well the international
regulations do not require a morse code proficiency for HF access.
97.301(e)
I guess it all boils down to what "IS IS".

BTW, what do you care about US regs if you live in Canada?

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2699. The effective date for July 5

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 20:53:06 UTC
From: Keith <kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net>
Message-ID: <bfs5fm0e7o@enews4.newsguy.com>
Source record: 72536

The changed language of S25.5 permits national administrations to exercise their own discretion on whether or not to maintain Morse testing in their national rules. The effect of the new language is essentially exactly the same as if S25.5 had been completely suppressed (eliminated), since administrations are always free to enact national rules that are more restrictive than, but not more liberal than, the ITU Radio Regulations.

This change, which became effective July 05, 2003 (the day after the close of the WRC) is expected to result in a number of administrations moving swiftly to eliminate Morse test requirements from their national regulations.

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2700. Re: replace cw test with typing test!

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 21:33:06 UTC
From: Jim Hampton <aa2qa@frontiernet.net>
Message-ID: <mmhUa.922$hX1.757@news01.roc.ny>
Source record: 72537

Len,

I didn't want to mention the cause of my complaint of cut and paste. One of our college graduates at work told me (why would he lie about this?) he did his thesis using cut and paste from other papers on the internet. Perhaps you missed the point; at some point in time, someone has to put the *original* information into the computer and on the internet. This seems to be the point you missed. Sure, I did 90 on a 100 wpm teletype. Perhaps you mistakenly assume that I can't do 30 on a keyboard? (Har har-de-har!). Cut and paste is most certainly *very* useful. I just don't see using cut and paste to pass someone else's work off as your own.

As far as testing, I have a concern that a lot of folks don't want any testing. Sure, enjoy it when someone has a shoot-out on 11 meters (or 10) running 10,000 or 20,000 watts next door to you. Perhaps I misunderstand your last statement "it's better that amateurs learn a bit more technology than Ohm's law". The lab I may be moving into has an interesting power supply ... 30,000 volts at 20 ma. Sure, why bother to learn interesting things concerning relationships between voltage, resistance, and current. The nice thing about that is, the dang fool who doesn't care and gets into that lab may do us a favor and remove his genes from the gene pool. As far as typewriting, might I gently enquire as to how you managed to post your response to my post? Are you using a Windows based keyboard and clicking your mouse over the letters? (how modern!). Or, perhaps, you are using a most modern keyboard - Dang! That sure looks like a ... um ... gee, the layout looks very much like those old typewriters. Frankly, I'm not worried about code or typing - I'd like to see some safety issues and relevant theory covered, but perhaps that is asking too much. Why is it when we mention typing, everyone assumes an old fashioned typewriter. Typing is typing, whether on a computer or an old fashioned linotype machine. I'd love to see all of these lovely 'modern' folks get the information into the computer in the first place without copying it from someone else. I've helped some of those younger folks ... "the mouse is f****d up". Pick his hand up off the mouse, turn the mouse 180 degrees so the cable comes off of the back end rather than towards the front, and put his hand back on the mouse. Yep, I love you smart, modern, young folks! BWAAaahahahah!

73 from Rochester, NY
Jim AA2QA
ps - better put the guy with a mouse problem on an emergency keyboard circuit. Could prove interesting, especially since he could hunt-and-peck perhaps 15 words per minute.

Outgoing mail is certified Virus Free.

Checked by AVG anti-virus system (http://www.grisoft.com).
Version: 6.0.504 / Virus Database: 302 - Release Date: 7/24/03

2701. Re: With CW gone, can the CW allocations be far behind?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 21:33:23 UTC
From: Dan/W4NTI <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com>
Message-ID: <bfs7mp$g3h$1@slb3.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 72538
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy

Want it back?

Glad to oblige.

Dan/W4NTI

"Lloyd" <Lloyd@no.spammmmm> wrote in message
news:3871068688.165767678@taranews.net...
> On Thu, 24 Jul 2003 19:13:07 -0500, Dan/W4NTI <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com>
wrote:
> >
> > "I Zorg" <zorg@netkops.com> wrote in message
> > news:bfpidt$1qt$1@netkops.com...
> > > On Thu, 24 Jul 2003 16:17:58 -0500, Dan/W4NTI
<w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com>
> > wrote:
> > > >
> > > > Jamming? How can I be jamming if Im dead zero beat and you dont
hear a
> > > > thing? IDIOT.
> > >
> > > If you interefere with another licensed amateur's transmissions, you
are
> > > an illegal jammer IDIOT!!!
> > >
> > > Zero beat or not (and I'll bet you aren't smart enough to really do
that),
> > > any act of willful interference which causes receiver desensing or any
> > other
> > > kind of problem is AGAINST THE LAW.
> > >
> > > IDIOT!!
> > >
> > > Man, it's a damned good thing that you CW operators will soon be put
in
> > your
> > > place by the FCC. Just nothing but a bunch of jammers. Pitiful lids.
> > It's
> > > time you were put in your places.
> >
> > Nothing to worry about. You wont recognize cw if it bit you on the ass.
> > That is obvious from your stupid comments.
> >
> > Oh and BTW...what makes you think because CW testing will be ended that

CW
> > itself will be ended? You really are a stupid idiot ain't ya?
>
> At least HE doesn't email the nimbda worm out to pple like you do!
> That is REALY dumb!

2702. Re: Question for the No coders

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 21:39:17 UTC
From: lenover21@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030725173917.01315.00001150@mb-m18.aol.com>
Source record: 72539

In article <c2356669.0307251152.7e6f6840@posting.google.com>, N2EY@AOL.COM (N2EY) writes:

>kelly@dvol.com (Brian Kelly) wrote in message
>news:<d22b54c3.0307242324.5042a8d6@posting.google.com>...
>> "Elmer E Ing" <Elmer E Ing@tutor.org> wrote in message
>news:<gk0Ua.11280$ff.3485@fed1read01>...
>> > Thanks Keith I'll add those to the copout list.
>> >
>> > BTW SSB is probably 30 or 40 years old.
>>
>> SSB first showed up in the ham bands in 1934. AT&T had SSB running
>> around ten years before hams did.
>
>However, the AT&T operations were fixed-frequency LF systems (5000
>meters). HF SSB was not used by the telephone folks until the '30s,
>when about a half-dozen systems were put in service.
>
>One of the reasons AT&T went with SSB for the LF transatlantic
>telephone was antenna bandwidth. A 6 kHz wide AM channel at 60 kHz
>involves an antenna bandwidth of 10%.
>
>Hmmm...self-funded basement-workshop hams were less than 10 years
>behind AT&T and its nearly-unlimited resources...
>
>> Next year will mark the 70th
>> anniversary of ham SSB. Gawd I love these "new, modern modes" like SSB
>> which make Morse such an artifact mode . . .
>
>Yup - and the theoretical background for SSB goes back even further.
>Truly an antique mode.

Truly an idiotic statement coming from a champion of a mode that
is much older, 159 years since 1844! :-)

>Here's a timeline:
>
>1910 - G.A. Cambell (of AT&T) develops LC filters suitable for SSB in
>the LF range.

Except that single sideband was not yet an accepted concept either
in radio or wired communications. Those were "electric wave filters"
for general electronic use.

>1914 - G.R Eglund (of Western Electric) sketches geometric
>relationship of carrier and sidebands.

>
>1915 - J.R Carson (of Western Electric) describes mathematical foundation of
>modulation and shows the theoretical advantages of SSB suppressed
>carrier transmission.

And it should be noted that John Carson also categorized FM as
generally unsuitable for communications in noisy environments. :-)
He would later publicly retract that statement and do more mathematical
studies...one of which was "Carson's Rule" on modulation index, a
standard used in FM transmitter and system design.

>1915 - Carson files for patent on SSB.

It would be granted in 8 years, not 17.

>1917 - Experimental 3 channel SSB telephone carrier system installed
>between Maumee Ohio and South Bend, Indiana.
>
>1918 - "Type A" SSB telephone carrier system installed between Pittsburgh PA
>and Baltimore MD. Four channels using LSB between 5 and 25 kHz. Type A
>was the first nonexperimental commercial use of SSB, and eventually seven Type
>A systems were installed, remaining in service until the 1940s
>
>1923 - Experimental one-way LSB 60 kHz radio system demonstrated
>between Rocky Point, L.I.,(New York), and London. Many of the
>components, including tubes, for this system were developed by Western
>Electric.

55 KHz.

>1927 - Regular transatlantic telephone service using 60 kHz LSB put in
service.
>Transmitting stations at Rocky Point and Rugby, England. Receiving stations at
>Houlton, Maine and Cupar, Scotland. A three-minute call cost $75.

55 KHz.

>1932 - Carsons's SSB patent granted (17 years after filing).

John Carson's patent (1,449,382) was granted in 1923, not 1932.

Tsk, tsk...off by 9 whole years.

>1933 - Robert Moore, W6DEI, puts an amateur station on 75 meter LSB. This
>station was later described in detail in R/9 magazine. It used LC filtering at
>10 kHz to generate the SSB signal, followed by conversion to 200 kHz and 3950
>kHz.

KHz, not "kHz." Are you an engineer or not? Engineers should use
correct terminology for physical terms.

>1934 - Several amateur SSB stations are in the air using rigs similar to
>W6DEI's

Between 1933 and 1934 the Dutch established a regular "shortwave"
(HF) radio link between the Netherlands and the Netherlands Antilles
using what would come to be the standard in service - four voice
channels in a 12 KHz sideband via landline carrier equipment
frequency multiplexing, the "outer" two generally handling 8 to 12
TTY circuits, also frequency-multiplexed by landline carrier equipment.

The American - British link across the Atlantic went to HF by 1935.

>1939 - 68 kHz channel added to Rocky Point system

By 1939 both the US government and US military were outfitting for
HF "commercial" SSB (12 KHz bandwidth, 4 voice channel) as fast
as they could get equipment. They already has some 1934 design
SSB transmitters from Western Electric in use. ADA started out
with three of them, were replaced with post-war models as soon as
available in the early 1950s.

>1946 - R.B. Dome describes "Wide Band Phase Shift Networks" in
>Electronics magazine.

December, 1946.

>1947 - O. G. "Mike" Villard, W6QYT, puts Stanford University amateur station
>W6YX on 75 meter LSB with a phasing type transmitter using an audio phase
>shift network developed from the Dome article.

1952 - Western Electric's LD-T2 SSB transmitter was available to all
buyers...4 KW PEP, automatic servo motor tuning (of 12 different
stages) at 10 preset frequencies. All amplifier stages (individually
shielded) were Class A except the final amplifier running Class AB.
Half-minute QSY, easy, fast. ADA had four of them.

>The term "SSSC" (Single Sideband Suppressed Carrier) was frequently
>used in the early days.

Not in commercial or military radio services of 1952...it was just
"sideband" or "single sideband" in both written and spoken language
in the USA and US forces abroad.

>This brings us to the point where SSB began to become common in amateur
>communications. Numerous homebrew transmitters and receive adapters
>were described in the amateur literature, followed by manufactured
>equipment. Early SSB efforts all used separate receivers and
>transmitters - the first SSB transceivers and matched-pair
>receiver/transmitter sets for the amateur market did not appear until
>the late 1950s (Cosmophone 35, Collins KWM-1 & KWM-2, Collins S-Line,
>etc.).

Ever operate an AN/FRC-93?

I don't think you've ever operated an AN/ARC-58 or AN/ARC-65. Those
are airborne transceivers, single channel units primarily for USAF.

All of the amateur radio SSB equipment, from day one, was SINGLE
channel.

>SSB operation concentrated on 75 and 20 meters in the post-WW2 years
>because:
>
>- they were the most crowded 'phone allocations
>- 40 had no 'phone band, and 15 wasn't a ham band, until the early
>1950s.
>
>The main reasons SSB was not more widely adopted by hams in the '30s
>were cost and complexity.

...and "most hams" didn't know squat about real radio theory so they
went back to the usual beeping, yakking, and whining. :-)

Except in the amateur 11 meter band...which they would lose in 1958
and never stop whining about it for the next 45 years! :-).

>In those years (late '40s-early '50s), QST had a regular column called
>"On The Air With Single Sideband". There were "SSB Handbooks" for hams
>put out by several publishers. And there were gripes that QST was
>becoming "too technical" and that ARRL was "forcing SSB down hams'
>throats".

Well, you were there, right? Poor baby...must have been difficult.

>The more things change...

The more things change the more YOU want to keep the old things.

You've made a number of ERRORS in your little history missive.
You've been corrected. Try to accept that in good grace...not your
usual spiteful attitude as a procoder knowitall.

LHA

2703. Re: There is no International Code Requirement and techs can operate HF according to FCC Rules

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 21:40:56 UTC
From: Dan/W4NTI <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com>
Message-ID: <bfs84vjnb1@slb4.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 72540
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.misc

"Michael Black" <et472@FreeNet.Carleton.CA> wrote in message
news:bfs2b2$k4m$1@freenet9.carleton.ca...
> Keith (kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net) writes:
> > On 25 Jul 2003 16:37:40 GMT, Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote:
> >
> >> s97.301(e) reads:
> >>
> >> For a station having a control operator who has been
> >> granted an operator license of Novice Class or Technician
> >> Class and who has received credit for proficiency in
> >> telegraphy in accordance with the international
> >> requirements.
> >>
> >> (followed by frequency table)
> >>
> >> The 'international requirements' (ITU-R s25.5) now read:
> >>
> >> Administrations shall determine whether or not a person seeking a
licence
> >> to operate an amateur station shall demonstrate the ability to send and
> >> receive texts in Morse code signals.
> >>
> >> There is no international requirement for proficiency in telegraphy, so
> >> arguably any Tech could operate on all the frequencies listed in the
> >> table. Be prepared to argue it in court, though!
> >
> > That is what I'm talking about. There is no longer a international
requirement
> > for morse code so tech's can pick up the microphone and talk on 10
meters.
> > Here in America the FCC has to issue a warning notice, then a violation
notice
> > and the person cited can then simply demand a hearing before a
administrative
> > law judge. The ALJ is a pretty informal process and you just need to
cite the
> > rules and they are not very strict when it comes to matters like these.
> > If you have a tech license and you operate outside your allowed bands
like pop
> > up in the twenty meter band and keep it up they might come after you.
But if
> > you meet the international requirements and stay in the HF TECH bands it

is not
> > a violation of the rules and no one can verify if you have passed a
horse and
> > buggy CW test any god damn way.
> >
> >
> This is silly. Each country has it's own laws, and you are obliged
> to follow them.
>
> What has changed is that the treaty agreement whereby all countries
> issuing amateur radio licenses are obliged to have a code test of some
> sort for operating below 30MHz (or, was it a higher frequency?) is now
> gone.
>
> That means that each country no longer has to conform to that treaty
> agreement.
>
> They can, if they so choose, to eliminate their law that requires
> code proficiency for amateurs operating in the HF bands.
>
> But they are not obligated to do so.
>
> Until a country changes it's law about this, everyone is obligated
> to follow those laws.
>
> Just because the treaty agreement is gone does not mean that there
> is any more legality for someone who hasn't taken a code test to operate
> at HF. Two months ago, someone could have done it, and if caught they
> would face a certain process. If they do it today, and are caught,
> they face the same certain process. Nothing has changed on that
> account.
>
> Michael VE2BVW
>

If the FCC decided to drop CW requirement totally they could still say the
TECHNICIAN is a VHF ONLY LICENSE. Or the could say its a VHF and 28.3-28.5
voice ONLY LICENSE.

In anycase I highly doubt the FCC will give the Technician ticket an
equivilant to a General UNLESS the Tech was issued prior to 1986 when the
WRITTEN was the same for Tech and General.

Get over it Keith.

Dan/W4NTI

2704. Re: There is no International Code Requirement and techs can operate HF according to FCC Rules

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 21:46:00 UTC
From: Scott Unit 69 <scott_unit_69@yahoo.moc>
Message-ID: <3F21A518.2B7A8DDC@yahoo.moc>
Source record: 72541
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.misc

I'd hate to be your underwear when the Uncle
asks you for proof of Element 1.

2705. Re: ATTN: Tech Licensee USA Morse Code Freedom Day is August 1st

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 21:55:39 UTC
From: Dan/W4NTI <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com>
Message-ID: <bfs90hroo1@slb6.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 72542
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb

"Keith" <kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net> wrote in message
news:bfqnfa01orv@enews4.newsguy.com...
> On Fri, 25 Jul 2003 03:29:59 -0400, Dwight Stewart <stewart@say.net>
wrote:
>
> > "morse@code.is.dead" wrote:
> > >
> > > Let the FCC know that they can no longer keep you
> > > from your right to use the ten meter band allocation
> > > if you are a technician licensee. (snip)
> > >
> > > You don't have to use your identity, (snip)
> > >
> > > (snip) I will be on the air and I hope 10,000 or
> > > more no code technicians will join me. (snip)
> >
> >
> > And I suspect anyone who did this would find himself very much alone
on
> > those frequencies. Only an idiot would risk his license doing something
like
> > this. That and your provocative email address, should be enough to
convince
> > most you message is nothing more than a message trolling for suckers
foolish
> > enough to take it seriously.
> >
> >
> > Dwight Stewart (W5NET)
> >
> > http://www.qsl.net/w5net/
>
> Dwight, There is no way for anyone to know if a tech license has passed a
> morse code test and all techs have voice privileges for 28.3-28.5 MHz.
> What is the FCC going to do run around and check every tech license
holder?
> Besides would you rather give up ten meters to truckers and CBers?
>
>
> --
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Thats not the point Keith.

Item one there is no "RIGHT" to the ten meter sub-band to a Technician licensee. It is a PRIVILIDGE. Turn your license over and read that part.

Item two by doing such a thing only proves what us 'coders' have said over and over. Its all about a bunch of CB outlaws that are trying to destroy Amateur Radio by bringing the lawless tactics and attituded to the ARS.

Come to think of it...Go ahead boneheads. Show the FCC we were right.

Dan/W4NTI

2706. Re: There is no International Code Requirement and techs can operate HF according to FCC Rules

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 21:56:50 UTC
From: "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net>
Message-ID: <CIhUa.12720$Vx2.6333468@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com>
Source record: 72543
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.misc

"Keith" <kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net> wrote in message
news:bfru1602vef@enews3.newsguy.com...
> On 25 Jul 2003 16:37:40 GMT, Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote:
>
> > s97.301(e) reads:
> >
> > For a station having a control operator who has been
> > granted an operator license of Novice Class or Technician
> > Class and who has received credit for proficiency in
> > telegraphy in accordance with the international
> > requirements.
> >
> > (followed by frequency table)
> >
> > The 'international requirements' (ITU-R s25.5) now read:
> >
> > Administrations shall determine whether or not a person seeking a
licence
> > to operate an amateur station shall demonstrate the ability to send and
> > receive texts in Morse code signals.
> >
> > There is no international requirement for proficiency in telegraphy, so
> > arguably any Tech could operate on all the frequencies listed in the
> > table. Be prepared to argue it in court, though!
>
> That is what I'm talking about. There is no longer a international
requirement
> for morse code so tech's can pick up the microphone and talk on 10 meters.
> Here in America the FCC has to issue a warning notice, then a violation
notice
> and the person cited can then simply demand a hearing before a
administrative
> law judge. The ALJ is a pretty informal process and you just need to cite
the
> rules and they are not very strict when it comes to matters like these.
> If you have a tech license and you operate outside your allowed bands
like pop
> up in the twenty meter band and keep it up they might come after you. But
if
> you meet the international requirements and stay in the HF TECH bands it
is not
> a violation of the rules and no one can verify if you have passed a horse

and
> buggy CW test any god damn way.

While not a violation of the international treaty, it would be a violation of the current FCC rules. They are quite clear that Techs (at this time) must have passed a code test to use HF. Keep in mind that the international treaty did not abolish the requirement altogether but simply let each country set its own requirements of any where from no-code to whatever the country wished. Our FCC rules have not yet changed so a codeless tech operating HF is in violation.

Dee D. Flint, N8UZE

2707. Re: ATTN: Tech Licensee USA Morse Code Freedom Day is August 1st

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 22:02:00 UTC
From: Dan/W4NTI <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com>
Message-ID: <bfs9cdqse1@slb3.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 72544
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb

"Keith" <kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net> wrote in message
news:bfrt9m02uqe@enews3.newsguy.com...
> On Fri, 25 Jul 2003 12:17:08 -0400, Dwight Stewart <stewart@say.net>
wrote:
>
> > Technician Plus license holder
>
> The FCC does not issue technician plus license any more so I guess no one
can
> operate on 10 meters that has passed the tech license test?
>
> Hey Dwight have you ever driven 56 in 55 mph zone?
>
>
> --
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> http://www.kilowatt-radio.org/

No Keith it means that a person that passed the Tech written and the NOVICE
written and that means the 5wpm cw test is allowed on the ten meter
segement.

A Tech written authorizes VHF and above ONLY.

Just dropping the CW test is not all that is required to be allowed on HF.
(This according to FCC rules).

Do you get it now?

Dan/W4NTI

2708. Re: CORRECTION!!!

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 22:08:59 UTC
From: Dan/W4NTI <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com>
Message-ID: <bfs9pg$h3s$1@slb2.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 72545
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.shortwave,rec.radio.cb

"Scott Unit 69" <scott_unit_69@yahoo.moc> wrote in message
news:3F2074D7.37980608@yahoo.moc...
>
>
> Scott Unit 69 wrote:
> >
> > > That makes no sense at all... What is 'key your elements' ?
> > >
> > > Do you mean to set your carrier frequency to the carrier frequencies
of the
> > > interfering BPL signal? If so say so.
> >
> > "elements" as in the individual di's and dah's the make up each
character.
> >
> > I've been looking at the .gif from Texas Star, and have already learned
> > to copy a few characters. The first one I learned is "3". All the calls
> > here have it. Also "k" and a few more in my call.
> >
> > dah-di-dah dah-dah-di-dah?
>
> Not K-Q...CQ...
>
> dah-di-dah-di dah-dah-di-dah?
>
> > I figured with my musical background, it would be easy. I just don't
like
> > you guys trying to force feed it to us. It won't look good on your
shoes. <:
> >
> > http://www.texasstar.com/code.gif

First off no one is forcing you to do CW. If you don't want to do it...then
dont. On the other hand many of you non cw types are forcing the rest of us
to lose CW. So who is doing what to whom???

As for the music and CW. Correct. Makes it much easier. Its the rhythm
that does it.

Tap your foot to a 4 x 1 cadence. Then tap your finger on the desk in
sequence with it. Tape it three times and you have a "S" tape it four
times you have a "H" tape it five times you have a "5".

Now do this. Keeping the foot going. Send a "V" di di dit dah.
Keep in cadence. See the rhythm ? great ain't it ?

Dan/W4NTI

2709. Re: ATTN: Tech Licensee USA Morse Code Freedom Day is August 1st

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 22:12:09 UTC
From: "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net>
Message-ID: <ZWhUa.12722$Vx2.6335469@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com>
Source record: 72546
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb

"Keith" <kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net> wrote in message
news:bfqnfa01orv@enews4.newsguy.com...
> On Fri, 25 Jul 2003 03:29:59 -0400, Dwight Stewart <stewart@say.net>
wrote:
>
> > "morse@code.is.dead" wrote:
> > >
> > > Let the FCC know that they can no longer keep you
> > > from your right to use the ten meter band allocation
> > > if you are a technician licensee. (snip)
> > >
> > > You don't have to use your identity, (snip)
> > >
> > > (snip) I will be on the air and I hope 10,000 or
> > > more no code technicians will join me. (snip)
> >
> >
> > And I suspect anyone who did this would find himself very much alone
on
> > those frequencies. Only an idiot would risk his license doing something
like
> > this. That and your provocative email address, should be enough to
convince
> > most you message is nothing more than a message trolling for suckers
foolish
> > enough to take it seriously.
> >
> >
> > Dwight Stewart (W5NET)
> >
> > http://www.qsl.net/w5net/
>
> Dwight, There is no way for anyone to know if a tech license has passed a
> morse code test and all techs have voice privileges for 28.3-28.5 MHz.
> What is the FCC going to do run around and check every tech license
holder?
> Besides would you rather give up ten meters to truckers and CBers?

Only Techs with HF and Tech Plusses (i.e. Techs who have passed the code
under one licensing structure or another) have voice privileges on 10
meters. It would be very easy for the FCC to send out NALs and require that
the suspect people send the FCC a copy of their documentation. The FCC
doesn't have to prove anything. They can place the burden of proof on the

Techs.

Dee D. Flint, N8UZE

2710. Re: Contact the FCC and Tell Them to get rid of CW Test and Requirements

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 22:14:13 UTC
From: Dan/W4NTI <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com>
Message-ID: <bfsa3bofa1@slb6.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 72547

"Larry Roll K3LT" <yodoc@aol.comnospam> wrote in message
news:20030724234303.02197.00001552@mb-m12.aol.com...
> In article <bfobj80lhb@enews2.newsguy.com>, Keith
> <kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net> writes:
>
> >As long as no code techs and others that are interested in HF ham radio
> >operation do nothing the FCC and the ARRL will drag their feet to keep
this
> >dinosaur technology for the next year or so.
> >Write the FCC and let them know this is not satisfactory. There are
200,000+
> >hams that deserve immediate access to the HF bands today.
> >
> >To Contact the Commissioners via E-mail
> >Chairman Michael K. Powell: mpowell@fcc.gov
> >Commissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy: kabernat@fcc.gov
> >Commissioner Michael J. Copps: mcopps@fcc.gov
> >Commissioner Kevin J. Martin: kjmweb@fcc.gov
> >Commissioner Jonathan S. Adelstein: jadelste@fcc.gov
> >
> > If you do nothing then nothing can change. The squeaky wheel gets the
> >grease.
> >
> >http://groups.yahoo.com/group/CWProtest/
> >
> >--
> >The Radio Page Ham, Police Scanner, Shortwave and more.
> >http://www.kilowatt-radio.org/
> >
>
> Well, I did just what you asked! Here is what I sent:
>
> ----------
>
> TO: Michael K. Powell, Chairman, FCC <mpowell@fcc.gov>
>
> Dear Chairman Powell,
>
> I am an Amateur Radio Operator, licensed for over 21 years. As you know,
> the recent World Radiocommunication Conference, WRC-03, has eliminated
> the ITU International Treaty requirement for Morse Code proficiency
testing,
> and has left the decision whether or not to require Morse code testing in
any

> member nation's Amateur Radio Service up to the individual
administrations.
> I appeal to you NOT to take any action to eliminate the Morse code test
> (Element 1) from the U.S. FCC Amateur Radio Licensing requirements.
>
> You will undoubtedly be receiving many petitions from current and
> prospective radio amateurs to do this, but the fact is, these people are
> simply unqualified to know and understand the benefits and advantages
> of the Morse/CW mode in the Amateur Radio Service. Indeed they, for
> the most part, simply desire to be relieved of the necessity to expend the
> time and effort required to learn a useful radiocommunications skill at
> a basic proficiency level. Such "dumbing-down" of Amateur Radio
> serves no useful purpose, and would, in fact, probably have the effect
> of placing HF radiotelephone operating privileges in the hands of a large
> number of eager, yet technically uninvolved individuals. This could
> cause a dramatic increase in the number of operating violations on the
> HF voice allocations, increasing the FCC's enforcement workload
> without having any overall positive impact on the service.
>
> Knowledge of the Morse code gives radio amateurs the ability to
> communicate effectively using low power, and under operating
> conditions which cause even the latest digital modes to fail. It is the
> ultimate backup communications mode. Unfortunately, the many
> benefits of the Morse/CW mode will be increasingly unavailable to
> radio amateurs if future operators are not required to obtain even an
> entry-level exposure to the use of the Morse code through a testing
> requirement for an amateur license with HF operating privileges.
> Therefore, I urge you to simply leave the FCC's amateur radio
> licensing structure and requirements as it is, and retain the Element
> 1 Morse code test forever. I assure you that this is in the best
> interest of the Amateur Radio Service and the FCC.
>
> Sincerely,
>
> Lawrence J. Roll, K3LT
> 1300 S. Farm View Dr. A-31
> Dover, DE 19904-7721
> (302) [xxx-xxxx]
>
> ----------------------
>
> Note: Copies to be sent to the Commissioners as well.
>
> 73 de Larry, K3LT
>

Bravo Bravo capital job my man. Let the whinning commence.

Dan/W4NTI

2711. Re: CW Gone ?? It Ain't Over Til It Is Over!

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 22:14:44 UTC
From: "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net>
Message-ID: <oZhUa.12723$Vx2.6336108@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com>
Source record: 72548

"N2EY" <n2ey@aol.com> wrote in message
news:20030725082150.23406.00001016@mb-m27.aol.com...
> In article <bfqbi9017dn@enews3.newsguy.com>, Keith
> <kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net> writes:
>
> >On Thu, 24 Jul 2003 07:05:43 -0700, "Elmer E Ing" <Elmer E Ing@tutor.org>
> >wrote:
> >
> >> Better read URL:
> >> http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2003/07/22/1/?nc=1
> >>
> >
> > Too bad the ARRL has put itself in such a bad situation.
>
> How did ARRL put itself in the situation?
>
> >As soon as morse code is removed from HF operating requirements those
that
> >are mad about the ARRL not stopping code removal will quit.
>
> Some will, some won't.
>
> >All those no code techs and new hams that come
> >into the hobby will never join a organization that did everything it
could to
> >keep the average citizen out of the HF bands.
>
> "Keep the average citizen out of the HF bands"? How? FCC makes the rules,
not
> ARRL. The average citizen isn't interested in ham radio.
>
> >The ARRL has kept ham radio in
> >the dark ages by requiring horse and buggy morse code technology.
>
> Nonsense. FCC makes the rules, not ARRL.
>
> And it's more like stick-shift technology.
>
> Since 1990 it has been possible to get full ham privileges with only a 5
wpm
> code test, a medical waiver (doctor's note from ANY doctor) and the
required
> writtens. FCC said way back in 1990, and again in 2000, that they could
not get

> rid of the 5 wpm code test because of the ITU treaty. Treaty's been
changed but
> FCC hasn't done a thing. How is that ARRL's fault?
>
> ARRL's policies are decided by the Directors. Who are elected by the
members.
> Some of them want the 5 wpm code test to go, others want it to stay.
>
> If there really are lots of folks who want ARRL policy to change, all they
have
> to do is join up and elect Directors who want those same policies. Or run
for
> Director themselves. Simple.
>
> Why hasn't that happened?

Simple the same people too lazy to learn the code are too lazy to become politically active. They want to achieve their results simply by whining about it and getting someone else to do the work.

Dee D. Flint, N8UZE

2712. Re: CW Gone ?? It Ain't Over Til It Is Over!

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 22:18:22 UTC
From: Dan/W4NTI <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com>
Message-ID: <bfsab3aem1@slb0.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 72549

"Keith" <kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net> wrote in message
news:bfqbi9017dn@enews3.newsguy.com...
> On Thu, 24 Jul 2003 07:05:43 -0700, "Elmer E Ing" <Elmer E Ing@tutor.org>
> wrote:
>
> > Better read URL:
> > http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2003/07/22/1/?nc=1
> >
>
> Too bad the ARRL has put itself in such a bad situation. As soon as morse
code
> is removed from HF operating requirements those that are mad about the
ARRL not
> stopping code removal will quit. All those no code techs and new hams that
come
> into the hobby will never join a organization that did everything it could
to
> keep the average citizen out of the HF bands. The ARRL has kept ham radio
in
> the dark ages by requiring horse and buggy morse code technology.
> --
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> http://www.kilowatt-radio.org/

I was not aware that the ARRL was responsible for keeping the code
requirement. All this time I thought it was the FCC. Dang....thanks for
the correction Keith.

Dan/W4NTI

2713. Re: There is no International Code Requirement and techs can operate HF according to FCC Rules

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 22:19:28 UTC
From: Keith <kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net>
Message-ID: <bfsahm02occ@enews2.newsguy.com>
Source record: 72601
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.misc

On Fri, 25 Jul 2003 16:40:56 -0500, "Dan/W4NTI" <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com>
wrote:

> In anycase I highly doubt the FCC will give the Technician ticket an
> equivilant to a General UNLESS the Tech was issued prior to 1986 when the
> WRITTEN was the same for Tech and General.
>
> Get over it Keith.

You are not on track and are unable to follow a discussion. I am talking about a technician class licensee having tech class HF privileges without the code test. I'm not talking about making them to general.

Don't worry this is going to be reviewed legally very soon.

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2714. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 22:30:31 UTC
From: Dan/W4NTI <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com>
Message-ID: <bfsb1t$u8i$1@slb6.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 72550

"Vshah101" <vshah101@aol.com> wrote in message
news:20030724214902.14602.00000514@mb-m02.aol.com...
> From: "Dan/W4NTI"
>
> >> Wierdness always attracts attention. That's why at the circus, the
> >> line to get in and see the three-legged lady is longer than the line
> >> to get in and see the dancing girls.
> >>
> >> 73 DE John, KC2HMZ
> >>
> >
> >I always prefered a good looking girl to a three legged freak myself.
>
> You will not likely see a good looking girl if you spend too much time in
Ham
> radio. You definately won't hear/see one if you operate CW.

You have no concept of reality at all do you Vboy? I have met some stone
fox knock outs at hamfests, on the air, married and single.

I really enjoy meeting XYL's or YLs on the radio. It is a true pleasure
hearing a female voice on the air.

As for females on CW ... wrong again. I know several serious female CW ops.
Im not going to put out calls here, because I really dont want to see them
insulted by gutless male pigs.

Dan/W4NTI

2715. Understanding the Possible Legal Loophole of s25.5 and 97.301(e)

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 22:41:25 UTC
From: Keith <kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net>
Message-ID: <bfsbqs02pjn@enews2.newsguy.com>
Source record: 72604
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.misc

On Fri, 25 Jul 2003 21:56:50 GMT, "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net> wrote:

> While not a violation of the international treaty, it would be a violation
> of the current FCC rules. They are quite clear that Techs (at this time)
> must have passed a code test to use HF.

NO! This is what the rules say:

s97.301(e) reads:
>
> For a station having a control operator who has been
> granted an operator license of Novice Class or Technician
> Class and who has received credit for proficiency in
> telegraphy in accordance with the international requirements.
> ^^
> (followed by frequency table)
>

Now we have the new regs from WRC that are NOW in effect. They require no morse code test except set down by the administration so a tech licensee should be in compliance with the requirement set down in 97.301(e) There is no requirement for morse code test except for the requirement by the international morse code requirements.

> The 'international requirements' (ITU-R s25.5) now read:
>
> Administrations shall determine whether or not a person seeking a licence
> to operate an amateur station shall demonstrate the ability to send and
> receive texts in Morse code signals.
>

The ARRL tried to pull a fast one, but the way the FCC rules are written it appears that it doesn't hold water with current regulations as set down by the FCC.

Don't worry I'm going to get real legal advice on this.

1. FCC requires compliance with international morse code regulation.
2. The international morse code regulation is changed to something completely different and no longer has any morse code proficiency requirement except what the administration of that country requires.
3. The FCC, the administration of the USA, only requires the tech licensee to comply with the morse code proficiency requirements required by international requirements.
4. The international requirements have no requirement to know morse code.

This could be a legal loop hole.

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2716. Re: There is no International Code Requirement and techs can operate HF according to FCC Rules

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 22:56:38 UTC
From: et472@FreeNet.Carleton.CA
Message-ID: <bfscj6dfk1@freenet9.carleton.ca>
Source record: 72602
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.misc

Keith (kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net) writes:
> On 25 Jul 2003 20:01:38 GMT, et472@FreeNet.Carleton.CA (Michael Black) wrote:
>
>> What has changed is that the treaty agreement whereby all countries
>> issuing amateur radio licenses are obliged to have a code test of some
>> sort for operating below 30MHz (or, was it a higher frequency?) is now
>> gone.
>
> Read the regulation. The regulation indicates that according to international
> morse code requirements the CW requirement is required. Well the international
> regulations do not require a morse code proficiency for HF access.
> 97.301(e)
> I guess it all boils down to what "IS IS".
>
> BTW, what do you care about US regs if you live in Canada?
>
>
By your interpretation, every ham in the world can start operating
on HF, no matter what their license restricts them to, merely because
the international agreement on this matter has been rescinded. Your false
interpretation would therefore apply to all countries. Besides, you
posted in newsgroups that are read by people in many countries, so
why shouldn't I comment.

The international agreement does not set the rules. While except for
Japan with their low power license I can't think of any country that
did not respect the treaty agreement, there wasn't much to keep countries
from not honoring the treaty, other than on a diplomatic level. If
someone operated on HF without passing a code test, they weren't
prosecuted by an international body, they were pursued by their
own country's enforcement body, which also set the rules that
the person was violating. Each country had to put in place rules that
reflect the agreement.

Those rules are still in effect, until they are changed.

"We had to put these rules in place because we honor the international
treaty."

That's a big difference from "You have to know morse code or else the
international boogy man will come down and toss you in jail".

The first is about implementing rules that honor an international agreement.
The second is some international law that you must respect directly.

Find some other section of your rules, and you're bound to find something
that tells you you can't operate HF with certain classes of licenses.
That's the rule that is in control. It's absolute, and not dependent
on some international treaty.

When I was a kid, there was no license here in Canada that let someone
operate without taking a code test. Some likely argued that the code
test was there because of the international agreement, but the rules
were quite clear, you couldn't operate unless you took a test, and part
of that test was a code test. Back in 1978, there was a code-free
license here, but only useable at 220MHz and up, and had a lot of
digital questions. The rules were clear; if you got that license
you could only operate on those VHF frequencies. Back in 1990, there was
restructuring, and there was a license which did not require a code test;
but it was also clear in setting out where you could operate.

For that matter, the US Technician license originally was VHF and UHF
only, yet there was a code test. Your FCC decided it was a necessary
requirement, even if the treaty did not require it in that case. It
was only in more recent decades, when 10meters was added, that the treaty
required a code test. Take away the code test, and the FCC limited
such licenses to VHF and above.

No, the rules are what counts, not some preamble.

Michael VE2BVW

2717. Re: Germany Next? (Re-Posted)

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 23:03:12 UTC
From: Rainer Pruggmayer <DL7RP@DARC.DE>
Message-ID: <bfscv8$n2e$07$1@news.t-online.com>
Source record: 72603
Cross-posted to: uk.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.policy

Hi Alan ,

thats 100% right. TX for reading de.comm.ham :-)

73 Rainer , DL7RP

2718. Re: How Ugly Can One Creep Be?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 23:10:11 UTC
From: kelly@dvol.com
Message-ID: <d22b54c3.0307251510.23f29fad@posting.google.com>
Source record: 72605

N2EY@AOL.COM (N2EY) wrote in message
news:<c2356669.0307240845.7fc4e699@posting.google.com>...

> >
> > Just make sure the guy who asks is a local resident and not some
> > tourist from somewhere in the Mojave Desert who's just visiting! Or
> > one of those lazy types who's just interested in clearing the driveway
> > and has never even owned a shovel like a "real" Western New Yorker.
> >
> Ayup. Or who thinks "lake effect" has something to do with a
> California basketball team...

Nephew Timothy trucks off to Rochester Tech for a degreee in fine arts photography Rochester being Kodak country and all that. A few months later he's grousing about spending more time digging out his dorm than he spends in class and the darkrooms. Family e-mail circuit lights up, tells him to hang tough, it can't be that bad, get a bigger shovel, you need the exercise, you're just a spoiled brat.

Nothing further heard from him on the subject of snow.

Xmas eve of his Sophomore year he completely announcededly blasts up the driveway (you've been up that driveway James, heh)in a U-Haul truck full of all his crap from his dorm room.

"I quit, I quit, I quit, dammit they're all raving lunatics, their brains are frozen solid, they don't enough common sense to do anything BUT shovel the damned stuff!

> 73 de Jim, N2EY

w3rv

2719. Re: There is no International Code Requirement and techs can operate HF according to FCC Rules

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 23:11:44 UTC
From: Keith <kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net>
Message-ID: <bfsdjm01m8@enews1.newsguy.com>
Source record: 72616
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.misc

On 25 Jul 2003 22:56:38 GMT, et472@FreeNet.Carleton.CA (Michael Black) wrote:

> By your interpretation, every ham in the world can start operating
> on HF, no matter what their license restricts them to, merely because
> the international agreement on this matter has been rescinded

Only according to FCC regulations in regards to the s25.5 change.
I can't speak for other countries regulations. I only have what the FCC
regulations are today.

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The Radio Page Ham, Police Scanner, Shortwave and more.
http://www.kilowatt-radio.org/

2720. Re: There is no International Code Requirement and techs can operate HF according to FCC Rules

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 23:15:56 UTC
From: Keith <kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net>
Message-ID: <bfsdri11m8@enews1.newsguy.com>
Source record: 72615
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.misc

On 25 Jul 2003 22:56:38 GMT, et472@FreeNet.Carleton.CA (Michael Black) wrote:

> No, the rules are what counts, not some preamble.

The FCC rules are based on that international requirement.
Now the FCC could have said you must pass the 5 wpm test to operate on HF
frequencies. But they said based on the international proficiency requirements
a tech can operate on HF.

Today there are no international proficiency requirements for morse code.

--
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2721. Re: ATTN: Tech Licensee USA Morse Code Freedom Day is August 1st

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 23:26:27 UTC
From: Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net>
Message-ID: <qo93iv47alg0kdls6j3440ut1t57kfsstd@4ax.com>
Source record: 72606
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb

This one was such an obvious troll it was pitiful, but I'l bite anyway, just in case someone's on the verge of letting their emotions overcome their common sense.

On Thu, 24 Jul 2003 01:54:43 -0700, morse@code.is.dead wrote:

> Let the FCC know that they can no longer keep you from your right to use the
>ten meter band allocation if you are a technician licensee.

What "right" is that? Freedom of speech, freedom of the press, and the ability to vote are rights. The use of then ten meter band - or any other part of the amateur radio allocations - is a privilege. There is a difference: Rights are due all Americans regardless of race, creed, color, etc. Privileges are due only to those who've earned them.

>The international
>requirement for morse code has been removed and there is no such thing as a
>technician plus license.

Nevertheless, Technician class licensees who have credit for Element 1 receive the same HF privileges as the former Tech+ license granted - which are the same HF privileges the former Novice license granted. No Element 1 credit, no HF privileges - yet. That's subject to change now that WARC changed the international requirement.

> You don't have to use your identity,

Meaning what...go on the air where you have no privileges and fail to identify your station? Yeah, right. You expect others to do that, yet you yourself are so chickenshit that you have to post anonymously.

>but no code technicians need to finally
>speak out to the FCC they will no longer be oppressed by rules designed for the
>stone age of electronic technology.

Then file a petition with the FCC to have the testing requirements changed to reflect the changes WARC implemented in the international requirements.

> Get on the air at 6pm local time on August 1st or if the band is open any time
>to make contacts in the 28.300-28.500 MHz that is allocated to technicians for
>voice. Or if you have a computer you can use the allocated technician CW bands
>to send and receive morse code.

Unless you have Element 1 credit, this is contrary to current FCC regulations. The licensing requirements are THIS --> <-- close to being changed in your favor. Any no-code Tech who jeopardizes his or

her license by taking your "advice" is a bigger fool than you are.

> Currently the FCC and ARRL want to drag this morse code requirement out for
>one or two years while they put BPL and other technology on the fast track.

...and so instead of working through the system and seeing if you can
shorten it to six months, you expect people to risk losing their
licenses entirely so that they never get on HF? Well, one thing's for
sure, you ain't Mensa material.

> I will be on the air

I hope you have a license that grants you privileges to be on the air
wherever you operate

>and I hope 10,000 or more no code technicians will join me.

I hope they won't.

>I guess Hollingsworth will have to require 10,000 people to turn in their CW
>proficiency certificate if YOU will join us.

To hell with that...he should have you turn in your license instead,
and then he should run it through the office shredder.

> The morse code game is over and I'm not driving 55 when the speed limit is
>really 70 mph and the government hasn't changed the signs yet.

Trouble with that is, to continue your analogy, the speed limit is
still 55. When it becomes 70 the signs will get changed. That hasn't
happened yet.

>Just go by the limitation of your technician license

...which means no HF privileges unless you have Element 1 credit...

>and don't go overboard,

If operating outside the privileges your license grants you isn't
going overboard, I'm afraid to ask what is.

>we want to show
>that just because we didn't pass some dinosaur morse code test that we are bad
>operators.

And so far, nobody's said that you are. However, once you deliberately
overstep the operating authority granted to you by your license, then
you will not only be a bad operator, but also a pirate.

> Get on 28.306 USB at 6 PM local time to talk with other no code tech's that
>are protesting the FCC and ARRL stupidity.

...by demonstrating gross stupidity on your own part? That's
original...since when do two wrongs make a right? If you're dumb
enough to risk losing your license this close to the end of code
testing, I hope they throw the book at you - huge fine, all your

equipment confiscated, the whole nine yards.

I have no doubt that there are people out there who have waited years and years to get on HF without taking a code test. After all that waiting, it would be really tragic for them to lose their licenses on the eve of finally getting what they've been waiting all that time for. Major dumb move...I can only hope the rest of the Technicians without code credit have more sense than you're displaying here.

John, KC2HMZ
Technician Before Restructuring

2722. Re: CWProtest Yahoo Group Hey Techs Lets Liberate Ham Radio

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 23:26:29 UTC
From: Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net>
Message-ID: <3ib3ivc51inihi5kqd1tnadcdournemdbq@4ax.com>
Source record: 72607

On Thu, 24 Jul 2003 02:51:50 -0700, Keith
<kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net> wrote:

> Join up and let your voice be heard. There are 200,000+ amateur radio
>technicians that deserve the right to use the HF bands.

As of July 15, 2003, there were 257,319 Technician class licensees,
some of whom already do have the right to use parts of the HF bands.
No way of telling how many, unfortunately...basically anyone who was a
Tech+ and has renewed now has a license that says Technician on it,
but they retain their HF privileges, and anyone who upgraded from
Novice to Technician also retains their HF privileges.

>Hams in Europe have
>already been allowed access to the HF bands and America should take the lead
>and let it's citizens enjoy HF amateur radio as soon as possible.

America already lets it citizens enjoy HF amateur radio. In addition
to the Techs with HF privileges, there are also (as of July 15, 2003)
33,662 Novices, 67,055 Tech Plus licensees who haven't had to renew
yet (not that it matters since they keep their HF privileges anyway),
141,180 other Generals besides me, 83,239 holders of an Advanced
license, and 104,301 Extras.

>http://groups.yahoo.com/group/CWProtest/

Hmmm...join a group of yahoos? No thanks. :-)

DE John, KC2HMZ

2723. Re: Contact the FCC and Tell Them to get rid of CW Test and Requirements

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 23:26:30 UTC
From: Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net>
Message-ID: <u4c3iv49fqujgg3p0bc81plg70spl3maf1@4ax.com>
Source record: 72608

On Thu, 24 Jul 2003 03:13:24 -0700, Keith
<kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net> wrote:

>As long as no code techs and others that are interested in HF ham radio
>operation do nothing the FCC and the ARRL will drag their feet to keep this
>dinosaur technology for the next year or so.
>Write the FCC and let them know this is not satisfactory. There are 200,000+
>hams that deserve immediate access to the HF bands today.
>
>To Contact the Commissioners via E-mail
>Chairman Michael K. Powell: mpowell@fcc.gov
>Commissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy: kabernat@fcc.gov
>Commissioner Michael J. Copps: mcopps@fcc.gov
>Commissioner Kevin J. Martin: kjmweb@fcc.gov
>Commissioner Jonathan S. Adelstein: jadelste@fcc.gov
>

In the meantime, let's hope the spambots capture those addresses, it
might help convince the givernment to do something on the federal
level about unsolicited commercial e-mail.

> If you do nothing then nothing can change.

Is that why you've been doing nothing about trying to pass a code
test?

>The squeaky wheel gets the grease.

Or gets tossed in the scrap heap after it's been replaced with a brand
new one.

>http://groups.yahoo.com/group/CWProtest/

Speaking of yahoos, your two signed posts came from extra.newsguy.com
as did the anonymous post encouraging no-code Techs to violate the
terms of their license. Coincidence? Or merely a troll who doesn't
realize that nothing on the Internet is truly anonymous? You decide.

73 DE John, KC2HMZ

2724. Re: CW Gone ?? It Ain't Over Til It Is Over!

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 23:26:31 UTC
From: Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net>
Message-ID: <lhc3ivckkgftuoni91vks6jjq7082m2vmh@4ax.com>
Source record: 72609

On 24 Jul 2003 14:31:36 GMT, Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote:

>"Elmer E Ing" <Elmer E Ing@tutor.org> wrote in
>news:XIRTa.11189$ff.4959@fed1read01:
>
>> Better read URL:
>> http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2003/07/22/1/?nc=1
>>
>>
>>
>
>I have read it now. IME, it is more typical for the rule making process to
>take about a year. I guess the two year figure in this NG comes
>specifically from this article.

Well, that and the story in Amateur Radio Newsline that estimated the
same time frame.

> Whilst I think that two years is a worst
>case scenario, one other useful piece of info does come out from the
>article, i.e. that ratification is not required before the FCC can act
>(although I'm not sure why not).

The U.S. is already a signatory to the ITU treaty. That may have
something to do with it. Besies that, though, I'm sure there has been
at least one treaty that was actually submitted to the Senate for
ratification that the Senate didn't ratify, but the executive branch
implemented the terms of the treaty anyway. This was not viewed as a
breach of checks and balances, but as the U.S. complying voluntarily
with the terms of the treaty as a matter of administration policy even
though as a non-signatory it was not required to do so.

>My XYL (a no-coder) has asked me to draft a petition to the FCC. Since it
>looks like others may be waiting unnecesaarily for ratification, I guess I
>should get to work on it. Does anyone here have any sensible advice on how
>to draft an FCC petition? I'm sure there are people here who have filed
>one before.

You might try contacting Alan Dixon, N2HOE. He filed a petition awhile
back relative to removing the 150-mile distance limit for contacts in
the 11-meter Citizens' Band Radio Service (Part 95), so he is familiar
with the procedure. His petition was rejected, not because he failed
to follow proper procedure, but rather because FCC decided the action
he petitioned for was not warranted.

His column in Popular Communications does not show an e-mail address, but you could probably contact him through the magazine, or run his call through QRZ and see if there's a valid e-mail addy listed. I'm composing this offline, on a laptop that's nowhere near an Internet connection right now, or I'd try to run down hos e-mail addy myself for you.

73 DE John, KC2HMZ

2725. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 23:26:32 UTC
From: Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net>
Message-ID: <ufd3ivgrmku2mhhnvcbi3ou5320esn10k6@4ax.com>
Source record: 72610

On 24 Jul 2003 03:28:03 GMT, yodoc@aol.comnospam (Larry Roll K3LT)
wrote:

>In article <bfkpl1$12e$2@adenine.netfront.net>, "Kim W5TIT"
><fahgedit@nomail.net> writes:
>
>>
>>Larry doesn't know we read between the lines...LOL
>>
>>Kim W5TIT
>
>Kim:
>
>I don't know how your newsreader works, but here on good 'ole AOL 5.0,
>what I see "between the lines" is about 1/16" of blank screen!

Larry, I told you four years ago: AOL sucks. What part of that didn't
you understand? :-)

>To everyone
>else who isn't wasting their time reading "between the lines,"

I don't think it's a waste of time at all. Often, what a person does
NOT say is as important as what they DO say.

> I assure
>you that the meaning contained within my postings is always going to be
>right where you have come to expect it to be

Out in left field somewhere?

> -- WITHIN the lines.

Oh. Never mind, then.

>BTW -- your capacity for making a fool of yourself is seemingly endless,
>Kim. Why is that?

She made the comment in a reply to a post of mine. Her comment pointed
out an instance in one of your posts where you expressed displeasure
with NCTAs who you perceive as thinking you aren't entitled to your
opinion, then two paragraphs later you insist that NCTAs aren't
qualified to form *their* opinions - thereby committing the same foul
you were whistling the NCTAs for. I understood her perfectly.
Apparently, you did not. Now, kiss and make up. Go ahead. You know you
want to. LOL

73 DE John, KC2HMZ

2726. Re: With CW gone, can the CW allocations be far behind?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 23:26:34 UTC
From: Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net>
Message-ID: <pde3ivoi6b707mvvgc9a2dfj89kbf5jq8d@4ax.com>
Source record: 72611

On 24 Jul 2003 03:28:04 GMT, yodoc@aol.comnospam (Larry Roll K3LT)
wrote:

>Memo to John, KC2HMZ: If I were you, I'd get my squelch fixed -- it
>doesn't seem to be working!

That's because no mere squelch circuit could realistically be expected
to cope with your noise level. For dealing with you, an attenuator and
some serious filtering are required.

73 DE John, KC2HMZ

2727. Re: Germany Next? (Re-Posted)

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 23:28:23 UTC
From: "Gareth (G1LVN)" <gareth@mycallsign.freeserve.co.uk>
Message-ID: <bfseoc$7bs$1@newsg1.svr.pol.co.uk>
Source record: 72614
Cross-posted to: uk.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.policy

"Rainer Pruggmayer" <DL7RP@DARC.DE> wrote in message
news:bfscv8$n2e$07$1@news.t-online.com...
> Hi Alan ,
>
> thats 100% right. TX for reading de.comm.ham :-)
>
> 73 Rainer , DL7RP

uk.radio.amateur - 13 regular posters, 13 million lurkers!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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73 de G1LVN
Gateway details at: www.g1lvn.org.uk
(change "mycallsign" to reply by email)
send spam to abuse@theplanet.net

2728. Re: CORRECTION!!!

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 23:30:27 UTC
From: tnom@mucks.net
Message-ID: <43f3ivkldhvbr3f1vonanped2e0o10qv79@4ax.com>
Source record: 72612
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.shortwave,rec.radio.cb

>First off no one is forcing you to do CW. If you don't want to do it...then
>dont. On the other hand many of you non cw types are forcing the rest of us
>to lose CW. So who is doing what to whom???

What? "many of you non cw types are forcing the rest of us
to lose CW"

If the CW requirement is gone you can still do CW.

Who is forcing who? Is someone being forced when CW is a
requirement, or is someone being forced when someone else
believes that the CW requirement should be dropped?

2729. Re: replace cw test with typing test!

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 23:32:04 UTC
From: lenover21@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030725193204.14837.00001697@mb-m03.aol.com>
Source record: 72613

In article <mmhUa.922$hX1.757@news01.roc.ny>, "Jim Hampton"
<aa2qa@frontiernet.net> writes:

>I didn't want to mention the cause of my complaint of cut and paste. One of
>our college graduates at work told me (why would he lie about this?) he did
>his thesis using cut and paste from other papers on the internet. Perhaps
>you missed the point; at some point in time, someone has to put the
>*original* information into the computer and on the internet. This seems to
>be the point you missed. Sure, I did 90 on a 100 wpm teletype. Perhaps you
>mistakenly assume that I can't do 30 on a keyboard? (Har har-de-har!). Cut
>and paste is most certainly *very* useful. I just don't see using cut and
>paste to pass someone else's work off as your own.

I regularly do "cut and paste" from the Internet as part of my writing.
The difference between me and the common PLAGIARIST is that
I give credit for the source in my writing. It's a helluvalot easier than
having to travel 10 miles to any of three technical libraries which
might not have what references I'm looking for.

I'm a firm believer in Title 17 and its Public Law 94-553 and later
amendments. [copyrights] Avoids plagiarism lawsuits and stuff.

>As far as testing, I have a concern that a lot of folks don't want any
>testing. Sure, enjoy it when someone has a shoot-out on 11 meters (or 10)
>running 10,000 or 20,000 watts next door to you.

I lived and worked 7 months *IN* an antenna field covering about 2 miles
by 1 mile (had been a small airfield) with up to 43 transmitters feeding
the antennas between 1 and 40 KW RF each. Makes listening to SW
or MF AM BC during free time a tad difficult...:-)

The electric power generation (self-contained on station) could handle
600 KWe and I figure about 200 KW of RF was being tossed in many
directions. Our barrack was at one corner of the field, transmitters in
the middle.

I once went out with a lady who had an apartment just two blocks from
KMPC, an MF AM BC station. KMPC regularly operated with 50 KW
RF output, maximum legal output for Mass Media services on MF BC.

I've never seen any substantive proof of any CBer running 10 gallons
or more. [fish story that]

>Perhaps I misunderstand
>your last statement "it's better that amateurs learn a bit more technology
>than Ohm's law".

I was referring to "what is behind the front panel" of a radio, the general principles of receivers, transmitters, frequency control, and the how and why of matching to an antenna. Basic stuff of REAL communications, especially for test/calibration/finding-out-if-it-works-maybe-bad-to-send-back-to-the-factory-for-fixing.

I've gotten very tired long ago of so many amateurs claiming greatness in radio and then showing they hadn't any knowledge of what went on behind the front panel. They can spout off hours of memorized sales phrases and quotes from Yaecomwood ads as if they knew what it meant but all they demonstrated was mnemonic skills. :-)

In the late 1970s I decided to upgrade my communications receiver thing and was looking around the HRO then in Van Nuys CA. I asked (serially) three clerks in the HRO if they knew anything about how the Icom R-70 could have a PLL using 1 KHz reference yet still have 10 Hz tuning increments. None of them knew what I was talking about. I called Icom America from work and managed an instruction manual copy, got it in the mail; Yaesu and Kenwood offices didn't return my call. I bought the R-70 from HRO, showed the store folks (all hams) what and how Icom did it (cleverly, I thought) and just got incredulous looks. I'm not sure they could understand block diagrams, let alone schematics.

>The lab I may be moving into has an interesting power
>supply ... 30,000 volts at 20 ma.

In 1960 I had the task of building a replica of a 15 KV, 50 mA supply for an STL Physics Research lab project. [750 W equivalent] Corona I didn't believe! :-) Used up three small bottles of GC corona dope.

> Sure, why bother to learn interesting
>things concerning relationships between voltage, resistance, and current.
>The nice thing about that is, the dang fool who doesn't care and gets into
>that lab may do us a favor and remove his genes from the gene pool.

For RF sources, one needs MORE than DC law knowledge.

At age 21 I got broken into operating a Press Wireless 15 KW beast whose 350 V bias supply was still hot when the side door was open for tank link changing on QSYs. One of the guys on another shift got his sleeve caught in something and was severely burned on his fore-arm, required surgery to put it right. Danger ALWAYS lurks around high power anything.

>As far
>as typewriting, might I gently enquire as to how you managed to post your
>response to my post? Are you using a Windows based keyboard and clicking
>your mouse over the letters? (how modern!). Or, perhaps, you are using a
>most modern keyboard - Dang! That sure looks like a ... um ... gee, the
>layout looks very much like those old typewriters.

The letters are still in the "QWERTY" arrangement on my keyboard as they were on my middle school's class typewriters...except my

computer keyboard has the keys labeled. Our typing class' writers
had no marking on the keys. :-)

>Frankly, I'm not worried
>about code or typing - I'd like to see some safety issues and relevant
>theory covered, but perhaps that is asking too much.

Since the tests and test materials are all public, the only real "safety"
issues I see are all the "RF biohazard" impositions shoved on the FCC
by Congress...the ones with the terribly-dangerous, almost-fatal-to-
think-about-over-50-Watt RF RADIATION LEVELS!!! :-)

Heh...I know of several hundred guys in the service who cycled through
a year's service in 100 to 200 KW RF antenna fields at HF in the US
Army and Air Force. Human beans are hardier than some extremists
in the public (who influenced Congress) believe.

No written test is going to keep someone from making a fatal mistake
while in a high place anymore than driver tests stop road accidents.

>Why is it when we
>mention typing, everyone assumes an old fashioned typewriter. Typing is
>typing, whether on a computer or an old fashioned linotype machine.

Nooo...not quite right. a Linotype automatic type-setter machine has
a different keyboard arrangement. One row is "ETAOINSHRDLU"
as opposed to the conventional "QWERTYUIOP." An "office" type
typist would produce very funny type slugs on a real Linotype. :-)

I got training in touch-typing rather long before there was such things
as desktop computers, even before video terminals. Hundreds of
thousands did. To me, a "typewriter" is any instrument that produces
legible text not requiring direct manual writing by pen or pencil

>I'd
>love to see all of these lovely 'modern' folks get the information into the
>computer in the first place without copying it from someone else.

I've personally seen dozens do it no problem at all.

It used to be a lot worse at the DOS level before Windows or the
the GUI concept developed by Xerox' PARC. But that "worseness"
was due to early shorthand-style jargon commands necessitated
by way-insufficient internal memory.

I totally love the speed, efficiency, and capability of modern word-
processors and their ability to produce print-ready copy in my choice
of type styles (over 200 in my computer, had to cut out about 100
more as too freaky). Remember, I'm one of those from prehistory
back when "typing" meant on a solely mechanical gizmo that took
paper directly, not through a separate "printer." Training on a type-
writer that had NO key markings...[learn or die, very Darwin...:-)]

What gets me is all this "magic" and "majesty" and "need" for a
159 year old PRIMITIVE language coding tool in a hobby/recreation
activity involving radio that requires federal licensing! Stupid!

Yes, having the ability to send/receive at 40 WPM plus in morse IS
a definite accomplishment for an individual. No doubt.

In the 1930s morsemanship skills were in demand in radio. Trouble
is, this is NOT the 1930s, it is in the new millennium where one
residence out of three in the USA has some kind of computer. One
residence out of five in the USA has some kind of Internet access.
There are 150 million cellular telephones in the USA now.

A whole half century ago I was doing HF communications without
ever using or needing to know morse code. A half century later I
still find some over-inflated, self-professed "masters of radio" saying
everyone "must" have morsemanship to operate on HF amateur
bands. That does not compute, that does not compose logically on
a manual typewriter. That "need" is so much fetilizer base.

>I've
>helped some of those younger folks ... "the mouse is f****d up". Pick his
>hand up off the mouse, turn the mouse 180 degrees so the cable comes off of
>the back end rather than towards the front, and put his hand back on the
>mouse. Yep, I love you smart, modern, young folks! BWAAaahahahah!

I've never seen ANY young folks acting so stupidly. Not even any old
folks or middle-age folks. The Xerox PARC "mouse" concept is very
intuitive even to first timers (I was one of at least 3 dozen at a Valley
store here when the Apple Macintosh made its debut...not a one of us
had any problems with the mouse).

I started personal computing back in 1976, back before the first Apple
computers hit the big time market. Working out source code for
microprocessors was a helluva lot more interesting, entertaining and
challenging than trying a third attempt to keep morse code in the head.

What I have personally experienced is some old hams jumping up and
down, cussing and whining about everyone "obeying the law and taking
a morse test!!!" Your example was dumb. The old procoder jumping
up and down in rage demanding obediance is dumberer...in my opinion.

The old procoder's outrage will be manifest until the last key is removed
from their cold, dead fingers. Screwm.

LHA

2730. Re: This news group needs to lighten up

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 23:41:43 UTC
From: Jim Hampton <aa2qa@frontiernet.net>
Message-ID: <XejUa.927$KI2.551@news01.roc.ny>
Source record: 72617

Agreed! :)

73 from Rochester, NY
Jim AA2QA

"The Joker" <Joker@dontbother.com> wrote in message
news:pOdUa.11501$ff.3791@fed1read01...
> Who sed dese - movies & actors
>
> Round up the usual no-coders _____
>
> Of all the ham shacks in all the world, and the FCC walks into mine
(should
> have taken the damn morse test) ________
>
> Morse Morse We don't need no stinkin morse __________
>
> I could have been an extra Charlie _____
>
> I love the sound of code in the morning, smells like radio __________
>
> Do ya feel lucky No Coder -- Well do ya ? __________
>
> Louie, I think this is the beginning of a beautiful CW QSO __________
>
> Surely you can't be serious about Morse code?
> I am dead serious, and don't ever call me Shirley. __________
>
> Frankly my dear, I don't give a didah __________
>
> Adios No-Coder __________
>
> All ya gotta do is - didah -- Hint Movie To key or to key not __________
>
>
> It's just another big fish -- like morse code an ancient dumb thing
> __________
>
>
> I'm mad as hell and I ain't gonna send code no more. __________
>
>
> Pileup On The Morse Express -- Killed em with their Morse Keys __________
>
>

> The trick is not to mind the morse (pain) __________
>
>
> Now QRT That Out!!! (Comedian) _________________
>
> My Gawd! Its a Living Raptus Morse Interruptus __________
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2731. Re: replace cw test with typing test!

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 23:52:52 UTC
From: Jim Hampton <aa2qa@frontiernet.net>
Message-ID: <opjUa.928$rC2.612@news01.roc.ny>
Source record: 72618

Len,

You are wrong in my example of the younger guy with the mouse. It happened. Really. You and I are closer than you think. As I stated, I am not worried over Morse. As far as the high powered HF, most of the HF was nowhere near 30 MHz. You know that and don't try and tell me otherwise. When you talk volts per meter, there is a difference between 30 and 15 MHz and a much bigger difference between 15 MHz and 1.5 MHz (near the top end of the AM broadcast band). Please do us both a favor and don't assume that I don't know what I'm talking about. That will save us both a lot of time (and typing!) :)

73 from Rochester, NY
Jim AA2QA

"

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2732. Re: Understanding the Possible Legal Hassle of Ignoring Rulz

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-25 23:57:38 UTC
From: Scott Unit 69 <scott_unit_69@yahoo.moc>
Message-ID: <3F21C3F2.F1935F@yahoo.moc>
Source record: 72619
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.misc

Why don't petition the FCC to ask them if techs can now
use the novice portion of 10 meters. When the official
R&O comes out stating that I can, I will be on as soon
as it's legal, not one minute sooner, unless I learn CW.

I'm going out to enjoy a Friday night. Hamfest on Sunday.
Troll your heart out, Keith from Newsguy, that removed
his email from his killerwatt-radio web site, put all kinds
of strange sh!t in his meta-tags, and just basically puts
the same BS on his web page as you see here. Save yourself
a trip, folks, don't click his link. His attitude matches
that of Stew's!!!

2733. Re: Time to call a truce?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-26 00:02:23 UTC
From: Mahatma Kane Jeeves <anon@cheshire.hopto.org>
Message-ID: <ME976B8037827.8349884259@anonymous.poster>
Source record: 72620

In article <bfn4a1$f7g$1@slb5.atl.mindspring.net>
"Dan/W4NTI" <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com> wrote:
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>
> "Kim W5TIT" <fahgedit@nomail.net> wrote in message
> news:bfkl47$2um4$1@adenine.netfront.net...
> > "Radio Amateur KC2HMZ" <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net> wrote in message
> > news:96cphvg0jppiqd0shhnf6ttgkitl121ls5@4ax.com...
> > > "Kim W5TIT" <fahgedit@nomail.net> wrote in message
> > > news:bffc09$1etd$1@adenine.netfront.net...
> > > >> "Dan/W4NTI" <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com> wrote in message
> > > >> news:bff468imu1@slb9.atl.mindspring.net...
> > > >> We know, we have been there and got the tee shirt. Now pick up your
> jaw
> > > >> > and commence to run off at the mouth little girl.
> > > >> >
> > > >> > Dan/W4NTI
> > > >> >
> > > >>
> > > >> Yep, you're an asshole, alright.
> > > >
> > > Some guys are born that way, though. Dan seems to be telling us he's
> > > worked at it his whole life.
> > >
> > > 73 DE John, KC2HMZ
> > >
> >
> > I'm giggling, John. You're "settling in" nicely! ;)
> >
> > Kim W5TIT
> >
> >
> > ---
> > Posted via news://freenews.netfront.net
> > Complaints to news@netfront.net
>
> Your are correct....I am one of the best assholes you will ever meet. And
> it has taken me a lifetime to perfect the 'art'.

Proud to be an ASSHOLE, are you?

> You on the other hand have a long way to go.

Kim's superiority to you is noted.

> Take some lessons from 'TIT'. She is on here way.

What's "here" way?????

2734. Re: Contact the FCC and Tell Them to get rid of CW Test and Requirements

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-26 00:03:08 UTC
From: Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
Message-ID: <cuvyxnansvbet.hilkxzb.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 72621

On Thu, 24 Jul 2003 03:13:24 -0700, Keith wrote:

>Write the FCC and let them know this is not satisfactory. There are 200,000+
>hams that deserve immediate access to the HF bands today.
>
>To Contact the Commissioners via E-mail
>Chairman Michael K. Powell: mpowell@fcc.gov
>Commissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy: kabernat@fcc.gov
>Commissioner Michael J. Copps: mcopps@fcc.gov
>Commissioner Kevin J. Martin: kjmweb@fcc.gov
>Commissioner Jonathan S. Adelstein: jadelste@fcc.gov
>
> If you do nothing then nothing can change. The squeaky wheel gets
>the grease.

Ah, I see that you are playing lawyer, Keith.

The above is NOT the correct procedure to get the Rules changed. It
will only annoy the Five Tubeless Tyres (tm) who have no conception
of what amateur radio and code tests are all about nor do they wasnt
to acquire same. That's much lower-level staff work.....

Thank you for playing and be sure to come back some other time.

--
73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane

Principal Attorney (retired)
Communications Law Center
San Francisco, CA

2735. Re: Understanding the Possible Legal Hassle of Ignoring Rulz

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-26 00:09:06 UTC
From: Keith <kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net>
Message-ID: <bfsgv90t3m@enews4.newsguy.com>
Source record: 72626
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.misc

On Fri, 25 Jul 2003 19:57:38 -0400, Scott Unit 69 <scott_unit_69@yahoo.moc>
wrote:

> Why don't petition the FCC to ask them if techs can now
> use the novice portion of 10 meters.

I don't need to petition the FCC. I need a legal opinion from it. Of course,
time will tell where this goes.
Discussing and protesting rules is not ignoring them.
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The Radio Page Ham, Police Scanner, Shortwave and more.
http://www.kilowatt-radio.org/

2736. Re: CORRECTION!!!

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-26 00:18:30 UTC
From: k4nlz - Dusty <k4nlz@comcast.net>
Message-ID: <kog3iv0a2oc37b0q1m6s9ag5s7k25ahku6@4ax.com>
Source record: 72622
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.shortwave,rec.radio.cb

your premise is flawed because you do not take into
consideration the entirety of ham radio. ham radio is
what it is because it is filled with a rich texture of history
and experience. Like the Kentucky Derby and
Wimbleton , for example. There are plenty of horse
races and tennis tournaments , but only one " ham radio.
(is this too complicated for you ??) The first attempt at a
codeless radio license resulted in Citizen's Band. Popular
in the '70s but wasted away to what it is now ... and include
the newer citizen's bands into this too. This , plus many people
are frequently too LAZY (or poorly motivated < yourself perhaps >
to continue the rich tradition of morse in HR) and eliminating the
morse requirement would " definitely " force the eventual end of
CW on the bands.
There are PLENTY of non morse opportunities , currently , in ham
radio (too many for my tastes) .... taking away the morse
requirement completely , would mean the end of the rich tradition of
hamming and rob everyone (that comes after) of the history and rich
experiences that morse can bring. (ever heard of " wolf hung ???
I doubt it ...!! understanding the spirit of woulf hung resolves it
all)
Ham radio without morse is NOT REAL hamradio ... it's " radio "
minus it's rich history and texture of life.

there I said that ......

dusty
k4nlz

morse is joyous and something EVERY serious ham radio enthusiast
should learn the love (of radio) with-in . the ethereal bliss of
morse communication " cannot " be merely spoken of , it must be "
personally " (internally) experienced to be fully appreciated.
traditional " ham radio " is NOT really ham radio without it. if
you have experienced this bliss personally , you understand
completely , if NOT ... you do not fully appreciate ALL that ham
radio offers. either you " have , or you are still not " there "
yet. there is FAR more to morse than many people appreciate or
understand ... I highly recommend that you experience it for yourself,
completely , ... then YOU will understand also. (and be MUCH
richer for the experience)

>
>If the CW requirement is gone you can still do CW.

>
>Who is forcing who? Is someone being forced when CW is a
>requirement, or is someone being forced when someone else
>believes that the CW requirement should be dropped?

2737. Re: Question for the No coders

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-26 00:22:08 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030725202208.23307.00001679@mb-m29.aol.com>
Source record: 72623

In article <BB46583B.1F5D7%stewart@say.net>, Dwight Stewart <stewart@say.net>
writes:

>"Jerry Oxendine" wrote:
>
>> (snip) But *if* radio should fail (terrorists,
>> infrastructure, etc) then CW can get thru when
>> others fail. (snip)
>
>
> That is very easy to claim but the fact that neither the military or
>government requires all their operators to learn CW clearly suggests there
>is something seriously wrong with that claim.

Those services don't expect such massive infrastructure failure, that's all.

73 de Jim, N2EY

2738. Re: Question for the No coders

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-26 00:22:08 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030725202208.23307.00001680@mb-m29.aol.com>
Source record: 72625

In article <Xns93C36521EF60Delektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>, Alun Palmer
<elektros@yahoo.com> writes:

>> Yeah, we heard all the same nonsense 11-12 years ago when the nocode
>> ticket became available. Can you cite a single example of a nocode who
>> "pushed the hobby/service forward" since then? Where's the BEEF?! And
>> while you're at it perhaps you can explain what would change in this
>> respect by handing nocodes access to the HF bands too?
>>
>>>
>>>
>>> 73 Corry K4DOH
>>
>> w3rv
>>
>
>None of the QRM/bad behaviour from no-coders ever materialised either, did
>it?

I've heard some on VHF/UHF. Local repeaters had a heck of a time with a few of
'em a couple years back. I'll dig up the story if you want.

>All the people cited for QRM by the FCC are Extras, like I am.

I'm sure that comment is tongue-in-cheek, Alun. Just take a look at the FCC
Enforcement logs.

Note what mode was being used in most of those violations.

73 de Jim, N2EY
>

2739. Re: Question for the No coders

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-26 00:22:09 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030725202209.23307.00001681@mb-m29.aol.com>
Source record: 72624

In article <bfrt6dkhd1@slb2.atl.mindspring.net>, Unclaimed Mysteries
<k4doh@mindspring.com> writes:

>"Brian Kelly" <kelly@dvol.com>
>wrote in part:
>
>> Yeah, we heard all the same nonsense 11-12 years ago when the nocode
>> ticket became available. Can you cite a single example of a nocode who
>> "pushed the hobby/service forward" since then?
>
>No.

Well, there you have it.

>I can cite that the most noteworthy advances in amateur HF
>operations in the past 11-12 years have had little or nothing to do with
>the ability to send and receive Morse Code.

But those advances were made by whom?

>There's no reason to believe
>that Morse Code will become more relevant in the future.
>
>But if you wanna play dirty, I can also cite the wonderful operations
>conducted by the code-fortified geniuses on 14.313 and several other HF
>frequencies. And the cavalcade of Extra Class code-fetishists sanctioned
>by the FCC for one violation or the other.

Sure. But what mode were they using when they broke those rules?

Recently a ham in CA was cited by the FCC for sending false distress signals on
two marine VHF frequencies using a modified FT-2500M. False distress signals
used to be one of the worst radio violations a person could be accused of. The
ham in question wasn't an Extra....

If you look at the enforcement actions of the FCC against hams, you'll see that
the vast majority of them that involve operational (as opposed to technical)
violations are committed with voice modes. You'll have to look long and hard to
find even one against hams using CW in the CW/data parts of the bands.

So maybe it's not the code TEST but code USE that is the important factor.

You'll also see that all license classes are represented, too.
>
>Would the author of the "Red Panties Song" have been able to compose and
>sing that ditty on HF amateur frequencies without the exquisite sense of
>rhythm only a thorough grounding in Morse Code can provide?

Maybe. Never heard that song, anyway. One thing I do know, though, is that in
36 years of ham operation I've not heard that sort of thing on CW.

>> And
>> while you're at it perhaps you can explain what would change in this
>> respect by handing nocodes access to the HF bands too?
>
>Of course not. But I bet you can. I'm sure it has something to do with
>liberals, people wanting "something for nothing" all the time, declining
>standards, Clinton, atonal music, Human Sacrifice, Dogs and Cats
>Sleeping Together, MASS HYSTERIA! ($1)

Excellent pop culture reference to "Ghostbusters"
>
>Real Wrath of God stuff.
>
73 de Jim, N2EY

2740. Re: UK to abolish code test on Friday

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-26 00:50:45 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
Message-ID: <3F21D010.30409@adelphia.net>
Source record: 72627

Alun Palmer wrote:
> "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net> wrote in
> news:yrZTa.12586$Vx2.6169471@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com:
>
>
>>"Tom Bonet" <tbonet@fzap.net> wrote in message
>>news:bfp0ts$852$1@fzap.net...
>>
>>>On Thu, 24 Jul 2003 12:15:50 -0400, Bill Sohl
>>><billsohl@mindspring.com> wrote:
>>>
>>>>So the Brits have to honour of being the first to actually scrap
>>>>Morse testing (the Swiss have been granted "provision" access)
>>>>
>>>
>>>Bwa HAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHA!!! The Morse code whiners will have to go
>>>sit in a corner somewhere and mumble things about "real hams" while
>>>the rest of us show up on "their" frequencies. I can't wait to
>>>operate USB on 3.510 MHz.
>>>
>>>The hazing ritual has been eliminated in the UK and soon the US will
>>>follow suit. Bye bye CW elitists!
>>
>>Even though most European nations don't have mandated subbands like the
>>US, it is still considered poor operating practice to disregard the
>>voluntary band plans. So please operate voice on the higher end of the
>>band and use the standard LSB that is the accepted norm.
>>
>>Dee D. Flint, N8UZE
>>
>>
>
>
> I told him he should aim to stay above 3.630, although most over there
> consider anything above 3.600 fair game as that used to be the extent of
> the phone band before they created a data subband.

Ahh, why should they have to learn or do anything they don't want to?

- Mike KB3EIA -

2741. Re: CORRECTION!!!

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-26 00:54:52 UTC
From: W5DXP <Cecil.A.Moore@ieee.org>
Message-ID: <3f21d270_6@corp.newsgroups.com>
Source record: 72628
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.shortwave,rec.radio.cb

Dan/W4NTI wrote:
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> dont. On the other hand many of you non cw types are forcing the rest of us
> to lose CW. So who is doing what to whom???

No one is forcing you to lose CW. You can't have it both ways.
Exactly what is wrong with freedom of choice in a hobby in a free
society? What's wrong with live and let live?
--
73, Cecil http://www.qsl.net/w5dxp

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http://www.newsfeeds.com - The #1 Newsgroup Service in the World!
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2742. Re: ATTN: Tech Licensee USA Morse Code Freedom Day is August 1st

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-26 01:08:52 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bfskb5fcc1@adenine.netfront.net>
Source record: 72629
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb

"Keith" <kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net> wrote in message
news:bfqnfa01orv@enews4.newsguy.com...
> On Fri, 25 Jul 2003 03:29:59 -0400, Dwight Stewart <stewart@say.net>
wrote:
>
> > "morse@code.is.dead" wrote:
> > >
> > > Let the FCC know that they can no longer keep you
> > > from your right to use the ten meter band allocation
> > > if you are a technician licensee. (snip)
> > >
> > > You don't have to use your identity, (snip)
> > >
> > > (snip) I will be on the air and I hope 10,000 or
> > > more no code technicians will join me. (snip)
> >
> >
> > And I suspect anyone who did this would find himself very much alone
on
> > those frequencies. Only an idiot would risk his license doing something
like
> > this. That and your provocative email address, should be enough to
convince
> > most you message is nothing more than a message trolling for suckers
foolish
> > enough to take it seriously.
> >
> >
> > Dwight Stewart (W5NET)
> >
> > http://www.qsl.net/w5net/
>
> Dwight, There is no way for anyone to know if a tech license has passed a
> morse code test and all techs have voice privileges for 28.3-28.5 MHz.
> What is the FCC going to do run around and check every tech license
holder?
> Besides would you rather give up ten meters to truckers and CBers?
>
>
> --
> The Radio Page Ham, Police Scanner, Shortwave and more.
> http://www.kilowatt-radio.org/

Whoa!!!

Per the FCC website:

"Technician
The privileges of a Technician Class operator license include operating stations while transmitting on channels in any of 17 frequency bands above 50 MHz with up to 1,500 watts of power. To pass the Technician Class examination, at least 26 questions from a 35 question written examination must be answered correctly. A Technician Class licensee who also has passed a 5 words-per-minute (wpm) telegraphy examination receives privileges in four long distance shortwave bands in the HF range (3-30 MHz) (Refer to Section 97.301)."

So, Techs don't have phone privileges from 28.3-28.5. Not only that, they don't have voice priveleges *anywhere* below 50 MHz.

Kim W5TIT

Posted via news://freenews.netfront.net
Complaints to news@netfront.net

2743. Re: UK to abolish code test on Friday

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-26 01:12:09 UTC
From: "Gareth (G1LVN)" <gareth@mycallsign.freeserve.co.uk>
Message-ID: <bfskqu$bj5$1@newsg4.svr.pol.co.uk>
Source record: 72631

"Alun Palmer" <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote in message
news:Xns93C35F2A54A40elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4...
> Keith <kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net> wrote in
> news:bfqim001iiq@enews4.newsguy.com:
>
just completed my first 20m stateside QSO...

... with W1EVT logged between 0011 and 0018 UTC. I was 579 (40 watts into a
quarterwave vertical) he was 599, his name was Clem, his QTH Boston......

and the mode? - A1A (CW) of course at about 14wpm, not bad for a "no-coder"

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73 de G1LVN
Gateway details at: www.g1lvn.org.uk
(change "mycallsign" to reply by email)
send spam to abuse@theplanet.net

2744. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-26 01:14:38 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bfsklvfft1@adenine.netfront.net>
Source record: 72630

"Brian" <brianburke@juno.com> wrote in message
news:f45722ac.0307250546.7224eec3@posting.google.com...
> n2ey@aol.com (N2EY) wrote in message
news:<20030725062148.23406.00001014@mb-m27.aol.com>...
> > In article <bfpis7$4m4$1@slb9.atl.mindspring.net>, "Dan/W4NTI"
> > <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com> writes:
> >
> > >Doing CW at around 28 wpm is like talking to a Southerner. Layed back.
> > >
> > Laid back, very courteous and mannerly, much gets said without a lot of
words.
> >
> > 73 de Jim, N2EY
>
> I get a completely different mental picture when Larry describes
> someone with a Southern accent.
>
> I wonder if Kim has a Southern accent.

I am told by my friends up North when I go back there that I have a Southern accent. I do not hear it, and all the folks down here in Texas say I have a Yankee accent. So, I must be in between, but I sure don't hear a Southern accent. I *do* use the phrase "fixin' to" instead of "going to" when I am talking, though. Does that count?

Kim W5TIT

Posted via news://freenews.netfront.net
Complaints to news@netfront.net

2745. Re: CORRECTION!!!

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-26 01:16:44 UTC
From: "Gareth (G1LVN)" <gareth@mycallsign.freeserve.co.uk>
Message-ID: <bfsl3gbnv1@newsg4.svr.pol.co.uk>
Source record: 72633
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.shortwave,rec.radio.cb

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2746. Re: ATTN: Tech Licensee USA Morse Code Freedom Day is August 1st

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-26 01:17:35 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bfskrg$fm9$1@adenine.netfront.net>
Source record: 72632
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb

"Dwight Stewart" <stewart@say.net> wrote in message
news:BB46D044.1F67D%stewart@say.net...
> "Keith" wrote:
> >
> > Dwight, There is no way for anyone to know if
> > a tech license has passed a morse code test
> > and all techs have voice privileges for 28.3-
> > 28.5 MHz. What is the FCC going to do run
> > around and check every tech license holder?
> > Besides would you rather give up ten meters
> > to truckers and CBers?
>
>
> I would not do what you're seeking even if there was absolutely no
chance
> at all for the FCC to catch me. When I joined the Amateur Radio community,
I
> made a commitment to abide by the rules and regulations associated with
it.
> That commitment is not based on the FCC's enforcement ability, but my own
> sense of what is good for this community. I personally benefit from a
> community that has an equal commitment to abide by the rules and
> regulations. I therefore would not do anything to upset that situation.
>
> I suspect you will eventually find that most other Technician license
> holders have a similar commitment to abide by the rules and regulation.
>
> By the way, your statement that "all techs have voice privileges for
> 28.3-28.5 MHz" is simply not true - only a Technician Plus license holder
(a
> Tech who has also passed the 5wpm code test) is allowed to operate on
those
> frequencies.
>
>
> Dwight Stewart (W5NET)
>
> http://www.qsl.net/w5net/
>

And, as I understand it, only until they "renew" or change their callsign,
correct? In other words, when I renew my license, or if I change my
callsign, I would only be licensed as a Technician, I think.

Kim W5TIT

Posted via news://freenews.netfront.net
Complaints to news@netfront.net

2747. Re: With CW gone, can the CW allocations be far behind?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-26 01:25:56 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bfslb5$g22$1@adenine.netfront.net>
Source record: 72634

"Radio Amateur KC2HMZ" <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net> wrote in message
news:pde3ivoi6b707mvvgc9a2dfj89kbf5jq8d@4ax.com...
> On 24 Jul 2003 03:28:04 GMT, yodoc@aol.comnospam (Larry Roll K3LT)
> wrote:
>
> >Memo to John, KC2HMZ: If I were you, I'd get my squelch fixed -- it
> >doesn't seem to be working!
>
> That's because no mere squelch circuit could realistically be expected
> to cope with your noise level. For dealing with you, an attenuator and
> some serious filtering are required.
>
> 73 DE John, KC2HMZ
>

Or, an on/off knob.

Kim W5TIT

Posted via news://freenews.netfront.net
Complaints to news@netfront.net

2748. Re: There is no International Code Requirement and techs can operate HF according to FCC Rules

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-26 01:29:34 UTC
From: 'Doc <w5lz@cwis.net>
Message-ID: <3F21D97E.60EF3A43@cwis.net>
Source record: 72635
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.misc

Keith,
And until it is formally accepted, it's still only
a recommendation, not law. Even with a treaty, a foreign
country still doesn't make law in this country. That's
a fact...
'Doc

2749. Re: Why don't Real Hams you face the facts?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-26 01:30:51 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bfslkc$g9m$1@adenine.netfront.net>
Source record: 72636

Wow, I just checked nearly all the messages since a couple of days
ago...and, to my NOT surprise, there's no answer yet?! Wow...

"Kim W5TIT" <fahgedit@nomail.net> wrote in message
news:bfkl60$2und$1@adenine.netfront.net...
> "Dave Heil" <k8mn@earthlink.net> wrote in message
> news:3F1CB4EB.49D0E1FB@earthlink.net...
> >
> > Maybe you should have kept mum on your bootleg radio operations, Kim.
> >
> > Dave K8MN
>
> Why, Dave? Oh, and by the way--have you answered the question yet? The
> question is: Have you ever, in any way, broken the law?
>
> Kim W5TIT
>
>
> ---
> Posted via news://freenews.netfront.net
> Complaints to news@netfront.net

Posted via news://freenews.netfront.net
Complaints to news@netfront.net

2750. Re: There is no International Code Requirement and techs can operate HF according to FCC Rules

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-26 01:31:43 UTC
From: 'Doc <w5lz@cwis.net>
Message-ID: <3F21D9FF.7276CBF3@cwis.net>
Source record: 72637
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.misc

Keith,
Nope. No matter how much you want it to be as you
say, it isn't. What ain't, ain't...
'Doc

2751. Re: There is no International Code Requirement and techs can operate HF according to FCC Rules

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-26 01:35:13 UTC
From: 'Doc <w5lz@cwis.net>
Message-ID: <3F21DAD1.B5317186@cwis.net>
Source record: 72638
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.misc

Keith,
You're right, it will be reviewed soon. But until that
happens, nothing has changed. Giving bad advice isn't going
to change the fact...
'Doc

2752. Re: Understanding the Possible Legal Loophole of s25.5 and 97.301(e)

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-26 02:14:47 UTC
From: wa8ulx@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030725221447.24275.00000421@mb-m16.aol.com>
Source record: 72639

>The ARRL tried to pull a fast one, but the way the FCC rules are written it
>appears that it doesn't hold water with current regulations as set down by
>the
>FCC.
>
> Don't worry I'm going to get real legal advice on this.
>
>1. FCC requires compliance with international morse code regulation.
>2. The international morse code regulation is changed to something completely
>different and no longer has any morse code proficiency requirement except
>what
>the administration of that country requires.
>3. The FCC, the administration of the USA, only requires the tech licensee to
>comply with the morse code proficiency requirements required by international
>requirements.
>4. The international requirements have no requirement to know morse code.
>
> This could be a legal loop hole.
>
>
>--
>The Radio Page Ham, Police Scanner, Shortwave and more.
>http://www.kilowatt-radio.org/
>

Why are you guys whinning about this now? Believe me its going to happen, to
tell you the truth Im surprised it allready isnt going on.

2753. Re: ATTN: Tech Licensee USA Morse Code Freedom Day is August 1st

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-26 02:18:39 UTC
From: wa8ulx@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030725221839.24275.00000422@mb-m16.aol.com>
Source record: 72640

>Item two by doing such a thing only proves what us 'coders' have said over
>and over. Its all about a bunch of CB outlaws that are trying to destroy
>Amateur Radio by bringing the lawless tactics and attituded to the ARS.
>
>Come to think of it...Go ahead boneheads. Show the FCC we were right.
>
>Dan/W4NTI
>

Sad part is that once they prove were right, nothing can be done to stop it.

2754. Re: Question for the No coders

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-26 02:21:45 UTC
From: Unclaimed Mysteries <k4doh@mindspring.com>
Message-ID: <bfsokvrsp1@slb6.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 72643

N2EY wrote in part:

> In article <bfrt6dkhd1@slb2.atl.mindspring.net>, Unclaimed Mysteries
> <k4doh@mindspring.com> writes:
(in part)

>
>>"Brian Kelly" <kelly@dvol.com>
>>wrote in part:
>>
>>
>>>Yeah, we heard all the same nonsense 11-12 years ago when the nocode
>>>ticket became available. Can you cite a single example of a nocode who
>>>"pushed the hobby/service forward" since then?
>>
>>No.
>
>
> Well, there you have it.
>

Have what? I gave an honest answer to a loaded question. Remind me never
to do *that* again.

...

>>
>>But if you wanna play dirty, I can also cite the wonderful operations
>>conducted by the code-fortified geniuses on 14.313 and several other HF
>>frequencies. And the cavalcade of Extra Class code-fetishists sanctioned
>>by the FCC for one violation or the other.
>
>
> Sure. But what mode were they using when they broke those rules?
>

I believe one of the arguments pulled out of various orifices in this
group for mandatory code proficiency is "code makes the ham." Well, it
didn't help much in these cases, regardless of the mode used to commit
these infractions.

Morse Code is a time-tested mode for effective, concise radio
communications. I wish my speed were better than it currently is. It is
a worthy goal to be proficient in this skill.

But it makes a lousy "finishing school" for today's ham radio operators.

Corry
--
It Came From C. L. Smith's Unclaimed Mysteries.
http://www.unclaimedmysteries.net

"I think all foreigners should stop interfering in the internal affairs
of Iraq." --Paul Wolfowitz

2755. Re: How Ugly Can One Creep Be?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-26 02:22:12 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030725222212.23745.00001395@mb-m22.aol.com>
Source record: 72642

In article <3F211DD4.4070206@psu.edu>, Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu> writes:

>> Rochester, to be exact. Gawd, I miss that stuff. Red hots, beef on a
>> weck, real wings.....
>
>> If you get to Rochester or Syracuse, check out Dinosaur BBQ.
>
>
> Something tells me that I'm stepping into a henway, but what is beef on

>a weck?
>
A truly excellent sandwich. Roast beef on a kemmelweck roll (a type of round roll properly made only in the region, just as true hoagie rolls are only made by Amoroso).

--

I may have told this one before, but years ago I was in North Tonawanda as part of a project for work. February, of course, and of course that particular job involved lots of time out-of-doors. Some vendors took us to lunch at the place where wings allegedly were invented. One of the vendors salesfolk made the mistake of saying "you can't make 'em too hot and spicy for me". The restaurant staff proved him wrong.

73 de Jim, N2EY

2756. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-26 02:22:13 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030725222213.23745.00001396@mb-m22.aol.com>
Source record: 72641

In article <Xns93C2AFD1E3605elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>, Alun Palmer
<elektros@yahoo.com> writes:

>You should not hear any phone below at least 1830, 3600, 7040 (7030 in
>region 3), 14100, 18110, 21150, 24930 or 28300, unless people are ignoring
>the bandplans, which aren't compulsory everywhere.

People are ignoring the bandplans. There's a Canadian SSB net that meets on
7030 kHz LSB. And Canadians have 7000-7300.

>These numbers are based
>on the _old_ IARU bandplans before the IARU reallocated the bottom ends of
>the phone subbands (and the top ends of the CW subbands) to data (actually
>just RTTY at the time). Some phone ops may go too far down in contests,
>but even some contests disallow phone contacts in the CW subbands. The
>perception here in the US is a little skewed because the US prohibits
>phone in parts of the phone subbands (not a typo, I meant exactly what I
>said).

You mean the US doesn't allow phone in parts of the 'phone bandplan.

73 de Jim, N2EY

2757. Alternative interpretation of Re: Understanding the Possible Legal Loophole of s25.5 and 97.301(e)

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-26 02:28:18 UTC
From: "D. Stussy" <kd6lvw@bde-arc.ampr.org>
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.56.0307260223280.8981@kd6lvw.ampr.org>
Source record: 72644
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.misc

On Fri, 25 Jul 2003, Keith wrote:
> On Fri, 25 Jul 2003 21:56:50 GMT, "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net> wrote:
> > While not a violation of the international treaty, it would be a violation
> > of the current FCC rules. They are quite clear that Techs (at this time)
> > must have passed a code test to use HF.
>
> NO! This is what the rules say:
>
> s97.301(e) reads:
> > For a station having a control operator who has been
> > granted an operator license of Novice Class or Technician
> > Class and who has received credit for proficiency in
> > telegraphy in accordance with the international requirements.
> > ^^
> > (followed by frequency table)
>
> Now we have the new regs from WRC that are NOW in effect. They require no morse
> code test except set down by the administration so a tech licensee should be in
> compliance with the requirement set down in 97.301(e) There is no requirement
> for morse code test except for the requirement by the international morse code
> requirements.

Actually, this could be read in another way:

Since there is no international requirement that one can be in accordance with,
then the regulation is no longer operative at all and that means that novice
licensees and technician licensees with code credit have NO privileges below 30
MHz at all! :-(

International agreement has killed the "coded technician" license and has made
it indistinguishable (in operating privilege) from the "no-code technician"
license. ;-)

> > The 'international requirements' (ITU-R s25.5) now read:
> >
> > Administrations shall determine whether or not a person seeking a licence
> > to operate an amateur station shall demonstrate the ability to send and
> > receive texts in Morse code signals.
>
> The ARRL tried to pull a fast one, but the way the FCC rules are written it
> appears that it doesn't hold water with current regulations as set down by the
> FCC.
>

> Don't worry I'm going to get real legal advice on this.
>
> 1. FCC requires compliance with international morse code regulation.

What regulation? ;-)

> 2. The international morse code regulation is changed to something completely
> different and no longer has any morse code proficiency requirement except what
> the administration of that country requires.

Then is it still an "international morse code regulation?"

> 3. The FCC, the administration of the USA, only requires the tech licensee to
> comply with the morse code proficiency requirements required by international
> requirements.

Of which there is no such thing, so there is no longer a "technician" license
that has any privilege below 30MHz.

> 4. The international requirements have no requirement to know morse code.
>
> This could be a legal loop hole.

But not the one you think! 2x :-)

2758. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-26 02:28:27 UTC
From: Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net>
Message-ID: <o5g3iv4jvl6co5f2h5p8mf50cv172qgcbi@4ax.com>
Source record: 72645

On 25 Jul 2003 10:21:48 GMT, n2ey@aol.com (N2EY) wrote:

>In article <bfpis7$4m4$1@slb9.atl.mindspring.net>, "Dan/W4NTI"
><w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com> writes:
>
>>Doing CW at around 28 wpm is like talking to a Southerner. Layed back.
>>
>Laid back, very courteous and mannerly, much gets said without a lot of words.
>

But talks kinda funny.

73 DE John, KC2HMZ

2759. Re: How Ugly Can One Creep Be?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-26 02:28:27 UTC
From: Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net>
Message-ID: <rlf3ivsnic1sshslvn5d8lvohr6gai2f7c@4ax.com>
Source record: 72646

On Fri, 25 Jul 2003 08:08:52 -0400, Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu> wrote:

> Something tells me that I'm stepping into a henway, but what is beef on
>a weck?

A sandwich consisting of sliced roast beef on a kimmel weck roll. Back
in the days BC (before chicken wings), beef on weck was the delicacy
of choice around here.

73 DE John, KC2HMZ

2760. Re: Hey CBers Help Get rid of Morse Code Test and Requirement

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-26 02:28:28 UTC
From: Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net>
Message-ID: <vvg3iv4m6v0npgvli6hm7dkur8s5k63mhb@4ax.com>
Source record: 72647
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.policy

On 24 Jul 2003 23:02:01 GMT, Moparholic@hotmailnospam.com wrote:

>tnom@mucks.net wrote:
>> >A troll is one who asks others to do something wrong. In this case, it
>> >is use of 10 meters without the proper class of license.
>>
>> Could you please quote the part about people using 10 meters
>> illegally???????????
>>
>Those are all CBer's.

CBers are folks who operate in the Citizens' Band Radio Service on
frequencies allocated to that service under Part 95.

Folks who operate on frequencies where they have no business being are
called "pirates" or "bootleggers" (and some other names that I won't
print here because they might offend someone's sensibilities).

73 DE John, KC2HMZ

2761. Re: Hey CBers Help Get rid of Morse Code Test and Requirement

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-26 02:28:29 UTC
From: Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net>
Message-ID: <q5h3ivkmo8t21u6u69vj8jk20lv9a8jt95@4ax.com>
Source record: 72648
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.policy

On Thu, 24 Jul 2003 18:23:45 -0700, Keith
<kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net> wrote:

>On Thu, 24 Jul 2003 16:53:15 -0400, Scott Unit 69 <scott_unit_69@yahoo.moc>
>wrote:
>
>> If it wasn't someone using the name "Keith", someone also posting from
>> newsguy was suggesting the use of 10 meters by techs in protest.
>
> It is not illegal for a technician to transmit voice on 28.300 to 28.500 MHz.
>Has the tech passed the morse code test? There is no way to know since the FCC
>doesn't keep track of which techs pass the cw test and I don't need to supply
>that information to anyone.

Yes, there is a way to tell. If you passed Element 1 you were given a
CSCE for it. Now that FCC no longer keeps track in their database of
who has Element 1 credit and who doesn't, it is incumbent upon the
licensee to retain that CSCE as proof that you passed a code test. If
you're heard operating on HF and FCC asks you to prove that you have
Element 1 credit and you are unable to do so, you're subject to
enforcement action up to and including the loss of your license.

> It is a great big loop hole and a great way to protest stupid radio rules.

No, it's a great way to lose your license.

73 DE John, KC2HMZ

2762. Re: Hey CBers Help Get rid of Morse Code Test and Requirement

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-26 02:28:30 UTC
From: Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net>
Message-ID: <7eh3ivkgtpoaa9alqikl52qcd4fgact95n@4ax.com>
Source record: 72649
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.policy

On Thu, 24 Jul 2003 19:16:35 -0700, Keith
<kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net> wrote:

> The FCC does not have the man power or personal to police 200,000 techs that
>have the ability to access 28.300-28.500 MHz voice.

You really don't think there are plenty of extras, advanceds,
generals, and tech plus licensees who passed code tests who would be
more than willing to supplement the FCC's available manpower, if for
no other reason than to have the personal satisfaction of running a
bunch of morons off the air once and for all?

I sure as hell would.

> Face it the game is over, No code techs pick up your microphones and talk.

Go back to 11 meters, troll.

2763. Re: Hey CBers Help Get rid of Morse Code Test and Requirement

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-26 02:28:31 UTC
From: Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net>
Message-ID: <amh3ivc8cbdnivveufd8knr4m19hh0mc24@4ax.com>
Source record: 72650
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.policy

On Thu, 24 Jul 2003 20:07:10 -0700, Keith
<kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net> wrote:

>On Thu, 24 Jul 2003 22:41:54 -0400, "Spamhater" <nospam@nospam.com> wrote:
>
>> . you need a TECHNICIAN PLUS or higher
>> license to get on 10 meters
>
>THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS A TECHNICIAN PLUS LICENSE IN THE FCC RULES OR
>REGULATIONS. IF YOU GO TAKE A TECH TEST YOU ARE A TECH. IF YOU PASS A 5 WPM
>TEST YOU ARE STILL A TECH.
> Ignorance is bliss.

Then you must have a very blissful existence, Keith. Read on, and let
the facts rid you of your ignorance as I show you numerous references
to the Technician Plus license in the FCC rules. When you're done you
can check to verify that I haven't falsified any of this by going to
http://www.arrl.org/files/infoserv/rib/part97.txt and reading Part 97
for yourself - which you should have done in the first place so that
you had your facts straight BEFORE you opened your mouth to change
which foot was in it:

ï¿½97.5 Station license grant required.
<snip>
(2) A club station license grant. A club station license
grant may be held only by the person who is the license
trustee designated by an officer of the club. The trustee
must be a person who holds an Amateur Extra, Advanced,
General, Technician Plus, or Technician operator license
grant. The club must be composed of at least four persons
and must have a name, a document of organization,
management, and a primary purpose devoted to amateur service
activities consistent with this part.

ï¿½97.9 Operator license.
(a) The classes of amateur operator license grants are:
Novice, Technician, Technician Plus (until such licenses
expire, a Technician Class license granted before February
14, 1991, is considered a Technician Plus Class license),
General, Advanced, and Amateur Extra. The person named in
the operator license grant is authorized to be the control
operator of an amateur station with the privileges
authorized to the operator class specified on the license
grant.

(b) The person named in an operator license grant of Novice, Technician, Technician Plus, General or Advanced Class, who has properly submitted to the administering VEs a FCC Form 605 document requesting examination for an operator license grant of a higher class, and who holds a CSCE indicating that the person has completed the necessary examinations within the previous 365 days, is authorized to exercise the rights and privileges of the higher operator class until final disposition of the application or until 365 days following the passing of the examination, whichever comes first.

ï¿½97.17 Application for new license grant.
(a) Any qualified person is eligible to apply for a new operator/primary station, club station or military recreation station license grant. No new license grant will be issued for a Novice, Technician Plus, or Advanced Class operator/primary station or RACES station.
<snip>

ï¿½97.21 Application for a modified or renewed license.
<snip>
(3) May apply to the FCC for renewal of the license grant for another term in accordance with ï¿½1.913 of this chapter. Application for renewal of a Technician Plus Class operator/primary station license will be processed as an application for renewal of a Technician Class operator/primary station license.

ï¿½97.119 Station identification.
<snip>
(f) When the control operator who is exercising the rights and privileges authorized by ï¿½97.9(b) of this Part, an indicator must be included after the call sign as follows:
(1) For a control operator who has requested a license modification from Novice to Technician Class: KT;
(2) For a control operator who has requested a license modification from Novice, Technician or Technician Plus Class to General Class: AG;
(3) For a control operator who has requested a license modification from Novice, Technician, Technician Plus, General, or Advanced Class operator to Amateur Extra Class: AE.

SUBPART C-SPECIAL OPERATIONS
ï¿½97.201 Auxiliary station.
(a) Any amateur station licensed to a holder of a Technician, Technician Plus, General, Advanced or Amateur Extra Class operator license may be an auxiliary station. A holder of a Technician, Technician Plus, General, Advanced or Amateur Extra Class operator license may be the control

operator of an auxiliary station, subject to the privileges of the class of operator license held.

ï¿½97.203 Beacon station.
(a) Any amateur station licensed to a holder of a Technician, Technician Plus, General, Advanced or Amateur Extra Class operator license may be a beacon. A holder of a Technician, Technician Plus, General, Advanced or Amateur Extra Class operator license may be the control operator of a beacon, subject to the privileges of the class of operator license held.

SUBPART D-TECHNICAL STANDARDS
ï¿½97.301 Authorized frequency bands.
The following transmitting frequency bands are available to an amateur station located within 50 km of the Earth's surface, within the specified ITU Region, and outside any area where the amateur service is regulated by any authority other than the FCC.
(a) For a station having a control operator who has been granted a Technician, Technician Plus, General, Advanced, or Amateur Extra Class operator license or who holds a CEPT radio-amateur license or IARP of any class:
<snip>

ï¿½97.505 Element credit.
(a) The administering VEs must give credit as specified below to an examinee holding any of the following license grants or license documents:
(1) An unexpired (or expired but within the grace period for renewal) FCC-granted Advanced Class operator license grant: Elements 1, 2, and 3.
(2) An unexpired (or expired but within the grace period for renewal) FCC-granted General Class operator license grant: Elements 1, 2, and 3.
(3) An unexpired (or expired but within the grace period for renewal) FCC-granted Technician Plus Class operator (including a Technician Class operator license granted before February 14, 1991) license grant: Elements 1 and 2.

ï¿½97.507 Preparing an examination.
(a) Each telegraphy message and each written question set administered to an examinee must be prepared by a VE holding an Amateur Extra Class operator license. A telegraphy message or written question set may also be prepared for the following elements by a VE holding an operator license of the class indicated:
(1) Element 3: Advanced Class operator.
(2) Elements 1 and 2: Advanced, General, or Technician (including Technician Plus) Class operators.
<snip>

Go back to 11 meters, troll...and don't come back until you know what you're talking about.

DE John, KC2HMZ

2764. Re: CW Gone ?? It Ain't Over Til It Is Over!

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-26 02:28:32 UTC
From: Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net>
Message-ID: <4ui3iv4k00msu8m8ce8m1aehpbp0bk9kf5@4ax.com>
Source record: 72551

On Thu, 24 Jul 2003 21:24:56 -0700, Keith
<kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net> wrote:

>> Too bad the ARRL has put itself in such a bad situation. As soon as morse code
>is removed from HF operating requirements those that are mad about the ARRL not
>stopping code removal will quit.

Which will amount to about six people. The rest of us are intelligent
enough to know that FCC makes the rules, not ARRL.

>All those no code techs and new hams that come
>into the hobby will never join a organization

Sure about that? I joined ARRL as a no-code Tech. Volunteered as a
member of its field organization, too.

>that did everything it could to
>keep the average citizen out of the HF bands.

The average citizen doesn't belong on the ham bands. The average
citizen belongs on MURS - and on 11 meters, along with you.

>The ARRL has kept ham radio in
>the dark ages by requiring horse and buggy morse code technology.

Once again, FCC makes the rules, not ARRL. Furthermore, the
requirement was a stipulation of international rules agreed upon by
treaty with all of the other countries that signed the same treaty.
Now, please go back to rec.radio.cb where you'll find more people who
don't know any better and might actually fall for your drivel? You're
just going to get torn apart in the ham newsgroups because most of us
hams have forgotten more than you've ever bothered to learn. You're
like debating against a 3-year old.

DE John, KC2HMZ

2765. Re: Question for the No coders

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-26 02:28:33 UTC
From: Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net>
Message-ID: <e3k3iv4cas6m5fsp3j7b3diacrrq061hbm@4ax.com>
Source record: 72552

On Fri, 25 Jul 2003 00:01:04 -0700, Keith
<kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net> wrote:

> For gods sake are you that arrogant and ignorant of the world around you? I
>bet you have a fancy computer. Let me put the morse code requirement in
>perspective for you. What if the FCC and a national computer user group
>required you to have a license to use a computer and to get a license you had
>to pass a keyboard test of 35 WPM? I bet you would be screaming bloody murder
>along with computer manufacturers and congress. The morse code test is the same
>way.

Radio uses a natural resource (namely, the radio frequency spectrum).
Computers do not. You are comparing apples to oranges.

DE John, KC2HMZ

2766. Re: ATTN: Tech Licensee USA Morse Code Freedom Day is August 1st

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-26 02:28:34 UTC
From: Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net>
Message-ID: <fhk3iv0uq69774e1nulrorthnkj3nd84o7@4ax.com>
Source record: 72553
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb

On Fri, 25 Jul 2003 00:48:08 -0700, Keith
<kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net> wrote:

> Dwight, There is no way for anyone to know if a tech license has passed a
>morse code test and all techs have voice privileges for 28.3-28.5 MHz.

First of all, all Techs do not have the voice privileges you
mentioned. Only Techs with Element 1 credit have those privileges.

As for your assertion that there is no way for anyone to know the
difference - Sure there is. Those who passed the test have:

1. A license (even if it's expired) in his/her name showing a class
that had the code test as a requirement, OR

2. A Certificate of Successful Completion of Examination (CSCE) for
Element 1, OR

3. Both.

Consider this: hams do not live, or operate, in a vaccuum. Other
people who live near you know who you are. Chances are that they also
know whether you're a no-code Tech or one who has passed a code test.
If not, they can always ask you, and ask to see proof of having
Element 1 credit.

Now, there may be no legal requirement for you to show it to them, BUT
you see, anyone with code credit will be proud of that fact and
happily show proof of having it...so if you refuse, all anyone has to
do is advise FCC that you were heard on HF and refused to provide
proof of having qualified for HF privileges when asked to do so. At
that point, FCC sends you a letter asking to see proof of your having
passed a code test. Refuse to prove to FCC that you have operating
authority to operate where you were operating, and you leave yourself
wide open to FCC enforcement action up to including the revocation of
your license, a hefty fine, confiscation of your equipment...get the
idea? Ham radio is not like CB where nobody cares whether you follow
the rules or not. The amateur radio service is self-policing. When
other hams hear you operating beyond the authority granted to you by
your license, they WILL blow you in to FCC, period.

> What is the FCC going to do run around and check every tech license holder?

No running around necessary. You get a letter in the mail. You either
respond to the letter or face the consequences.

>Besides would you rather give up ten meters to truckers and CBers?

The 10m band is in no danger of being reallocated to CB. Beyond that, there is no difference as far as I'm concerned between unlicensed pirates operating on a ham band and hams operating beyond the authority of their licenses. Both are operating where they have no authority to operate. Full stop, end of story.

DE John, KC2HMZ

2767. Re: Tech's on 28.3-28.5 can operate today.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-26 02:28:35 UTC
From: Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net>
Message-ID: <3hl3ivkqf7n4r21suphahjvv9s3hfpfq4c@4ax.com>
Source record: 72555

On Thu, 24 Jul 2003 19:01:11 -0700, Keith
<kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net> wrote:

> THERE IS NO WAY FOR THE FCC TO VERIFY IF A TECH HAS PASSED A MORSE CODE TEST.

The louder you shout, the greater the number of people who will
discover how ignorant you are.

The burden of proof is on the licensee to prove that he or she has
passed the code test. All FCC has to do is ask to see a copy of your
license or CSCE.

>TECH SHOULD FEEL FREE TO OPERATE ON YOUR TECH BANDS AT WILL.

Yes, they should. They should also understand (unlike you, apparently)
that, without Element 1 credit, "your Tech bands" means full amateur
privileges on all of the VHF/UHF bands.

DE John, KC2HMZ

2768. Re: Tech's on 28.3-28.5 can operate today.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-26 02:28:36 UTC
From: Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net>
Message-ID: <3pl3ivcpi2erspajsocr9o7pse54ucjce1@4ax.com>
Source record: 72554

On Thu, 24 Jul 2003 20:02:52 -0700, Keith
<kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net> wrote:

>On Fri, 25 Jul 2003 02:39:47 GMT, "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net> wrote:
>
>> Techs with HF only have ONE voice band not multiple voice bands.
>
> I didn't say that techs have more then one HF band. God no wonder ham radio is
>dying with jack asses like you around.

Then why are you so anxious to operate on the same bands where all of
us (supposed) jackasses hang out?

>You f*cking hams are like the golf clubs
>that refuse to admit jews and blacks. You are a dying bred.

Whereas people like you who can't spell, can't read, and don't know
the rules can be found on every street corner...my eighth grade
science teacher was right, inbreeding really IS a bad thing.

DE John, KC2HMZ

2769. Re: There is no International Code Requirement and techs can operate HF according to FCC Rules

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-26 02:28:36 UTC
From: Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net>
Message-ID: <78m3iv0oa47j20c6jenl9uk7miplmgjqo0@4ax.com>
Source record: 72556
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.misc

On Fri, 25 Jul 2003 11:45:56 -0700, Keith
<kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net> wrote:

> That is what I'm talking about. There is no longer a international requirement
>for morse code so tech's can pick up the microphone and talk on 10 meters.

Sure they can. So can someone with no license at all. And as FCC will
view the matter, the only difference is that a Tech is a licensed ham
who is supposed to know better, and thus will have no excuse.

> Here in America the FCC has to issue a warning notice, then a violation notice
>and the person cited can then simply demand a hearing before a administrative
>law judge. The ALJ is a pretty informal process and you just need to cite the
>rules and they are not very strict when it comes to matters like these.

Think so? Tell you what I think, I think you forgot to check your
facts again before opening your mouth to change which foot was in
there. The following is quoted from http://www.fcc.gov/oalj/ :

"The Office of Administrative Law Judges (OALJ) of the Federal
Communications Commission is responsible for conducting the hearings
ordered by the Commission. The hearing function includes acting on
interlocutory requests filed in the proceedings such as petitions to
intervene, petitions to enlarge issues, and contested discovery
requests. An Administrative Law Judge, appointed under the APA,
presides at the hearing during which documents and sworn testimony are
received in evidence, and witnesses are cross-examined. At the
conclusion of the evidentiary phase of a proceeding, the Presiding
Administrative Law Judge writes and issues an Initial Decision which
may be appealed to the Commission."

You call that an informal process?

Be advised that there are people currently behind bars because they
tangled with the FCC. The way you're going, you're going to be one of
them before the code test goes away. I suggest that you either find
out what you're talking about first, or stick to other newsgroups
where the participants don't know any better.

> If you have a tech license and you operate outside your allowed bands like pop
>up in the twenty meter band and keep it up they might come after you.

Make that "they will definitely come after you."

>But if
>you meet the international requirements and stay in the HF TECH bands it is not
>a violation of the rules

As has been repeatedly pointed out to you, it *is* a violation of the
rules, unless you have Element 1 credit. Have you ever bothered to
read the rules?

and no one can verify if you have passed a horse and
>buggy CW test any god damn way.

As has been repeatedly pointed out to you, this assertion is also
incorrect. Now go back to 11 meters where you belong, troll.

DE John, KC2HMZ

2770. Re: There is no International Code Requirement and techs can operate HF according to FCC Rules

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-26 02:28:37 UTC
From: Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net>
Message-ID: <7fn3ivs9ag4qm7ftfbhb49ps6vinfm53os@4ax.com>
Source record: 72557
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.misc

On Fri, 25 Jul 2003 13:08:19 -0700, Keith
<kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net> wrote:

> The 25.5 is automatically accepted by the US Government. The treaty has
>already been previously ratified. The change is administrative and it is not a
>new treaty.

The *new* 25.5 has already been posted to this newsgroup for you. Did you even bother to read it? It leaves the determination of qualifications to hold licenses for amateur radio up to individual administrations - meaning that each country formulates its own set of requirements to be met by prospective licensees before that country's government will issue them a license.

Current licensing requirements in the United States call for a 5 WPM code test before the government will issue a license that grants HF privileges. Until those rules IN THE US are changed, they are not only valid under the *new* 25.5 but they are also binding on commission licensees. But don't listen to us - go ahead and operate on HF without the appropriate license so we can laugh until we wet our pants when we read in QST, Monitoring Times, Popular Communications, WorldRadio, and CQ about the fine FCC slaps on you for operating your station on an unauthorized frequency - if you even have a ham license of any kind, which I doubt.

DE John, KC2HMZ

2771. Re: There is no International Code Requirement and techs can operate HF according to FCC Rules

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-26 02:28:38 UTC
From: Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net>
Message-ID: <q4o3iv49mlkjaicq1163cumh9p6am4i95g@4ax.com>
Source record: 72558
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.misc

On Fri, 25 Jul 2003 13:30:08 -0700, Keith
<kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net> wrote:

> Read the regulation.

I have. Did you?

>The regulation indicates that according to international
>morse code requirements the CW requirement is required.

Absolute nonsense. You don't know *anything* about the regulations
that govern the amateur radio service in the U.S., do you?

Here, in its entirity, is the portion of Part 97 that specifies
qualifications for an FCC-issued ham radio license:

SUBPART F-QUALIFYING EXAMINATION SYSTEMS
ï¿½97.501 Qualifying for an amateur operator license.
Each applicant must pass an examination for a new amateur
operator license grant and for each change in operator
class. Each applicant for the class of operator license
grant specified below must pass, or otherwise receive
examination credit for, the following examination elements:
(a) Amateur Extra Class operator: Elements 1, 2, 3, and 4;
(b) General Class operator: Elements 1, 2, and 3;
(c) Technician Class operator: Element 2.

Here, in its entirity, is the portion of Part 97 that sets the
standards for the various elements mentioned in the above subpart:

ï¿½97.503 Element standards.
(a) A telegraphy examination must be sufficient to prove
that the examinee has the ability to send correctly by hand
and to receive correctly by ear texts in the international
Morse code at not less than the prescribed speed, using all
the letters of the alphabet, numerals 0-9, period, comma,
question mark, slant mark and prosigns AR, BT and SK.
Element 1: 5 words per minute.
(b) A written examination must be such as to prove that the
examinee possesses the operational and technical
qualifications required to perform properly the duties of an
amateur service licensee. Each written examination must be
comprised of a question set as follows:
(1) Element 2: 35 questions concerning the privileges of a

Technician Class operator license. The minimum passing score is 26 questions answered correctly.
(2) Element 3: 35 questions concerning the privileges of a General Class operator license. The minimum passing score is 26 questions answered correctly.
(3) Element 4: 50 questions concerning the privileges of an Amateur Extra Class operator license. The minimum passing score is 37 questions answered correctly.
ï¿½97.505 Element credit.
(a) The administering VEs must give credit as specified below to an examinee holding any of the following license grants or license documents:
(1) An unexpired (or expired but within the grace period for renewal) FCC-granted Advanced Class operator license grant: Elements 1, 2, and 3.
(2) An unexpired (or expired but within the grace period for renewal) FCC-granted General Class operator license grant: Elements 1, 2, and 3.
(3) An unexpired (or expired but within the grace period for renewal) FCC-granted Technician Plus Class operator (including a Technician Class operator license granted before February 14, 1991) license grant: Elements 1 and 2.
(4) An unexpired (or expired but within the grace period for renewal) FCC-granted Technician Class operator license grant: Element 2.
(5) An unexpired (or expired) FCC-granted Novice Class operator license grant: Element 1.
(6) A CSCE: Each element the CSCE indicates the examinee passed within the previous 365 days.
(7) An unexpired (or expired less than 5 years) FCC-issued commercial radiotelegraph operator license or permit: Element 1.
(8) An expired FCC-issued Technician Class operator license document granted before March 21, 1987: Element 3.
(9) An expired or unexpired FCC-issued Technician Class operator license document granted before February 14, 1991: Element 1.
(b) No examination credit, except as herein provided, shall be allowed on the basis of holding or having held any other license grant or document.
ï¿½97.507 Preparing an examination.
(a) Each telegraphy message and each written question set administered to an examinee must be prepared by a VE holding an Amateur Extra Class operator license. A telegraphy message or written question set may also be prepared for the following elements by a VE holding an operator license of the class indicated:
(1) Element 3: Advanced Class operator.
(2) Elements 1 and 2: Advanced, General, or Technician (including Technician Plus) Class operators.

(b) Each question set administered to an examinee must utilize questions taken from the applicable question pool.
(c) Each telegraphy message and each written question set administered to an examinee for an amateur operator license must be prepared, or obtained from a supplier, by the administering VEs according to instructions from the coordinating VEC.
(d) A telegraphy examination must consist of a message sent in the international Morse code at no less than the prescribed speed for a minimum of 5 minutes. The message must contain each required telegraphy character at least once. No message known to the examinee may be administered in a telegraphy examination. Each 5 letters of the alphabet must be counted as 1 word. Each numeral, punctuation mark and prosign must be counted as 2 letters of the alphabet.
ï¿½97.509 Administering VE requirements.
(a) Each examination for an amateur operator license must be administered by a team of at least 3 VEs at an examination session coordinated by a VEC. Before the session, the administering VEs or the VE session manager must ensure that a public announcement is made giving the location and time of the session. The number of examinees at the session may be limited.
(b) Each administering VE must:
(1) Be accredited by the coordinating VEC;
(2) Be at least 18 years of age;
(3) Be a person who holds an amateur operator license of the class specified below:
(i) Amateur Extra, Advanced or General Class in order to administer a Technician Class operator license examination;
(ii) Amateur Extra or Advanced Class in order to administer a General Class operator license examination;
(iii) Amateur Extra Class in order to administer an Amateur Extra Class operator license examination.
(4) Not be a person whose grant of an amateur station license or amateur operator license has ever been revoked or suspended.
(c) Each administering VE must be present and observing the examinee throughout the entire examination. The administering VEs are responsible for the proper conduct and necessary supervision of each examination. The administering VEs must immediately terminate the examination upon failure of the examinee to comply with their instructions.
(d) No VE may administer an examination to his or her spouse, children, grandchildren, stepchildren, parents, grandparents, stepparents, brothers, sisters, stepbrothers, stepsisters, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and in-laws.
(e) No VE may administer or certify any examination by fraudulent means or for monetary or other consideration including reimbursement in any amount in excess of that

permitted. Violation of this provision may result in the
revocation of the grant of the VE's amateur station license
and the suspension of the grant of the VE's amateur operator
license.
(f) No examination that has been compromised shall be
administered to any examinee. Neither the same telegraphy
message nor the same question set may be re-administered to
the same examinee.
(g) Passing a telegraphy receiving examination is adequate
proof of an examinee's ability to both send and receive
telegraphy. The administering VEs, however, may also include
a sending segment in a telegraphy examination.
(h) Upon completion of each examination element, the
administering VEs must immediately grade the examinee's
answers. The administering VEs are responsible for
determining the correctness of the examinee's answers.
(i) When the examinee is credited for all examination
elements required for the operator license sought, 3 VEs
must certify that the examinee is qualified for the license
grant and that the VEs have complied with these
administering VE requirements. The certifying VEs are
jointly and individually accountable for the proper
administration of each examination element reported. The
certifying VEs may delegate to other qualified VEs their
authority, but not their accountability, to administer
individual elements of an examination.
(j) When the examinee does not score a passing grade on an
examination element, the administering VEs must return the
application document to the examinee and inform the examinee
of the grade.
(k) The administering VEs must accommodate an examinee whose
physical disabilities require a special examination
procedure. The administering VEs may require a physician's
certification indicating the nature of the disability before
determining which, if any, special procedures must be used.
(l) The administering VEs must issue a CSCE to an examinee
who scores a passing grade on an examination element.
(m) Within 10 days of the administration of a successful
examination for an amateur operator license, the
administering VEs must submit the application document to
the coordinating VEC.

Nowhere in there does it say anything about the international
requirements.

> Well the international
>regulations do not require a morse code proficiency for HF access.
>97.301(e)

97.301(e) For a station having a control operator who has been
granted an operator license of Novice Class or Technician

Class and who has received credit for proficiency in
telegraphy in accordance with the international
requirements.
<snip> (Snipped material lists authorized frequencies for operators
with these license classes)

Once again, current international requirements leave it up to each
country's government to determine the requirements for that country's
ham licenses. Which brings us back to:

ï¿½97.503 Element standards.
(a) A telegraphy examination must be sufficient to prove
that the examinee has the ability to send correctly by hand
and to receive correctly by ear texts in the international
Morse code at not less than the prescribed speed, using all
the letters of the alphabet, numerals 0-9, period, comma,
question mark, slant mark and prosigns AR, BT and SK.
Element 1: 5 words per minute.

> I guess it all boils down to what "IS IS".

Yes, it does. And the above "is" what the current regulations "is"
whether you like it or not. Deal with it - or be prepared to explain
your illegal operation to Riley Hollingsworth.

>BTW, what do you care about US regs if you live in Canada?

The HF bands propagate worldwide - which means if clueless trolls like
you get on HF, he would have to listen to your pitiful attempts to act
like someone who knows what they're talking about.

I've been in favor of dropping the code test since the mid-1970's. You
are beginning to make me change my mind.

DE John, KC2HMZ

2772. Re: There is no International Code Requirement and techs can operate HF according to FCC Rules

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-26 02:28:40 UTC
From: Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net>
Message-ID: <a0p3ivs7nv9n47ukv4fnen87m3er3pllug@4ax.com>
Source record: 72560
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.misc

On Fri, 25 Jul 2003 15:19:28 -0700, Keith
<kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net> wrote:

> You are not on track and are unable to follow a discussion.

You are apparently unable to read and understand the applicable regulations, at both the US and international level, even though I and others in this NG have gone out of our way to post the material in this newsgroup (thus saving you the trouble of finding it yourself on the Internet) AND explaining it to you (thus saving you the trouble of turning off your CB set long enough to figure it out).

>I am talking about a technician class licensee having tech class HF
>privileges without the code test.

For the hundredth time: they don't.

> I'm not talking about making them to general.

Perhaps the confusion is because you insist on referring to picking up your microphone and talking on the HF Tech bands (plural) when there is only on HF Tech band (singular) in which Techs are allowed to operate phone (that being a part of ten meters). You don't get to bands (plural) until you have a General or above.

> Don't worry this is going to be reviewed legally very soon.

To paraphrase your own comment in another post: SNARF! HA, HA!

It will be reviewed *administratively* - there is a big difference. Congress empowered FCC to formulate and enforce regulations governing the use of the radio frequency spectrum. The courts have repeatedly ruled that FCC's authority is constitutional. The decision of whether or not to drop the code test will be purely an administrative decision on the part of the Federal Communications Commission.

DE John, KC2HMZ

2773. Re: Why don't Real Hams you face the facts?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-26 02:28:41 UTC
From: Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net>
Message-ID: <onp3ivs29oepq3r1601r4f8jpg5js481cl@4ax.com>
Source record: 72559

On 25 Jul 2003 00:22:16 GMT, n2ey@aol.com (N2EY) wrote:

>In article <20030723232806.01315.00001111@mb-m18.aol.com>, yodoc@aol.comnospam
>(Larry Roll K3LT) writes:
>
>>Kim:
>>
>>Uh huh. I'm sure they do. And how are these people being killed? Who
>>is killing them? And what are they being killed with?
>
>Bullets, mostly.

It's not the bullets, it's the holes. :-)

73 DE John, KC2HMZ

2774. Re: ATTN: Tech Licensee USA Morse Code Freedom Day is August 1st

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-26 02:37:30 UTC
From: Dwight Stewart <stewart@say.net>
Message-ID: <BB4761A9.1F6F2%stewart@say.net>
Source record: 72561
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb

"Alun Palmer" wrote:
>
> s97.301(e) reads:
>
> For a station having a control operator who has
> been granted an operator license of Novice Class
> or Technician Class and who has received credit
> for proficiency in telegraphy in accordance with
> the international requirements.
>
> (followed by frequency table)
>
> The 'international requirements' (ITU-R s25.5)
> now read: (snip)

The "international requirements" have to ratified, and FCC rules changed, before any content of those "international requirements" become the law of this land. Until that happens, your license is dependant on existing FCC rules and regulations. The courts will enforce those existing regulations, not some possible future change in them.

Further, the changes in the "international requirements" do not eliminate code testing - it simply leaves it up to individual governments to keep or end testing. If the US decides not to end testing, there will be no change in our laws for the courts to even consider in your defense.

Dwight Stewart (W5NET)

http://www.qsl.net/w5net/

2775. Re: Challenge to Kim

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-26 02:39:48 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030725223948.10078.00001008@mb-m26.aol.com>
Source record: 72564

In article <f45722ac.0307250611.545e93a2@posting.google.com>,
brianburke@juno.com (Brian) writes:

>> Well, Vipul, you just hold on to that belief. It will save you the time
>and
>> effort required to learn a useful communications skill.
>>
>> 73 de Larry, K3LT
>
>Larry, is phone a useful communication skill?

Brian:

Yer darn tootin' it is! The problem is, 99.999...% of HF phone users don't know how to use this mode in a practical, effective, and efficient manner. There used to be one good HF phone operator on-the-air, but I quit after becoming totally fed up with everyone else's nonsense!

73 de Larry, K3LT

2776. Re: Ham Radio In The Post-Code Testing Era

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-26 02:39:49 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030725223949.10078.00001010@mb-m26.aol.com>
Source record: 72562

In article <hb6uhvshckmt34cbegpo197t7iqdhv6428@4ax.com>, Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net> writes:

>Funny, though, I have yet to meet anyone who's told me they wish their >parents had made them learn Morse. <shrug>

John:

I wish my parents had made me learn the Morse code.

73 de Larry, K3LT

2777. Re: Ham Radio In The Post-Code Testing Era

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-26 02:39:49 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030725223949.10078.00001009@mb-m26.aol.com>
Source record: 72565

In article <20030724182216.23307.00001618@mb-m29.aol.com>, n2ey@aol.com (N2EY) writes:

>>Feeling brave, Dee? Pizza with ham and pineapple. Sounds disgusting,
>>tastes great!
>
>I tried that combo once. Sounds disgusting, tastes disgusting. YMMV

Jim:

Actually, an Hawaiian Pizza is best when the "ham" is actually Canadian Bacon, and the pineapple is fresh, not canned. They have to be scattered over the pizza BEFORE baking, not after. The ham (bacon) has to be crisp, and the pineapple well caramelized. A properly prepared Hawaiian Pizza is, as Martha would say, a very good thing!

73 de Larry, K3LT

2778. Re: Ham Radio In The Post-Code Testing Era

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-26 02:39:50 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030725223950.10078.00001011@mb-m26.aol.com>
Source record: 72568

In article <240720031016245730%K3UD@charter.net>, K3UD <K3UD@charter.net>
writes:

>There is a least one person posting some astounding numbers based on
>the FCC database on the QRZ.com forums which purport to show that 97%
>of no code techs are dropping out after the term of the license
>expires. Of course there is only about 6 months of FCC data being used
>as a baseline due to the grace periods.
>
>Perhaps the no code requirement for HF (if adopted by the FCC) will
>keep more of the technician class in the ARS than the numbers predict.

George:

That will largely depend on what the HF phone bands become when the
present Technician-class licensees get their no-code General-class
upgrade and start plugging in the microphones. If, in the ensuing bedlam,
they are turning off large numbers of those who would have potentially
been good, decent HF phone ops, then there could be a problem.
Unfortunately, I'm pretty sure that's precisely what will happen. What
I'm waiting to see is whether or not we get more HF digital operators --
preferably ones with reasonable typing skills.

73 de Larry, K3LT

2779. Re: Ham Radio In The Post-Code Testing Era

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-26 02:39:51 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030725223951.10078.00001012@mb-m26.aol.com>
Source record: 72566

In article <d22b54c3.0307240534.30638fce@posting.google.com>, kelly@dvol.com (Brian Kelly) writes:

>In the following half century stuffed with massive technological
>upheavals and advances the stuff is *still* the best tool on my shelf,
>NOTHING has changed. Again, the tests completely aside. I don't "love"
>Morse, that's a ridiculous concept. I don't go ga-ga over any of the
>rest of my tools either. Screwdrivers is screwdrivers and Morse is
>just another one.

Brian:

I'm in just about the same place as you are. I don't "love" CW whatsoever. I really "like"it, but I'm not one of the nostalgic FISTS geezers that write poems about it and can head-copy a 60+ WPM data stream of CW while drinking a cup of coffee, talking with someone in the shack, petting the dog, and keeping their pipe lit! My CW operation is purely call/name/QTH/ Nice to meet you/QSL via burro/TNX ex 73 de K3LT QRZ? I may toss in a few additional comments, but for me, ANY QSO in ANY mode that lasts more than 10 minutes just isn't my style. I do have a tendency to go on a bit longer in PSK-31 when I have a good connection, but I type like a legal secretary, and that isn't any work for me.

73 de Larry, K3LT

2780. Re: How Ugly Can One Creep Be?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-26 02:39:52 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030725223952.10078.00001013@mb-m26.aol.com>
Source record: 72563

In article <3F211DD4.4070206@psu.edu>, Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu> writes:

>
> Something tells me that I'm stepping into a henway, but what is beef on

>a weck?

Mike:

These days, probably about $4.95, plus drink, tax, and tip. More specifically, it's thin-sliced roast beef on a Kï¿½emmelweck roll. Very tasty with some extra-sharp horseradish and a nice big dill pickle on the side!

73 de Larry, K3LT

2781. Re: How Ugly Can One Creep Be?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-26 02:39:53 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030725223953.10078.00001014@mb-m26.aol.com>
Source record: 72567

In article <d22b54c3.0307251510.23f29fad@posting.google.com>, kelly@dvol.com (Brian Kelly) writes:

>
>Nephew Timothy trucks off to Rochester Tech for a degreee in fine arts
>photography Rochester being Kodak country and all that. A few months
>later he's grousing about spending more time digging out his dorm than
>he spends in class and the darkrooms. Family e-mail circuit lights up,
>tells him to hang tough, it can't be that bad, get a bigger shovel,
>you need the exercise, you're just a spoiled brat.
>
>Nothing further heard from him on the subject of snow.
>
>Xmas eve of his Sophomore year he completely announcededly blasts up
>the driveway (you've been up that driveway James, heh)in a U-Haul
>truck full of all his crap from his dorm room.
>
>"I quit, I quit, I quit, dammit they're all raving lunatics, their
>brains are frozen solid, they don't enough common sense to do anything
>BUT shovel the damned stuff!
>

Brian:

Pity. A degree in Photography from Rochester Tech could have meant that your nephew could have got something most "photographers" out there can only dream of: A job as a photographer that pays real money!

I did the "I wanna be a photographer" bit myself for many years -- in fact, they were the 14 years when I was whining about code testing requirements in the ARS. I even had the requisite rubber stamp for the back of my prints that said, "Lawrence J. Roll, Photographer." I actually did a bit of paying work, shooting weddings and high school yearbook headshots for a studio. I won various prizes in photo contests in my own college and others in the WNY area. After joining the Air Force, I did 100% of the photos for my squadron yearbook during my tour in Korea, and later got to make some actual offical USAF photos when I was stationed at Andrews. One of my all time favorites is a shot of Pope John Paul II on his arrival at Andrews for his 1979 visit; he is holding the infant son of a young Sergeant on the base and his XYL who were there to greet His Holiness that day. This photo was sent to Rome and I received a letter of acknowledgement stating that it was placed on display on some wall somewhere in the Vatican. I also have some amazing photos of President and Mrs. Reagan on the Andrews flightline as they walked from the Marine One helicopter to Air Force One prior to

departure on one of their many trips I "worked" as a Special Air Missions Coordinator. I've got to get those photos copyrighted; they could be worth a few bucks someday!

73 de Larry, K3LT

2782. Re: Germany Next? (Re-Posted)

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-26 03:11:16 UTC
From: Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93C3EBCDA897Felektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>
Source record: 72569
Cross-posted to: uk.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.policy

"Rainer Pruggmayer" <DL7RP@DARC.DE> wrote in news:bfscv8$n2e$07$1@news.t-online.com:

> Hi Alan ,
>
> thats 100% right. TX for reading de.comm.ham :-)
>
> 73 Rainer , DL7RP
>

Thanks, Rainer. I would post there, but I am better at reading German than writing it!

2783. Re: ATTN: Tech Licensee USA Morse Code Freedom Day is August 1st

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-26 03:19:01 UTC
From: Dwight Stewart <stewart@say.net>
Message-ID: <BB476B64.1F6F6%stewart@say.net>
Source record: 72570
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb

"Keith" wrote:
>
> The FCC does not issue technician plus license any
> more so I guess no one can operate on 10 meters
> that has passed the tech license test?

True, the FCC no longer issues that license. However, those with an existing Tech Plus license before the change still retain that license and operating privileges. Today, Technician license holders who have also passed the code test get the same HF operating privileges as those earlier Tech Plus license holders.

> Hey Dwight have you ever driven 56 in 55 mph zone?

Yes, I have driven faster than the speed limit when I felt, rightly or wrongly, I could do so safely. The decision to do so was based on my personal assessment the possible impact of my actions. But this goes back to what I said earlier. Again, I do not just base my decision to abide by the rules and regulations governing Amateur Radio solely on FCC enforcement abilities. Instead, I base that decision on my own sense of what is good for the Amateur Radio community - the impact of my actions. I personally benefit from a community with a commitment to abide by the rules and regulations. Therefore, it is in my own best interests not to do anything to upset that situation. As a result, I also abide by the the rules and regulations.

Dwight Stewart (W5NET)

http://www.qsl.net/w5net/

2784. Re: ATTN: Tech Licensee USA Morse Code Freedom Day is August 1st

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-26 03:27:51 UTC
From: Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93C3EE9CCC3F7elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>
Source record: 72571
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb

Dwight Stewart <stewart@say.net> wrote in
news:BB4761A9.1F6F2%stewart@say.net:

> "Alun Palmer" wrote:
>>
>> s97.301(e) reads:
>>
>> For a station having a control operator who has
>> been granted an operator license of Novice Class
>> or Technician Class and who has received credit
>> for proficiency in telegraphy in accordance with
>> the international requirements.
>>
>> (followed by frequency table)
>>
>> The 'international requirements' (ITU-R s25.5)
>> now read: (snip)
>
>
> The "international requirements" have to ratified, and FCC rules
> changed,
> before any content of those "international requirements" become the law
> of this land. Until that happens, your license is dependant on existing
> FCC rules and regulations. The courts will enforce those existing
> regulations, not some possible future change in them.

That's the point -those existing regulations incorporate by reference an
international requirement that no longer exists

>
> Further, the changes in the "international requirements" do not
> eliminate
> code testing - it simply leaves it up to individual governments to keep
> or end testing. If the US decides not to end testing, there will be no
> change in our laws for the courts to even consider in your defense.
>
>
> Dwight Stewart (W5NET)
>
> http://www.qsl.net/w5net/
>
>

2785. Re: Question for the No coders

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-26 03:46:05 UTC
From: Dwight Stewart <stewart@say.net>
Message-ID: <BB4771BC.1F6F8%stewart@say.net>
Source record: 72572

"N2EY" wrote:
>
> Those services don't expect such massive
> infrastructure failure, that's all.

I agree. But then we shouldn't either. Our equipment is also advancing, reducing the need for a fallback system (which may explain why code testing appears to be going away). A modern station, equipped with the latest gear (properly installed), has the ability to get through where needed. At that point, it is fairly useless to argue CW offers more than that (even if that can be proven - it hasn't).

Dwight Stewart (W5NET)

http://www.qsl.net/w5net/

2786. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-26 03:59:01 UTC
From: vshah101@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030725235901.24310.00000450@mb-m16.aol.com>
Source record: 72573

From: "Dan/W4NTI"

>You have no concept of reality at all do you Vboy? I have met some stone
>fox knock outs at hamfests, on the air, married and single.

There's that alternate reality. My reality is different. I've been to many
Hamfests and 5+ Ham radio clubs. Rarely are there any good looking females
there.

>I really enjoy meeting XYL's or YLs on the radio.

I'm sure you do.

> I know several serious female CW ops.
>Im not going to put out calls here, because I really dont want to see them
>insulted by gutless male pigs.

No need for that anyway. Hams aren't pigs. At the few Hamfests which had pretty
females, few of the (male) Hams showed any interest. Probably only would talk
to a female if she had a callsign.

2787. Re: There is no International Code Requirement and techs can operate HF according to FCC Rules

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-26 04:08:26 UTC
From: Spamhater <nospam@nospam.com>
Message-ID: <59nUa.577$603.30437@iad-read.news.verio.net>
Source record: 72574
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.misc

"Michael Black" <et472@FreeNet.Carleton.CA> wrote in message
news:bfs2b2$k4m$1@freenet9.carleton.ca...
> Keith (kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net) writes:
> > On 25 Jul 2003 16:37:40 GMT, Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote:
> >
> >> s97.301(e) reads:
> >>
> >> For a station having a control operator who has been
> >> granted an operator license of Novice Class or Technician
> >> Class and who has received credit for proficiency in
> >> telegraphy in accordance with the international
> >> requirements.
> >>
> >> (followed by frequency table)
> >>
> >> The 'international requirements' (ITU-R s25.5) now read:
> >>
> >> Administrations shall determine whether or not a person seeking a
licence
> >> to operate an amateur station shall demonstrate the ability to send and
> >> receive texts in Morse code signals.
> >>
> >> There is no international requirement for proficiency in telegraphy, so
> >> arguably any Tech could operate on all the frequencies listed in the
> >> table. Be prepared to argue it in court, though!
> >
> > That is what I'm talking about. There is no longer a international
requirement
> > for morse code so tech's can pick up the microphone and talk on 10
meters.
> > Here in America the FCC has to issue a warning notice, then a violation
notice
> > and the person cited can then simply demand a hearing before a
administrative
> > law judge. The ALJ is a pretty informal process and you just need to
cite the
> > rules and they are not very strict when it comes to matters like these.
> > If you have a tech license and you operate outside your allowed bands
like pop
> > up in the twenty meter band and keep it up they might come after you.
But if
> > you meet the international requirements and stay in the HF TECH bands it

is not
> > a violation of the rules and no one can verify if you have passed a
horse and
> > buggy CW test any god damn way.
> >
> >
> This is silly. Each country has it's own laws, and you are obliged
> to follow them.
>
> What has changed is that the treaty agreement whereby all countries
> issuing amateur radio licenses are obliged to have a code test of some
> sort for operating below 30MHz (or, was it a higher frequency?) is now
> gone.
>
> That means that each country no longer has to conform to that treaty
> agreement.
>
> They can, if they so choose, to eliminate their law that requires
> code proficiency for amateurs operating in the HF bands.
>
> But they are not obligated to do so.
>
> Until a country changes it's law about this, everyone is obligated
> to follow those laws.
>
> Just because the treaty agreement is gone does not mean that there
> is any more legality for someone who hasn't taken a code test to operate
> at HF. Two months ago, someone could have done it, and if caught they
> would face a certain process. If they do it today, and are caught,
> they face the same certain process. Nothing has changed on that
> account.
>
> Michael VE2BVW
>

EXACTLY, MICHAEL....... this guy wreaks of lawlessness. I see him as a pure
lazy twit, too lazy to learn 5 wpm code, to lazy to work for anything. His
argument sucks so bad, he is starting to contradict himself.

JMS

2788. Re: ATTN: Tech Licensee USA Morse Code Freedom Day is August 1st

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-26 04:10:00 UTC
From: Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93C419E1A4B7elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>
Source record: 72575
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb

Dwight Stewart <stewart@say.net> wrote in
news:BB4761A9.1F6F2%stewart@say.net:

> "Alun Palmer" wrote:
>>
>> s97.301(e) reads:
>>
>> For a station having a control operator who has
>> been granted an operator license of Novice Class
>> or Technician Class and who has received credit
>> for proficiency in telegraphy in accordance with
>> the international requirements.
>>
>> (followed by frequency table)
>>
>> The 'international requirements' (ITU-R s25.5)
>> now read: (snip)
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>
> The "international requirements" have to ratified, and FCC rules
> changed,
> before any content of those "international requirements" become the law
> of this land. Until that happens, your license is dependant on existing
> FCC rules and regulations. The courts will enforce those existing
> regulations, not some possible future change in them.
>
> Further, the changes in the "international requirements" do not
> eliminate
> code testing - it simply leaves it up to individual governments to keep
> or end testing. If the US decides not to end testing, there will be no
> change in our laws for the courts to even consider in your defense.
>
>
> Dwight Stewart (W5NET)
>
> http://www.qsl.net/w5net/
>

To be fair though, I am playing devil's advocate to some extent. I don't
want to get Techs in trouble. What I'm saying is that there is now at
least an arguable interpretation of the _existing_ regulations that would
allow no-code Techs on the Novice bands now.

The key words in FCC s.97.301(e) are "Technician Class and who has received credit for proficiency in telegraphy in accordance with the international requirements". The current wording of ITU s25.5 (supra) does not _require_ anyone to pass a code test unless the administration says so, ergo it is _not_ a _requirement_ , international or otherwise.

The FCC rule does not stop after "has received credit for proficiency in telegraphy". If it did it would be unambiguous. If we give any weight to the next part of the sentence "in accordance with the international requirements", we are forced to take into account the fact that the international regulations do not require "proficiency in telegraphy' any longer, as of July 5th inst. If this means anything, it ought to mean that since there is no longer an international requirement for proficiency in telegraphy, then the rule should be interpreted to apply simply to "Technician Class" operators without further qualification.

OTOH, relying on this argument is risky!

2789. Re: Germany Next?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-26 04:13:06 UTC
From: Steve Terry <g4wwk@despammed.com>
Message-ID: <bfsv6f$j0cfu$1@ID-191782.news.uni-berlin.de>
Source record: 72576
Cross-posted to: uk.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.policy

"Brian Reay" <brian.reay@bigfoot.com> wrote in message
news:bfrmlj$huhlv$1@ID-140397.news.uni-berlin.de...
> "Alun Palmer" <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote in message
> news:Xns93C37A202C646elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4...
> > According to recent posts in de.comm.ham, Germany will abolish the code
> > test on the 6th of August, by a notice published in issue number 15 of the
> > official journal to be published on the 30th of July. Apparently, this
> > appeared in 'Funkamateur' magazine.
>
> ANOTHER one of Walt's stories debunked ;-)
>
That's the worrying thing, the Brians are taking over der Welt.

Brian's uber allis !

Steve Terry

2790. Re: There is no International Code Requirement and techs can operate HF according to FCC Rules

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-26 04:15:51 UTC
From: Spamhater <nospam@nospam.com>
Message-ID: <_fnUa.578$603.30413@iad-read.news.verio.net>
Source record: 72577
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.misc

"Scott Unit 69" <scott_unit_69@yahoo.moc> wrote in message
news:3F21A518.2B7A8DDC@yahoo.moc...
> I'd hate to be your underwear when the Uncle
> asks you for proof of Element 1.

Keith is either an ASS or a troll.... I HOPE he does get busted. I'd laugh
my ass off. Funny how some feel they are "above" the law. NOT......

JMS

2791. Re: There is no International Code Requirement and techs can operate HF according to FCC Rules

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-26 04:16:37 UTC
From: Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93C42BCB9854elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>
Source record: 72578
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.misc

et472@FreeNet.Carleton.CA (Michael Black) wrote in
news:bfscj6dfk1@freenet9.carleton.ca:

> Keith (kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net) writes:
>> On 25 Jul 2003 20:01:38 GMT, et472@FreeNet.Carleton.CA (Michael Black)
>> wrote:
>>
>>> What has changed is that the treaty agreement whereby all countries
>>> issuing amateur radio licenses are obliged to have a code test of
>>> some sort for operating below 30MHz (or, was it a higher frequency?)
>>> is now gone.
>>
>> Read the regulation. The regulation indicates that according to
>> international
>> morse code requirements the CW requirement is required. Well the
>> international regulations do not require a morse code proficiency for
>> HF access. 97.301(e)
>> I guess it all boils down to what "IS IS".
>>
>> BTW, what do you care about US regs if you live in Canada?
>>
>>
> By your interpretation, every ham in the world can start operating
> on HF, no matter what their license restricts them to, merely because
> the international agreement on this matter has been rescinded. Your
> false interpretation would therefore apply to all countries. Besides,
> you posted in newsgroups that are read by people in many countries, so
> why shouldn't I comment.
>
> The international agreement does not set the rules. While except for
> Japan with their low power license I can't think of any country that
> did not respect the treaty agreement, there wasn't much to keep
> countries from not honoring the treaty, other than on a diplomatic
> level. If someone operated on HF without passing a code test, they
> weren't prosecuted by an international body, they were pursued by their
> own country's enforcement body, which also set the rules that
> the person was violating. Each country had to put in place rules that
> reflect the agreement.
>
> Those rules are still in effect, until they are changed.
>
> "We had to put these rules in place because we honor the international

> treaty."
>
> That's a big difference from "You have to know morse code or else the
> international boogy man will come down and toss you in jail".
>
> The first is about implementing rules that honor an international
> agreement. The second is some international law that you must respect
> directly.
>
> Find some other section of your rules, and you're bound to find
> something that tells you you can't operate HF with certain classes of
> licenses. That's the rule that is in control. It's absolute, and not
> dependent on some international treaty.
>
> When I was a kid, there was no license here in Canada that let someone
> operate without taking a code test. Some likely argued that the code
> test was there because of the international agreement, but the rules
> were quite clear, you couldn't operate unless you took a test, and part
> of that test was a code test. Back in 1978, there was a code-free
> license here, but only useable at 220MHz and up, and had a lot of
> digital questions. The rules were clear; if you got that license
> you could only operate on those VHF frequencies. Back in 1990, there
> was restructuring, and there was a license which did not require a code
> test; but it was also clear in setting out where you could operate.
>
> For that matter, the US Technician license originally was VHF and UHF
> only, yet there was a code test. Your FCC decided it was a necessary
> requirement, even if the treaty did not require it in that case. It
> was only in more recent decades, when 10meters was added, that the
> treaty required a code test. Take away the code test, and the FCC
> limited such licenses to VHF and above.
>
> No, the rules are what counts, not some preamble.
>
> Michael VE2BVW
>
>
>

That's not what he is saying. US Rule 97.301(e) uses the words
'international requirements', i.e. it incorporates the ITU rules by
reference. If he goes on 10m he may well end up before a judge, but he may
win (or not, it's risky).

2792. Re: There is no International Code Requirement and techs can operate HF according to FCC Rules

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-26 04:20:36 UTC
From: Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93C436A43F5Eelektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>
Source record: 72579
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.misc

Keith <kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net> wrote in
news:bfsahm02occ@enews2.newsguy.com:

> On Fri, 25 Jul 2003 16:40:56 -0500, "Dan/W4NTI"
> <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com> wrote:
>
>> In anycase I highly doubt the FCC will give the Technician ticket an
>> equivilant to a General UNLESS the Tech was issued prior to 1986 when
>> the WRITTEN was the same for Tech and General.
>>
>> Get over it Keith.
>
> You are not on track and are unable to follow a discussion. I am
> talking about
> a technician class licensee having tech class HF privileges without the
> code test. I'm not talking about making them to general.
>
> Don't worry this is going to be reviewed legally very soon.
>

To get it reviewed legally you have to get caught. Good luck. I mean that
sincerely.

2793. Re: Understanding the Possible Legal Hassle of Ignoring Rulz

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-26 04:25:19 UTC
From: Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93C44368A724elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>
Source record: 72580
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.misc

Keith <kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net> wrote in
news:bfsgv90t3m@enews4.newsguy.com:

> On Fri, 25 Jul 2003 19:57:38 -0400, Scott Unit 69
> <scott_unit_69@yahoo.moc> wrote:
>
>> Why don't petition the FCC to ask them if techs can now use the novice
>> portion of 10 meters.
>
> I don't need to petition the FCC. I need a legal opinion from it. Of
> course,
> time will tell where this goes.
> Discussing and protesting rules is not ignoring them.

A better idea than just operating. They might even agree, although I
wouldn't bank on it.

2794. Re: Question for the No coders

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-26 04:27:19 UTC
From: Dwight Stewart <stewart@say.net>
Message-ID: <BB477B66.1F6FA%stewart@say.net>
Source record: 72581

"Brian Kelly" wrote:

> (snip) Can you cite a single example of a nocode who
> "pushed the hobby/service forward" since then? (snip)

In what way are we supposed to push the hobby/service forward? Give us an example - an example of something a person with code ability has done in the last two to three decades to push the hobby/service forward.

As I see it, the Technicians are doing pretty much doing the same things the other license holders are doing - talking on the radio, tinkering with their equipment, occasionally going to club meetings, occasionally helping out in disasters, and so on. All of these are contributions. Obviously, nothing special since other license holders are also doing the same things, but I wasn't aware Technicians were expected to do more than the other license holders.

> And while you're at it perhaps you can explain what
> would change in this respect by handing nocodes access
> to the HF bands too?

You, Brian, aren't handing access to the HF bands to those without code ability. Regardless, since you're opposed to HF access for those without code ability, and that position is out of step with the current trend, it is up to you to make an argument to support that position. Demanding more from those without code ability than those with is not exactly a strong argument.

Dwight Stewart (W5NET)

http://www.qsl.net/w5net/

2795. Re: Contact the FCC and Tell Them to get rid of CW Test and Requirements

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-26 04:36:47 UTC
From: Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93C462833elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>
Source record: 72582

[posted and mailed]

"Phil Kane" <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop> wrote in
news:cuvyxnansvbet.hilkxzb.pminews@netnews.comcast.net:

> On Thu, 24 Jul 2003 03:13:24 -0700, Keith wrote:
>
>>Write the FCC and let them know this is not satisfactory. There are
>>200,000+ hams that deserve immediate access to the HF bands today.
>>
>>To Contact the Commissioners via E-mail
>>Chairman Michael K. Powell: mpowell@fcc.gov
>>Commissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy: kabernat@fcc.gov
>>Commissioner Michael J. Copps: mcopps@fcc.gov
>>Commissioner Kevin J. Martin: kjmweb@fcc.gov
>>Commissioner Jonathan S. Adelstein: jadelste@fcc.gov
>>
>> If you do nothing then nothing can change. The squeaky wheel gets the
>> grease.
>
> Ah, I see that you are playing lawyer, Keith.
>
> The above is NOT the correct procedure to get the Rules changed. It
> will only annoy the Five Tubeless Tyres (tm) who have no conception
> of what amateur radio and code tests are all about nor do they wasnt
> to acquire same. That's much lower-level staff work.....
>
> Thank you for playing and be sure to come back some other time.
>
> --
> 73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane
>
> Principal Attorney (retired)
> Communications Law Center
> San Francisco, CA
>
>
>

Phil, I've written a petition. Care to take a look at it?

2796. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-26 04:39:48 UTC
From: Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93C46AB39DA6elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>
Source record: 72583

n2ey@aol.com (N2EY) wrote in
news:20030725222213.23745.00001396@mb-m22.aol.com:

> In article <Xns93C2AFD1E3605elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>, Alun Palmer
> <elektros@yahoo.com> writes:
>
>>You should not hear any phone below at least 1830, 3600, 7040 (7030 in
>>region 3), 14100, 18110, 21150, 24930 or 28300, unless people are
>>ignoring the bandplans, which aren't compulsory everywhere.
>
> People are ignoring the bandplans. There's a Canadian SSB net that
> meets on 7030 kHz LSB. And Canadians have 7000-7300.
>
>>These numbers are based
>>on the _old_ IARU bandplans before the IARU reallocated the bottom ends
>>of the phone subbands (and the top ends of the CW subbands) to data
>>(actually just RTTY at the time). Some phone ops may go too far down in
>>contests, but even some contests disallow phone contacts in the CW
>>subbands. The perception here in the US is a little skewed because the
>>US prohibits phone in parts of the phone subbands (not a typo, I meant
>>exactly what I said).
>
> You mean the US doesn't allow phone in parts of the 'phone bandplan.
>
> 73 de Jim, N2EY
>
>

Yes, if you prefer to put it that way.

2797. Re: Contact the FCC and Tell Them to get rid of CW Test and Requirements

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-26 04:40:23 UTC
From: Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
Message-ID: <cuvyxnansvbet.hilq8ye.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 72584

On Thu, 24 Jul 2003 19:00:39 -0500, Dan/W4NTI wrote:

>As I understand it a committee of the House voted to overturn it. It would
>then need to go to the Senate. And all that bs.
>
>This may indeed be the ONLY route we have to take against the FCC concerning
>BPL.

No, there's also a route through the U S Court of Appeals for the
Dictrict of Columbia. This may be better because the Court doesn't
get election campaign assistance from the industry.

--
73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane

From a Clearing in the Silicon Forest
Beaverton (Washington County) Oregon

2798. Re: There is no International Code Requirement and techs can operate HF according to FCC Rules

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-26 04:40:24 UTC
From: Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
Message-ID: <cuvyxnansvbet.hilu0wh.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 72585
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb

On Fri, 25 Jul 2003 11:45:56 -0700, Keith wrote:

> That is what I'm talking about. There is no longer a international
>requirement for morse code so tech's can pick up the microphone and
>talk on 10 meters. Here in America the FCC has to issue a warning
>notice, then a violation notice and the person cited can then simply
>demand a hearing before a administrative law judge. The ALJ is a
>pretty informal process and you just need to cite the rules and they
>are not very strict when it comes to matters like these. If you have a
>tech license and you operate outside your allowed bands like pop up in
>the twenty meter band and keep it up they might come after you. But if
>you meet the international requirements and stay in the HF TECH bands
>it is not a violation of the rules and no one can verify if you have
>passed a horse and buggy CW test any god damn way.

Playing lawyer again (and getting it wrong, of course), and urging
others to violate the Rules, I see.

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73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane
A real lawyer who does FCC rule
interpretation for a living, and
does it successfully.

2799. Re: CW Gone ?? It Ain't Over Til It Is Over!

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-26 04:40:24 UTC
From: Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
Message-ID: <cuvyxnansvbet.hilqzwf.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 72586

On 24 Jul 2003 19:02:34 -0700, Brian Kelly wrote:

>> The FCC want 5
>> copies, though, including the original. That's a lot of paper and ink!
>
>I tried to warn ya!

REAL filings at the FCC require NINE copies......and they do not go
to "The Commissioners".

Did you also warn him that stuff sent to "The Commissioners" will
get put in a certain round wire basket because that's NOT the
procedure for getting rules changed?

--
73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane

From a Clearing in the Silicon Forest
Beaverton (Washington County) Oregon

2800. Re: replace cw test with typing test!

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-26 04:40:24 UTC
From: Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
Message-ID: <cuvyxnansvbet.hiltfcg.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 72587

On Fri, 25 Jul 2003 21:33:06 GMT, Jim Hampton wrote:

>Or, perhaps, you are using a
>most modern keyboard - Dang! That sure looks like a ... um ... gee, the
>layout looks very much like those old typewriters.

Did the "Dvorak" key layout not catch on ??

And then there are those of us who believe as a matter of faith that
the F-keys belong on the left, the Ctrl key belongs just above the
left Shift key, and the Alt key belongs just below the left Shift
key, and other assorted differences from the Windowz key layout.

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73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane

From a Clearing in the Silicon Forest
Beaverton (Washington County) Oregon

2801. Re: UK to abolish code test on Friday

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-26 04:40:26 UTC
From: Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
Message-ID: <cuvyxnansvbet.hilusvi.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 72588

On 25 Jul 2003 15:20:23 GMT, Alun Palmer wrote:

>BTW, as a British citizen my US licence entitles me to zero reciprocal
>privileges under CEPT, and isn't even valid in Canada under the bilateral
>agreement (albeit Industry Canada told me they don't care and I should
>just operate anyway as they wouldn't enforce the rules!).

Until you screw something up royally and then watch them.....

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73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane

From a Clearing in the Silicon Forest
Beaverton (Washington County) Oregon

2802. Re: There is no International Code Requirement and techs can operate HF according to FCC Rules

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-26 04:49:22 UTC
From: Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93C4849FBCE9elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>
Source record: 72590
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb

"Phil Kane" <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop> wrote in
news:cuvyxnansvbet.hilu0wh.pminews@netnews.comcast.net:

> On Fri, 25 Jul 2003 11:45:56 -0700, Keith wrote:
>
>> That is what I'm talking about. There is no longer a international
>>requirement for morse code so tech's can pick up the microphone and
>>talk on 10 meters. Here in America the FCC has to issue a warning
>>notice, then a violation notice and the person cited can then simply
>>demand a hearing before a administrative law judge. The ALJ is a
>>pretty informal process and you just need to cite the rules and they
>>are not very strict when it comes to matters like these. If you have a
>>tech license and you operate outside your allowed bands like pop up in
>>the twenty meter band and keep it up they might come after you. But if
>>you meet the international requirements and stay in the HF TECH bands
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> Playing lawyer again (and getting it wrong, of course), and urging
> others to violate the Rules, I see.
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> interpretation for a living, and
> does it successfully.
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>

OK Phil, read 97.301(e) and let us know how you understand it, parsing
each part carefully.

2803. Re: Germany Next?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-26 04:53:40 UTC
From: Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93C49050753elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>
Source record: 72591
Cross-posted to: uk.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.policy

"Steve Terry" <g4wwk@despammed.com> wrote in
news:bfsv6f$j0cfu$1@ID-191782.news.uni-berlin.de:

> "Brian Reay" <brian.reay@bigfoot.com> wrote in message
> news:bfrmlj$huhlv$1@ID-140397.news.uni-berlin.de...
>> "Alun Palmer" <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote in message
>> news:Xns93C37A202C646elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4...
>> > According to recent posts in de.comm.ham, Germany will abolish the
>> > code test on the 6th of August, by a notice published in issue
>> > number 15 of the official journal to be published on the 30th of
>> > July. Apparently, this appeared in 'Funkamateur' magazine.
>>
>> ANOTHER one of Walt's stories debunked ;-)
>>
> That's the worrying thing, the Brians are taking over der Welt.
>
> Brian's uber allis !
>
> Steve Terry
>
>
>
>

To be fair to Walt, there were rumours out of WRC 2003 to the effect that DL would keep the CW test (as well as the former Soviet bloc and possibly China). It is a surprise that Germany will in fact be third to ditch the test (unless someone else sneaks in before the 6th of August!), but life would be boring without surprises. Perhaps Russia will surprise us and follow Germany?

2804. Re: Understanding the Possible Legal Loophole of s25.5 and 97.301(e)

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-26 04:54:20 UTC
From: JJ <radiobuff0@mailcity.com>
Message-ID: <3F22097C.5020202@mailcity.com>
Source record: 72777
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.misc

Alun Palmer wrote:

>
>
> Not quite. The rule is the same, but the 'international requirements' it
> refers to have changed. How you interpret that is another thing, but the
> FCC chose to write a rule that incorporates by reference the rules that
> were changed in the WRC.
>
> Here's an idea for an analogy. Anyone here ever write any code of the
> computer kind? Say you write something that makes a call to another
> object/subroutine, etc. The ITU have re-written the subroutine, and the
> FCC code includes a GOSUB that calls it (revealing my BASIC roots here).

You obviously don't understand the FCC rules any better than Keith.
Until the FCC eliminates the code test requirement, everything remains
the same for U.S. hams.

2805. Re: Alternative interpretation of Re: Understanding the Possible Legal Loophole of s25.5 and 97.301(e)

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-26 04:55:19 UTC
From: JJ <radiobuff0@mailcity.com>
Message-ID: <3F2209B7.5030709@mailcity.com>
Source record: 72779
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.misc

Keith wrote:
> On Sat, 26 Jul 2003 02:28:18 GMT, "D. Stussy" <kd6lvw@bde-arc.ampr.org> wrote:
>
>
>>Actually, this could be read in another way:
>
>
> There you go, we need some new thinkers on this newsgroup.

It would help if we just had some thinkers, you included.

2806. Re: CW Gone ?? It Ain't Over Til It Is Over!

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-26 04:56:07 UTC
From: Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93C496F773FDelektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>
Source record: 72592

"Phil Kane" <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop> wrote in
news:cuvyxnansvbet.hilqzwf.pminews@netnews.comcast.net:

> On 24 Jul 2003 19:02:34 -0700, Brian Kelly wrote:
>
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>>> copies, though, including the original. That's a lot of paper and ink!
>>
>>I tried to warn ya!
>
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>
> Did you also warn him that stuff sent to "The Commissioners" will
> get put in a certain round wire basket because that's NOT the
> procedure for getting rules changed?
>
> --
> 73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane
>
> From a Clearing in the Silicon Forest
> Beaverton (Washington County) Oregon
>
>
>

Why does it say one plus four copies on the FCC website, then?

2807. Re: UK to abolish code test on Friday

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-26 04:58:05 UTC
From: Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93C49C4888AFelektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>
Source record: 72593

"Phil Kane" <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop> wrote in
news:cuvyxnansvbet.hilusvi.pminews@netnews.comcast.net:

> On 25 Jul 2003 15:20:23 GMT, Alun Palmer wrote:
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>>BTW, as a British citizen my US licence entitles me to zero reciprocal
>>privileges under CEPT, and isn't even valid in Canada under the
bilateral
>>agreement (albeit Industry Canada told me they don't care and I should
>>just operate anyway as they wouldn't enforce the rules!).
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> Until you screw something up royally and then watch them.....
>
> --
> 73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane
>
> From a Clearing in the Silicon Forest
> Beaverton (Washington County) Oregon
>
>
>

That is highly unlikely (that I would screw up royally). However, I did
wonder about the wisdom of relying upon the words of just one Industry
Canada employee.

2808. Re: Understanding the Possible Legal Loophole of s25.5 and 97.301(e)

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-26 05:09:54 UTC
From: Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93C4BC4F255Aelektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>
Source record: 72594
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.misc

JJ <radiobuff0@mailcity.com> wrote in news:3F215D67.3050604@mailcity.com:

>
>
> Keith wrote:
>> On Fri, 25 Jul 2003 21:56:50 GMT, "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net>
>> wrote:
>>
>>
>>>While not a violation of the international treaty, it would be a
>>>violation of the current FCC rules. They are quite clear that Techs
>>>(at this time) must have passed a code test to use HF.
>>
>>
>> NO! This is what the rules say:
>>
>> s97.301(e) reads:
>>
>>>For a station having a control operator who has been
>>>granted an operator license of Novice Class or Technician
>>>Class and who has received credit for proficiency in
>>>telegraphy in accordance with the international requirements.
>>>^^
>>>(followed by frequency table)
>>>
>>
>>
>> Now we have the new regs from WRC that are NOW in effect. They require
>> no morse code test except set down by the administration so a tech
>> licensee should be in compliance with the requirement set down in
>> 97.301(e) There is no requirement for morse code test except for the
>> requirement by the international morse code requirements.
>>
>
> WRC has dropped the code requirement, the FCC has not as of yet, so
> everything is still as before, nothing has changed. What a twit!!
>
>

Not quite. The rule is the same, but the 'international requirements' it refers to have changed. How you interpret that is another thing, but the FCC chose to write a rule that incorporates by reference the rules that were changed in the WRC.

Here's an idea for an analogy. Anyone here ever write any code of the computer kind? Say you write something that makes a call to another object/subroutine, etc. The ITU have re-written the subroutine, and the FCC code includes a GOSUB that calls it (revealing my BASIC roots here).

2809. Re: The myth that BPL is a solution for rural broadband

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-26 05:10:27 UTC
From: di540@FreeNet.Carleton.CA
Message-ID: <bft2g3$8fo$1@freenet9.carleton.ca>
Source record: 72595
Cross-posted to:
rec.radio.shortwave,rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.policy

"Brenda Ann" (brendad@shinbiro.com) writes:
> "James" <james@nospamforme.org> wrote in message
>> I think this bpl is a ploy to trash the bands so they can sell them off
>> to highest bidders
>> once the tv stations move to digital and leave the hf bands.
>>
>> jim
>
> There is no broadcast television in the HF bands. Channel 2 is 54-60 MHz,
> low VHF...but that part of the band (up through channel 5) is also within
> the scope of BPL frequencies..

But the motive still holds. Have you noticed that the ARRL is
collaborating w/the bpl providers to place the interference on SW bands,
where it will have 'optimum' impact on AM transmissions, rather than
placing it on VHF bands, such as 6 metres, or the FM broadcast band,
where the interference would have less of an effect, in relative terms?

Obviously, such a strategy will help to clear out the low-rent tenants
currently cluttering the U.S. SW spectrum, so it can be gentrified for
a better class of paying customers. On the ARRL website there's an
article of one use for BPL which explains why they aren't designing
asymmetry into it: the ability to hook appliances into the web. You've
probably heard of Coke machines hooked up to the internet. Imagine
a frige that can read the RFId tags of products inside it, and can
transmit that data to your local Safeway. They wouldn't want to
restrict uploads for those kinds of uses.

There are also trucking companies that want to get exclusive use of
HF spectrum to track their shipments.

2810. Re: The myth that BPL is a solution for rural broadband

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-26 05:40:27 UTC
From: Zoran Brlecic <...WA7AA...@get.lost>
Message-ID: <3F221436.8060909@get.lost>
Source record: 72596
Cross-posted to:
rec.radio.shortwave,rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.policy

Maximo Lachman wrote:

> But the motive still holds. Have you noticed that the ARRL is
> collaborating w/the bpl providers to place the interference on SW [snip]
> ...
> Obviously, such a strategy will help to clear out the low-rent tenants
> currently cluttering the U.S. SW spectrum, so it can be gentrified for
> a better class of paying customers.[snip]
> ...
> There are also trucking companies that want to get exclusive use of
> HF spectrum to track their shipments.

Great. If you could now only work in Roswell, grassy knoll, Elvis, moon landing hoax, the CIA and the Jews, you'd have it made.

BPL is bad enough without idiotic conspiracy theories.

WA7AA

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Anti-spam measure: look me up on qrz.com if you need to reply directly

2811. Re: The myth that BPL is a solution for rural broadband

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-26 06:26:43 UTC
From: di540@FreeNet.Carleton.CA
Message-ID: <bft6v3hur1@freenet9.carleton.ca>
Source record: 72597
Cross-posted to:
rec.radio.shortwave,rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.policy

Zoran Brlecic (...WA7AA...@get.lost) took the bait, and flamed:
> Maximo Lachman wrote:
>> But the motive still holds. Have you noticed that the ARRL is
>> collaborating w/the bpl providers to place the interference on SW [snip]
> > ...
>> Obviously, such a strategy will help to clear out the low-rent tenants
>> currently cluttering the U.S. SW spectrum, so it can be gentrified for
>> a better class of paying customers.[snip]
>> ...
>> There are also trucking companies that want to get exclusive use of
>> HF spectrum to track their shipments.
>
> Great. If you could now only work in the Jews, you'd have it made.

You must be a lifetime member of ARRL, eh? And you would snip the
reference to the article at ARRL's site on other uses for bpl,
giving details on how it is collaborating in the bpl effort, eh?
It 's typical of scum like you to make such an attack, since you are
too lazy to look up the fact that there was a coke machine on the net,
the 1st one in Pittsburg. Glenn Hauser had a report on a trucking
company testing HF tracking (or perhaps a reference to Kim's show,
when it was still on VOA). It's nice of the scum at ARRL to give
free consulting services to those who have more than enough time &
money at hand to trash the SWL bands.

2812. Re: ATTN: Tech Licensee USA Morse Code Freedom Day is August 1st

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-26 06:33:05 UTC
From: k4yz@aol.com
Message-ID: <5c01b95b.0307252233.3e99a3ca@posting.google.com>
Source record: 72598
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb

Keith <kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net> wrote in message
news:<bfrt9m02uqe@enews3.newsguy.com>...
> On Fri, 25 Jul 2003 12:17:08 -0400, Dwight Stewart <stewart@say.net> wrote:
>
> > Technician Plus license holder
>
> The FCC does not issue technician plus license any more so I guess no one can
> operate on 10 meters that has passed the tech license test?
>
> Hey Dwight have you ever driven 56 in 55 mph zone?

Haven't we all?

But the State does not have the authority to impose "Notice of
Apparent Liability" in the sum of $8000 per day per violation either,
now does it?

73

Steve, K4YZ

2813. Re: Alternative interpretation of Re: Understanding the Possible Legal Loophole of s25.5 and 97.301(e)

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-26 06:44:03 UTC
From: Keith <kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net>
Message-ID: <bft83v01ghk@enews3.newsguy.com>
Source record: 72600
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.misc

On Sat, 26 Jul 2003 02:28:18 GMT, "D. Stussy" <kd6lvw@bde-arc.ampr.org> wrote:

> Actually, this could be read in another way:

There you go, we need some new thinkers on this newsgroup.

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The Radio Page Ham, Police Scanner, Shortwave and more.
http://www.kilowatt-radio.org/

2814. Ham Radio Rescue in California Press

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-26 06:45:04 UTC
From: k4yz@aol.com
Message-ID: <5c01b95b.0307252245.6ea4a62d@posting.google.com>
Source record: 72599

Nothing like a bit of truth to unravel rants:

FROM THE ARRL WEBSITE:

Ham radio key in California hiker's rescue (Jul 24, 2003) -- The San Diego Union Tribune's SignOnSanDiego.com Web news service reports that a hiker in the El Capitan open space preserve suffering apparent heat exhaustion was rescued July 19 after his hiking companion used ham radio to relay a message to authorities. ARRL member Rod Dinkins, AC6V, of Oceanside picked up the distress call from Tim Slaby, KG6QPL, of Spring Valley and alerted the San Diego County Sheriff's Department's Santee station.

(my emphasis added:) Slaby resorted to his handheld transceiver after discovering that his cellphone wouldn't work in the wilderness.

(RESUME) KG6QPL was able to raise the Palomar Amateur Radio Club repeater some 40 miles away, however. Slaby, who also carried a GPS unit, was able to provide the pair's precise location. A sheriff's helicopter crew rescued the exhausted hiker--identified as Thomas Sayer--and airlifted him to an ambulance, which transported him to a hospital, authorities said. He was treated for dehydration and released about four hours. "For hikers in need of help, Amateur Radio worked where their cell phone didn't," said ARRL Vice President (and former Southwestern Division Director) Fried Heyn, WA6WZO.

UNQUOTE

Nice job, Rod and Tim!

73

Steve, K4YZ

2815. Re: replace cw test with typing test!

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-26 07:17:41 UTC
From: Jim Hampton <aa2qa@frontiernet.net>
Message-ID: <oWpUa.2779$1y4.676@news01.roc.ny>
Source record: 72751

Phil,

I just want to know what happened to the "cents" key :)
Actually, Phil, all you need on the keyboard to a Windows based computer are
the ctrl, alt, and delete keys :))

73 from Rochester, NY
Jim AA2QA

"Phil Kane" <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop> wrote in message
news:cuvyxnansvbet.hiltfcg.pminews@netnews.comcast.net...
> On Fri, 25 Jul 2003 21:33:06 GMT, Jim Hampton wrote:
>
> >Or, perhaps, you are using a
> >most modern keyboard - Dang! That sure looks like a ... um ... gee, the
> >layout looks very much like those old typewriters.
>
> Did the "Dvorak" key layout not catch on ??
>
> And then there are those of us who believe as a matter of faith that
> the F-keys belong on the left, the Ctrl key belongs just above the
> left Shift key, and the Alt key belongs just below the left Shift
> key, and other assorted differences from the Windowz key layout.
>
> --
> 73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane
>
> From a Clearing in the Silicon Forest
> Beaverton (Washington County) Oregon
>
>

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Version: 6.0.504 / Virus Database: 302 - Release Date: 7/24/03

2816. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-26 10:16:24 UTC
From: k4yz@aol.com
Message-ID: <5c01b95b.0307260216.652ca6a5@posting.google.com>
Source record: 72752

vshah101@aol.com (Vshah101) wrote in message
news:<20030725235901.24310.00000450@mb-m16.aol.com>...
> From: "Dan/W4NTI"
>
> >You have no concept of reality at all do you Vboy? I have met some stone
> >fox knock outs at hamfests, on the air, married and single.
>
> There's that alternate reality. My reality is different. I've been to many
> Hamfests and 5+ Ham radio clubs. Rarely are there any good looking females
> there.

That's because you keep looking for "females". Try looking for
LADIES and your results may improve.

> >I really enjoy meeting XYL's or YLs on the radio.
>
> I'm sure you do.

And you DON'T...?!?!

> > I know several serious female CW ops.
> >Im not going to put out calls here, because I really dont want to see them
> >insulted by gutless male pigs.
>
> No need for that anyway. Hams aren't pigs...(SNIP)

According to YOU they are!

>...(UNSNIP) At the few Hamfests which had pretty
> females, few of the (male) Hams showed any interest. Probably only would talk
> to a female if she had a callsign.

Most "pretty females" are WITH someone, and highly unlikely go to
hamfests looking to "score".

You really ARE hard up for a date, aren't you, Vippy?

Steve, K4YZ

2817. Re: Contact the FCC and Tell Them to get rid of CW Test and Requirements

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-26 11:09:39 UTC
From: justdave1 <dpomper@cfl.rr.com>
Message-ID: <TjtUa.62107$k85.2358753@twister.tampabay.rr.com>
Source record: 72753

"Keith" <kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net> wrote in message
news:bfobj80lhb@enews2.newsguy.com...
> As long as no code techs and others that are interested in HF ham radio
> operation do nothing the FCC and the ARRL will drag their feet to keep
this
> dinosaur technology for the next year or so.
> Write the FCC and let them know this is not satisfactory. There are
200,000+
> hams that deserve immediate access to the HF bands today.
>
> To Contact the Commissioners via E-mail
> Chairman Michael K. Powell: mpowell@fcc.gov
> Commissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy: kabernat@fcc.gov
> Commissioner Michael J. Copps: mcopps@fcc.gov
> Commissioner Kevin J. Martin: kjmweb@fcc.gov
> Commissioner Jonathan S. Adelstein: jadelste@fcc.gov
>
> If you do nothing then nothing can change. The squeaky wheel gets the
grease.
>

Sometimes the squeaky wheel gets replaced...
>

2818. Re: ATTN: Tech Licensee USA Morse Code Freedom Day is August 1st

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-26 11:59:27 UTC
From: "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net>
Message-ID: <y2uUa.13077$Vx2.6423957@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com>
Source record: 72754
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb

"Kim W5TIT" <fahgedit@nomail.net> wrote in message
news:bfskrg$fm9$1@adenine.netfront.net...
> "Dwight Stewart" <stewart@say.net> wrote in message
> news:BB46D044.1F67D%stewart@say.net...
> > "Keith" wrote:
> > >
> > > Dwight, There is no way for anyone to know if
> > > a tech license has passed a morse code test
> > > and all techs have voice privileges for 28.3-
> > > 28.5 MHz. What is the FCC going to do run
> > > around and check every tech license holder?
> > > Besides would you rather give up ten meters
> > > to truckers and CBers?
> > >
> > >
> > I would not do what you're seeking even if there was absolutely no
> chance
> > at all for the FCC to catch me. When I joined the Amateur Radio
community,
> I
> > made a commitment to abide by the rules and regulations associated with
> it.
> > That commitment is not based on the FCC's enforcement ability, but my
own
> > sense of what is good for this community. I personally benefit from a
> > community that has an equal commitment to abide by the rules and
> > regulations. I therefore would not do anything to upset that situation.
> >
> > I suspect you will eventually find that most other Technician license
> > holders have a similar commitment to abide by the rules and regulation.
> >
> > By the way, your statement that "all techs have voice privileges for
> > 28.3-28.5 MHz" is simply not true - only a Technician Plus license
holder
> (a
> > Tech who has also passed the 5wpm code test) is allowed to operate on
> those
> > frequencies.
> >
> >
> > Dwight Stewart (W5NET)
> >
> > http://www.qsl.net/w5net/

> >
>
> And, as I understand it, only until they "renew" or change their callsign,
> correct? In other words, when I renew my license, or if I change my
> callsign, I would only be licensed as a Technician, I think.
>
> Kim W5TIT

Your license will say Technician but you will retain your Tecnician Plus privileges forever (or until you upgrade to General) assuming that you keep your license current. Since the FCC database will no longer show the difference, keep a copy of your old Technician Plus license and/or your Technician Plus CSCE to be able to prove that you have those priviliges.

Dee D. Flint, N8UZE

2819. Re: ATTN: Tech Licensee USA Morse Code Freedom Day is August 1st

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-26 12:07:43 UTC
From: Keith Hosman <logdshr@bnnorth.net>
Message-ID: <qauUa.7210$Ly2.1158601@cletus.bright.net>
Source record: 72755
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb

"Keith" <kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net> wrote in message
news:bfrt9m02uqe@enews3.newsguy.com...
> On Fri, 25 Jul 2003 12:17:08 -0400, Dwight Stewart <stewart@say.net>
wrote:
>
> > Technician Plus license holder
>
> The FCC does not issue technician plus license any more so I guess no one
can
> operate on 10 meters that has passed the tech license test?
>
> Hey Dwight have you ever driven 56 in 55 mph zone?
>
>
> --
> The Radio Page Ham, Police Scanner, Shortwave and more.
> http://www.kilowatt-radio.org/

Hey Keith, do actually know the FCC rules? They did stop issuing the novice and tech plus licenses, but the requiremenmts are still there. Now if a tech passes element one thet are still a tech but witt the same HF priviledges as a novice. They have to keep there CSCE as proof. The treaty stated that it no longer requires code, but would leave it up to the individual countries to set the rules, and UNTIL the fcc says CW is no longer needed, then the same rules apply as before the WRC treaty change.

73 de Keith

2820. Re: Question for the No coders

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-26 12:19:11 UTC
From: "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net>
Message-ID: <3luUa.13080$Vx2.6425978@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com>
Source record: 72756

"Dwight Stewart" <stewart@say.net> wrote in message
news:BB477B66.1F6FA%stewart@say.net...
> "Brian Kelly" wrote:
>
> > (snip) Can you cite a single example of a nocode who
> > "pushed the hobby/service forward" since then? (snip)
>
>
> In what way are we supposed to push the hobby/service forward? Give us
an
> example - an example of something a person with code ability has done in
the
> last two to three decades to push the hobby/service forward.
>
> As I see it, the Technicians are doing pretty much doing the same things
> the other license holders are doing - talking on the radio, tinkering with
> their equipment, occasionally going to club meetings, occasionally helping
> out in disasters, and so on. All of these are contributions. Obviously,
> nothing special since other license holders are also doing the same
things,
> but I wasn't aware Technicians were expected to do more than the other
> license holders.
>
>
> > And while you're at it perhaps you can explain what
> > would change in this respect by handing nocodes access
> > to the HF bands too?
>
>
> You, Brian, aren't handing access to the HF bands to those without code
> ability. Regardless, since you're opposed to HF access for those without
> code ability, and that position is out of step with the current trend, it
is
> up to you to make an argument to support that position. Demanding more
from
> those without code ability than those with is not exactly a strong
argument.

One of the big no-code arguments is that code was keeping highly qualified
people out of ham ram radio and that these people would push the hobby
forward technically. So the other side asked what have the current
no-coders done to push it forward to prove that dropping the code altogether
would bring in the hi-tech types since we ought to have a bunch of hi-tech
types in the no-code tech group. If one looks at reality, only a very, very

limited handful of people came up with the technical advances regardless of license class so it's probably not a fair question anyway. Plus it would be skewed by the fact that prior to the no-code tech license, all hams had to have code. Neither side has a good argument attempting to use this point to prove anything.

Dee D. Flint, N8UZE

Dee D. Flint, N8UZE

2821. Re: Ham Radio In The Post-Code Testing Era

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-26 12:22:10 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030726082210.25052.00001371@mb-m11.aol.com>
Source record: 72757

In article <20030725223949.10078.00001010@mb-m26.aol.com>, yodoc@aol.comnospam (Larry Roll K3LT) writes:

>In article <hb6uhvshckmt34cbegpo197t7iqdhv6428@4ax.com>, Radio Amateur KC2HMZ
><kc2hmz@aa-mail.net> writes:
>
>>Funny, though, I have yet to meet anyone who's told me they wish their
>>parents had made them learn Morse. <shrug>
>
>John:
>
>I wish my parents had made me learn the Morse code.
>
I wish mine had *helped* me learn Morse code.

73 de Jim, N2EY

2822. Re: Survey? Was: Re: With CW gone, can the CW allocations be far behind?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-26 12:33:48 UTC
From: kelly@dvol.com
Message-ID: <d22b54c3.0307260433.f3da9b7@posting.google.com>
Source record: 72758

brianburke@juno.com (Brian) wrote in message
news:<f45722ac.0307250604.29b80e6a@posting.google.com>...
> kelly@dvol.com (Brian Kelly) wrote in message
news:<d22b54c3.0307240946.74d46280@posting.google.com>...
> > Jon Bloom <jbloom@arrl.org> wrote in message
news:<pan.2003.07.24.00.47.39.443612.14546@arrl.org>...
> >
> > > And then we hire the mail crew to open and the data-entry crew to enter
> > > the responses from a half million 14-question survey responses. This is
> > > your idea of money well spent?
> > >
> > > > Why not?
> > >
> > > In my opinion, because it's a waste of resources -- time and money -- that
> > > would be better devoted to tackling the problems Amateur Radio faces that
> > > are important -- a list that does not, in my mind, include anything to do
> > > with Morse testing.
> >
> > Your list of priorities is yours and is not at all indicative of the
> > membership's as a body. You're not any more prescient or more on top
> > of what the membership thinks than I am. Since the code test wheel is
> > apparently going to make yet one more revolution and many members do
> > have opinions on the code test question I think a poll of the
> > membership would be very much in order. Particularly in light of ARRL
> > BoD divisive cat fight which preceeded the last revolution of the
> > wheel. It's time for solid membership input on this one, repeat
> > debacles get boring.
> >
> > I don't agree with Jim's proposal for a detailed survey for the same
> > basic reasons you don't agree. I'd like to have a very simple version:
> > "Do you want to have the code test eliminated. If yes check here." "Do
> > you want the code test retained? If yes check here." Any four year old
> > could handle the tabulation . . .
>
> Kelly, that was a very nice presentation of an idea.

Every once in awhile . .

> The survey could be accomplished via the ARRL web site, membership
> required to log-in, at a total cost of about $40 for an hour of the
> web programmer's time.

Maybe not forty bucks but would not require another "fund drive" to
carry out.

> The ARRL members who don't have web capability
> can make a trip to the public library and vote.

Tricky issue. I think one would be hard-pressed to find many active hams who are not online. Plus when ya get right down to it 2-3 thousand reponses would be a big enough sample to produce a statistically rigorous result.

> They should probably
> get out more anyway.

Prolly.

>
> Brian

w3rv

2823. Re: Ham Radio Rescue in California Press

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-26 12:43:52 UTC
From: kelly@dvol.com
Message-ID: <d22b54c3.0307260443.6380a4f6@posting.google.com>
Source record: 72759

k4yz@aol.com (Steve Robeson, K4CAP) wrote in message
news:<5c01b95b.0307252245.6ea4a62d@posting.google.com>...
> Nothing like a bit of truth to unravel rants:
>
> FROM THE ARRL WEBSITE:
>
> Ham radio key in California hiker's rescue (Jul 24, 2003) -- The San
> Diego Union Tribune's SignOnSanDiego.com Web news service reports that
> a hiker in the El Capitan open space preserve suffering apparent heat
> exhaustion was rescued July 19 after his hiking companion used ham
> radio to relay a message to authorities. ARRL member Rod Dinkins,
> AC6V, of Oceanside . . .

Rod is well known in another direction, he's the ownwer/webmeister for
one of the best ham websites out there, great resource.

http://www.ac6v.com/

>
> UNQUOTE
>
> Nice job, Rod and Tim!

Dit-dit!

>
> 73
>
> Steve, K4YZ

w3rv

2824. Re: CORRECTION!!!

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-26 13:27:16 UTC
From: W5DXP <Cecil.A.Moore@ieee.org>
Message-ID: <3f2282c9$1_4@corp.newsgroups.com>
Source record: 72761
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.shortwave,rec.radio.cb

Gareth (G1LVN) wrote:
> "W5DXP" <Cecil.A.Moore@ieee.org> wrote:
>>Exactly what is wrong with freedom of choice in a hobby in a free
>>society? What's wrong with live and let live?
>
> just completed my first 20m stateside QSO...
>
> ... with W1EVT logged between 0011 and 0018 UTC. I was 579 (40 watts into a
> quarterwave vertical) he was 599, his name was Clem, his QTH Boston......
>
> and the mode? - A1A (CW) of course at about 14wpm, not bad for a "no-coder"

Through freedom of choice, CW is my favorite mode. I would have used
my free will to learn and use CW even if there had never been a
requirement to do so.
--
73, Cecil http://www.qsl.net/w5dxp

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2825. Re: Question for the No coders

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-26 13:30:09 UTC
From: kelly@dvol.com
Message-ID: <d22b54c3.0307260530.3e71277b@posting.google.com>
Source record: 72760

Dwight Stewart <stewart@say.net> wrote in message news:<BB477B66.1F6FA%stewart@say.net>...
> "Brian Kelly" wrote:
>
> > (snip) Can you cite a single example of a nocode who
> > "pushed the hobby/service forward" since then? (snip)
>
>
> In what way are we supposed to push the hobby/service forward?

Beats me, ask those who repeatedly claim that eliminating the code tests will by some mysterious means or another "push the hobby/service forward". Which experince has already demonstrated is complete BS.

> Give us an
> example - an example of something a person with code ability has done in the
> last two to three decades to push the hobby/service forward.

G3PLX for one. But that's not the point. The difference is that us coders don't go around bleating about how we "push the hobby/service forward". Which is one of the bogus battle cries of the free lunchers.

> As I see it, the Technicians are doing pretty much doing the same things
> the other license holders are doing - talking on the radio, tinkering with
> their equipment, occasionally going to club meetings, occasionally helping
> out in disasters, and so on. All of these are contributions. Obviously,
> nothing special since other license holders are also doing the same things,
> but I wasn't aware Technicians were expected to do more than the other
> license holders.

EXACTLY my point. The nocodes haven't done a thing to "push the hobby/service forward", the circle is complete, thankew for the support.

> > And while you're at it perhaps you can explain what
> > would change in this respect by handing nocodes access
> > to the HF bands too?
>
>
> You, Brian, aren't handing access to the HF bands to those without code
> ability. Regardless, since you're opposed to HF access for those without
> code ability, and that position is out of step with the current trend, it is
> up to you to make an argument to support that position.

Watch for my response to the NPRM. It will not be in support of the claim that eliminating the code tests on the basis of "pushing the

hobby/service forward" is a valid rationale.

> Demanding more from
> those without code ability than those with is not exactly a strong argument.
>
>
> Dwight Stewart (W5NET)
>
> http://www.qsl.net/w5net/

w3rv

2826. Re: ATTN: Tech Licensee USA Morse Code Freedom Day is August 1st

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-26 13:36:36 UTC
From: Spamhater <nospam@nospam.com>
Message-ID: <ItvUa.580$603.30720@iad-read.news.verio.net>
Source record: 72762
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb

"Dwight Stewart" <stewart@say.net> wrote in message
news:BB4761A9.1F6F2%stewart@say.net...
> "Alun Palmer" wrote:
> >
> > s97.301(e) reads:
> >
> > For a station having a control operator who has
> > been granted an operator license of Novice Class
> > or Technician Class and who has received credit
> > for proficiency in telegraphy in accordance with
> > the international requirements.
> >
> > (followed by frequency table)
> >
> > The 'international requirements' (ITU-R s25.5)
> > now read: (snip)
>
>
> The "international requirements" have to ratified, and FCC rules
changed,
> before any content of those "international requirements" become the law of
> this land. Until that happens, your license is dependant on existing FCC
> rules and regulations. The courts will enforce those existing regulations,
> not some possible future change in them.
>
> Further, the changes in the "international requirements" do not
eliminate
> code testing - it simply leaves it up to individual governments to keep or
> end testing. If the US decides not to end testing, there will be no change
> in our laws for the courts to even consider in your defense.
>
>
> Dwight Stewart (W5NET)
>
> http://www.qsl.net/w5net/
>

EXACTLY!!!

JMS

2827. Re: How Ugly Can One Creep Be?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-26 13:39:43 UTC
From: kelly@dvol.com
Message-ID: <d22b54c3.0307260539.20e177a4@posting.google.com>
Source record: 72763

yodoc@aol.comnospam (Larry Roll K3LT) wrote in message
news:<20030725223953.10078.00001014@mb-m26.aol.com>...
> In article <d22b54c3.0307251510.23f29fad@posting.google.com>, kelly@dvol.com
> (Brian Kelly) writes:
>
> >
> >Nephew Timothy trucks off to Rochester Tech for a degreee in fine arts
> >photography Rochester being Kodak country and all that. A few months
> >later he's grousing about spending more time digging out his dorm than
> >he spends in class and the darkrooms. Family e-mail circuit lights up,
> >tells him to hang tough, it can't be that bad, get a bigger shovel,
> >you need the exercise, you're just a spoiled brat.
> >
> >Nothing further heard from him on the subject of snow.
> >
> >Xmas eve of his Sophomore year he completely announcededly blasts up
> >the driveway (you've been up that driveway James, heh)in a U-Haul
> >truck full of all his crap from his dorm room.
> >
> >"I quit, I quit, I quit, dammit they're all raving lunatics, their
> >brains are frozen solid, they don't enough common sense to do anything
> >BUT shovel the damned stuff!
> >
>
> Brian:
>
> Pity. A degree in Photography from Rochester Tech could have meant
> that your nephew could have got something most "photographers" out
> there can only dream of: A job as a photographer that pays real money!
>
> I did the "I wanna be a photographer" bit myself for many years -- in fact,
> they were the 14 years when I was whining about code testing requirements
> in the ARS. I even had the requisite rubber stamp for the back of my
> prints that said, "Lawrence J. Roll, Photographer." I actually did a bit of
> paying work, shooting weddings and high school yearbook headshots for
> a studio. I won various prizes in photo contests in my own college and
> others in the WNY area. After joining the Air Force, I did 100% of the
> photos for my squadron yearbook during my tour in Korea, and later got
> to make some actual offical USAF photos when I was stationed at
> Andrews. One of my all time favorites is a shot of Pope John Paul II
> on his arrival at Andrews for his 1979 visit; he is holding the infant son
> of a young Sergeant on the base and his XYL who were there to greet
> His Holiness that day. This photo was sent to Rome and I received
> a letter of acknowledgement stating that it was placed on display on

> some wall somewhere in the Vatican. I also have some amazing
> photos of President and Mrs. Reagan on the Andrews flightline as they
> walked from the Marine One helicopter to Air Force One prior to
> departure on one of their many trips I "worked" as a Special Air Missions
> Coordinator. I've got to get those photos copyrighted; they could be
> worth a few bucks someday!

I've been shutterbugging since about when radio got my attention.
Let's take it offline, watch yer e-mail inbox maybe Sunday.

>
> 73 de Larry, K3LT
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w3rv

2828. Re: ATTN: Tech Licensee USA Morse Code Freedom Day is August 1st

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-26 13:40:04 UTC
From: Spamhater <nospam@nospam.com>
Message-ID: <YwvUa.581$603.30734@iad-read.news.verio.net>
Source record: 72764
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb

"Dwight Stewart" <stewart@say.net> wrote in message
news:BB476B64.1F6F6%stewart@say.net...
> "Keith" wrote:
> >
> > The FCC does not issue technician plus license any
> > more so I guess no one can operate on 10 meters
> > that has passed the tech license test?
>
>
> True, the FCC no longer issues that license. However, those with an
> existing Tech Plus license before the change still retain that license and
> operating privileges. Today, Technician license holders who have also
passed
> the code test get the same HF operating privileges as those earlier Tech
> Plus license holders.
>
>
> > Hey Dwight have you ever driven 56 in 55 mph zone?
>
>
> Yes, I have driven faster than the speed limit when I felt, rightly or
> wrongly, I could do so safely. The decision to do so was based on my
> personal assessment the possible impact of my actions. But this goes back
to
> what I said earlier. Again, I do not just base my decision to abide by the
> rules and regulations governing Amateur Radio solely on FCC enforcement
> abilities. Instead, I base that decision on my own sense of what is good
for
> the Amateur Radio community - the impact of my actions. I personally
benefit
> from a community with a commitment to abide by the rules and regulations.
> Therefore, it is in my own best interests not to do anything to upset that
> situation. As a result, I also abide by the the rules and regulations.
>
>
> Dwight Stewart (W5NET)
>
> http://www.qsl.net/w5net/
>

HEY KEITH,

IF YOU'RE NOT ILLITERATE, TRY READING PART 95 SOMETIME.... YOU WILL SEE HOW
STUPID YOU SOUND. THE NEWEST VERSION! ALL AMATEURS ARE SUPPOSED TO HAVE A

COPY OF CURRENT LAWS AVAILABLE... BUT SINCE YOU"VE OBVIOUSLY NOT READ THEM TO KNOW THE LAWS, YOU WOULDN'T BE AWARE OF THIS ONE EITHER! NOW, IS THIS BIG ENOUGH FOR YOU TO READ AND UNDERSTAND?????? DUHHHHH.....

JMS

2829. Re: CW Gone ?? It Ain't Over Til It Is Over!

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-26 13:49:37 UTC
From: kelly@dvol.com
Message-ID: <d22b54c3.0307260549.43ba87b7@posting.google.com>
Source record: 72765

Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote in message
news:<Xns93C496F773FDelektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>...
> "Phil Kane" <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop> wrote in
> news:cuvyxnansvbet.hilqzwf.pminews@netnews.comcast.net:
>
> > On 24 Jul 2003 19:02:34 -0700, Brian Kelly wrote:
> >
> >>> The FCC want 5
> >>> copies, though, including the original. That's a lot of paper and ink!
> >>
> >>I tried to warn ya!
> >
> > REAL filings at the FCC require NINE copies......and they do not go
> > to "The Commissioners".
> >
> > Did you also warn him that stuff sent to "The Commissioners" will
> > get put in a certain round wire basket because that's NOT the
> > procedure for getting rules changed?
> >
> > --
> > 73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane
> >
> > From a Clearing in the Silicon Forest
> > Beaverton (Washington County) Oregon
> >
> >
> >
>
> Why does it say one plus four copies on the FCC website, then?

Because in this country 5=9 inside the beltway. Lookit the U.S.
federal budgets. Wrong place for a Brit to play, it takes one of "us"
to understand it.

"I tried to warn ya!"

w3rv

2830. Re: replace cw test with typing test!

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-26 14:43:11 UTC
From: Dan Yemiola <ai8o@Yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <bfu4gn$eono$1@news3.infoave.net>
Source record: 72766

Wrong!

We need a more modern test.
Typing is too easy.
My thirteen year passed a school mandated typing test last school year.

A real ham should be able to copy 5 minutes of 4 channel rtty by ear using a
keyboard as the transcription.
device. Or how about five minutes of BPSK by ear. :)

Let the flames begin!!!!!!!

Dan
AI8O

David Robbins <k1ttt@arrl.net> wrote in message
news:0cedneFAGJTUk7yiXTWJkQ@crocker.com...
> I think the fcc should replace the cw test with a typing accuracy and
speed
> test. Just think about how much nicer the digital segments would be if
> everyone had to be able to type fast enough to keep their buffers full!
No
> more diddles and wasted bandwidth while someone hunted around for the
> letters trying to answer a simple question that wasn't on their brag tape.
> This will of course become much more important as the manual digital
method
> is phased out and the hf bands become more heavily used.
>
>
>

2831. Re: ATTN: Tech Licensee USA Morse Code Freedom Day is August 1st

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-26 15:04:06 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bfu596$1jdh$1@adenine.netfront.net>
Source record: 72767
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb

"Alun Palmer" <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote in message
news:Xns93C419E1A4B7elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4...
> Dwight Stewart <stewart@say.net> wrote in
> news:BB4761A9.1F6F2%stewart@say.net:
>
> > "Alun Palmer" wrote:
> >>
> >> s97.301(e) reads:
> >>
> >> For a station having a control operator who has
> >> been granted an operator license of Novice Class
> >> or Technician Class and who has received credit
> >> for proficiency in telegraphy in accordance with
> >> the international requirements.
> >>
> >> (followed by frequency table)
> >>
> >> The 'international requirements' (ITU-R s25.5)
> >> now read: (snip)
> > >
> > >
> > > The "international requirements" have to ratified, and FCC rules
> > > changed,
> > > before any content of those "international requirements" become the law
> > > of this land. Until that happens, your license is dependant on existing
> > > FCC rules and regulations. The courts will enforce those existing
> > > regulations, not some possible future change in them.
> > >
> > > Further, the changes in the "international requirements" do not
> > > eliminate
> > > code testing - it simply leaves it up to individual governments to keep
> > > or end testing. If the US decides not to end testing, there will be no
> > > change in our laws for the courts to even consider in your defense.
> > >
> > >
> > > Dwight Stewart (W5NET)
> > >
> > > http://www.qsl.net/w5net/
> > >
>
> To be fair though, I am playing devil's advocate to some extent. I don't
> want to get Techs in trouble. What I'm saying is that there is now at
> least an arguable interpretation of the _existing_ regulations that would

> allow no-code Techs on the Novice bands now.
>
> The key words in FCC s.97.301(e) are "Technician Class and who has
> received credit for proficiency in telegraphy in accordance with the
> international requirements". The current wording of ITU s25.5 (supra) does
> not _require_ anyone to pass a code test unless the administration says
> so, ergo it is _not_ a _requirement_ , international or otherwise.
>
> The FCC rule does not stop after "has received credit for proficiency in
> telegraphy". If it did it would be unambiguous. If we give any weight to
> the next part of the sentence "in accordance with the international
> requirements", we are forced to take into account the fact that the
> international regulations do not require "proficiency in telegraphy' any
> longer, as of July 5th inst. If this means anything, it ought to mean that
> since there is no longer an international requirement for proficiency in
> telegraphy, then the rule should be interpreted to apply simply to
> "Technician Class" operators without further qualification.
>
> OTOH, relying on this argument is risky!
>

Risky, yes, but only because one would not wish to be the acid test for whether the argument would work or not in a court of law. But the argument you present above is very interesting and I'd find it very interesting to see presented and debated in a court of law...

Kim W5TIT

Posted via news://freenews.netfront.net
Complaints to news@netfront.net

2832. More Hiker Rescues

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-26 15:16:04 UTC
From: Elmer E Ing <EEI@dontbother.com>
Message-ID: <UWwUa.11621$ff.5746@fed1read01>
Source record: 72769

Using Google -- type in "hiker rescue ham radio" without the quotes and get many more incidents where Amateur Radio was instrumental in rescue operations and saving lives.

Cellphones don't always work.

Hike and carry a transceiver, a GPS unit, and lotsa water.

Elmer E Ing -- Old Hiker
No Calif Sierras

FROM THE ARRL WEBSITE: http://www.arrl.org/

Ham radio key in California hiker's rescue (Jul 24, 2003) -- The San Diego Union Tribune's SignOnSanDiego.com Web news service reports that a hiker in the El Capitan open space preserve suffering apparent heat exhaustion was rescued July 19 after his hiking companion used ham radio to relay a message to authorities. ARRL member Rod Dinkins, AC6V, of Oceanside picked up the distress call from Tim Slaby, KG6QPL, of Spring Valley and alerted the San Diego County Sheriff's Department's Santee station.

Slaby resorted to his handheld transceiver after discovering that his cellphone
wouldn't work in the wilderness.

KG6QPL was able to raise the Palomar Amateur Radio Club repeater some 40 miles away, however. Slaby, who also carried a GPS unit, was able to provide the pair's precise location. A sheriff's helicopter crew rescued the exhausted hiker--identified as Thomas Sayer--and airlifted him to an ambulance, which transported him to a hospital, authorities said. He was treated for dehydration and released about four hours. "For hikers in need of help, Amateur Radio worked where their cell phone didn't," said ARRL Vice President (and former Southwestern Division Director) Fried Heyn, WA6WZO. Nice job, Rod and Tim!

Rod is well known in another direction, he's the ownwer/webmeister for one of the best ham websites out there, great resource.

http://www.ac6v.com/

2833. Re: Alternative interpretation of Re: Understanding the Possible Legal Loophole of s25.5 and 97.301(e)

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-26 15:16:05 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bfu5vl$1jt3$1@adenine.netfront.net>
Source record: 72768
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.misc

"D. Stussy" <kd6lvw@bde-arc.ampr.org> wrote in message
news:Pine.LNX.4.56.0307260223280.8981@kd6lvw.ampr.org...
> On Fri, 25 Jul 2003, Keith wrote:
> > On Fri, 25 Jul 2003 21:56:50 GMT, "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net>
wrote:
> > > While not a violation of the international treaty, it would be a
violation
> > > of the current FCC rules. They are quite clear that Techs (at this
time)
> > > must have passed a code test to use HF.
> >
> > NO! This is what the rules say:
> >
> > s97.301(e) reads:
> > > For a station having a control operator who has been
> > > granted an operator license of Novice Class or Technician
> > > Class and who has received credit for proficiency in
> > > telegraphy in accordance with the international requirements.
> > > ^^^
> > > (followed by frequency table)
> >
> > Now we have the new regs from WRC that are NOW in effect. They require
no morse
> > code test except set down by the administration so a tech licensee
should be in
> > compliance with the requirement set down in 97.301(e) There is no
requirement
> > for morse code test except for the requirement by the international
morse code
> > requirements.
>
> Actually, this could be read in another way:
>
> Since there is no international requirement that one can be in accordance
with,
> then the regulation is no longer operative at all and that means that
novice
> licensees and technician licensees with code credit have NO privileges
below 30
> MHz at all! :-(
>
> International agreement has killed the "coded technician" license and has

made
> it indistinguishable (in operating privilege) from the "no-code
technician"
> license. ;-)
>
>
> > > The 'international requirements' (ITU-R s25.5) now read:
> > >
> > > Administrations shall determine whether or not a person seeking a
licence
> > > to operate an amateur station shall demonstrate the ability to send
and
> > > receive texts in Morse code signals.
> >
> > The ARRL tried to pull a fast one, but the way the FCC rules are
written it
> > appears that it doesn't hold water with current regulations as set down
by the
> > FCC.
> >
> > Don't worry I'm going to get real legal advice on this.
> >
> > 1. FCC requires compliance with international morse code regulation.
>
> What regulation? ;-)
>
> > 2. The international morse code regulation is changed to something
completely
> > different and no longer has any morse code proficiency requirement
except what
> > the administration of that country requires.
>
> Then is it still an "international morse code regulation?"
>
> > 3. The FCC, the administration of the USA, only requires the tech
licensee to
> > comply with the morse code proficiency requirements required by
international
> > requirements.
>
> Of which there is no such thing, so there is no longer a "technician"
license
> that has any privilege below 30MHz.
>
> > 4. The international requirements have no requirement to know morse
code.
> >
> > This could be a legal loop hole.
>
> But not the one you think! 2x :-)

>

See?! I knew the argument would get very interesting! I wonder if it will ever get debated in a court of law...man that would be good!

Kim W5TIT

Posted via news://freenews.netfront.net
Complaints to news@netfront.net

2834. Re: Understanding the Possible Legal Loophole of s25.5 and 97.301(e)

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-26 15:40:12 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bfu7ct$1l1g$1@adenine.netfront.net>
Source record: 72770
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.misc

"Alun Palmer" <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote in message
news:Xns93C4BC4F255Aelektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4...
> JJ <radiobuff0@mailcity.com> wrote in news:3F215D67.3050604@mailcity.com:
>
> > >
> > >
> > > Keith wrote:
> > >> On Fri, 25 Jul 2003 21:56:50 GMT, "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net>
> > >> wrote:
> > >>
> > >>
> > >>>While not a violation of the international treaty, it would be a
> > >>>violation of the current FCC rules. They are quite clear that Techs
> > >>>(at this time) must have passed a code test to use HF.
> > >>
> > >>
> > >> NO! This is what the rules say:
> > >>
> > >> s97.301(e) reads:
> > >>
> > >>>For a station having a control operator who has been
> > >>>granted an operator license of Novice Class or Technician
> > >>>Class and who has received credit for proficiency in
> > >>>telegraphy in accordance with the international requirements.
> > >>>^^
> > >>>(followed by frequency table)
> > >>>
> > >>
> > >>
> > >> Now we have the new regs from WRC that are NOW in effect. They require
> > >> no morse code test except set down by the administration so a tech
> > >> licensee should be in compliance with the requirement set down in
> > >> 97.301(e) There is no requirement for morse code test except for the
> > >> requirement by the international morse code requirements.
> > >>
> > >
> > > WRC has dropped the code requirement, the FCC has not as of yet, so
> > > everything is still as before, nothing has changed. What a twit!!
> > >
> > >
> >
> > Not quite. The rule is the same, but the 'international requirements' it
> > refers to have changed. How you interpret that is another thing, but the

> FCC chose to write a rule that incorporates by reference the rules that
> were changed in the WRC.
>
> Here's an idea for an analogy. Anyone here ever write any code of the
> computer kind? Say you write something that makes a call to another
> object/subroutine, etc. The ITU have re-written the subroutine, and the
> FCC code includes a GOSUB that calls it (revealing my BASIC roots here).
>

Welp. Good point. And, that would do it for me. Maybe this debate is not
as interesting as I thought it would be... :)

Kim W5TIT

Posted via news://freenews.netfront.net
Complaints to news@netfront.net

2835. Re: Ham Radio Rescue in California Press

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-26 15:42:48 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bfu7hp$1l3j$1@adenine.netfront.net>
Source record: 72771

"Steve Robeson, K4CAP" <k4yz@aol.com> wrote in message
news:5c01b95b.0307252245.6ea4a62d@posting.google.com...
> Nothing like a bit of truth to unravel rants:
>
> FROM THE ARRL WEBSITE:
>
> Ham radio key in California hiker's rescue (Jul 24, 2003) -- The San
> Diego Union Tribune's SignOnSanDiego.com Web news service reports that
> a hiker in the El Capitan open space preserve suffering apparent heat
> exhaustion was rescued July 19 after his hiking companion used ham
> radio to relay a message to authorities. ARRL member Rod Dinkins,
> AC6V, of Oceanside picked up the distress call from Tim Slaby, KG6QPL,
> of Spring Valley and alerted the San Diego County Sheriff's
> Department's Santee station.
>
> (my emphasis added:) Slaby resorted to his handheld transceiver after
> discovering that his cellphone wouldn't work in the wilderness.
>
> (RESUME) KG6QPL was able to raise the Palomar Amateur Radio Club
> repeater some 40 miles away, however. Slaby, who also carried a GPS
> unit, was able to provide the pair's precise location. A sheriff's
> helicopter crew rescued the exhausted hiker--identified as Thomas
> Sayer--and airlifted him to an ambulance, which transported him to a
> hospital, authorities said. He was treated for dehydration and
> released about four hours. "For hikers in need of help, Amateur Radio
> worked where their cell phone didn't," said ARRL Vice President (and
> former Southwestern Division Director) Fried Heyn, WA6WZO.
>
>
> UNQUOTE
>
> Nice job, Rod and Tim!
>
> 73
>
> Steve, K4YZ
>

Yeah, and note that it was a phone transmission that did the job. That's
not a slam at CW, it's a slam at the CW zealots.

Kim W5TIT

Posted via news://freenews.netfront.net

Complaints to news@netfront.net

2836. Re: CORRECTION!!!

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-26 15:45:06 UTC
From: Dan/W4NTI <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com>
Message-ID: <bfu7ll$21a$1@slb9.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 72772
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.shortwave,rec.radio.cb

"W5DXP" <Cecil.A.Moore@ieee.org> wrote in message
news:3f21d270_6@corp.newsgroups.com...
> Dan/W4NTI wrote:
> > First off no one is forcing you to do CW. If you don't want to do
it...then
> > dont. On the other hand many of you non cw types are forcing the rest
of us
> > to lose CW. So who is doing what to whom???
>
> No one is forcing you to lose CW. You can't have it both ways.
> Exactly what is wrong with freedom of choice in a hobby in a free
> society? What's wrong with live and let live?
> --
> 73, Cecil http://www.qsl.net/w5dxp
>
>
>
> -----= Posted via Newsfeeds.Com, Uncensored Usenet News =-----
> http://www.newsfeeds.com - The #1 Newsgroup Service in the World!
> -----== Over 80,000 Newsgroups - 16 Different Servers! =-----

Not a thing....but do you consider the campaign run by No Code International
a exercise in free speech, or a attack on the Morse testing requirement? I
consider it an attack. Which has NOTHING AT ALL to do with Free Speech.

Dan/W4NTI

2837. Re: ATTN: Tech Licensee USA Morse Code Freedom Day is August 1st

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-26 15:45:10 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bfu7m6$1l70$1@adenine.netfront.net>
Source record: 72773
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb

"Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net> wrote in message
news:y2uUa.13077$Vx2.6423957@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com...
>
> "Kim W5TIT" <fahgedit@nomail.net> wrote in message
> news:bfskrg$fm9$1@adenine.netfront.net...
> > "Dwight Stewart" <stewart@say.net> wrote in message
> > news:BB46D044.1F67D%stewart@say.net...
> > > "Keith" wrote:
> > > >
> > > > Dwight, There is no way for anyone to know if
> > > > a tech license has passed a morse code test
> > > > and all techs have voice privileges for 28.3-
> > > > 28.5 MHz. What is the FCC going to do run
> > > > around and check every tech license holder?
> > > > Besides would you rather give up ten meters
> > > > to truckers and CBers?
> > > >
> > >
> > > I would not do what you're seeking even if there was absolutely no
> > chance
> > > at all for the FCC to catch me. When I joined the Amateur Radio
> community,
> > I
> > > made a commitment to abide by the rules and regulations associated
with
> > it.
> > > That commitment is not based on the FCC's enforcement ability, but my
> own
> > > sense of what is good for this community. I personally benefit from a
> > > community that has an equal commitment to abide by the rules and
> > > regulations. I therefore would not do anything to upset that
situation.
> > >
> > > I suspect you will eventually find that most other Technician
license
> > > holders have a similar commitment to abide by the rules and
regulation.
> > >
> > > By the way, your statement that "all techs have voice privileges for
> > > 28.3-28.5 MHz" is simply not true - only a Technician Plus license
> holder
> > (a
> > > Tech who has also passed the 5wpm code test) is allowed to operate on

> > those
> > > frequencies.
> > >
> > >
> > > Dwight Stewart (W5NET)
> > >
> > > http://www.qsl.net/w5net/
> > >
> >
> > And, as I understand it, only until they "renew" or change their
callsign,
> > correct? In other words, when I renew my license, or if I change my
> > callsign, I would only be licensed as a Technician, I think.
> >
> > Kim W5TIT
>
> Your license will say Technician but you will retain your Tecnician Plus
> privileges forever (or until you upgrade to General) assuming that you
keep
> your license current. Since the FCC database will no longer show the
> difference, keep a copy of your old Technician Plus license and/or your
> Technician Plus CSCE to be able to prove that you have those priviliges.
>
> Dee D. Flint, N8UZE
>

AH...OK. Well, that's good news to the folks who surely would have wished
to keep the little bit of HF that they've got.

Kim W5TIT

Posted via news://freenews.netfront.net
Complaints to news@netfront.net

2838. Re: Ham Radio In The Post-Code Testing Era

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-26 15:55:50 UTC
From: Dan/W4NTI <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com>
Message-ID: <bfu89qdsf1@slb4.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 72774

"Larry Roll K3LT" <yodoc@aol.comnospam> wrote in message
news:20030725223950.10078.00001011@mb-m26.aol.com...
> In article <240720031016245730%K3UD@charter.net>, K3UD <K3UD@charter.net>
> writes:
>
> >There is a least one person posting some astounding numbers based on
> >the FCC database on the QRZ.com forums which purport to show that 97%
> >of no code techs are dropping out after the term of the license
> >expires. Of course there is only about 6 months of FCC data being used
> >as a baseline due to the grace periods.
> >
> >Perhaps the no code requirement for HF (if adopted by the FCC) will
> >keep more of the technician class in the ARS than the numbers predict.
>
> George:
>
> That will largely depend on what the HF phone bands become when the
> present Technician-class licensees get their no-code General-class
> upgrade and start plugging in the microphones. If, in the ensuing bedlam,
> they are turning off large numbers of those who would have potentially
> been good, decent HF phone ops, then there could be a problem.
> Unfortunately, I'm pretty sure that's precisely what will happen. What
> I'm waiting to see is whether or not we get more HF digital operators --
> preferably ones with reasonable typing skills.
>
> 73 de Larry, K3LT

I tend to agree with you Larry on this one. I see a large influx of no
nothing newguys trashing all up and down the bands. Until they run into a
75 or 20 meter 'klick'. Then its all over. It will make the AM/SSB wars
look like a skirmish.

Which is exactly what the FCC wants. Just another reason to shut down the
ARS.

I have decided that when I see the first sign of this insanity I will
forever place the microphone in the trash bin. With the exception of my
MARS and Traffic Nets functions.

Dan/W4NTI

2839. Re: ATTN: Tech Licensee USA Morse Code Freedom Day is August 1st

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-26 16:06:14 UTC
From: Dan/W4NTI <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com>
Message-ID: <bfu8t9$jq5$1@slb6.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 72775

"WA8ULX" <wa8ulx@aol.com> wrote in message
news:20030725221839.24275.00000422@mb-m16.aol.com...
> >Item two by doing such a thing only proves what us 'coders' have said
over
> >and over. Its all about a bunch of CB outlaws that are trying to destroy
> >Amateur Radio by bringing the lawless tactics and attituded to the ARS.
> >
> >Come to think of it...Go ahead boneheads. Show the FCC we were right.
> >
> >Dan/W4NTI
> >
>
> Sad part is that once they prove were right, nothing can be done to stop
it.

No, but wont it be 'wonderful' when the FCC auctions off all the V/U/above
freqs and declares the Tech ticket NULL and VOID because they have no more
allocations for them?

And they can now operate on HF....unfortunatly HF will be useless because of
the newly deployed BPL.

Its all a plot....watch and behold.

Dan/W4NTI

2840. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-26 16:14:34 UTC
From: Dan/W4NTI <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com>
Message-ID: <bfu9ct$v2e$1@slb3.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 72776

"Radio Amateur KC2HMZ" <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net> wrote in message
news:o5g3iv4jvl6co5f2h5p8mf50cv172qgcbi@4ax.com...
> On 25 Jul 2003 10:21:48 GMT, n2ey@aol.com (N2EY) wrote:
>
> >In article <bfpis7$4m4$1@slb9.atl.mindspring.net>, "Dan/W4NTI"
> ><w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com> writes:
> >
> >>Doing CW at around 28 wpm is like talking to a Southerner. Layed back.
> >>
> >Laid back, very courteous and mannerly, much gets said without a lot of
words.
> >
>
> But talks kinda funny.
>
> 73 DE John, KC2HMZ
>

This coming from a '2'. What a flippin laugh.

Dan/W4NTI

2841. Re: CORRECTION!!!

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-26 16:57:36 UTC
From: Panzer240 <panzer240@hotmail.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93C48E06BD1AFfw190a8@142.77.1.194>
Source record: 72778
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.shortwave,rec.radio.cb

k4nlz - Dusty <(no spam)k4nlz@comcast.net> wrote in
news:kog3iv0a2oc37b0q1m6s9ag5s7k25ahku6@4ax.com:

> (ever heard of " wolf hung ???
> I doubt it ...!! understanding the spirit of woulf hung resolves it
> all)
> dusty
> k4nlz
>

Minor thing but I believe that would be Wouff Hong. :) Take a look here :

http://www.amfone.net/wouff.htm

IT goes back to the days of The Old Man himself Hiram Percy Maxim>

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Panzer

2842. Re: CORRECTION!!!

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-26 17:05:00 UTC
From: W5DXP <Cecil.A.Moore@ieee.org>
Message-ID: <3f22b5d2$1_7@corp.newsgroups.com>
Source record: 72781
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.shortwave,rec.radio.cb

Dan/W4NTI wrote:
> Not a thing....but do you consider the campaign run by No Code International
> a exercise in free speech, or a attack on the Morse testing requirement? I
> consider it an attack. Which has NOTHING AT ALL to do with Free Speech.

I'm a Libertarian. Libertarians believe in the least amount of governmental
intrusion and control as is necessary. For instance, Libertarians are against
seat belt laws, motorcycle helmet laws, and I assume also against unnecessary
governmental requirements like a driver's test using a stick shift and Morse
code. I suspect that the new hams who learn Morse code because they want to
will be better members of the ham community than the ones who learned Morse
code because they had to even though they hated the idea of being forced to.
I suspect they will certainly not bitch about Morse code testing 24/7.
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73, Cecil http://www.qsl.net/w5dxp

-----= Posted via Newsfeeds.Com, Uncensored Usenet News =-----
http://www.newsfeeds.com - The #1 Newsgroup Service in the World!
------== Over 80,000 Newsgroups - 16 Different Servers! =-----

2843. Re: Ham Radio Rescue in California Press

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-26 17:06:34 UTC
From: David Lafferty <dplaff@cox-internet.com>
Message-ID: <vi5d9f39jnpi80@corp.supernews.com>
Source record: 72780

> Yeah, and note that it was a phone transmission that did the job. That's
> not a slam at CW, it's a slam at the CW zealots.
>
> Kim W5TIT

And what EXACTLY does that have to do with the story? The focus of the story was ham radio used in a rescue. It's good PR for ham radio, no matter if the transmission was phone, cw, psk-31, sstv, rtty, etc, etc, etc.

David K5DEL

2844. Re: CORRECTION!!!

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-26 17:19:49 UTC
From: CW <clinton.magers@comcast.net>
Message-ID: <VKyUa.134138$GL4.35060@rwcrnsc53>
Source record: 72782
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.shortwave,rec.radio.cb

"Dan/W4NTI" <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com> wrote in message
news:bfu7ll$21a$1@slb9.atl.mindspring.net...
> Not a thing....but do you consider the campaign run by No Code
International
> a exercise in free speech,

Yes.

or a attack on the Morse testing requirement?

Yes.

In the back of your mind, you realize that the usefulness of CW is low
enough that the majority of people will never bother to learn it if not
forced to do so. CW, as a requirement, will be dropped. We will then see
what value peopls put on it.

2845. Re: Ham Radio Rescue in California Press

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-26 17:27:42 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bfudmf$1rtu$1@adenine.netfront.net>
Source record: 72783

"David Lafferty" <dplaff@cox-internet.com> wrote in message
news:vi5d9f39jnpi80@corp.supernews.com...
>
> > Yeah, and note that it was a phone transmission that did the job.
That's
> > not a slam at CW, it's a slam at the CW zealots.
> >
> > Kim W5TIT
>
> And what EXACTLY does that have to do with the story? The focus of the
> story was ham radio used in a rescue. It's good PR for ham radio, no
matter
> if the transmission was phone, cw, psk-31, sstv, rtty, etc, etc, etc.
>
> David K5DEL
>
>

And, you're exactly right. It is good PR for ham radio. We will all do
what we will the basis of the story. Are you dictating how I should act?

Kim W5TIT

Posted via news://freenews.netfront.net
Complaints to news@netfront.net

2846. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-26 17:55:42 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
Message-ID: <3F22C038.6080609@adelphia.net>
Source record: 72784

Steve Robeson, K4CAP wrote:
> vshah101@aol.com (Vshah101) wrote in message
news:<20030725235901.24310.00000450@mb-m16.aol.com>...
>
>>From: "Dan/W4NTI"
>>
>>
>>>You have no concept of reality at all do you Vboy? I have met some stone
>>>fox knock outs at hamfests, on the air, married and single.
>>
>>There's that alternate reality. My reality is different. I've been to many
>>Hamfests and 5+ Ham radio clubs. Rarely are there any good looking females
>>there.
>
>
> That's because you keep looking for "females". Try looking for
> LADIES and your results may improve.
>
>
>>>I really enjoy meeting XYL's or YLs on the radio.
>>
>>I'm sure you do.
>
>
> And you DON'T...?!?!
>
>
>>>I know several serious female CW ops.
>>>Im not going to put out calls here, because I really dont want to see them
>>>insulted by gutless male pigs.
>>
>>No need for that anyway. Hams aren't pigs...(SNIP)
>
>
> According to YOU they are!
>
>
>>...(UNSNIP) At the few Hamfests which had pretty
>>females, few of the (male) Hams showed any interest. Probably only would talk
>>to a female if she had a callsign.
>
>
> Most "pretty females" are WITH someone, and highly unlikely go to
> hamfests looking to "score".

>
> You really ARE hard up for a date, aren't you, Vippy?

Everybobdy sing now :
Lookin' for loooove in all th' wrong places......

- Mike KB3EIA -

2847. Re: ATTN: Tech Licensee USA Morse Code Freedom Day is August 1st

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-26 18:03:34 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
Message-ID: <3F22C20F.6030005@adelphia.net>
Source record: 72785
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb

Kim W5TIT wrote:

> Risky, yes, but only because one would not wish to be the acid test for
> whether the argument would work or not in a court of law. But the argument
> you present above is very interesting and I'd find it very interesting to
> see presented and debated in a court of law...

Personally I *encourage* all those who think that they now have HF
privileges to hop on and start using what they think they have..

Let enough people know, and we (or you yourselves, since you're so sure)
can make recordings of your activity, then ship 'em off to Riley and get
his interpretation of the matter!

Have the courage of your convictions folks?

- Mike KB3EIA -

2848. Re: Alternative interpretation of Re: Understanding the Possible Legal Loophole of s25.5 and 97.301(e)

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-26 18:15:49 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
Message-ID: <3F22C4EE.7020809@adelphia.net>
Source record: 72786
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.misc

JJ wrote:
>
>
> Keith wrote:
>
>> On Sat, 26 Jul 2003 02:28:18 GMT, "D. Stussy"
>> <kd6lvw@bde-arc.ampr.org> wrote:
>>
>>
>>> Actually, this could be read in another way:
>>
>>
>>
>> There you go, we need some new thinkers on this newsgroup.
>
>
> It would help if we just had some thinkers, you included.
>

I've dealt with these types before. Take one part of a rule, and then proceed to interpret the bejabbers out of it.

There is no rule that can be written that cannot be interpreted just about any way a person wants to.

In other portions of the rules, there is adequate understanding that for HF privileges, you must take a test, one of the elements consisting of a Morse Code test.

In addition, we must note that the Morse code test has NOT been eliminated. It is now up to the individual country to determine if they want the test as a requirement.

So, the US is still in compliance with the rule, in requiring a Morse code test. If we eliminate the MOrse code test, we will still be in compliance, having exercised that option as outlined in the rule.

If you don't believe me, just give it a try, and provide documentation of your times and date. A recording would be nice too.

Do you folks have the courage of your convictions?

- Mike KB3EIA -

2849. Re: Understanding the Possible Legal Loophole of s25.5 and 97.301(e)

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-26 18:25:41 UTC
From: JJ <radiobuff0@mailcity.moc>
Message-ID: <3F22C7A5.7020502@mailcity.moc>
Source record: 72702
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.misc

Dickhead Craniumless blubbered again and said:

> What are you babbling about, JJ? He made it quite clear (except for
> morons):
> 1. The FCC Rules & Regs make reference to the code requirement as
> spelled out by the WRC.
> 2. The WRC no longer requires any code.
> 3. Ergo, the FCC Rules & Regs no longer require code.
>
> What's so difficult to understand? (Other than English, that is.)

What are you babbling about dickieboy? Maybe his misconceptions are clear to idiots like you (why does that suprised anyone?), but the fact remains, until the FCC goes through the procedures necessary to eliminate the code requirement for the amateur radio service, it is still required and everything is just as it has been. Just because the WAC no longer requires the code, does not automatically drop it from the FCC requirements. Try reading more carefully and you might learn something, like how to find the 10 meter band.
Lets see a newbie go for the General license and see if he can get one without taking a code test. You are as dense as this keith bird. You both must be really good on cb.

2850. Re: ATTN: Tech Licensee USA Morse Code Freedom Day is August 1st

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-26 18:46:11 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307261046.1466136e@posting.google.com>
Source record: 72787
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb

"Spamhater" <nospam@nospam.com> wrote in message
news:<YwvUa.581$603.30734@iad-read.news.verio.net>...

> HEY KEITH,
>
> IF YOU'RE NOT ILLITERATE, TRY READING PART 95 SOMETIME.... YOU WILL SEE HOW
> STUPID YOU SOUND. THE NEWEST VERSION! ALL AMATEURS ARE SUPPOSED TO HAVE A
> COPY OF CURRENT LAWS AVAILABLE... BUT SINCE YOU"VE OBVIOUSLY NOT READ THEM
> TO KNOW THE LAWS, YOU WOULDN'T BE AWARE OF THIS ONE EITHER! NOW, IS THIS BIG
> ENOUGH FOR YOU TO READ AND UNDERSTAND?????? DUHHHHH.......
>
> JMS

If only Part 95 dealt with the amateur radio service...

2851. Re: ATTN: Tech Licensee USA Morse Code Freedom Day is August 1st

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-26 19:10:39 UTC
From: Spamhater <nospam@nospam.com>
Message-ID: <SmAUa.590$603.30923@iad-read.news.verio.net>
Source record: 72788
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb

"Keith Hosman" <logdshr@bnnorth.net> wrote in message
news:qauUa.7210$Ly2.1158601@cletus.bright.net...
>
> "Keith" <kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net> wrote in message
> news:bfrt9m02uqe@enews3.newsguy.com...
> > On Fri, 25 Jul 2003 12:17:08 -0400, Dwight Stewart <stewart@say.net>
> wrote:
> >
> > > Technician Plus license holder
> >
> > The FCC does not issue technician plus license any more so I guess no
one
> can
> > operate on 10 meters that has passed the tech license test?
> >
> > Hey Dwight have you ever driven 56 in 55 mph zone?
> >
> >
> > --
> > The Radio Page Ham, Police Scanner, Shortwave and more.
> > http://www.kilowatt-radio.org/
>
> Hey Keith, do actually know the FCC rules? They did stop issuing the
novice
> and tech plus licenses, but the requiremenmts are still there. Now if a
tech
> passes element one thet are still a tech but witt the same HF priviledges
as
> a novice. They have to keep there CSCE as proof. The treaty stated that it
> no longer requires code, but would leave it up to the individual countries
> to set the rules, and UNTIL the fcc says CW is no longer needed, then the
> same rules apply as before the WRC treaty change.
>
> 73 de Keith
>
>

Seems to me, the other Keith is too lazy to read the rules and regulations
and instead wants a hand out. He needs to REALLY sit down and read the rules
and regulations or have them read to him and get a grasp on the fact that
you can't just do as you damned well please. That laws and rules are made to
abide by.

JMS

2852. Re: The myth that BPL is a solution for rural broadband

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-26 19:18:31 UTC
From: Zoran Brlecic <...WA7AA...@get.lost>
Message-ID: <3F22D419.4070208@get.lost>
Source record: 72789
Cross-posted to:
rec.radio.shortwave,rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.policy

Maximo Lachman "wrote":

> You must be a lifetime member of ARRL, eh?

And you must be using Madame Cleo, because your psychic readings are
worth shit.

> And you would snip the
> reference to the article at ARRL's site on other uses for bpl,
> giving details on how it is collaborating in the bpl effort, eh?

And you would completely and intentionally misinterpret the ARRL's
anti-BPL position as the opposite, implying they actually "collaborate"
with the BPL industry in some huge conspiracy that is clear only if one
wears an aluminum foil hat.

> It 's typical of scum like you to make such an attack, since you are
> too lazy to look up the fact that there was a coke machine on the net,
> the 1st one in Pittsburg.

It is typical of a conspiracy theory nut like you to invent all kinds of
government conspiracies that have no basis whatsoever in reality except
for people who buy a shack in Montana and arm themselves to the teeth
for that inevitable day when the UN-based world government (ATF and IRS
included) tries to knock down their door and suppress their "God" given
freedom to be stupid.

> Glenn Hauser had a report on a trucking
> company testing HF tracking (or perhaps a reference to Kim's show,
> when it was still on VOA). It's nice of the scum at ARRL to give
> free consulting services to those who have more than enough time &
> money at hand to trash the SWL bands.

Glenn Hauser, Kim, Hewey and Dewey, Ben and Jerry, who the hell cares?
Your so-called ground-breaking earth-shattering Pittsburg (sic) Coke
machine is a red herring. Internet appliances concept has been around
for years. You have yet to show just how is "ARRL collaborating w/the
bpl providers to place the interference on SW bands".
You have yet to show just how "such a strategy will help to clear out
the low-rent tenants currently cluttering the U.S. SW spectrum, so it
can be gentrified for a better class of paying customers". Who are these
phantom paying customers who are taking over SW? Trucking companies? Do
these trucking companies have a secret anti-BPL filter that they will
deploy once they take over SW? Another conspiracy?
When you attempt to quote "an article on the ARRL website", it is a

common practice to provide a link so that people can read it themselves, instead of relying on your interpretation of "asymmetry".
You also have to show just how is the ARRL collaborating with the BPL industry in the rest of the world, because there, too, is the BPL placed directly across the SW spectrum. Could it be that this is the optimum spectrum for data transmission over the power grid that is not designed to transmit data? Naaaaah, it must be a (world-wide) conspiracy!!! And the ARRL is in on it!!!

In short, your post is a typical example of a conspiracy nut and it does nothing constructive to help with the anti-BPL effort. On the contrary, it completely muddies the issue while providing the pro-BPL people with the ammunition to label hams as lunatics.

So take your anti-ARRL paranoia to your Freemen CB meeting in your Montana shack and leave it there.

WA7AA

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Anti-spam measure: look me up on qrz.com if you need to reply directly

2853. Re: Ham Radio Rescue in California Press

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-26 20:19:52 UTC
From: David Lafferty <dplaff@cox-internet.com>
Message-ID: <vi5ooaht9gha61@corp.supernews.com>
Source record: 72790

> And, you're exactly right. It is good PR for ham radio. We will all do
> what we will the basis of the story. Are you dictating how I should act?
>
> Kim W5TIT

While tempting, I do support everyone's right to express their thoughts. Even when they have absolutely nothing to do with the topic at hand. I see you still did not answer my question as to what mode was used had to do with the events of the rescue. It appears to be an attempt to start another CW VS Anti-CW discussion. Gee, we sure don't have enough of those.

At the store this morning, I saw prices for oranges were cheaper than the apples. This statement has about as much to do with the story as your's did.

David
K5DEL

2854. Re: Contact the FCC and Tell Them to get rid of CW Test and Requirements

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-26 20:26:39 UTC
From: j999w@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030726162639.07566.00000435@mb-m14.aol.com>
Source record: 72791

>dinosaur technology

CW ?

Hardly, CW is ALIVE AND WELL in the ham bands today.

YEA !!!

jw
wb9uai

2855. Are We Talking About Element 1 Or Morse Proficiency?(Was Re: Question for the No coders)

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-26 21:34:48 UTC
From: wa2si@arrl.net
Message-ID: <b7d1465c.0307261334.3418938e@posting.google.com>
Source record: 72792

Dwight Stewart <stewart@say.net> wrote in message news:<BB46583B.1F5D7%stewart@say.net>...
> "Jerry Oxendine" wrote:
>
> > (snip) But *if* radio should fail (terrorists,
> > infrastructure, etc) then CW can get thru when
> > others fail. (snip)
>
>
> That is very easy to claim but the fact that neither the military or
> government requires all their operators to learn CW clearly suggests there
> is something seriously wrong with that claim.
>
>
> Dwight Stewart (W5NET)
>
> http://www.qsl.net/w5net/

I think BOTH of you have lost context of what everyone is up in arms over. Who cares if CW will get through when the other modes fail, it's not important because those who pass the 5-wpm test are NOT equipped to take advantage of that mode. I'm living proof of that. I'm NOWHERE close to being Morse code proficient, yet I can pass Element 1 every day of the week and twice on Sunday...and very likely with 100% copy.

We're talking about donning a set of headphones and having five minutes of perfectly sent CW piped through in a format that, with some minimal preparation, is fully expected. Ready? A one and a two and ...

N0CW DE KN0WCW, UR RST IS 589. M_ N_M_ IS J_NA_HON. RI_ HE_E I_ _AES_. QT_ IS _LORI_A. _EATH_R I_ SU_N_.

The above sample represents 92 characters as sent on the test. Remember, Numbers, punctuation marks, and prosigns count for two each. Can ANTONE really look at this and assuming that BOTH calls up front are missed, believe that the average Joe can't fill in the missed characters solely from commonn sense?!

Does passing Element 1 demonstrate Morse proficiency? Heck no. It's not jumping through hoops, it's not a barrier, (Except to the lazy.) it's a forced TASTE. That's it. YES it's a method by which one is FORCED to utilize a little self discipline and try out a little CW. Like it...keep moving and practice on your own. Don't like it...drop it like a bad habit. But to say that:

A. Morse code is a barrier to ham radio.

B. Passing Element 1 represents "knowing" Morse code.

C. If the military doesn't use it, it's no longer needed.

Is pure horsefeathers. Sorry, but it's time to call the lazy...lazy. I personally believe that 5-wpm is great for entry-level HF (Including the General, BTW.) with 13-wpm for the Extra. The no-code Tech allows those who wish to enter ham radio sans the code so the barrier argument is empty. Try passing Element 1 and just hopping on 40 and see how "proficient" you feel. Finally, who gives a hoot whether or not the military uses CW...this is ham radio, rich with tradition. It's part of our culture. Don't like it...try scale modelling or gardening. I wanted more than CB could offer. I researched the requirements...and fulfilled them. END OF STORY.

You better believe that I'll be writing the FCC and EVERY local and state rep who'll listen and I'll make sure they know that I'm a newbie and a CBer too. (No barrier to either.) A suggestion to all. (Even you NCTA.) When you get those political flyers in your mailbox, respond to them immediately re. your concerns. Those are when these guys are hungry for their jobs and will likely, at the very least, make inquiries. Remember, one ham's letter is responsible for the vanity call system AFTER his NPRM was denied. His letter ended up in the hands of a rep who had some say with the FCC's budget. How quickly the vanity call system was implemented WITHOUT a second NPRM. Your political and monetary clout will have much more leverage than NCI. I happen to believe that PCTA outnumber NCTA by 2:1...likely why the idea of a square and fair vote scares 'em $hitless. Then comes the "FCC knows best" whine to go along with the "regulatory" cheese. What a stroke of luck it is that the FCC has ZERO interest in the ARS and welcomes anything that'll reduce it's "regulatory" workload. (Oh, so THAT'S where that darned word fits in.)

I for one cannot join in recent "celebration of underachievement." PCTA's, get off your duffs and write a letter. (Not to the FCC, to your local reps.)

73 de Bert
WA2SI
FISTS# 9384

2856. Re: Ham Radio In The Post-Code Testing Era

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-26 22:29:03 UTC
From: Dan/W4NTI <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com>
Message-ID: <bfuvavppi1@slb0.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 72793

<Moparholic@hotmailnospam.com> wrote in message
news:20030726121709.913$Qf@newsreader.com...
> "Dan/W4NTI" <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com> wrote:
> > I have decided that when I see the first sign of this insanity I will
> > forever place the microphone in the trash bin. With the exception of my
> > MARS and Traffic Nets functions.
> >
> > Dan/W4NTI
> >
> Do the same with your keyboard.
>
> --
> GO# 40

Oh no...I couldn't deprive all of you folks of my 'wisdom', now could I ??

Dan/W4NTI

2857. Re: Ham Radio Rescue in California Press

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-26 22:32:49 UTC
From: Dan/W4NTI <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com>
Message-ID: <bfuvi2$79g$1@slb2.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 72794

"David Lafferty" <dplaff@cox-internet.com> wrote in message
news:vi5ooaht9gha61@corp.supernews.com...
>
> > And, you're exactly right. It is good PR for ham radio. We will all do
> > what we will the basis of the story. Are you dictating how I should
act?
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> > Kim W5TIT
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> At the store this morning, I saw prices for oranges were cheaper than the
> apples. This statement has about as much to do with the story as your's
> did.
>
> David
> K5DEL
>
>

When she applied for her vanity call she actually requested;

W5TWIT. She was told it was to long...

Dan/W4NTI

2858. The FACTS about the Morse Code and the FCC.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-26 22:42:09 UTC
From: Dan/W4NTI <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com>
Message-ID: <bfv03jkkt1@slb3.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 72795
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb

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Dan/W4NTI

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Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-26 23:30:01 UTC
From: David Lafferty <dplaff@cox-internet.com>
Message-ID: <vi63peao5m0p8d@corp.supernews.com>
Source record: 72796

> When she applied for her vanity call she actually requested;
>
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> Dan/W4NTI

Best smile I've had today Dan...

2860. Re: Ham Radio Rescue in California Press

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-26 23:30:34 UTC
From: wa8ulx@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030726193034.13232.00000752@mb-m10.aol.com>
Source record: 72797

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Her 2nd choice wa W5TWAT

2861. Re: Understanding the Possible Legal Loophole of s25.5 and 97.301(e)

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-26 23:35:34 UTC
From: richcranus@yahoo.com
Message-ID: <c5ecbb69.0307261535.35460915@posting.google.com>
Source record: 72798
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.misc

JJ <radiobuff0@mailcity.com> wrote in message news:<3F22097C.5020202@mailcity.com>...
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2862. Re: The FACTS about the Morse Code and the FCC.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-26 23:51:02 UTC
From: Landshark
Message-ID: <GtEUa.104$Ss2.6336672@newssvr14.news.prodigy.com>
Source record: 72799
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb

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Why Thanks Dan, why did you cross post this?
What does this have to do with CB Radio?

Landshark

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http://members.aol.com/intwg/trolls.htm

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Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-26 23:51:02 UTC
From: Landshark
Message-ID: <GtEUa.105$Ss2.6336672@newssvr14.news.prodigy.com>
Source record: 72800
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.misc

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Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-26 23:57:57 UTC
From: Dan/W4NTI <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com>
Message-ID: <bfv4l8jnt1@slb5.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 72651
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb

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I believe the ARRL will solicit its members for their opinion on this
subject, for their submission to FCC.

After reading years of the venom from ANTI CW proponents I have decided to
oppose ANY removal of the CW requirement.

At one time I thought the removal of CW testing would be a good thing, I
have rethought that position.

I am tired of all the whinning, bitching, moaning and bullcrap coming from you lazy good for nothing losers that are TOO SORRY to learn a 5 WPM code speed and take a multiple guess test. Now thats plain sorry.

Expect massive comments and opposition from the real hams.

Dan/W4NTI

2865. Re: Understanding the Possible Legal Hassle of Ignoring Rulz

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-27 00:28:02 UTC
From: Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
Message-ID: <cuvyxnansvbet.hini43p.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 72652
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb

On Fri, 25 Jul 2003 17:09:06 -0700, Keith wrote:

>> Why don't petition the FCC to ask them if techs can now
>> use the novice portion of 10 meters.
>
> I don't need to petition the FCC. I need a legal opinion from it. Of course,
>time will tell where this goes.

You need to find out what a Petition for Declaratory Ruling means.
And how long it takes - IF they care to look at your request at all.

Sheesh... I'm back to teaching FCC Administrative law again. So much
for "retirement"....

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73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane
ARRL Volunteer Counsel

From a Clearing in the Silicon Forest
Beaverton (Washington County) Oregon

2866. Re: Contact the FCC and Tell Them to get rid of CW Test and Requirements

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-27 00:28:02 UTC
From: Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
Message-ID: <cuvyxnansvbet.him0igo.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 72653

On 26 Jul 2003 04:36:47 GMT, Alun Palmer wrote:

>Phil, I've written a petition. Care to take a look at it?

Be glad to. Address OK in callbook.

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73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane

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2867. Re: CW Gone ?? It Ain't Over Til It Is Over!

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-27 00:39:31 UTC
From: Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93C4D215B4821elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>
Source record: 72654

kelly@dvol.com (Brian Kelly) wrote in
news:d22b54c3.0307260549.43ba87b7@posting.google.com:

> Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote in message
> news:<Xns93C496F773FDelektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>...
>> "Phil Kane" <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop> wrote in
>> news:cuvyxnansvbet.hilqzwf.pminews@netnews.comcast.net:
>>
>> > On 24 Jul 2003 19:02:34 -0700, Brian Kelly wrote:
>> >
>> >>> The FCC want 5
>> >>> copies, though, including the original. That's a lot of paper and
>> >>> ink!
>> >>
>> >>I tried to warn ya!
>> >
>> > REAL filings at the FCC require NINE copies......and they do not
>> > go to "The Commissioners".
>> >
>> > Did you also warn him that stuff sent to "The Commissioners" will
>> > get put in a certain round wire basket because that's NOT the
>> > procedure for getting rules changed?
>> >
>> > --
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>>
>> Why does it say one plus four copies on the FCC website, then?
>
> Because in this country 5=9 inside the beltway. Lookit the U.S.
> federal budgets. Wrong place for a Brit to play, it takes one of "us"
> to understand it.
>
> "I tried to warn ya!"
>
> w3rv
>

You may be right. In the meantime I'll file it only in quintuplicate.

2868. American w/ Disability Act and CW Proficiency Test

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-27 01:09:44 UTC
From: Keith <kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net>
Message-ID: <bfv8sr09c0@enews2.newsguy.com>
Source record: 72658
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.misc

On 26 Jul 2003 04:25:19 GMT, Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote:

> A better idea than just operating. They might even agree, although I
> wouldn't bank on it.

Another problem that was pointed out to me are people with disabilities.
According to the American with Disabilities Act the government can not
discriminate against disabled people .
Now that s25.5 is international law the government must now accommodate
disabled people and they must do it without reasonable delay.

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The Radio Page Ham, Police Scanner, Shortwave and more.
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2869. Re: Alternative interpretation of Re: Understanding the Possible Legal Loophole of s25.5 and 97.301(e)

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-27 01:15:52 UTC
From: "D. Stussy" <kd6lvw@bde-arc.ampr.org>
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.56.0307270115230.9170@kd6lvw.ampr.org>
Source record: 72655
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.misc

On Fri, 25 Jul 2003, JJ wrote:
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> It would help if we just had some thinkers, you included.

Since I was "double quoted" in this, I'm not certain if that last comment was directed back to me or just for Keith.

However, note that I recognize that there may be an unintended result of the recent international event - and that is certainly a "new thought" for this group. It also demonstrates that no body of law should refer to definitions made in another body of law that one has no control over and expect things to be the same if the referred-to law is changed when the referring law isn't.

2870. Re: Understanding the Possible Legal Hassle of Ignoring Rulz

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-27 01:18:32 UTC
From: Keith <kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net>
Message-ID: <bfv9db19c0@enews2.newsguy.com>
Source record: 72663
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb

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Do I need to petition for declaratory ruling to find if the FCC rules say if I
can operate CW on 80 meters?
And do not say I'm playing a lawyer. I am discussing a issue you on a f*cking
news group.

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2871. Re: Alternative interpretation of Re: Understanding the Possible Legal Loophole of s25.5 and 97.301(e)

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-27 01:29:11 UTC
From: "D. Stussy" <kd6lvw@bde-arc.ampr.org>
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.56.0307270120290.9170@kd6lvw.ampr.org>
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On Sat, 26 Jul 2003, Mike Coslo wrote:
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> > I've dealt with these types before. Take one part of a rule, and then
> > proceed to interpret the bejabbers out of it.
> >
> > There is no rule that can be written that cannot be interpreted just
> > about any way a person wants to.
> >
> > In other portions of the rules, there is adequate understanding that
> > for HF privileges, you must take a test, one of the elements consisting
> > of a Morse Code test.
> >
> > In addition, we must note that the Morse code test has NOT been
> > eliminated. It is now up to the individual country to determine if they
> > want the test as a requirement.

But note HOW the privilege is defined. In this case, it's NOT defined as simply holding "element 1 credit" like it's pre-2000 predecessor was. Other license classes' privileges are based on license class, which is in turn based on element credit. However, for the HF operation of Technician and Novice licenses, the current regulation doesn't refer to element credit but instead refers to the international requirement - which was just repealed (and replaced with a statement that each country may decide for itself - but that makes it a "national requirement" and choice, not an international one).

If the section privileges were based on "holding element 1 credit," then I would agree that nothing has changed. However, that is clearly erroneous.

> So, the US is still in compliance with the rule, in requiring a Morse
> code test. If we eliminate the MOrse code test, we will still be in
> compliance, having exercised that option as outlined in the rule.

I don't dispute that. However, the authority for HF operations of Technician and Novice licenseholders isn't based on simply holding element credit like it

is for the other license classes.

> If you don't believe me, just give it a try, and provide documentation
> of your times and date. A recording would be nice too.
>
> Do you folks have the courage of your convictions?

2872. Re: Understanding the Possible Legal Loophole of s25.5 and 97.301(e)

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-27 01:34:16 UTC
From: "D. Stussy" <kd6lvw@bde-arc.ampr.org>
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.56.0307270132070.9170@kd6lvw.ampr.org>
Source record: 72657
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.misc

On Sat, 26 Jul 2003, Richard Cranium wrote:
> JJ <radiobuff0@mailcity.com> wrote in message news:<3F22097C.5020202@mailcity.com>...
> > Alun Palmer wrote:
> > > Not quite. The rule is the same, but the 'international requirements' it
> > > refers to have changed. How you interpret that is another thing, but the
> > > FCC chose to write a rule that incorporates by reference the rules that
> > > were changed in the WRC.
> > >
> > > Here's an idea for an analogy. Anyone here ever write any code of the
> > > computer kind? Say you write something that makes a call to another
> > > object/subroutine, etc. The ITU have re-written the subroutine, and the
> > > FCC code includes a GOSUB that calls it (revealing my BASIC roots here).
> >
> > You obviously don't understand the FCC rules any better than Keith.
> > Until the FCC eliminates the code test requirement, everything remains
> > the same for U.S. hams.
>
> What are you babbling about, JJ? He made it quite clear (except for
> morons):
> 1. The FCC Rules & Regs make reference to the code requirement as
> spelled out by the WRC.
> 2. The WRC no longer requires any code.
> 3. Ergo, the FCC Rules & Regs no longer require code.
>
> What's so difficult to understand? (Other than English, that is.)

There's a fourth step here:

4. Since there is no international requirement any more, no one can meet that
[now nonexistent] requirement.

Therefore, under this logical application of the regulation and the events
effective July 5, 2003, there is no operating authority for any Novice or
Technician (Plus or with an element 1 CSCE) for any frequency below 30MHz,
since said authority contains a requirement that cannot be met (because there
is no such requirement anymore, having been repealed).

2873. Re: Ham Radio Rescue in California Press

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-27 01:41:42 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bfvakm$2e2g$1@adenine.netfront.net>
Source record: 72659

"WA8ULX" <wa8ulx@aol.com> wrote in message
news:20030726193034.13232.00000752@mb-m10.aol.com...
> >When she applied for her vanity call she actually requested;
> >
> >W5TWIT. She was told it was to long...
> >
> >Dan/W4NTI
>
> Her 2nd choice wa W5TWAT

I guess you folks don't know the format of callsigns. One cannot get a 1X4.
You sure do behave like the very "CBer" type folks that you vilify!

Kim W5TIT

Posted via news://freenews.netfront.net
Complaints to news@netfront.net

2874. Re: Ham Radio Rescue in California Press

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-27 01:44:45 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bfvaqe$2e4d$1@adenine.netfront.net>
Source record: 72660

"David Lafferty" <dplaff@cox-internet.com> wrote in message
news:vi5ooaht9gha61@corp.supernews.com...
>
> > And, you're exactly right. It is good PR for ham radio. We will all do
> > what we will the basis of the story. Are you dictating how I should
act?
> >
> > Kim W5TIT
>
> While tempting, I do support everyone's right to express their thoughts.
> Even when they have absolutely nothing to do with the topic at hand. I
see
> you still did not answer my question as to what mode was used had to do
with
> the events of the rescue. It appears to be an attempt to start another CW
VS
> Anti-CW discussion. Gee, we sure don't have enough of those.
>
> At the store this morning, I saw prices for oranges were cheaper than the
> apples. This statement has about as much to do with the story as your's
> did.
>
> David
> K5DEL
>
>

David, you have your way of interpreting and commenting on stories, and I
will too.

Kim W5TIT

Posted via news://freenews.netfront.net
Complaints to news@netfront.net

2875. Re: ATTN: Tech Licensee USA Morse Code Freedom Day is August 1st

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-27 01:46:24 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bfvatg$2e5g$1@adenine.netfront.net>
Source record: 72661
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb

"Mike Coslo" <mcoslo@adelphia.net> wrote in message
news:3F22C20F.6030005@adelphia.net...
> Kim W5TIT wrote:
>
> > Risky, yes, but only because one would not wish to be the acid test for
> > whether the argument would work or not in a court of law. But the
argument
> > you present above is very interesting and I'd find it very interesting
to
> > see presented and debated in a court of law...
>
> Personally I *encourage* all those who think that they now have HF
> privileges to hop on and start using what they think they have..
>
> Let enough people know, and we (or you yourselves, since you're so sure)
> can make recordings of your activity, then ship 'em off to Riley and get
> his interpretation of the matter!
>
> Have the courage of your convictions folks?
>
> - Mike KB3EIA -
>

heh heh. I doubt it, Mike--but they'd be the ones to test the whole debate,
eh?

Kim W5TIT

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Complaints to news@netfront.net

2876. Re: Ham Radio Rescue in California Press

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-27 01:47:33 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bfvavm$2e5u$1@adenine.netfront.net>
Source record: 72662

"Dan/W4NTI" <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com> wrote in message
news:bfuvi2$79g$1@slb2.atl.mindspring.net...
>
> "David Lafferty" <dplaff@cox-internet.com> wrote in message
> news:vi5ooaht9gha61@corp.supernews.com...
> >
> > > And, you're exactly right. It is good PR for ham radio. We will all
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> act?
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> > > Kim W5TIT
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You just couldn't some up with something both valid and cutsey, could you.

Kim W5TIT

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Complaints to news@netfront.net

2877. Re: American w/ Disability Act and CW Proficiency Test

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-27 01:50:46 UTC
From: "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net>
Message-ID: <WdGUa.13381$Vx2.6539004@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com>
Source record: 72664
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.misc

"Keith" <kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net> wrote in message
news:bfv8sr09c0@enews2.newsguy.com...
> On 26 Jul 2003 04:25:19 GMT, Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote:
>
> > A better idea than just operating. They might even agree, although I
> > wouldn't bank on it.
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> Another problem that was pointed out to me are people with disabilities.
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> discriminate against disabled people .
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> disabled people and they must do it without reasonable delay.

A 5wpm code test does not discriminate against Americans with disabilities.
Disabled people have passed while their unhandicapped brethren have sat on
the sideline whining about the code.

Dee D. Flint, N8UZE

2878. Re: Hey CBers Help Get rid of Morse Code Test and Requirement

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-27 01:52:49 UTC
From: "Leland C. Scott" <no-spam@junk-mail.net>
Message-ID: <b9udnbNAPdfprb6iXTWJjQ@comcast.com>
Source record: 72665
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.policy

"Keith" <kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net> wrote
in message news:bfq0uj0n7g@enews3.newsguy.com...
> It is not illegal for a technician to transmit
voice on 28.300 to 28.500 MHz.
> Has the tech passed the morse code test? There
is no way to know since the FCC
> doesn't keep track of which techs pass the cw
test and I don't need to supply
> that information to anyone.
> It is a great big loop hole and a great way to
protest stupid radio rules.

It maybe a big loop hole Keith UNTIL the FCC
decides they want YOU to provide proof that you
had the proper license to transmit there. It's a
VERY bad idea, and I don't recommend that anyone
try it either. For a better way they could follow
your other suggestion about contacting the FCC. Or
from a copy of an E-mail I got below:

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Leland,

Thanks for sharing your thoughts on code
requirements with me. This, as
a matter of fact, was the topic of a poll I sent
to all ARRL members in
this Division. The "all;" however, is
unfortunately limited to members
who allowed me to send such information and polls
to them with the
information they provided when they signed up at
the ARRL web site for
the Members Only page. If you haven't done this,
yet, please do. About
every 4-6 weeks I send information to "all"
members on various actions,
thoughts, etc. that are likely to impact them as
radio amateurs.

Having said the above, I will include your input
into the responses I
received from my poll.

Tnx, 73, GL,

Jim

Jim Weaver, K8JE, Director, Great Lakes Division
k8je@arrl.org - Tel. 513-459-0142

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GREAT LAKES DIVISION CONVENTION, September 6,
2003: See
http://greatlakes.arrl.org
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I would contact your division director ASAP with
your thoughts on
CW, pro OR con, and get them working for you! If
you're not a
member of the ARRL, then you should be.

--
Leland C. Scott
KC8LDO

ARRL Member
NCI Member

Charter member of the
Lawrence Technological University
Wireless Society W8LTU

2879. Re: Question for the No coders

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-27 02:09:04 UTC
From: Steve Stone <spfleck@zzcitlinkzz.net>
Message-ID: <4vGUa.6158$vG.5747@news01.roc.ny>
Source record: 72666

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. Can you cite a single example of a nocode who
> "pushed the hobby/service forward" since then?

Please define "pushed the hobby/service forward" ?
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2880. Re: Question for the No coders

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-27 02:12:13 UTC
From: Steve Stone <spfleck@zzcitlinkzz.net>
Message-ID: <1yGUa.6159$1D.621@news01.roc.ny>
Source record: 72667

You guys have too much time on your hands and not enough to do. Please join your local ARES group and use your knowledge and free time in a productive manner

2881. Re: Ham Radio Rescue in California Press

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-27 02:25:49 UTC
From: wa8ulx@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030726222549.28155.00000385@mb-m24.aol.com>
Source record: 72668

>I guess you folks don't know the format of callsigns. One cannot get a 1X4.
>You sure do behave like the very "CBer" type folks that you vilify!
>
>Kim W5TIT
>

Well isnt that what Ham radio is anymore?

2882. Re: American w/ Disability Act and CW Proficiency Test

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-27 02:31:18 UTC
From: lk <lklose@net-link.net>
Message-ID: <vi6eeg6rkr3b26@corp.supernews.com>
Source record: 72669
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.misc

"Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net> wrote in message
news:WdGUa.13381$Vx2.6539004@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com...
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> "Keith" <kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net> wrote in message
> news:bfv8sr09c0@enews2.newsguy.com...
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disabilities.
> Disabled people have passed while their unhandicapped brethren have sat on
> the sideline whining about the code.
>
> Dee D. Flint, N8UZE

Actual it is discrimination, but that beside the point. The FCC should not
deleted
47 CFR 97.503(a) because of ADA - it should deleted it because it: (1) is
unnecessary,
(2) is bad public policy, (3) it servse no legitimate government purpose,
and (4) is not
in conformity with 5 USC 706(2)(A). At WRC 2003, no nation member spoke
in favor retaining ITU rule S25.5.

Whinning? I think you mean winning. We are sat the winning side of the
debate
to end Morse code exams.

Dee, it not necessary to insult people, just tell Keith that the WRC 2003
delete
the international requirement; and the FCC, in due course will delete
the domestic requirement.

Larry Klose, KC8EPO

2883. Re: ATTN: Tech Licensee USA Morse Code Freedom Day is August 1st

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-27 02:44:28 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
Message-ID: <3F233C20.7000507@adelphia.net>
Source record: 72670
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb

Kim W5TIT wrote:
> "Mike Coslo" <mcoslo@adelphia.net> wrote in message
> news:3F22C20F.6030005@adelphia.net...
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>>Kim W5TIT wrote:
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>>privileges to hop on and start using what they think they have..
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>>Let enough people know, and we (or you yourselves, since you're so sure)
>>can make recordings of your activity, then ship 'em off to Riley and get
>>his interpretation of the matter!
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>>Have the courage of your convictions folks?
>>
>>- Mike KB3EIA -
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> heh heh. I doubt it, Mike--but they'd be the ones to test the whole debate,
> eh?

I wish they would test the system so much! There is so much more to
"rules" han just a verbatim translation. There is intent, and spirit.
Since there is always someone who likes to put a spin on the rules, ther
has to be constant interpretation of the same.

- Mike KB3EIA -

2884. Re: Ham Radio Rescue in California Press

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-27 02:46:36 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bfveec$2gjr$1@adenine.netfront.net>
Source record: 72672

"WA8ULX" <wa8ulx@aol.com> wrote in message
news:20030726222549.28155.00000385@mb-m24.aol.com...
> >I guess you folks don't know the format of callsigns. One cannot get a
1X4.
> >You sure do behave like the very "CBer" type folks that you vilify!
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> >Kim W5TIT
> >
>
> Well isnt that what Ham radio is anymore?
>

I won't even go to where I'm thinking: which is that if you were personified
as acting like the "CBer" type folks you vilify and then you defend that
with "well, isn' that what ham radio is any more," shouldn't that be a clue
to you as to who it is that may be ruining ham radio?

Kim W5TIT

Posted via news://freenews.netfront.net
Complaints to news@netfront.net

2885. Re: American w/ Disability Act and CW Proficiency Test

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-27 02:47:24 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
Message-ID: <3F233CCF.6090508@adelphia.net>
Source record: 72671
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.misc

Dee D. Flint wrote:
> "Keith" <kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net> wrote in message
> news:bfv8sr09c0@enews2.newsguy.com...
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>>On 26 Jul 2003 04:25:19 GMT, Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote:
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>> Now that s25.5 is international law the government must now accommodate
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> A 5wpm code test does not discriminate against Americans with disabilities.
> Disabled people have passed while their unhandicapped brethren have sat on
> the sideline whining about the code.

Right on Dee.

I am d**m near deaf, and if a guy who reads lips can learn morse, then
most everyone can.

- Mike KB3EIA -

2886. Re: Question for the No coders

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-27 02:47:24 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bfveft$2gkc$1@adenine.netfront.net>
Source record: 72673

"Steve Stone" <spfleck@zzcitlinkzz.net> wrote in message
news:4vGUa.6158$vG.5747@news01.roc.ny...
> . Can you cite a single example of a nocode who
> > "pushed the hobby/service forward" since then?
>
> Please define "pushed the hobby/service forward" ?
>
>

That's too intelligent a question. You'll never get an answer.

Kim W5TIT

Posted via news://freenews.netfront.net
Complaints to news@netfront.net

2887. Re: American w/ Disability Act and CW Proficiency Test

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-27 03:05:30 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bfvfhs$2hu3$1@adenine.netfront.net>
Source record: 72674
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.misc

"Mike Coslo" <mcoslo@adelphia.net> wrote in message
news:3F233CCF.6090508@adelphia.net...
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> most everyone can.
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> - Mike KB3EIA -
>

An early acquaintance in ham radio could "read" CW in flashing lights. I've
heard stories of others who have felt vibrations to "read" CW.

Kim W5TIT

Posted via news://freenews.netfront.net
Complaints to news@netfront.net

2888. Re: American w/ Disability Act and CW Proficiency Test

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-27 03:06:33 UTC
From: "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net>
Message-ID: <ZkHUa.13393$Vx2.6551180@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com>
Source record: 72675
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.misc

"Mike Coslo" <mcoslo@adelphia.net> wrote in message
news:3F233CCF.6090508@adelphia.net...
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My ex had 70% hearing loss in both ears and a constant ringing of the ears.
He too passed his 5wpm. Although he did have it so loud when he practiced
that I either had to leave the room or make him wear headphones. Of course
there were other testing methods for those who were totally deaf.

Dee D. Flint, N8UZE

2889. Re: Ham Radio Rescue in California Press

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-27 03:21:34 UTC
From: wa8ulx@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030726232134.15169.00000634@mb-m13.aol.com>
Source record: 72676

>shouldn't that be a clue
>to you as to who it is that may be ruining ham radio?
>
>Kim W5TIT

Well TIT i figure you CBplussers have done a pretty good job so far, so I might as well help you the finish the process.

2890. Re: Ham Radio Rescue in California Press

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-27 03:21:40 UTC
From: David Lafferty <dplaff@cox-internet.com>
Message-ID: <vi6hqqh5c50181@corp.supernews.com>
Source record: 72678

> You just couldn't some up with something both valid and cutsey, could you.
>
> Kim W5TIT

I never got into the previous discussions on your callsign, but some,
including me, find it in poor taste instead of "valid and cutsey".
David K5DEL

2891. Re: American w/ Disability Act and CW Proficiency Test

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-27 03:26:24 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
Message-ID: <3F2345F2.5090300@adelphia.net>
Source record: 72677
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.misc

Kim W5TIT wrote:
> "Mike Coslo" <mcoslo@adelphia.net> wrote in message
> news:3F233CCF.6090508@adelphia.net...
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>>

>>- Mike KB3EIA -
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>
> An early acquaintance in ham radio could "read" CW in flashing lights. I've
> heard stories of others who have felt vibrations to "read" CW.

At one point, I was thinking about trying the vibrating method, like
holding my fingers on a speaker cone. But as a challenge, I decided to
go for the aural method. Wasn't easy, but I did it.

- Mike KB3EIA -

2892. Re: Ham Radio Rescue in California Press

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-27 03:27:23 UTC
From: David Lafferty <dplaff@cox-internet.com>
Message-ID: <vi6hqqq6l90t82@corp.supernews.com>
Source record: 72679

> David, you have your way of interpreting and commenting on stories, and I
> will too.
>
> Kim W5TIT

Reminds me of a retired boss I used to have. Real nice guy, but could not always track with the discussion at hand. I remember one day during an important meeting when the "big" boss was making a very important point. Right in the middle of the big boss making what he believed to be the most important point of the meeting, the guy who had trouble tracking pointed out the window and stated "Why there goes a red tail hawk!"

The big boss just shook his head. I guess I'll follow his lead in the future...
David
K5DEL

2893. Re: American w/ Disability Act and CW Proficiency Test

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-27 03:33:51 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
Message-ID: <3F2347B1.9030003@adelphia.net>
Source record: 72680
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.misc

Dee D. Flint wrote:
> "Mike Coslo" <mcoslo@adelphia.net> wrote in message
> news:3F233CCF.6090508@adelphia.net...
>
>>
>>Dee D. Flint wrote:
>>
>>>"Keith" <kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net> wrote in message
>>>news:bfv8sr09c0@enews2.newsguy.com...
>>>
>>>
>>>>On 26 Jul 2003 04:25:19 GMT, Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote:
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>>>>
>>>>>A better idea than just operating. They might even agree, although I
>>>>>wouldn't bank on it.
>>>>
>>>>Another problem that was pointed out to me are people with
>>>
> disabilities.
>
>>>>According to the American with Disabilities Act the government can not
>>>>discriminate against disabled people .
>>>>Now that s25.5 is international law the government must now accommodate
>>>>disabled people and they must do it without reasonable delay.
>>>
>>>
>>>A 5wpm code test does not discriminate against Americans with
>>
> disabilities.
>
>>>Disabled people have passed while their unhandicapped brethren have sat
>>
> on
>
>>>the sideline whining about the code.
>>
>>Right on Dee.
>>
>>I am d**m near deaf, and if a guy who reads lips can learn morse, then
>>most everyone can.
>>

>>- Mike KB3EIA -
>>
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>
> My ex had 70% hearing loss in both ears and a constant ringing of the ears.
> He too passed his 5wpm. Although he did have it so loud when he practiced
> that I either had to leave the room or make him wear headphones. Of course
> there were other testing methods for those who were totally deaf.

Hehheh, I know that one. I use headphones to listen to the television,
and my XYL is driven up the wall by the level I use to listen. Field day
can also be a nuisance, when one person is op, and the other is logging.
Thank heavens there are some headphones with volume controls on them.

In the end, That's a big reason why I love PSK31. I don't have to
disturb anyone else, and can work in a relaxed state of mind.

- Mike KB3EIA -

2894. The Plan

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-27 03:34:21 UTC
From: death_to_hamradio <death_to_hamradio_member@newsguy.com>
Message-ID: <bfvh7t010f1@drn.newsguy.com>
Source record: 72687

It is time to start the phase-out of the Amateur Radio Service. Modern communications techniques make it obsolete.

There are of course exceptions to every rule, and those few exceptions are the operators who actually serve a purpose by participating in either the study of radio technology or provide REAL emergency communications.

These few usually have formal education in technology. Many are Engineers and working professional technicians.

The vast majority of chit-chat going on in the Amateur Radio spectrum is a terrible waste of a limited RF resource. Now that the Internet is available these conversations can be carried out WITHOUT wasting spectrum.

Amateur Radio must be shut down in a phased, orderly fashion to make way for new commercial messaging systems.

The "Amateur Radio" of the future should consist of a few channels, to be made available to REAL experimentation or research, or REAL viable communications networks on an "as needed" basis ONLY. Who then, would be allowed to operate?

1) Scientists, or researchers who need the frequency spectrum for their work and
2) Operators on viable, modern message handling systems.

I can imagine the arguments that the "hams" would present against this, and I've got an answer to them all. CW, AM, SSB, SITOR, etc are OBSOLETE.

As for those who enjoy Amateur Radio as a hobby, they must get off the air, unless they fall into one of the two categories above. These operators can do the same thing they're doing now with a computer connected to the Internet.

Those who NEED use of the bands would have to apply to the F.C.C. for authorization, with proof of need. The F.C.C. would then decide, upon the merit of the request, who will receive authorization to operate on "Amateur" radio bands and for how long.

PROPOSED PHASE OUT SCHEDULE

I propose a phase out period as outlined below.

January, 2006 - No more Amateur Radio licenses to be issued by the F.C.C.

January 2008 - All general HF activity ended, except to those operators with a legitimate need to use the frequencies. See items 1 and 2 above.

January 2010 - All general activity on VHF+ frequencies ended, excect to those operators with a legitimate need to use the frequencies. See items 1 and 2 above.

All existing Amateur Radio authorizations that become inactive are to expire at the end of their term, with no option for renewal.

NEW LICENSE REQUIREMENTS FOR LEGITIMATE USERS OF FORMER "AMATEUR" HF BANDS

The F.C.C. will issue experimental licenses to organizations such at technical schools upon it's judgement as to the validity of that organization's proposal/request to use frequencies formally in "Amateur service."

Any person or organization holding a valid Commercial radio license issued by F.C.C. AND who has a valid need to use frequencies formally in "Amateur service."

Transmissions will be restricted to message traffic or test transmissions.

WHERE WILL ALL THE PHASED-OUT OPERATORS GO?

The Internet, or CB, or the GMRS. The average chit-chat can be handled over those mediums, freeing the valuable frequency spectrum now occupied by "Amateurs."

As this is being written, research into Part 95 in underway. An official comment will be submitted to the Federal Communications Commission once the research has been completed.

This is an idea that is timely and necessary. It is no longer possible to tie up frequencies that hundreds of millions of people could benefit from, just for the purpose of operators having a nice talk at 3:30 AM in the morning.

2895. Re: Ham Radio Rescue in California Press

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-27 03:46:38 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030726234638.02222.00000996@mb-m16.aol.com>
Source record: 72685

In article <vi5d9f39jnpi80@corp.supernews.com>, "David Lafferty"
<dplaff@cox-internet.com> writes:

>> Yeah, and note that it was a phone transmission that did the job. That's
>> not a slam at CW, it's a slam at the CW zealots.
>>
>> Kim W5TIT
>
>And what EXACTLY does that have to do with the story? The focus of the
>story was ham radio used in a rescue. It's good PR for ham radio, no matter
>if the transmission was phone, cw, psk-31, sstv, rtty, etc, etc, etc.
>
>David K5DEL

David:

Save your fingertips on this one. Kim can always be counted on to make
inane, specious arguments against CW and "CW zealots" anytime a story
like this comes out. If the story had been about how the hikers setup a
backpack portable HF/QRP station and called for help using CW, she would
insist that it didn't prove a damn thing. She can't be bothered to learn a
useful communications skill like the Morse code, and she needs to grasp at
any straw she can in order to prove her point.

73 de Larry, K3LT

2896. Re: Ham Radio Rescue in California Press

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-27 03:46:39 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030726234639.02222.00000997@mb-m16.aol.com>
Source record: 72684

In article <bfu7hp$1l3j$1@adenine.netfront.net>, "Kim W5TIT"
<fahgedit@nomail.net> writes:

>
>Yeah, and note that it was a phone transmission that did the job. That's
>not a slam at CW, it's a slam at the CW zealots.
>
>Kim W5TIT

Kim:

Of course, the lost hikers were lucky that A. They were in California, which
is thoroughly blanketed with repeaters on the tops of high mountains, and
B. They had an HT and a GPS receiver. Repeat the scenario in the middle
of Kansas and their mileage will start to vary! Then they just might wish they

had a backpack HF setup, complete with a CW key! Still, I personally think
that this *is* a very impressive demonstration of amateur radio's emergency
response capability. Unfortunately for you and the rest of the NCTA, the
only place where it proves anything negative about CW or the PCTA's is
in your own mind!

73 de Larry, K3LT

2897. Re: American w/ Disability Act and CW Proficiency Test

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-27 03:46:39 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030726234639.02222.00000998@mb-m16.aol.com>
Source record: 72686

In article <bfv8sr09c0@enews2.newsguy.com>, Keith
<kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net> writes:

>> A better idea than just operating. They might even agree, although I
>> wouldn't bank on it.
>
> Another problem that was pointed out to me are people with disabilities.
>According to the American with Disabilities Act the government can not
>discriminate against disabled people .
> Now that s25.5 is international law the government must now accommodate
>disabled people and they must do it without reasonable delay.

Keith:

Hmmm. Hoping for another round of the "JY1 Effect" eh? Perhaps you
should write a letter to Tony Blair! There is historical precedent for
Presidents named Bush wrecking the ARS at the request of foreign
heads of state who had US hams whine to them about code testing!

73 de Larry, K3LT

2898. Re: How Ugly Can One Creep Be?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-27 03:46:40 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030726234640.02222.00001000@mb-m16.aol.com>
Source record: 72681

In article <20030725223952.10078.00001013@mb-m26.aol.com>, yodoc@aol.comnospam (Larry Roll K3LT) writes:

>
>Mike:
>
>These days, probably about $4.95, plus drink, tax, and tip. More
>specifically,
>it's thin-sliced roast beef on a Kï¿½emmelweck roll. Very tasty with some
>extra-sharp horseradish and a nice big dill pickle on the side!
>
>73 de Larry, K3LT

Note to All:

Sorry, I misspelled "Kï¿½mmelweck." If you use the umlaut over the "u," the "e" is thereby implied, and is unnecessary.

73 de Larry, K3LT

2899. Re: Challenge to Kim

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-27 03:46:40 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030726234640.02222.00000999@mb-m16.aol.com>
Source record: 72683

In article <20030723232803.01315.00001107@mb-m18.aol.com>, yodoc@aol.comnospam (Larry Roll K3LT) writes:

>
>>
>>Don't hold your breath, Mike. I'm not sure I've ever seen that Larry has
>>met a chall....sched yet.
>
>Kim:
>
>I "challenge" you to a schedule on 20-meter PSK-31. Put up or shut up!
>BTW -- I know you're a Tech, so simply have your OM (a General) serve
>as control op! Perfectly legal Third-Party operation. The ball is in YOUR
>court now -- so no excuses! You started this, now show us all that you
>have any credibility whatsoever. If you squirm out of this QSO challenge,
>you will forever be self-nullified in this NG.
>
>73 de Larry, K3LT

Hmmm, so far, not a peep out of Kim! I hope it's because she's busily preparing her PSK-31 station for our QSO!

73 de Larry, K3LT

2900. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-27 03:46:41 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030726234641.02222.00001001@mb-m16.aol.com>
Source record: 72682

In article <bfsklvfft1@adenine.netfront.net>, "Kim W5TIT"
<fahgedit@nomail.net> writes:

>
>I am told by my friends up North when I go back there that I have a Southern
>accent. I do not hear it, and all the folks down here in Texas say I have a
>Yankee accent. So, I must be in between, but I sure don't hear a Southern
>accent. I *do* use the phrase "fixin' to" instead of "going to" when I am
>talking, though. Does that count?

Kim:

No, it doesn't count. Nobody cares. YOU are irrelevant.

73 de Larry, K3LT

2901. Re: The FACTS about the Morse Code and the FCC.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-27 04:17:28 UTC
From: gw@webhideout.com
Message-ID: <235a74db.0307262017.482ceeac@posting.google.com>
Source record: 72688
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb

"Dan/W4NTI" <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com> wrote in message
news:<bfv03jkkt1@slb3.atl.mindspring.net>...
> Does this give ANY of you No Coder types something to think about??? Please
> read it over and maybe, just perhaps something will sink in. This is the
> way it is....end of discussion.
>
> From the ARRL letter, Vol 22. No 29
>
>
> Dan/W4NTI
>
> ==>WHAT TO DO ABOUT THE MORSE REQUIREMENT POST-WRC-03?
>
> World Radiocommunication Conference 2003 (WRC-03) made optional the
> requirement to prove the ability to send and receive Morse code to operate
> below 30 MHz. While Morse exam elements remain on the books in the US,
> Canada and elsewhere, Switzerland and the United Kingdom have apparently
> become the first countries to delete their Morse requirements for HF
> operation. In the US, however, the FCC is unlikely to act on its own
> motion to simply make the Morse testing requirement go away.
>
> "There isn't an exception in the Administrative Procedures Act that I am
> aware of that would permit the Commission to issue an administrative fiat
> changing the license structure or exam-requirement rules," said an FCC
> staffer who's closely involved with Amateur Service rules. Other countries
> can do this because they have different laws and procedures, the FCC staff
> member observed, adding that even if it could be done here, "that still
> leaves unanswered the fundamental question: What do you want the new rules
> to be?"
>
> In its December 1999 Report and Order restructuring Amateur Radio
> licensing, the FCC stopped short of revising the rules to sunset the Morse
> requirement automatically if WRC-03 deleted Morse proficiency from the
> international Radio Regulations. The FCC also acknowledged "a clear
> dichotomy of viewpoints" on the Morse code issue within the amateur
> community.
>
> The ARRL's policy for several years has been that Morse should be retained
> as a testing element in the US. At its July 18-19 meeting in Connecticut,
> however, the Board said it would solicit and review input from members on
> the Morse testing requirement and other possible revisions to Part 97
> arising from WRC-03.
>

> The first move on the Morse code question in the US is for someone to file
> a Petition for Rule Making with the FCC seeking a rule change. No Code
> International (NCI) <http://www.nocode.org/> has spearheaded the battle to
> eliminate the Morse requirement and would be a likely organization to file
> such a petition. NCI Executive Director Carl Stevenson, WK3C, said late
> last week that NCI was still studying the matter and had not yet made a
> final decision on a plan of action. An ARRL member, Stevenson says he
> hopes personally that the League would join NCI in actively encouraging
> the FCC to eliminate the Morse exam element as soon as possible.
>
> Hopes for a quick resolution to the Morse question could be wishful
> thinking, however. Once a petition to drop the Morse exam element is
> filed, the FCC will put it on "public notice" by assigning an RM number
> and soliciting comments. If more than one such petition is filed, the FCC
> is obliged to invite comments on each. When that process is completed, the
> FCC may determine that a Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM) is in
> order. The Commission at that point could incorporate all Morse-related
> rule making petitions into a single proceeding. The NPRM would get a
> docket number, and the comment process would begin anew.
>
> Further complicating and extending the process, the FCC most likely would
> incorporate other pending Amateur Radio-related issues into the same NPRM.
> At the end of the comment and reply comment periods, the FCC would issue a
> Report and Order (R&O) that includes its decision on the Morse code
> requirement and any other issues incorporated into the proceeding. The
> whole process could take a couple of years, perhaps longer.
>
> Ratification of the WRC-03 Final Acts by the US Senate does not appear to
> be necessary before the FCC can act or begin the rule making process.
> Following World Administrative Conference 1979 (WARC-79) which resulted in
> three new HF amateur bands, the FCC acted in 1982, prior to Senate
> ratification of the conference's Final Acts, not only to initiate the rule
> making process but to give amateurs limited access to 30 meters.
>
> Radio Amateurs of Canada has advised hams in that country that the Morse
> qualification requirement remains in effect for operation below 30 MHz,
> "pending a review by Industry Canada of the impact of the WRC-2003
> regulatory changes on the Canadian radio regulations, policies and
> procedures."

you tell em dan.....lelnad and frankenstein.....our resident
no code cb plussers might disagree with ya though.....

2902. Re: CORRECTION!!!

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-27 04:38:09 UTC
From: wshoots1@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030727003809.08350.00000587@mb-m20.aol.com>
Source record: 72689
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.shortwave

<< Minor thing but I believe that would be Wouff Hong. >>

Correct. I became a member of this Royal Order back in the early 1950s.

Bill, K5BY

2903. Re: CORRECTION!!!

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-27 05:27:25 UTC
From: lenover21@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030727012725.24390.00001396@mb-m19.aol.com>
Source record: 72690

In article <bfu7ll$21a$1@slb9.atl.mindspring.net>, "Dan/W4NTI"
<w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com> writes:

>Not a thing....but do you consider the campaign run by No Code International
>a exercise in free speech, or a attack on the Morse testing requirement? I
>consider it an attack. Which has NOTHING AT ALL to do with Free Speech.

Good grief. Dan turned into a trained religous zeal! :-)

Whine, whine, whine.

Sad.

LHA

2904. Re: Ham Radio In The Post-Code Testing Era

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-27 05:27:25 UTC
From: lenover21@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030727012725.24390.00001395@mb-m19.aol.com>
Source record: 72695

In article <20030726082210.25052.00001371@mb-m11.aol.com>, n2ey@aol.com (N2EY) writes:

>>I wish my parents had made me learn the Morse code.
>>
>I wish mine had *helped* me learn Morse code.
>
>73 de Jim, N2EY

Awww...poor things Jimmie and Larrie. :-)

2905. Re: CORRECTION!!!

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-27 05:27:27 UTC
From: lenover21@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030727012727.24390.00001397@mb-m19.aol.com>
Source record: 72696

In article <kog3iv0a2oc37b0q1m6s9ag5s7k25ahku6@4ax.com>, k4nlz - Dusty <(no spam)k4nlz@comcast.net> writes:

>your premise is flawed because you do not take into
>consideration the entirety of ham radio. ham radio is
>what it is because it is filled with a rich texture of history
>and experience. Like the Kentucky Derby and
> Wimbleton , for example.

"Wimbledon." :-) [did you have bad strawberries? Tsk]

>There are plenty of horse
> races and tennis tournaments , but only one " ham radio.
>(is this too complicated for you ??)

Ahem...those are all PROFESSIONAL tourneys...you know,
involving MONEY.

US amateur radio is an activity "not for pecuniary reasons."

That means there's NO money to be gained by amateurs. If
they did, they would become professionals.

>The first attempt at a
>codeless radio license resulted in Citizen's Band. Popular
>in the '70s but wasted away to what it is now ... and include
>the newer citizen's bands into this too.

Ah, one of your pet black helicopters just hovered around your mind?

I was already a professional in HF radio communications before the
first CB class was ever authorized. Ho hum.

>This , plus many people
>are frequently too LAZY (or poorly motivated < yourself perhaps >
>to continue the rich tradition of morse in HR) and eliminating the
>morse requirement would " definitely " force the eventual end of
>CW on the bands.

"LAZY!" Of course. :-)

I'll bet that you pro-coders claim your male organs are bigger than
no-coders, too!

> There are PLENTY of non morse opportunities , currently , in ham
>radio (too many for my tastes) .... taking away the morse
>requirement completely , would mean the end of the rich tradition of
>hamming and rob everyone (that comes after) of the history and rich

>experiences that morse can bring. (ever heard of " wolf hung ???
>I doubt it ...!! understanding the spirit of woulf hung resolves it
>all)

Er...that's "wouff hong," sport. :-)

Bend over, we'll all apply a rittysnitch to you. :-)

> Ham radio without morse is NOT REAL hamradio ... it's " radio "
>minus it's rich history and texture of life.

Do you read history-romance novels, too?

Why don't you quit being so LAZY and go invent a Time Machine.
That will take you back to the time of "rich history" and you can
become a part of the Textured Past History of amateur radio you
really love.

>morse is joyous and something EVERY serious ham radio enthusiast
>should learn the love (of radio) with-in . the ethereal bliss of
>morse communication " cannot " be merely spoken of , it must be "
> personally " (internally) experienced to be fully appreciated.
> traditional " ham radio " is NOT really ham radio without it. if
>you have experienced this bliss personally , you understand
>completely , if NOT ... you do not fully appreciate ALL that ham
>radio offers. either you " have , or you are still not " there "
>yet.

Wow! You are on a roll! [don't slip in the butter...]

Do you do regular tent shows or is this a special-event religious
meeting for you?

> there is FAR more to morse than many people appreciate or
>understand ... I highly recommend that you experience it for yourself,
>completely , ... then YOU will understand also. (and be MUCH
>richer for the experience)

Sigh...another pro-coder flip-out.

I recommend a competent psychiatrist, Dusty. You've become FAR
too involved in your religious zeal. You've forgotten that trained zeals
are no longer the attraction they once were.

LHA

2906. Re: replace cw test with typing test!

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-27 05:27:28 UTC
From: lenover21@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030727012728.24390.00001400@mb-m19.aol.com>
Source record: 72691

In article <oWpUa.2779$1y4.676@news01.roc.ny>, "Jim Hampton"
<aa2qa@frontiernet.net> writes:

>I just want to know what happened to the "cents" key :)

Inflation!

LHA :-)

2907. Re: Question for the No coders

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-27 05:27:28 UTC
From: lenover21@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030727012728.24390.00001399@mb-m19.aol.com>
Source record: 72692

In article <BB4771BC.1F6F8%stewart@say.net>, Dwight Stewart <stewart@say.net>
writes:

> I agree. But then we shouldn't either. Our equipment is also advancing,
>reducing the need for a fallback system (which may explain why code testing
>appears to be going away). A modern station, equipped with the latest gear
>(properly installed), has the ability to get through where needed. At that
>point, it is fairly useless to argue CW offers more than that (even if that
>can be proven - it hasn't).

"CW gets through when everything else will..." - B. Burke

2908. Re: Question for the No coders

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-27 05:27:28 UTC
From: lenover21@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030727012728.24390.00001398@mb-m19.aol.com>
Source record: 72694

In article <3luUa.13080$Vx2.6425978@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com>, "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net> writes:

>One of the big no-code arguments is that code was keeping highly qualified
>people out of ham ram radio and that these people would push the hobby
>forward technically.

Oh? Which one of the "no-coders" made that claim?

The only ones who claim that no-coders said that are the PRO-coders.

The same pro-coders who haven't done squat on technical advancement. Ptui.

>... Neither side has a good argument attempting to use this point
>to prove anything.

I have nothing to prove at all. I was on HF and communicating before any of the regulars in here and I didn't have to use any morse code at all.

Irrelevant. Modernization is slowly happening to radio amateurism whether it pleases you or not. Try to accept it in good grace rather than the typical "I-am-all-powerful-in-radio-because-I-can-do-morse-at-high-rates" control freak.

LHA

2909. Re: replace cw test with typing test!

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-27 05:27:30 UTC
From: lenover21@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030727012730.24390.00001401@mb-m19.aol.com>
Source record: 72697

In article <cuvyxnansvbet.hiltfcg.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>, "Phil Kane" <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop> writes:

>On Fri, 25 Jul 2003 21:33:06 GMT, Jim Hampton wrote:
>
>>Or, perhaps, you are using a
>>most modern keyboard - Dang! That sure looks like a ... um ... gee, the
>>layout looks very much like those old typewriters.
>
> Did the "Dvorak" key layout not catch on ??

Nope. Why should it?

There was never any real need for a "Dvorak" key layout except perhaps to Dvorak. :-)

In middle school in the midwest in 1948 us students watched a typing champion do 150 WPM continuous on an all-mechanical portable typewriter while also carrying on a conversation with some of the students from the stage. He let us proof-read what he had typed and nobody could find any errors. That was with the old "QWERTY" key layout that was already old and standard. It is now older and still standard. It works.

[notice a resemblance to the old morse-manliness of high rates in CW? :-)]

The typing champion was actually GIVING A PERFORMANCE. It is NOT necessary to do high word rate on a keyboard to produce words for communications. Office typewriting throughput is typically anywhere from 30 to 60 WPM for clerks/secretaries working from handwritten scribbles of the staff...which they must all convert into proper formatting, paragraph indentation and so forth. If they are doing essentially copy typing (just a few changes here and there from an already-formatted typewritten page) they typically do 50 to 100 WPM.

The Teletype Corporation celebrated their 500,000th teleprinter made roughly a quarter century ago. Then it was a gold-flashed top-of-the-line half-mechanical, half-electronic model that was prominent in trade shows of the time (looked damn good in key lights). All those Teletype teleprinters used the "QWERTY" key layout.

All those "teletypes" were used in COMMUNICATIONS. Nobody grouched and whined about their speed of 60 WPM (early models) or 100 WPM (later models). Neither did any of them require a human modem operating them, just anyone familiar with the old

"QWERTY" key layout and one or two working fingers. :-)

> And then there are those of us who believe as a matter of faith that
> the F-keys belong on the left, the Ctrl key belongs just above the
> left Shift key, and the Alt key belongs just below the left Shift
> key, and other assorted differences from the Windowz key layout.

Tsk, tsk, tsk, Phil. Are you in a snit because you failed to cash in
on some recent Microsoft legal tangle with another jealous entity who
wanted $$$ that MS got? :-)

Do you need a different keyboard layout for you computer(s)?
That's almost entirely possible...the only exception being those keys
which are hardwired into the keyboard's own little microprocessor.
I can do it in a single program running at DOS, to any new key layout
desired...it will echo the desired character for an existing key. It won't
relabel the keytops, though, don't ask too much of software...:-)

Want to negotiate such a program for yourself? No problem, just
contact me at my mailing address (it's been in print at least 900,000
times). I only charge about a quarter of small-scale attorney billings
so it is a bargain! You'll even get the source code. Computer code,
that is... :-)

LHA

2910. Re: replace cw test with typing test!

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-27 05:27:31 UTC
From: lenover21@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030727012731.24390.00001402@mb-m19.aol.com>
Source record: 72693

In article <opjUa.928$rC2.612@news01.roc.ny>, "Jim Hampton"
<aa2qa@frontiernet.net> writes:

>You are wrong in my example of the younger guy with the mouse. It happened.
>Really. You and I are closer than you think.

Okay, so some younger person doesn't know about mice. :-)

>As I stated, I am not worried over Morse.

I'm not worried either. To me, it's all those morse-uber-alles
in der Amatur SchutzStaffel who demand morsemanship as some
kind of manhood equivalent in radio. :-)

>As far as the high powered HF, most of the HF was nowhere near
>30 MHz. You know that and don't try and tell me otherwise.

I really have no idea of what frequencies you transmitted at in the
US military. At Army station ADA the HF transmitters were
pushing out somewhere between 200 to 300 KW total between
4 and about 20 MHz. Most transmitters could cover 3 to 22 MHz
if necessary.

I've been INSIDE a much lower frequency installation with MW
output.

>When you talk
>volts per meter, there is a difference between 30 and 15 MHz and a much
>bigger difference between 15 MHz and 1.5 MHz (near the top end of the AM
>broadcast band).

Oh, I think I know the EM spectrum with some familiarlity... :-)

When I got into the Big Leagues of HF communications we had terms
of "Megacycles" and "Kilocycles" and used the old phonetic alphabet.
Little tiny capacitors were valued in "micro-micro farads" or "uuF." :-)

In 1955 the US military cut over to the NATO phonetic alphabet and
we also had to learn the "scientific" names for values and their
multipliers. Radio theory remained the same...and still does.

>Please do us both a favor and don't assume that I don't
>know what I'm talking about. That will save us both a lot of time (and
>typing!) :)

No problem with me as long as you return the favor.

I write in perhaps more detail than the usual suspects in here, but
only because other types want to engage in meaningless flames

over words/phrases. By explaining things in public, that lessens the counterproductive bullshit that those others start. :-)

Now I'm waiting for Col. Klink of the A.S.S., the garbageman, and the pedantic parson to jump in with more unproductive nonsense, shouted orders, and the usual personal attacks. :-)

LHA

2911. Re: American w/ Disability Act and CW Proficiency Test

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-27 05:30:49 UTC
From: dontwantowork@yahoo.com
Message-ID: <6ee3c752.0307262130.7e7db642@posting.google.com>
Source record: 72698
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.misc

Keith <kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net> wrote in message
news:<bfv8sr09c0@enews2.newsguy.com>...
> On 26 Jul 2003 04:25:19 GMT, Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote:
>
> > A better idea than just operating. They might even agree, although I
> > wouldn't bank on it.
>
> Another problem that was pointed out to me are people with disabilities.
> According to the American with Disabilities Act the government can not
> discriminate against disabled people .
> Now that s25.5 is international law the government must now accommodate
> disabled people and they must do it without reasonable delay.

Hey Keith may be you can help me. I have been diagnosed as a dyslexic
and have ADD. My disability prevents me from concentrating for more
than a few minutes so I can't take any code test or written test let
alone study for them.There must be some legal loophole or political
angle you can figure because there are millions of general public with
disabilities like me who want open access to the ham bands but the
government discriminates against us.Just because I have a disability
why should I be denied my right to operate ham? Maybe a protest or
something would help.Thanks for your help Keith keep up the good work.

2912. Re: Question for the No coders

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-27 05:42:05 UTC
From: wa8ulx@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030727014205.02803.00000513@mb-m19.aol.com>
Source record: 72699

>I was on HF and communicating
> before any of the regulars in here and I didn't have to use any
> morse code at all.

Im sure your right, CB or 11 Meters is considered HF.

2913. Bandwidth in German and France for inverse GPS

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-27 05:56:06 UTC
From: Paul Winton <paul.winton@paric.co.nz>
Message-ID: <rVJUa.7596$9f7.878158@news02.tsnz.net>
Source record: 72700

Hi all,

I am developing an inverse GPS system and need to ensure compliance in France, Germany and the UK. In the US I am using the 902-928MHZ band, 1 watt peak power with about 0.01% duty cycle and 26MHz bandwidth. I would like to use similar specs in the EU but have yet to find a suitable band

Can anyone point me in the direction of specific documentation or bands

Kind regards

Paul

2914. Re: ATTN: Tech Licensee USA Morse Code Freedom Day is August 1st

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-27 06:10:00 UTC
From: Dwight Stewart <stewart@say.net>
Message-ID: <BB48E4F7.1F85E%stewart@say.net>
Source record: 72701
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb

"Dee D. Flint" wrote:
>
> "Kim W5TIT" wrote:
>>
>> And, as I understand it, only until they
>> "renew" or change their callsign, correct?
>> In other words, when I renew my license, or
>> if I change my callsign, I would only be
>> licensed as a Technician, I think.
>>
>> Kim W5TIT

Thanks for a quote of Kim's message, Dee.

Sorry, Kim, I'm still having problems reading your messages (the same problem as before). I don't know if it's my server, your server, some software setting, or something else entirely. I haven't blocked your messages. I checked to make sure of that. They're still showing up in the newsgroup message list. However, whenever I select one to read, I get an error message saying the message is no longer on the server.

Occasionally one will slip through that I can read, but 99 percent of your messages result in the same error. Again, this doesn't happen to messages from anyone else. In fact, your messages are the only times I've seen this error message at all.

If this isn't happening to anyone else here (and nobody else has said anything), I can only assume the problem is with my server. So, it looks like the problem will remain until I switch servers (something I'm planning to do soon anyway). When it stops, I'll let you know.

Of course, if you reply to this, I'll probably never see the reply. So, if you have something to say in reply, send it by email instead.

Dwight Stewart (W5NET)

http://www.qsl.net/w5net/

2915. Re: ATTN: Tech Licensee USA Morse Code Freedom Day is August 1st

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-27 06:33:29 UTC
From: Dwight Stewart <stewart@say.net>
Message-ID: <BB48EA78.1F860%stewart@say.net>
Source record: 72703
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb

"Alun Palmer" wrote:
>
> That's the point -those existing regulations
> incorporate by reference an international
> requirement that no longer exists

I'll try it again, Alun. The new treaty with those changes has to be ratified before it becomes the law of this land. Until that time, the only "international requirements" recognized by this country are those in the treaty this country has already ratified (the one prior to the recent changes). That treaty requires CW for HF privileges.

To put this another way (and reply more directly to your comments above), the "international requirements" for code testing does exist in the only treaty this country legally recognizes (the one currently ratified).

Once the new treaty is ratified (the new treaty containing the changes), at that point, and only at that point, will the FCC be able to consider eliminating CW for HF privileges. Remember, however, that the treaty change does not require the FCC to drop code - the change leaves it up to each member state to decide for themselves.

The FCC may find a way to stop code testing before the new treaty is ratified, but it is not at all clear if that is even possible (in other words, don't hold your breath).

Dwight Stewart (W5NET)

http://www.qsl.net/w5net/

2916. Re: ATTN: Tech Licensee USA Morse Code Freedom Day is August 1st

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-27 06:35:20 UTC
From: Dwight Stewart <stewart@say.net>
Message-ID: <BB48EAE8.1F861%stewart@say.net>
Source record: 72704
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb

"Alun Palmer" wrote:

> To be fair though, I am playing devil's
> advocate to some extent. (snip)

The points raised in this message has been answered in the reply to your previous message.

Dwight Stewart (W5NET)

http://www.qsl.net/w5net/

2917. Re: Understanding the Possible Legal Loophole of s25.5 and 97.301(e)

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-27 08:28:30 UTC
From: JJ <radiobuff0@mailcity.moc>
Message-ID: <3F238D2E.1010907@mailcity.moc>
Source record: 72883
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.misc

Alun Palmer wrote:
> JJ <radiobuff0@mailcity.moc> wrote in news:3F22C7A5.7020502@mailcity.moc:
>
>
>>
>>Dickhead Craniumless blubbered again and said:
>>
>>
>>>What are you babbling about, JJ? He made it quite clear (except for
>>>morons): 1. The FCC Rules & Regs make reference to the code
>>>requirement as spelled out by the WRC.
>>>2. The WRC no longer requires any code.
>>>3. Ergo, the FCC Rules & Regs no longer require code.
>>>
>>>What's so difficult to understand? (Other than English, that is.)
>>
>>What are you babbling about dickieboy? Maybe his misconceptions are
>>clear to idiots like you (why does that suprised anyone?), but the fact
>>remains, until the FCC goes through the procedures necessary to
>>eliminate the code requirement for the amateur radio service, it is
>>still required and everything is just as it has been. Just because the
>>WAC no longer requires the code, does not automatically drop it from the
>>FCC requirements. Try reading more carefully and you might learn
>>something, like how to find the 10 meter band.
>>Lets see a newbie go for the General license and see if he can get one
>>without taking a code test. You are as dense as this keith bird. You
>>both must be really good on cb.
>>
>>
>>
>
>
> You display a complete lack of understanding. Try actually reading
> 97.301(e) and then you might understand the discussion.

And you understand just about as much as dickboy does. Until the FCC
changes it, nothing has changed, code is still required.

2918. Re: BPL pollution ☐ file reply comments by August 6

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-27 08:47:02 UTC
From: peter@strg-alt-entf.org
Message-ID: <bg03i6$j9ehk$5@ID-31.news.uni-berlin.de>
Source record: 72705
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.shortwave

In rec.radio.amateur.dx Rob Kemp <robkemp90210@hotmail.com> wrote:

> BPL pollution ? please file reply comments by August 6 (the FCC site
> tends to go down close to deadlines so try and post in plenty of
> time).

You have already lost the battle.

What can you say against an argument that includes "Homeland Security"?

"Further, the addition of BPL facilities-based technologies will, as
correctly recognized by the Commission, enhance homeland security by
"creating new facilities to provide redundancy."

Has anyone done a grep for 'terror' throughout these documents?

And the fact that BPL has been abandoned for economic reasons in Germany
will probably make the US-guys feel that they can do a lot better than us
stupid Krauts. After all, we lost the war.

Bye bye ham radio in the US.

Peter Lemken
Berlin
--
> Fact is that asians have nothing useful to contribute to the internet.

Have you *seen* some of that hentai?
-- as seen on slashdot.org , July 21st, 2003

2919. Re: Question for the No coders

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-27 08:50:16 UTC
From: kelly@dvol.com
Message-ID: <d22b54c3.0307270050.507fa2f@posting.google.com>
Source record: 72706

wa8ulx@aol.com (WA8ULX) wrote in message
news:<20030727014205.02803.00000513@mb-m19.aol.com>...
> >I was on HF and communicating
> > before any of the regulars in here and I didn't have to use any
> > morse code at all.
>
> Im sure your right, CB or 11 Meters is considered HF.

He's so fulla shit the whites of his eyes gotta be brown. I for one was on the HF ham bands in 1951 *with CW* from W3CGS before I got my Novice ticket. The only "HF experience" he had in that timeframe was as a grunt U.S. Army apprentice RTTY equipment mechanic & babysitter 1952-53.

w3rv

2920. Re: Understanding the Possible Legal Loophole of s25.5 and 97.301(e)

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-27 10:42:29 UTC
From: JJ <radiobuff0@mailcity.moc>
Message-ID: <3F23AC95.2090407@mailcity.moc>
Source record: 72896
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.misc

D. Stussy wrote:
> On Sun, 27 Jul 2003, JJ wrote:
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>>Alun Palmer wrote:
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>>>JJ <radiobuff0@mailcity.moc> wrote in news:3F22C7A5.7020502@mailcity.moc:
>>>
>>>>Dickhead Craniumless blubbered again and said:
>>>>
>>>>
>>>>>What are you babbling about, JJ? He made it quite clear (except for
>>>>>morons): 1. The FCC Rules & Regs make reference to the code
>>>>>requirement as spelled out by the WRC.
>>>>>2. The WRC no longer requires any code.
>>>>>3. Ergo, the FCC Rules & Regs no longer require code.
>>>>>
>>>>>What's so difficult to understand? (Other than English, that is.)
>>>>
>>>>What are you babbling about dickieboy? Maybe his misconceptions are
>>>>clear to idiots like you (why does that suprised anyone?), but the fact
>>>>remains, until the FCC goes through the procedures necessary to
>>>>eliminate the code requirement for the amateur radio service, it is
>>>>still required and everything is just as it has been. Just because the
>>>>WAC no longer requires the code, does not automatically drop it from the
>>>>FCC requirements. Try reading more carefully and you might learn
>>>>something, like how to find the 10 meter band.
>>>>Lets see a newbie go for the General license and see if he can get one
>>>>without taking a code test. You are as dense as this keith bird. You
>>>>both must be really good on cb.
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>>>You display a complete lack of understanding. Try actually reading
>>>97.301(e) and then you might understand the discussion.
>>
>>And you understand just about as much as dickboy does. Until the FCC
>>changes it, nothing has changed, code is still required.
>
>
> That requirement, by itself, is NOT enough.
>
> See other replies, and the sub-thread titled "Alternate interpretation."

Alternate interpret all you want, until the FCC changes the rules,
nothing has changed. The FCC makes the final interpretation and they
have NOT changed the rules regarding a code test.

2921. Re: Question for the No coders

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-27 10:50:18 UTC
From: Dwight Stewart <stewart@say.net>
Message-ID: <BB4926A9.1F86C%stewart@say.net>
Source record: 72707

"Dee D. Flint" wrote:
>
> (snip) If one looks at reality, only a very, very
> limited handful of people came up with the technical
> advances regardless of license class so it's probably
> not a fair question anyway. Plus it would be skewed by
> the fact that prior to the no-code tech license, all
> hams had to have code. Neither side has a good argument
> attempting to use this point to prove anything.

What you said above pretty much sums up my thoughts on this also.

Dwight Stewart (W5NET)

http://www.qsl.net/w5net/

2922. Re: CORRECTION!!!

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-27 10:53:27 UTC
From: k4yz@aol.com
Message-ID: <5c01b95b.0307270253.4b796ede@posting.google.com>
Source record: 72708

lenover21@aol.com (Len Over 21) wrote in message
news:<20030727012727.24390.00001397@mb-m19.aol.com>...
> In article <kog3iv0a2oc37b0q1m6s9ag5s7k25ahku6@4ax.com>, k4nlz - Dusty <(no
> spam)k4nlz@comcast.net> writes:

> > there is FAR more to morse than many people appreciate or
> >understand ... I highly recommend that you experience it for yourself,
> >completely , ... then YOU will understand also. (and be MUCH
> >richer for the experience)
>
> Sigh...another pro-coder flip-out.
>
> I recommend a competent psychiatrist, Dusty. You've become FAR
> too involved in your religious zeal. You've forgotten that trained zeals
> are no longer the attraction they once were.

Dusty, welcome to RRAP and RRAP's resident NON-LICENSED
antagonist and documented pathological liar, Leonard H. Anderson.

Lennie has a long list of "been there-done that", however none of
it in Amateur Radio...Nope, not even a Novice Class license. He once
had several articles "published" in an Amateur Radio magazine, however
none of THOSE articles were actually ABOUT Amateur Radio. Seems
Lennie was SO FAR BEYOND anything his "professional peers had to offer
that they conspired to keep him from being professionally published,
ergo his only avenue to getting his name in print was "Ham Radio"
magazine. (yeah...right...)

That magazine went out of publication due to a lack of
readership.

By virtue of 15 years of night school and a GROL (First Phone in
those days) Lennie feels himself adequately qualified to tell those
who KNOW Amateur Radio on a day-by-day basis how they should be
conducting themselves. Kinda like a nun trying to teach kids about
safe sex and birth control...read a lot about it, but never been
there!

So as you read Lennie's scathing and insulting replies to
anything you may write now and in the future, just keep these things
in mind.

He's a second class jerk working hard at being a first class
jerk.

A real putz.

73

Steve, K4YZ

2923. Re: CW Gone ?? It Ain't Over Til It Is Over!

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-27 10:54:48 UTC
From: Bert Craig <wa2si@arrl.netNOSPAM>
Message-ID: <YbOUa.194308$ye5.31042262@news4.srv.hcvlny.cv.net>
Source record: 72709

"Phil Kane" <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop> wrote in message
news:cuvyxnansvbet.hilqzwf.pminews@netnews.comcast.net...
> On 24 Jul 2003 19:02:34 -0700, Brian Kelly wrote:
>
> >> The FCC want 5
> >> copies, though, including the original. That's a lot of paper and ink!
> > >
> > >I tried to warn ya!
>
> REAL filings at the FCC require NINE copies......and they do not go
> to "The Commissioners".
>
> Did you also warn him that stuff sent to "The Commissioners" will
> get put in a certain round wire basket because that's NOT the
> procedure for getting rules changed?

You mean like the vanity call system NPRM, Phil?

> --
> 73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane
>
> From a Clearing in the Silicon Forest
> Beaverton (Washington County) Oregon

--
73 de Bert
WA2SI

2924. Re: American w/ Disability Act and CW Proficiency Test

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-27 11:03:01 UTC
From: Spamhater <nospam@nospam.com>
Message-ID: <KjOUa.593$603.31310@iad-read.news.verio.net>
Source record: 72710
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.misc

"Keith" <kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net> wrote in message
news:bfv8sr09c0@enews2.newsguy.com...
> On 26 Jul 2003 04:25:19 GMT, Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote:
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> > A better idea than just operating. They might even agree, although I
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> Another problem that was pointed out to me are people with disabilities.
> According to the American with Disabilities Act the government can not
> discriminate against disabled people .
> Now that s25.5 is international law the government must now accommodate
> disabled people and they must do it without reasonable delay.
>
>
> --
> The Radio Page Ham, Police Scanner, Shortwave and more.
> http://www.kilowatt-radio.org/

KEITH.

YOU ARE AN ASS... IN dealing with CW tests for ADA people there are MANY ways an examiner has latitude to issue a code test so that they have a chance to pass it... READ THE RULES AND REGULATIONS SOME TIME. I've given many ADA tests, to both Blind, Deaf and those who couldn't even write even if they did have all other senses. So long as the examiner does NOT give them the answers to the questions or directly/indirectly tell them what was sent so as to cheat, they can do damned near anything to help that person get what is needing to be sent to give them that fighting chance.... Don't open your mouth without facts which you have yet to provide any of in support of your lawlessness aim to sidestep a part you're apparently too damned lazy to do. I've seen more handicapped people pass a code exam than you can count. MORE than the lazy people like you who are "supposedly" NOT handicapped. PRIOR to the code being dropped to 5WPM, there were waivers available by Dr. Signature for the 13/20WPM. But 5WPM is so damned easy, it is pathetic. I STILL SEE LAZY in every one of your posts. I know a paraplegic who is a ham, passed his exam with no problems.. Today that boy even in his condition, is one hell of a smart kid. IT TOOK DETERMINATION AND WORK to get where he got. It takes that by ALL to get anything worth having. That boy is - even in his condition, a computer whiz. He earned his 20 WPM the old way, no waivers. IF HE CAN DO IT, ANYONE CAN.

It is very apparent you have yet to crack open a copy of Part 95... IF you are supposedly an amateur, you're supposed to have a copy of it there to refer to and to be familiar with. Ignorance will get you no where. Even when

you try to claim such in court. Again, if you get busted, I'm going to laugh my ass off.
I'd be willing to be, you would act as your own defense.... Boy, what a joke that will be.

JMS

2925. Re: Question for the No coders

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-27 11:27:50 UTC
From: Dwight Stewart <stewart@say.net>
Message-ID: <BB492F76.1F86E%stewart@say.net>
Source record: 72711

"Brian Kelly" wrote:
>
> Beats me, ask those who repeatedly claim that
> eliminating the code tests will by some
> mysterious means or another "push the hobby/
> service forward". Which experience has already
> demonstrated is complete BS.

Well, I suppose one could argue that those without code ability have pushed the hobby/service forward by just being there (shear numbers do help Amateur Radio). Of course, that is not likely to be an argument that satisfies you, but it was the only thing I could come up with at this moment. However, I think even those with code ability would agree that at least some have walked away from ham radio because of the code testing requirement. Would one of those have pushed the hobby/service forward? We'll obviously never know (especially since we're not even clear on what that phrase means).

> The difference is that us coders don't go around
> bleating about how we "push the hobby/service
> forward". Which is one of the bogus battle cries
> of the free lunchers. (snip)

Well, with the amount of noise those with code ability make in general, it would be a little hard to notice even if they did. ;)

The rest of your message seems more to be a declaration than a discussion so I'll let it go unanswered.

Dwight Stewart (W5NET)

http://www.qsl.net/w5net/

2926. Re: American w/ Disability Act and CW Proficiency Test

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-27 11:43:25 UTC
From: Keith <kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net>
Message-ID: <bg0e1811mkj@enews2.newsguy.com>
Source record: 72714
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.misc

On Sun, 27 Jul 2003 07:03:01 -0400, "Spamhater" <nospam@nospam.com> wrote:

> It is very apparent you have yet to crack open a copy of Part 95

I have read part 95 and I don't recall ever seeing anything about a morse code test.

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The Radio Page Ham, Police Scanner, Shortwave and more.
http://www.kilowatt-radio.org/

2927. Re: Question for the No coders

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-27 11:44:19 UTC
From: Dwight Stewart <stewart@say.net>
Message-ID: <BB493353.1F870%stewart@say.net>
Source record: 72712

"Steve Stone" wrote:

> You guys have too much time on your hands and
> not enough to do. Please join your local ARES
> group and use your knowledge and free time in
> a productive manner.

Wasting free time is pretty much what this newsgroup is all about, Steve.
However, don't think everyone in this newsgroup spends all their free time
here - most of us get our hands dirty with other things.

Dwight Stewart (W5NET)

http://www.qsl.net/w5net/

2928. Re: American w/ Disability Act and CW Proficiency Test

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-27 12:02:04 UTC
From: Keith <kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net>
Message-ID: <bg0f4801nlc@enews2.newsguy.com>
Source record: 72715
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.amateur.misc

On Sun, 27 Jul 2003 01:50:46 GMT, "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net> wrote:

> A 5wpm code test does not discriminate against Americans with disabilities.
> Disabled people have passed while their unhandicapped brethren have sat on
> the sideline whining about the code.

Explain to me why a deaf person should now need to know morse code? When the silly horse and buggy test was rammed down their throats by the US government they could use lights. Now how is a deaf person supposed to use morse code sitting in their home listening to the radio? With modern digital communications like PSK31, Pactor and RTTY a deaf person can enjoy ham radio. And as always they can use a computer to decode morse code as they have in the past. But for them to learn morse code through some silly light system is pure discrimination because the deaf have no way of decoding morse by ear.
The morse code test for deaf people is pure discrimination and now that s25.5 no longer requires a proficiency to know and send morse code the FCC better move fast to remove this discrimination.

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2929. Re: The Plan

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-27 12:05:09 UTC
From: k4yz@aol.com
Message-ID: <5c01b95b.0307270405.4dcae038@posting.google.com>
Source record: 72713

death_to_hamradio <death_to_hamradio_member@newsguy.com> wrote in message news:<bfvh7t010f1@drn.newsguy.com>...

> This is an idea that is timely and necessary. It is no longer possible to tie up
> frequencies that hundreds of millions of people could benefit from, just for the
> purpose of operators having a nice talk at 3:30 AM in the morning.

If it were so timely and necessary, a real man would have put his name to his work.

You didn't = No gonads = Scumbag troll.

Steve, K4YZ

2930. Re: Understanding the Possible Legal Loophole of s25.5 and 97.301(e)

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-27 12:49:41 UTC
From: Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93C559B682325elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>
Source record: 72716
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.misc

JJ <radiobuff0@mailcity.moc> wrote in news:3F22C7A5.7020502@mailcity.moc:

>
>
> Dickhead Craniumless blubbered again and said:
>
>> What are you babbling about, JJ? He made it quite clear (except for
>> morons): 1. The FCC Rules & Regs make reference to the code
>> requirement as spelled out by the WRC.
>> 2. The WRC no longer requires any code.
>> 3. Ergo, the FCC Rules & Regs no longer require code.
>>
>> What's so difficult to understand? (Other than English, that is.)
>
> What are you babbling about dickieboy? Maybe his misconceptions are
> clear to idiots like you (why does that suprised anyone?), but the fact
> remains, until the FCC goes through the procedures necessary to
> eliminate the code requirement for the amateur radio service, it is
> still required and everything is just as it has been. Just because the
> WAC no longer requires the code, does not automatically drop it from the
> FCC requirements. Try reading more carefully and you might learn
> something, like how to find the 10 meter band.
> Lets see a newbie go for the General license and see if he can get one
> without taking a code test. You are as dense as this keith bird. You
> both must be really good on cb.
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>

You display a complete lack of understanding. Try actually reading
97.301(e) and then you might understand the discussion.

2931. Re: ATTN: Tech Licensee USA Morse Code Freedom Day is August 1st

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-27 12:56:24 UTC
From: Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93C55ADA6103Belektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>
Source record: 72717
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb

Dwight Stewart <stewart@say.net> wrote in
news:BB48EA78.1F860%stewart@say.net:

> "Alun Palmer" wrote:
>>
>> That's the point -those existing regulations
>> incorporate by reference an international requirement that no longer
>> exists
>
>
> I'll try it again, Alun. The new treaty with those changes has to be
> ratified before it becomes the law of this land. Until that time, the
> only "international requirements" recognized by this country are those
> in the treaty this country has already ratified (the one prior to the
> recent changes). That treaty requires CW for HF privileges.
>
> To put this another way (and reply more directly to your comments
> above),
> the "international requirements" for code testing does exist in the
> only treaty this country legally recognizes (the one currently
> ratified).
>

Fair comment

> Once the new treaty is ratified (the new treaty containing the
> changes),
> at that point, and only at that point, will the FCC be able to consider
> eliminating CW for HF privileges. Remember, however, that the treaty
> change does not require the FCC to drop code - the change leaves it up
> to each member state to decide for themselves.
>

True, although it still may be possible to interpret 97.301(e) in such a
way that the no-code Techs have the Novice bands before the FCC changes
any rules. Albeit it is risky for Techs to do that without a declaratory
ruling from the FCC saying that this is the correct interpretation of the
rule.

> The FCC may find a way to stop code testing before the new treaty is
> ratified, but it is not at all clear if that is even possible (in other
> words, don't hold your breath).
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> Dwight Stewart (W5NET)

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> http://www.qsl.net/w5net/
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2932. Amateur Radio "outside the box"

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-27 13:30:21 UTC
From: vshah101@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030727093021.14537.00000831@mb-m04.aol.com>
Source record: 72718

Amateur radio "outside the box"

Although there are many possible amateur-radio activities, Hams tend to focus on a certain group of activities. Often, they are followed in the manner accepted by tradition.

The typical Ham activity is making short QSOs for contests and awards. Contests are events where Hams try to make as many contacts on specified bands as possible. Awards are often given by how many locations are contacted ("worked"). For example, there are Worked All States, Worked 100 countries, etc. Notice that traditional Ham radio awards are given for the number of contacts or for how many contacts in a given time period.

This is a competitive activity. Hams compete to obtain the best contest score, or to obtain award certificates. Hams seem to have this type of mode of operation, and it seems to be the same at almost every club. I have nothing against competition. Also, I have nothing against Hams doing what they enjoy doing. But, I would like to point out that there are other types of competition possible. And there are other types of activities and interests.

Because no such clubs exist right now that cater to these interests, there is no avenue for one to pursue these interests. Things like expense and the large amount of time it takes for an individual (vs a group who share an interest), tend to not allow these new interests to surface. Also, the current group of Hams wants to do things their way and have little acceptance for different types of activities. By not providing an avenue for others to pursue their interests, these other Amateur-radio activities do not get done. Some people would become frustrated when they go to clubs and no one shares their interests. This has the effect of reducing the number of people that stay in the hobby.

Here are some other possibilities in amateur radio.

More radio direction finding challenges.
The gaming aspect of this activity is appealing to some. Also, it uses more physical activity than sitting at a station making contacts.

Homebrewing challenges.
Lets have some homebrewing challenges. How about building small circuits, e.g. using SMT? I don't see small batteries at Hamfests, so I know this isn't being done. How about ATV using a homebrewed project?

Often Hams will not show interest in a project, just because it doesn't hook up to their radio. Just because a particular rf project may not involve a radio

(for example, radio controlled planes), shouldn't make it off limits. If its rf, its still radio. How about radio controlled planes, Doppler radar, or VHF/UHF amplifiers?

APRS.
Lets get more people using the capabilities of APRS. All I see at Hamfests is a map with active locations showing. New interesting applications should be tested. Perhaps tracking a radio in a car. How about having both cars move, and one follows the other using APRS. Most Hams do not do this. This would be an interesting group activity.

Training.
Lets have dedicated training. Either in the clubs, or as training seminars for better amateur radio operation, emergency preparedness, etc. Clubs often just have one lecture and then some club business. Better to have some demo setups and have people use some radios. More training should be offered. However, I don't know how many Hams would like that or would be willing to pay for training. Topics could include: generator power, connector assembly, antenna tuning and setup, troubleshooting. Perhaps some rf measurements training. Maybe some circuit design topics.

DXpeditions.
Enjoy a DXpedition. One thing I have noticed is that Hams often go to DXpeditions and don't do anything other than operate radios. At one club meeting I went to, one person gave a presentation about how he went to this exotic location and all he did is setup antennas, and make contacts. He had nothing to say about that location. At a Hamfest, I saw a film of another group of Hams going to another country and all they did is setup antennas and make contacts.

I went to a DXpedition - definitely a vacation spot- with a group of Hams. I saw this tendency firsthand. They did exactly the same thing! I wanted to go to the beach, take a drive, etc., but the Hams were only interested in making radio contacts on various modes.

I don't see the point of the DXpedition. Were they doing a duty to that location, making sure the location is activated and gets QSOs? Working the location for a few hours qualifies as getting the benefits of working that location. There is no need to work the location for 8+ hours. They made contacts for hours throughout the day and through Saturday night.

It seems the only non-radio activity Hams participate is in eating. (I did manage to get a few road trips because I volunteered to pick up food. Most of the Hams stayed at the shack.) They missed out on the scenic beach, the small town atmosphere. What's the point of going to a vacation location if the experience is the same as working QSOs at home? There needs to be some balance.

Yesterday, I went to that club's cookout. As usual, the club was mostly older males. There were one woman. She asked what we did at the DXpedition. Perhaps she might attend next year's event. One of the people that went there said all they did is operate radios. The woman asked, "Is that all you did? You didn't go to the beach or anything?" I imagine, going to a vacation spot and not doing

any vacation stuff is not appealing to women and young people. Also, the idea of making repeated contacts at a radio is boring to some people. Ham radio has a social component as well as a technical component. If you make the social aspect intolerable, few will want to stay in the hobby. Ham radio probably loses a lot of people this way.

Meetings at different places.
Hams have club meetings and other events. Often, these events are food related. Barbecues, weekly Saturday breakfasts, etc.

My suggestion is that instead of meeting weekly to eat, why not meet at a new "fun" place each week. How about the park, a boat ride, etc. Make it a new place every week. Cost is not the problem. Often these events cost less than the overpriced breakfast buffet. It may take some work (mostly scheduling and informing people), but not much. And it's well worth it.

Meet a Ham.
And lets try to contact Hams, not just short QSOs to work bands or locations for awards. This includes developing lasting contacts. And even the possibility to meet your contact off the air.

Lets overcome one's limitations, compete, and have fun. Feel free to add to this list. Feel free to do amateur radio "outside the box".

2933. Re: Question for the No coders

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-27 13:50:05 UTC
From: kelly@dvol.com
Message-ID: <d22b54c3.0307270550.7b061c03@posting.google.com>
Source record: 72719

"Steve Stone" <spfleck@zzcitlinkzz.net> wrote in message
news:<4vGUa.6158$vG.5747@news01.roc.ny>...
> . Can you cite a single example of a nocode who
> > "pushed the hobby/service forward" since then?
>
> Please define "pushed the hobby/service forward" ?

I have no idea what they're talking about, that's why I asked for an
example. I'm still waiting for an answer.

w3rv

2934. Re: American w/ Disability Act and CW Proficiency Test

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-27 14:22:09 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030727102209.12501.00001189@mb-m04.aol.com>
Source record: 72720

In article <bg0f4801nlc@enews2.newsguy.com>, Keith
<kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net> writes:

>On Sun, 27 Jul 2003 01:50:46 GMT, "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net> wrote:
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>> Disabled people have passed while their unhandicapped brethren have sat on
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> Explain to me why a deaf person should now need to know morse code?

Deaf people have used Morse Code in ham radio.

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>silly horse and buggy test was rammed down their throats by the US government
>they could use lights. Now how is a deaf person supposed to use morse code
>sitting in their home listening to the radio?

Simple. They rest fingers on a speaker cone and feel the vibrations. It's benn
done many times by deaf people. Just like many deaf people dance by feeling the
rhythm the music through their feet.

Also, many deaf people have some limited hearing. It is not unusual for them to
be able to hear single tones but not undersatand speech.

>With modern digital
>communications like PSK31, Pactor and RTTY a deaf person can enjoy ham radio.

Hams have been using Baudot RTTY for almost 60 years....

>And as always they can use a computer to decode morse code as they have in
>the past. But for them to learn morse code through some silly light system is
>pure discrimination because the deaf have no way of decoding morse by ear.

Yet the various advocacy groups for handicapped people have never protested the
amateur radio test regulations. Indeed, the group "Handi-Hams" was AGAINST the
medical waiver rule change back in 1990, as I recall.

> The morse code test for deaf people is pure discrimination and now that
>s25.5 no longer requires a proficiency to know and send morse code the FCC
>better move fast to remove this discrimination.

If you're going to go that route, then all of the questions in the written
tests about voice modes have to go as well, because there's no way deaf people
are going to use SSB, either. Take out the questions on PSK-31, RTTY, etc.,
because blind people won't use those modes. Get rid of the Extra and General
class written tests entirely because there are people who can't pass them, but
who can pass the Tech written. And since FCC says the Tech test is adequate for

all authorized modes, bands and power on amateur VHF/UHF, why is any more written testing needed for HF beyond a few band-edge questions?

73 de Jim, N2EY

2935. Re: American w/ Disability Act and CW Proficiency Test

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-27 14:40:26 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
Message-ID: <3F23E3E1.8080405@adelphia.net>
Source record: 72721

N2EY wrote:
> In article <bg0f4801nlc@enews2.newsguy.com>, Keith
> <kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net> writes:
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Don't you get it Jim? This is EXACTLY where they are headed. NTI is
undergoing birth! The no-discrimination angle is cute but flawed, but
hey, they are flush with their recent success, so the sky is the limit
now. And besides, they might get people to buy the argument.

- Mike KB3EIA -

2936. Can I get a Ham license?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-27 14:49:16 UTC
From: Aj <arttu.jauhiainen@phnet.fi>
Message-ID: <IARUa.2073$HC4.217@reader1.news.jippii.net>
Source record: 72722

Hello. I live in Finland and I'm a finish citizen. Would it be possible to get an american amateur radio license?

2937. Re: American w/ Disability Act and CW Proficiency Test

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-27 14:56:55 UTC
From: Keith <kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net>
Message-ID: <bg0pc9022c7@enews2.newsguy.com>
Source record: 72724

On 27 Jul 2003 14:22:09 GMT, n2ey@aol.com (N2EY) wrote:

> If you're going to go that route, then all of the questions in the written
> tests about voice modes have to go as well, because there's no way deaf people
> are going to use SSB, either.

I'd love to see someone with a hearing disability receive weak signal CW on 80 meters in the middle of July. Requiring a deaf person to pass a code test to get a ham license is like making a blind person pass a drivers test before riding the bus, you never know when driver will pass out and the blind will have to take the wheel of the bus.
You are really crazy along with your pals at the ARRRRRRLLLL. This hang on to morse code forever crap is the reason that ham radio is going to die. You know the BPL increase is going to pass and you can kiss HF goodbye. Instead of having several million hams there are a paltry 700,000 in the US and less then half of them are active.
Ham radio operators have created and signed their own death warrant. I'm sure corporate America is drawing up plans on what to do with the 6 meter, 2 meter and 220 bands as we debate the demise of morse code.

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2938. Re: American w/ Disability Act and CW Proficiency Test

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-27 15:13:09 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bg0q65ilb1@adenine.netfront.net>
Source record: 72723

"Mike Coslo" <mcoslo@adelphia.net> wrote in message
news:3F23E3E1.8080405@adelphia.net...
> N2EY wrote:
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> now. And besides, they might get people to buy the argument.
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Mike, there's just not as many of those types of individuals you are describing as "they" to make a change at all. Just as there are not enough of the Larry Rolls and Dick Carrolls to make CW as miserable as some (the "they" you describe) think it is.

You may wish to blame the de-emphasis on CW on people. But, it's a combination of losing traditional values, a decrease in the use of CW in major communication venues, and the fact that the FCC is a governmental organization that responds to national and world trends. It's much more about anything BUT people than many realize, IMHO.

There's way more people who are middle ground.

Kim W5TIT

Posted via news://freenews.netfront.net
Complaints to news@netfront.net

2939. Re: American w/ Disability Act and CW Proficiency Test

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-27 15:24:27 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bg0qra$j8h$1@adenine.netfront.net>
Source record: 72725

"N2EY" <n2ey@aol.com> wrote in message
news:20030727102209.12501.00001189@mb-m04.aol.com...
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Absolutely. To come to the conclusion that deaf people cannot learn and use CW is rather narrow-minded in my opnion. I bet there's a way that ANYONE could learn CW.

I believe the waiver has been removed from the licensing structure for amateur radio, hasn't it? As well it should be. And, here's why: there are deaf people who have passed a CW test and use CW. As soon as that happened, it set a standard that deaf people can, indeed, learn CW--*if* they so desire.

Remember that a handicap should never be considered as an excuse.

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First of all, I don't understand the transition from using lights to a deaf person not being able to use CW. They *could* use lights--and I've seen it done. They could also do as Jim describes above. They could also have the volume up so loud on a speaker that it would vibrate the speaker box itself. There's all kinds of ways and I bet an innovative deaf person will find them. Necessity is the mother of invention.

For goodness sake! By your example, Keith, blind people should not be licensed because, "how in the world would they know what frequency they are on?"

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> >And as always they can use a computer to decode morse code as they have in
> >the past. But for them to learn morse code through some silly light system is
> >pure discrimination because the deaf have no way of decoding morse by ear.
>
> Yet the various advocacy groups for handicapped people have never protested the
> amateur radio test regulations. Indeed, the group "Handi-Hams" was AGAINST the
> medical waiver rule change back in 1990, as I recall.
>

I've never understood a medical waiver. The only thing I've seen it do is get people licensed for General and above, who have no business being so--and who also, somehow, don't have a hearing deficiency of any type.

> >
> > The morse code test for deaf people is pure discrimination and now that
> >s25.5 no longer requires a proficiency to know and send morse code the FCC
> >better move fast to remove this discrimination.
>

Balderdash!!!! To expect that a deaf person cannot learn CW is discrimination. You are insensitive to believe that discrimination means inability.

>
> If you're going to go that route, then all of the questions in the written

> tests about voice modes have to go as well, because there's no way deaf
people
> are going to use SSB, either. Take out the questions on PSK-31, RTTY,
etc.,
> because blind people won't use those modes. Get rid of the Extra and
General
> class written tests entirely because there are people who can't pass them,
but
> who can pass the Tech written. And since FCC says the Tech test is
adequate for
> all authorized modes, bands and power on amateur VHF/UHF, why is any more
> written testing needed for HF beyond a few band-edge questions?
>
>
> 73 de Jim, N2EY

Kim W5TIT

Posted via news://freenews.netfront.net
Complaints to news@netfront.net

2940. Re: The myth that BPL is a solution for rural broadband

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-27 15:33:11 UTC
From: "Stephen M.H. Lawrence" <73steve@earthlink.net>
Message-ID: <XgSUa.121829$lo.10401803@newsread2.prod.itd.earthlink.net>
Source record: 72726
Cross-posted to:
rec.radio.shortwave,rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.policy

With "Minimo," it's all about the Jews.

73,

Steve Lawrence
Burnsville, MN

"Zoran Brlecic" <...WA7AA...@get.lost> wrote:

> Great. If you could now only work in Roswell, grassy knoll, Elvis, moon
> landing hoax, the CIA and the Jews, you'd have it made.
>
> BPL is bad enough without idiotic conspiracy theories.
>
>
> WA7AA

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2941. Re: Question for the No coders

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-27 15:33:22 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bg0rc2jrh1@adenine.netfront.net>
Source record: 72727

"Dwight Stewart" <stewart@say.net> wrote in message
news:BB4926A9.1F86C%stewart@say.net...
> "Dee D. Flint" wrote:
> >
> > (snip) If one looks at reality, only a very, very
> > limited handful of people came up with the technical
> > advances regardless of license class so it's probably
> > not a fair question anyway. Plus it would be skewed by
> > the fact that prior to the no-code tech license, all
> > hams had to have code. Neither side has a good argument
> > attempting to use this point to prove anything.
>
>
> What you said above pretty much sums up my thoughts on this also.
>
>
> Dwight Stewart (W5NET)
>
> http://www.qsl.net/w5net/
>

Yep. I think in nearly anything, many will enjoy and a few will excel.

Kim W5TIT

Posted via news://freenews.netfront.net
Complaints to news@netfront.net

2942. Re: ATTN: Tech Licensee USA Morse Code Freedom Day is August 1st

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-27 15:37:02 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bg0riu$k47$1@adenine.netfront.net>
Source record: 72728
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb

"Dwight Stewart" <stewart@say.net> wrote in message
news:BB48E4F7.1F85E%stewart@say.net...
> "Dee D. Flint" wrote:
> >
> > "Kim W5TIT" wrote:
> >>
> >> And, as I understand it, only until they
> >> "renew" or change their callsign, correct?
> >> In other words, when I renew my license, or
> >> if I change my callsign, I would only be
> >> licensed as a Technician, I think.
> >>
> >> Kim W5TIT
> >
> >
> Thanks for a quote of Kim's message, Dee.
>
> Sorry, Kim, I'm still having problems reading your messages (the same
> problem as before). I don't know if it's my server, your server, some
> software setting, or something else entirely. I haven't blocked your
> messages.
>

Oh, ROFLMAO...that was going to be my next advice was to take me off your
filter...LOL

>
> I checked to make sure of that. They're still showing up in the
> newsgroup message list. However, whenever I select one to read, I get an
> error message saying the message is no longer on the server.
>

Puzzling. I just don't understand. I've tried both outlets for the
newsgroup, also!

>
> Occasionally one will slip through that I can read, but 99 percent of
your
> messages result in the same error. Again, this doesn't happen to messages
> from anyone else. In fact, your messages are the only times I've seen this
> error message at all.
>
> If this isn't happening to anyone else here (and nobody else has said
> anything), I can only assume the problem is with my server. So, it looks

> like the problem will remain until I switch servers (something I'm
planning
> to do soon anyway). When it stops, I'll let you know.
>
> Of course, if you reply to this, I'll probably never see the reply. So,
if
> you have something to say in reply, send it by email instead.
>
>
> Dwight Stewart (W5NET)
>
> http://www.qsl.net/w5net/
>

Oh, guess I better send an email, too!

Kim W5TIT

Posted via news://freenews.netfront.net
Complaints to news@netfront.net

2943. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-27 15:40:28 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bg0rpd$k7h$1@adenine.netfront.net>
Source record: 72729

"Larry Roll K3LT" <yodoc@aol.comnospam> wrote in message
news:20030726234641.02222.00001001@mb-m16.aol.com...
> In article <bfsklvfft1@adenine.netfront.net>, "Kim W5TIT"
> <fahgedit@nomail.net> writes:
>
> >
> >I am told by my friends up North when I go back there that I have a
Southern
> >accent. I do not hear it, and all the folks down here in Texas say I
have a
> >Yankee accent. So, I must be in between, but I sure don't hear a
Southern
> >accent. I *do* use the phrase "fixin' to" instead of "going to" when I
am
> >talking, though. Does that count?
>
> Kim:
>
> No, it doesn't count. Nobody cares. YOU are irrelevant.
>
> 73 de Larry, K3LT
>

You're hilarious, Larry. You just can't help yourself, can you? You have
no willpower.

Kim W5TIT

Posted via news://freenews.netfront.net
Complaints to news@netfront.net

2944. Re: Challenge to Kim

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-27 15:44:48 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bg0s1hkhh1@adenine.netfront.net>
Source record: 72730

"Larry Roll K3LT" <yodoc@aol.comnospam> wrote in message
news:20030726234640.02222.00000999@mb-m16.aol.com...
> In article <20030723232803.01315.00001107@mb-m18.aol.com>,
yodoc@aol.comnospam
> (Larry Roll K3LT) writes:
>
> >
> >>
> >>Don't hold your breath, Mike. I'm not sure I've ever seen that Larry
has
> >>met a chall....sched yet.
> >
> >Kim:
> >
> >I "challenge" you to a schedule on 20-meter PSK-31. Put up or shut up!
> >BTW -- I know you're a Tech, so simply have your OM (a General) serve
> >as control op! Perfectly legal Third-Party operation. The ball is in
YOUR
> >court now -- so no excuses! You started this, now show us all that you
> >have any credibility whatsoever. If you squirm out of this QSO
challenge,
> >you will forever be self-nullified in this NG.
> >
> >73 de Larry, K3LT
>
> Hmmm, so far, not a peep out of Kim! I hope it's because she's busily
> preparing her PSK-31 station for our QSO!
>
> 73 de Larry, K3LT
>

Larry, that's the first time I've ever seen that challenge. I've seen the thread, but could not find the original challenge to know what it was. I actually thought it was something Steve had said.

I don't care to meet your challenge, Larry, and I am not the one who has solicited challenges in the past. As I understand it, by looking here only, I've never seen anyone say that their challenge to you (mostly on a CW sched) was ever realized.

Oh, and the PSK-31 station is established (when the radio would be set back up), because my hubby really likes that mode.

Kim W5TIT

Kim W5TIT

Posted via news://freenews.netfront.net
Complaints to news@netfront.net

2945. Re: Ham Radio Rescue in California Press

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-27 15:56:23 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bg0sn7$l46$1@adenine.netfront.net>
Source record: 72731

"Larry Roll K3LT" <yodoc@aol.comnospam> wrote in message
news:20030726234638.02222.00000996@mb-m16.aol.com...
> In article <vi5d9f39jnpi80@corp.supernews.com>, "David Lafferty"
> <dplaff@cox-internet.com> writes:
>
> >> Yeah, and note that it was a phone transmission that did the job.
That's
> >> not a slam at CW, it's a slam at the CW zealots.
> >>
> >> Kim W5TIT
> >
> >And what EXACTLY does that have to do with the story? The focus of the
> >story was ham radio used in a rescue. It's good PR for ham radio, no
matter
> >if the transmission was phone, cw, psk-31, sstv, rtty, etc, etc, etc.
> >
> >David K5DEL
>
> David:
>
> Save your fingertips on this one. Kim can always be counted on to make
> inane, specious arguments against CW and "CW zealots" anytime a story
> like this comes out.
>

When have I ever made an argument against CW, Larry? Put up or shut up, in
your words.

>
> If the story had been about how the hikers setup a
> backpack portable HF/QRP station and called for help using CW, she would
> insist that it didn't prove a damn thing.
>

You are so foamed at the mouth with your insensibility that you can't see
the forest for the trees, Larry. I have no argument whatsoever against the
use of CW. I do NOT believe, as you, that CW is the cure all that you think
it is. There are notable CW enthusiasts that share this also, Larry. What
would you say of them? *IF* this story had been about how the hikers had
set up a backpack portable HF/QRP station and called for help using CW, AND
if they'd gotten it, I would have said two things: 1) that they were lucky
to have someone on "the other end" that understood CW, and 2) that they
could have traveled a lot lighter if they'd just carried an HT. To tell you
the truth, I'm impressed that ANY radio worked to contact someone and, just
as you say, I'm sure it is because of the density of repeaters in their

area. You're right. Kansas would have been a whole different situation.

>
> She can't be bothered to learn a
> useful communications skill like the Morse code, and she needs to grasp at
> any straw she can in order to prove her point.
>
> 73 de Larry, K3LT
>

I did learn a useful communications skill, Larry. I learned it well enough to pass the requirements set forth by the United States Government. Now, if you have a problem with your government, you need to let them know. And, you cannot dictate your standards to other people. You do live in the United States.

My point about CW is what, Larry? Why don't you answer that question. Hell, Dick hasn't even answered my question about what it would take for him to have a disaster setup for CW, what all would he need. Hell, for that matter, you won't even answer my questions, Larry. You guys spew your hate and contempt for other people out of the mouths that God gave you. And that's all it ends up being with you: hate. You are disgusting.

Answer the damn question, Larry. What do *YOU* think my point about CW is?

Kim W5TIT

Posted via news://freenews.netfront.net
Complaints to news@netfront.net

2946. Re: Ham Radio Rescue in California Press

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-27 15:58:37 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bg0sro$la1$1@adenine.netfront.net>
Source record: 72732

"David Lafferty" <dplaff@cox-internet.com> wrote in message
news:vi6hqqq6l90t82@corp.supernews.com...
>
>
> > David, you have your way of interpreting and commenting on stories, and
I
> > will too.
> >
> > Kim W5TIT
>
> Reminds me of a retired boss I used to have. Real nice guy, but could not
> always track with the discussion at hand. I remember one day during an
> important meeting when the "big" boss was making a very important point.
> Right in the middle of the big boss making what he believed to be the most
> important point of the meeting, the guy who had trouble tracking pointed
out
> the window and stated "Why there goes a red tail hawk!"
>
> The big boss just shook his head. I guess I'll follow his lead in the
> future...
> David
> K5DEL
>
>

Thank you. That way you won't waste so much of your time.

Kim W5TIT

Posted via news://freenews.netfront.net
Complaints to news@netfront.net

2947. Re: Ham Radio Rescue in California Press

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-27 15:59:33 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bg0t0klcm1@adenine.netfront.net>
Source record: 72733

"David Lafferty" <dplaff@cox-internet.com> wrote in message
news:vi6hqqh5c50181@corp.supernews.com...
>
> > You just couldn't some up with something both valid and cutsey, could
you.
> >
> > Kim W5TIT
>
> I never got into the previous discussions on your callsign, but some,
> including me, find it in poor taste instead of "valid and cutsey".
> David K5DEL
>
>

Oh goody. Another Larry Roll clone.

Kim W5TIT

Posted via news://freenews.netfront.net
Complaints to news@netfront.net

2948. Re: American w/ Disability Act and CW Proficiency Test

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-27 16:06:07 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bg11cvqbu1@adenine.netfront.net>
Source record: 72749

"Keith" <kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net> wrote in message
news:bg0pc9022c7@enews2.newsguy.com...
> On 27 Jul 2003 14:22:09 GMT, n2ey@aol.com (N2EY) wrote:
>
> > If you're going to go that route, then all of the questions in the
written
> > tests about voice modes have to go as well, because there's no way deaf
people
> > are going to use SSB, either.
>
> I'd love to see someone with a hearing disability receive weak signal CW
on 80
> meters in the middle of July. Requiring a deaf person to pass a code test
to
> get a ham license is like making a blind person pass a drivers test before
> riding the bus, you never know when driver will pass out and the blind
will
> have to take the wheel of the bus.
> You are really crazy along with your pals at the ARRRRRRLLLL. This hang
on to
> morse code forever crap is the reason that ham radio is going to die.
>

And you're arguments backed by idiocy are the reason those of us who
logically argue against a CW test get the flak that we do. To say the
things you say of the deaf, or any other handicapped you might *think* you
are taking up for, is narrow minded and pretty damned discriminatory of you.

>
> You know
> the BPL increase is going to pass and you can kiss HF goodbye.
>

While I am not one of them, there are hoards of amateur radio operators who
will get through whatever challenges there are to communication. Those are
probably the same ones who really like CW and whom we should all look up to
for their willingness to be innovative and experimental because if it were
not for them, most amateurs would be "out of business."

>
> Instead of
> having several million hams there are a paltry 700,000 in the US and less
then
> half of them are active.
>

Are you a ham? Because only 1 like you is a danger.

>
> Ham radio operators have created and signed their own death warrant. I'm
sure
> corporate America is drawing up plans on what to do with the 6 meter, 2
meter
> and 220 bands as we debate the demise of morse code.
>

You call what you are doing debating?

>
> --
> The Radio Page Ham, Police Scanner, Shortwave and more.
> http://www.kilowatt-radio.org/
>

You are doing nothing but trying to hit a target.

Kim W5TIT

Posted via news://freenews.netfront.net
Complaints to news@netfront.net

2949. Re: Two years? Not if you contact the FCC today.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-27 16:10:28 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com>
Message-ID: <UPSUa.1829$lL.254505@nnrp1.ptd.net>
Source record: 72734

"Keith" <kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net> wrote in message
news:bfoe9101mqa@enews3.newsguy.com...
> On Sat, 19 Jul 2003 22:35:02 GMT, Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net> wrote:
>
> > Reading a report on how long it will likely take for the U.S. to ratify
> > and drop Morse requirements, we are given an estimate of two years.

Maybe, but I doubt it ...

> No, if enough ham radio operators and other interested people will start
> contacting the FCC this can be moved along. If 100,000 no code techs and
others
> contact the FCC this CW reg will get removed in no time. Don't wait for
the
> ARRL or NCI to write something up over the next year.

Don't expect NCI to take anything like a year to "write something up."

> We need to get the FCC attention and if you contact by email, fax or US
mail
> then they will pay attention. It is going to take people getting their
friends
> that are techs or want to be hams with HF access to contact the FCC today.

Flooding the FCC with 100s of thousands of e-mails will NOT make
amateurs friends at the FCC ... no matter whether the e-mails are pro-code
test
or against the code test ... all that will do is swamp the FCC's e-mail
servers
and result in them being pissed off at hams in general ... something that I
think
both pro-code testers and no-code testers OUGHT to be able to agree is
HIGHLY UNDESIRABLE and would be bad for ham radio, no matter how
you feel about Morse.

--
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2950. FUD ALERT !!!!! (was Re: With CW gone, can the CW allocations be far behind?)

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-27 16:16:40 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com>
Message-ID: <IVSUa.1830$lL.254669@nnrp1.ptd.net>
Source record: 72735
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy

"Joe Collins" <collins201@taranews.net> wrote in message
news:3871068677.165767678@taranews.net...
> Now that Bruce Parens and NCI have won the CW wars, what will happen
> to the exclusive CW allocations if a CW requirement is dropped?

WHAT "exclusive CW allocations" ??? Are you talking about
50.0-50.1 MHz and 144.0-144.1 MHz??? If not, you're operating
under a serious misunderstanding of the FCC rules and should
consider some remedial study ... you are a licensed ham, right?
(You should, therefore, know these things ...)

> Certainly there can be no argument for keeping the current band
> structure in place, and phone operations probably ought to be spread
> out into what was once exclusively reserved for CW operators. Not
> only would this alleviate the congestion in the phone bands, but it
> would finally and officially place CW into perspective: Just another
> optional mode of operation without any exclusive rights to any
> frequency.

Certainly there should NOT be an expansion of the phone bands
(this is my *personal* opinion), as that would constrain the development
of modern digital modes in (what you think is "exclusive CW allocations."

--
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2951. Re: BPL pollution ☐ file reply comments by August 6

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-27 16:24:59 UTC
From: kelly@dvol.com
Message-ID: <d22b54c3.0307270824.318dce31@posting.google.com>
Source record: 72736
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.shortwave

peter@strg-alt-entf.org (Peter Lemken) wrote in message
news:<bg03i6$j9ehk$5@ID-31.news.uni-berlin.de>...
> In rec.radio.amateur.dx Rob Kemp <robkemp90210@hotmail.com> wrote:
>
> > BPL pollution ? please file reply comments by August 6 (the FCC site
> > tends to go down close to deadlines so try and post in plenty of
> > time).
>
> You have already lost the battle.
>
> What can you say against an argument that includes "Homeland Security"?
>
> "Further, the addition of BPL facilities-based technologies will, as
> correctly recognized by the Commission, enhance homeland security by
> "creating new facilities to provide redundancy."
>
> Has anyone done a grep for 'terror' throughout these documents?
>
> And the fact that BPL has been abandoned for economic reasons in Germany
> will probably make the US-guys feel that they can do a lot better than us
> stupid Krauts. After all, we lost the war.

Both of 'em actually.

> Bye bye ham radio in the US.

Don't put that in the bank. I've seen some analyses of BPL economics,
beyond dismal. Breakeven point for recovering the initial investments
is projected to be ten years out. How do you suppose Wall Street will
react to that when that black cat gets out of the bag? Power utility
mangements have to be among the worst of all possible types to
shepherd anything hi-tech comms, they're still wrapped around steam
engines.

Check out how their brethern in the oil industry, Exxon in particular
shot itself in the foot when they got the bright idea to get into the
Qyx memory typwriter business. MBA candidates are still writing case
study theses on that disaster.

If BPL is approved in the U.S. I expect it to roll over and die almost
on the spot like it has in Germany. Or it won't be allowed in the
first place per the the Japanese example and for the same reasons.

I'm not losing a bit of sleep over the prospect of BPL wiping out HF
radio.

>
>
> Peter Lemken
> Berlin

w3rv

2952. Re: Understanding the Possible Legal Loophole of s25.5 and 97.301(e)

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-27 16:36:26 UTC
From: JJ <radiobuff0@mailcity.moc>
Message-ID: <3F23FF8A.1080008@mailcity.moc>
Source record: 72843
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.misc

D. Stussy wrote:

> The FCC, as a government agency, is bound by international treaty and law, and
> here, the international law HAS CHANGED, so any regulation that refers to it
> CAN (and in this case, HAS) been affected.
>
> It's not "element 1 credit" by itself that determines a Technician class
> licensee's operating privilege on HF. If it were, then I would agree that
> nothing has changed - but that's simply not the situation here.

Suggest you read Phil Kane's posting on the subject. As he states, the law has changed only in respect that each Administration can choose themselves about the requirement for a code test. It does not mean that the FCC has to abolish a code test. So like Phil says, nothing has changed yet.

2953. Re: CW sub-bands must disapear

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-27 16:36:38 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com>
Message-ID: <qcTUa.1831$IL.254806@nnrp1.ptd.net>
Source record: 72737

10 out of a possible 10 on the "troll-o-meter ...

Carl - wk3c

"Nomen Nescio" <nobody@dizum.com> wrote in message
news:5b8059907b021f46b1f67ca6e9f44593@dizum.com...
>
> They are only "agreements" written by
> IARU and what is IARU ? Nothing, just
> smoke ...
> The next target is to FORBID totally CW
> on ham bands below 1 GHz, because of
> pollution generated by CW and old farts
> CW coders using illegal amps. All
> no-coders hams must put a mondial complaint about CW pollution in the
> world.
> Remember TITANIC had sunk because CW
> was used. If SSB was used, the ship
> has been saved. Samuel Morse invented
> his silly code because he was not
> enough clever to invent SSB.

2954. Re: American w/ Disability Act and CW Proficiency Test

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-27 16:40:19 UTC
From: JJ <radiobuff0@mailcity.moc>
Message-ID: <3F240073.3020809@mailcity.moc>
Source record: 72844
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.misc

Keith wrote:
> On Sun, 27 Jul 2003 09:50:25 -0700, "Elmer E Ing" <EEI@dontbother.com> wrote:
>
>
>>ï¿½97.503 Element standards.
>>(a) A telegraphy examination must be sufficient to prove that the examinee
>>has the ability to send correctly by hand and to receive correctly by ear
>>texts in the international Morse code at not less than the prescribed speed,
>>using all the letters of the alphabet, numerals 0-9, period, comma, question
>>mark, slant mark and prosigns AR, BT and SK.
>>Element 1: 5 words per minute.
>
>
> That is the test, the portion of the regs we are talking about is 97.301(e).
> That portion of the regs is dependent on a international requirement for morse
> code proficiency to operate on HF. The international requirement for morse code
> proficiency has been eliminated.

But the requirement has not been eliminated in the U.S. and the change
in the international treaty is not a mandate that the requirement for a
code test must be dropped. The FCC can keep the requirement indefinitely
if they desire. Until they do drop it, nothing in the licensing
structure has changed.

>

2955. Re: Tech Licensee USA Morse Code Freedom Day is August 1st

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-27 16:44:34 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com>
Message-ID: <SjTUa.1832$lL.254718@nnrp1.ptd.net>
Source record: 72738
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb

The message below also scores a 10 out of a possible 10 on the
"troll-o-meter."

Doing what is suggested below will also be illegal, will put your
license in jeopardy, and will give ham radio a "black eye."

Please don't follow the foolish and irresponsible "advice" given
below ...

73,

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<morse@code.is.dead> wrote in message news:bfo6vm01bhh@enews3.newsguy.com...
> Let the FCC know that they can no longer keep you from your right to use
the
> ten meter band allocation if you are a technician licensee. The
international
> requirement for morse code has been removed and there is no such thing as
a
> technician plus license.
> You don't have to use your identity, but no code technicians need to
finally
> speak out to the FCC they will no longer be oppressed by rules designed
for the

> stone age of electronic technology.
> Get on the air at 6pm local time on August 1st or if the band is open any
time
> to make contacts in the 28.300-28.500 MHz that is allocated to technicians
for
> voice. Or if you have a computer you can use the allocated technician CW
bands
> to send and receive morse code.
> Currently the FCC and ARRL want to drag this morse code requirement out
for
> one or two years while they put BPL and other technology on the fast
track. I
> will be on the air and I hope 10,000 or more no code technicians will join
me.
> I guess Hollingsworth will have to require 10,000 people to turn in their
CW
> proficiency certificate if YOU will join us.
> The morse code game is over and I'm not driving 55 when the speed limit
is
> really 70 mph and the government hasn't changed the signs yet. Just go by
the
> limitation of your technician license and don't go overboard, we want to
show
> that just because we didn't pass some dinosaur morse code test that we are
bad
> operators.
> Get on 28.306 USB at 6 PM local time to talk with other no code tech's
that
> are protesting the FCC and ARRL stupidity.
>
>

2956. Re: There is no International Code Requirement and techs can operate HF according to FCC Rules

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-27 16:47:46 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com>
Message-ID: <SmTUa.1833$lL.254730@nnrp1.ptd.net>
Source record: 72739
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.misc

"Keith" <kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net> wrote in message
news:bfru1602vef@enews3.newsguy.com...
>
> That is what I'm talking about. There is no longer a international
requirement
> for morse code so tech's can pick up the microphone and talk on 10 meters.
> Here in America the FCC has to issue a warning notice, then a violation
notice
> and the person cited can then simply demand a hearing before a
administrative
> law judge. The ALJ is a pretty informal process and you just need to cite
the
> rules and they are not very strict when it comes to matters like these.
> If you have a tech license and you operate outside your allowed bands
like pop
> up in the twenty meter band and keep it up they might come after you. But
if
> you meet the international requirements and stay in the HF TECH bands it
is not
> a violation of the rules and no one can verify if you have passed a horse
and
> buggy CW test any god damn way.

All the removal of the international requirement in the ITU Radio
Regulations
does is to allow each administration to determine on its own whether or not
to keep a Morse test.

Most will eliminate it ...

The US has NOT done so yet, so what is suggested above would be ILLEGAL,
put your license in jeopardy, and give all of ham radio a black eye.

And YES, the FCC *does* have records of which Techs have HF privs, so the
writer above is totally wrong.

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2957. Re: Understanding the Possible Legal Loophole of s25.5 and 97.301(e)

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-27 16:49:23 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com>
Message-ID: <noTUa.1834$IL.255006@nnrp1.ptd.net>
Source record: 72740
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.misc

FCC rules have NOT changed (yet) ... Techs are STILL not allowed
HF privs unless they have passed, and have documented credit for,
the 5 wpm Morse test ...

Don't let the writers in this thread talk you into ILLEGAL operation.

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"Keith" <kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net> wrote in message
news:bfsbqs02pjn@enews2.newsguy.com...
> On Fri, 25 Jul 2003 21:56:50 GMT, "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net> wrote:
>
> > While not a violation of the international treaty, it would be a
violation
> > of the current FCC rules. They are quite clear that Techs (at this
time)
> > must have passed a code test to use HF.
>
> NO! This is what the rules say:
>
> s97.301(e) reads:
> >
> > For a station having a control operator who has been
> > granted an operator license of Novice Class or Technician

> > Class and who has received credit for proficiency in
> > telegraphy in accordance with the international requirements.
> > ^^
> > (followed by frequency table)
> >
>
> Now we have the new regs from WRC that are NOW in effect. They require no
morse
> code test except set down by the administration so a tech licensee should
be in
> compliance with the requirement set down in 97.301(e) There is no
requirement
> for morse code test except for the requirement by the international morse
code
> requirements.
>
>
>
>
>
> > The 'international requirements' (ITU-R s25.5) now read:
> >
> > Administrations shall determine whether or not a person seeking a
licence
> > to operate an amateur station shall demonstrate the ability to send and
> > receive texts in Morse code signals.
> >
>
> The ARRL tried to pull a fast one, but the way the FCC rules are written
it
> appears that it doesn't hold water with current regulations as set down by
the
> FCC.
>
> Don't worry I'm going to get real legal advice on this.
>
> 1. FCC requires compliance with international morse code regulation.
> 2. The international morse code regulation is changed to something
completely
> different and no longer has any morse code proficiency requirement except
what
> the administration of that country requires.
> 3. The FCC, the administration of the USA, only requires the tech licensee
to
> comply with the morse code proficiency requirements required by
international
> requirements.
> 4. The international requirements have no requirement to know morse code.
>
> This could be a legal loop hole.

>
>
> --
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2958. Re: American w/ Disability Act and CW Proficiency Test

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-27 16:50:25 UTC
From: Elmer E Ing <EEI@dontbother.com>
Message-ID: <lpTUa.11803$ff.5170@fed1read01>
Source record: 72741
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.misc

SEE PART 97
§97.501 Qualifying for an amateur operator license.
Each applicant must pass an examination for a new amateur operator license grant and for each change in operator class. Each applicant for the class of operator license grant specified below must pass, or otherwise receive examination credit for, the following examination elements:

(a) Amateur Extra Class operator: Elements 1, 2, 3, and 4;

(b) General Class operator: Elements 1, 2, and 3;

(c) Technician Class operator: Element 2.

§97.503 Element standards.
(a) A telegraphy examination must be sufficient to prove that the examinee has the ability to send correctly by hand and to receive correctly by ear texts in the international Morse code at not less than the prescribed speed, using all the letters of the alphabet, numerals 0-9, period, comma, question mark, slant mark and prosigns AR, BT and SK.
Element 1: 5 words per minute.

"Keith" <kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net> wrote in message
news:bg0e1811mkj@enews2.newsguy.com...
> On Sun, 27 Jul 2003 07:03:01 -0400, "Spamhater" <nospam@nospam.com> wrote:
>
> > It is very apparent you have yet to crack open a copy of Part 95
>
> I have read part 95 and I don't recall ever seeing anything about a morse
code
> test.
>
>
> --
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2959. Re: ATTN: Tech Licensee USA Morse Code Freedom Day is August 1st

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-27 16:57:14 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com>
Message-ID: <KvTUa.1836$IL.255120@nnrp1.ptd.net>
Source record: 72742
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb

"Kim W5TIT" <fahgedit@nomail.net> wrote in message
news:bfskrg$fm9$1@adenine.netfront.net...
>
> And, as I understand it, only until they "renew" or change their callsign,
> correct? In other words, when I renew my license, or if I change my
> callsign, I would only be licensed as a Technician, I think.
>
> Kim W5TIT

Kim, et al,

While currently-valid TechPlus licenses will be renewed as Tech,
the holders thereof, having credit for a 5 wpm Morse test, will
continue to maintain their current HF privs ... the FCC has records
of who has code credit and who doesn't, so no-code Techs should
NOT, repeat NOT, try to use HF.

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2960. BAD IDEA for ham radio in general (was Re: Contact the FCC and Tell Them to get rid of CW Test and Requirements)

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-27 17:01:49 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com>
Message-ID: <1ATUa.1837$IL.255190@nnrp1.ptd.net>
Source record: 72743

While the intent may be good, this is a REALLY BAD idea ...

Flooding the FCC Commissioner's e-mail inboxes with such
letters will only piss them off ... at ALL of ham radio, not
just pro-code-test or no-code test factions.

There is a right way and a wrong way to do this ... and this
is DEFINITELY the WRONG way.

Those who support the elimination of the Morse test from US
FCC rules would be well-advised to join NCI
http://www.nocode.org
and follow the news.

NCI's Board of Directors is working the strategy for how to
best approach the FCC on this matter and we will keep the
membership informed when we have finalized those discussions.
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"Keith" <kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net> wrote in message
news:bfobj80lhb@enews2.newsguy.com...
> As long as no code techs and others that are interested in HF ham radio
> operation do nothing the FCC and the ARRL will drag their feet to keep
this

> dinosaur technology for the next year or so.
> Write the FCC and let them know this is not satisfactory. There are
200,000+
> hams that deserve immediate access to the HF bands today.
>
> To Contact the Commissioners via E-mail
> Chairman Michael K. Powell: mpowell@fcc.gov
> Commissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy: kabernat@fcc.gov
> Commissioner Michael J. Copps: mcopps@fcc.gov
> Commissioner Kevin J. Martin: kjmweb@fcc.gov
> Commissioner Jonathan S. Adelstein: jadelste@fcc.gov
>
> If you do nothing then nothing can change. The squeaky wheel gets the
grease.
>
> http://groups.yahoo.com/group/CWProtest/
>
> --
> The Radio Page Ham, Police Scanner, Shortwave and more.
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2961. Re: BAD IDEA for ham radio in general (was Re: Contact the FCC and Tell Them to get rid of CW Test and Requirements)

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-27 17:02:22 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
Message-ID: <3F240523.4040303@adelphia.net>
Source record: 72744

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>
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> letters will only piss them off ... at ALL of ham radio, not
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> is DEFINITELY the WRONG way.
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> http://www.nocode.org
> and follow the news.
>
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> best approach the FCC on this matter and we will keep the
> membership informed when we have finalized those discussions.

Ya gotta get your people under control, Carl! 8^)

- Mike KB3EIA -

2962. Re: Amateur Radio "outside the box"

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-27 17:07:58 UTC
From: Elmer E Ing <EEI@dontbother.com>
Message-ID: <6NTUa.11807$ff.5956@fed1read01>
Source record: 72747

Oh man can't you read. The tech side of Ham Radio was explained to you in a previous post.

First contesting and DXing -- many hams do not get into this at all. Our club of 600+ only has 10 hams who are into contesting. And about 20 who DX.

Here in my area is a microwave homebrew group, homebrew classes, ATV building group -- lots of others. Who do you think builds Ham Satellites, does EME, Meteor scatter, builds repeaters, et al. That's the tech folks

Your observations are just that -- yours without any basis in fact.

Quit beating up on Amateur Radio.

"Vshah101" <vshah101@aol.com> wrote in message news:20030727093021.14537.00000831@mb-m04.aol.com...
> Amateur radio "outside the box"
>
> Although there are many possible amateur-radio activities, Hams tend to focus
> on a certain group of activities. Often, they are followed in the manner
> accepted by tradition.
>
> The typical Ham activity is making short QSOs for contests and awards. Contests
> are events where Hams try to make as many contacts on specified bands as
> possible. Awards are often given by how many locations are contacted
> ("worked"). For example, there are Worked All States, Worked 100 countries,
> etc. Notice that traditional Ham radio awards are given for the number of
> contacts or for how many contacts in a given time period.
>
> This is a competitive activity. Hams compete to obtain the best contest score,
> or to obtain award certificates. Hams seem to have this type of mode of
> operation, and it seems to be the same at almost every club. I have nothing
> against competition. Also, I have nothing against Hams doing what they enjoy
> doing. But, I would like to point out that there are other types of competition
> possible. And there are other types of activities and interests.
>
> Because no such clubs exist right now that cater to these interests, there is

> no avenue for one to pursue these interests. Things like expense and the
large
> amount of time it takes for an individual (vs a group who share an
interest),
> tend to not allow these new interests to surface. Also, the current group
of
> Hams wants to do things their way and have little acceptance for different
> types of activities. By not providing an avenue for others to pursue their
> interests, these other Amateur-radio activities do not get done. Some
people
> would become frustrated when they go to clubs and no one shares their
> interests. This has the effect of reducing the number of people that stay
in
> the hobby.
>
> ---
> ---
> -------
> Here are some other possibilities in amateur radio.
>
> More radio direction finding challenges.
> The gaming aspect of this activity is appealing to some. Also, it uses
more
> physical activity than sitting at a station making contacts.
>
> Homebrewing challenges.
> Lets have some homebrewing challenges. How about building small circuits,
e.g.
> using SMT? I don't see small batteries at Hamfests, so I know this isn't
being
> done. How about ATV using a homebrewed project?
>
> Often Hams will not show interest in a project, just because it doesn't
hook up
> to their radio. Just because a particular rf project may not involve a
radio
> (for example, radio controlled planes), shouldn't make it off limits. If
its
> rf, its still radio. How about radio controlled planes, Doppler radar, or
> VHF/UHF amplifiers?
>
> APRS.
> Lets get more people using the capabilities of APRS. All I see at Hamfests
is a
> map with active locations showing. New interesting applications should be
> tested. Perhaps tracking a radio in a car. How about having both cars
move, and
> one follows the other using APRS. Most Hams do not do this. This would be
an
> interesting group activity.

>
> Training.
> Lets have dedicated training. Either in the clubs, or as training seminars
for
> better amateur radio operation, emergency preparedness, etc. Clubs often
just
> have one lecture and then some club business. Better to have some demo
setups
> and have people use some radios. More training should be offered. However,
I
> don't know how many Hams would like that or would be willing to pay for
> training. Topics could include: generator power, connector assembly,
antenna
> tuning and setup, troubleshooting. Perhaps some rf measurements training.
Maybe
> some circuit design topics.
>
> DXpeditions.
> Enjoy a DXpedition. One thing I have noticed is that Hams often go to
> DXpeditions and don't do anything other than operate radios. At one club
> meeting I went to, one person gave a presentation about how he went to
this
> exotic location and all he did is setup antennas, and make contacts. He
had
> nothing to say about that location. At a Hamfest, I saw a film of another
group
> of Hams going to another country and all they did is setup antennas and
make
> contacts.
>
> I went to a DXpedition - definitely a vacation spot- with a group of Hams.
I
> saw this tendency firsthand. They did exactly the same thing! I wanted to
go to
> the beach, take a drive, etc., but the Hams were only interested in making
> radio contacts on various modes.
>
> I don't see the point of the DXpedition. Were they doing a duty to that
> location, making sure the location is activated and gets QSOs? Working the
> location for a few hours qualifies as getting the benefits of working that
> location. There is no need to work the location for 8+ hours. They made
> contacts for hours throughout the day and through Saturday night.
>
> It seems the only non-radio activity Hams participate is in eating. (I did
> manage to get a few road trips because I volunteered to pick up food. Most
of
> the Hams stayed at the shack.) They missed out on the scenic beach, the
small
> town atmosphere. What's the point of going to a vacation location if the
> experience is the same as working QSOs at home? There needs to be some

balance.
>
> Yesterday, I went to that club's cookout. As usual, the club was mostly
older
> males. There were one woman. She asked what we did at the DXpedition.
Perhaps
> she might attend next year's event. One of the people that went there said
all
> they did is operate radios. The woman asked, "Is that all you did? You
didn't
> go to the beach or anything?" I imagine, going to a vacation spot and not
doing
> any vacation stuff is not appealing to women and young people. Also, the
idea
> of making repeated contacts at a radio is boring to some people. Ham radio
has
> a social component as well as a technical component. If you make the
social
> aspect intolerable, few will want to stay in the hobby. Ham radio probably
> loses a lot of people this way.
>
> Meetings at different places.
> Hams have club meetings and other events. Often, these events are food
related.
> Barbecues, weekly Saturday breakfasts, etc.
>
> My suggestion is that instead of meeting weekly to eat, why not meet at a
new
> "fun" place each week. How about the park, a boat ride, etc. Make it a new
> place every week. Cost is not the problem. Often these events cost less
than
> the overpriced breakfast buffet. It may take some work (mostly scheduling
and
> informing people), but not much. And it's well worth it.
>
> Meet a Ham.
> And lets try to contact Hams, not just short QSOs to work bands or
locations
> for awards. This includes developing lasting contacts. And even the
possibility
> to meet your contact off the air.
>
> ---
> ---
> -------
> Lets overcome one's limitations, compete, and have fun. Feel free to add
to
> this list. Feel free to do amateur radio "outside the box".
>
>

2963. Re: Germany Next?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-27 17:11:11 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com>
Message-ID: <PITUa.1838$IL.255249@nnrp1.ptd.net>
Source record: 72745
Cross-posted to: uk.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.policy

"Alun Palmer" <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote in message
news:Xns93C49050753elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4...
> "Steve Terry" <g4wwk@despammed.com> wrote in
> news:bfsv6f$j0cfu$1@ID-191782.news.uni-berlin.de:
>
> > "Brian Reay" <brian.reay@bigfoot.com> wrote in message
> > news:bfrmlj$huhlv$1@ID-140397.news.uni-berlin.de...
> >> "Alun Palmer" <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote in message
> >> news:Xns93C37A202C646elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4...
> >> > According to recent posts in de.comm.ham, Germany will abolish the
> >> > code test on the 6th of August, by a notice published in issue
> >> > number 15 of the official journal to be published on the 30th of
> >> > July. Apparently, this appeared in 'Funkamateur' magazine.
> >>
> >> ANOTHER one of Walt's stories debunked ;-)
> >>
> > That's the worrying thing, the Brians are taking over der Welt.
> >
> > Brian's uber allis !
> >
> > Steve Terry
>
> To be fair to Walt, there were rumours out of WRC 2003 to the effect that
> DL would keep the CW test (as well as the former Soviet bloc and possibly
> China). It is a surprise that Germany will in fact be third to ditch the
> test (unless someone else sneaks in before the 6th of August!), but life
> would be boring without surprises. Perhaps Russia will surprise us and
> follow Germany?

The German administration had already been on public record as stating
that they would eliminate Morse tests if the WRC eliminated the intl.
requirement.

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2964. Re: Can I get a Ham license?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-27 17:15:45 UTC
From: Elmer E Ing <EEI@dontbother.com>
Message-ID: <6NTUa.11808$ff.238@fed1read01>
Source record: 72748

Why not get a Finnish license and when you visit the USA -- there are
reciprocal agreements -- see URL:
http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/regulations/io/#foreign

"Aj" <arttu.jauhiainen@phnet.fi> wrote in message
news:IARUa.2073$HC4.217@reader1.news.jippii.net...
> Hello. I live in Finland and I'm a finish citizen. Would it be possible to
> get an american amateur radio license?
>
>

2965. Re: BAD IDEA for ham radio in general (was Re: Contact the FCC and Tell Them to get rid of CW Test and Requirements)

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-27 17:16:21 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com>
Message-ID: <FNTUa.1839$IL.255297@nnrp1.ptd.net>
Source record: 72746

"Mike Coslo" <mcoslo@adelphia.net> wrote in message
news:3F240523.4040303@adelphia.net...
> Carl R. Stevenson wrote:
> > While the intent may be good, this is a REALLY BAD idea ...
> >
> > Flooding the FCC Commissioner's e-mail inboxes with such
> > letters will only piss them off ... at ALL of ham radio, not
> > just pro-code-test or no-code test factions.
> >
> > There is a right way and a wrong way to do this ... and this
> > is DEFINITELY the WRONG way.
> >
> > Those who support the elimination of the Morse test from US
> > FCC rules would be well-advised to join NCI
> > http://www.nocode.org
> > and follow the news.
> >
> > NCI's Board of Directors is working the strategy for how to
> > best approach the FCC on this matter and we will keep the
> > membership informed when we have finalized those discussions.
>
> Ya gotta get your people under control, Carl! 8^)

I'm not sure who you're referring to when you say "my people" ...
the ownership of people was abolished many, many years ago.

I am simply trying to provide good advice to folks who might
be overly eager and get carried away in ways that would be
bad for ALL of ham radio.

Carl - wk3c

2966. Re: CORRECTION!!!

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-27 17:19:53 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307270919.6a699be3@posting.google.com>
Source record: 72750

k4nlz - Dusty <(no spam)k4nlz@comcast.net> wrote in message
news:<kog3iv0a2oc37b0q1m6s9ag5s7k25ahku6@4ax.com>...
> your premise is flawed because you do not take into
> consideration the entirety of ham radio. ham radio is
> what it is because it is filled with a rich texture of history
> and experience. Like the Kentucky Derby and
> Wimbleton , for example. There are plenty of horse
> races and tennis tournaments , but only one " ham radio.
> (is this too complicated for you ??) The first attempt at a
> codeless radio license resulted in Citizen's Band. Popular
> in the '70s but wasted away to what it is now ... and include
> the newer citizen's bands into this too. This , plus many people
> are frequently too LAZY (or poorly motivated < yourself perhaps >
> to continue the rich tradition of morse in HR) and eliminating the
> morse requirement would " definitely " force the eventual end of
> CW on the bands.
> There are PLENTY of non morse opportunities , currently , in ham
> radio (too many for my tastes) .... taking away the morse
> requirement completely , would mean the end of the rich tradition of
> hamming and rob everyone (that comes after) of the history and rich
> experiences that morse can bring. (ever heard of " wolf hung ???
> I doubt it ...!! understanding the spirit of woulf hung resolves it
> all)
> Ham radio without morse is NOT REAL hamradio ... it's " radio "
> minus it's rich history and texture of life.
>
> there I said that ......
>
> dusty
> k4nlz
>
> morse is joyous and something EVERY serious ham radio enthusiast
> should learn the love (of radio) with-in . the ethereal bliss of
> morse communication " cannot " be merely spoken of , it must be "
> personally " (internally) experienced to be fully appreciated.
> traditional " ham radio " is NOT really ham radio without it. if
> you have experienced this bliss personally , you understand
> completely , if NOT ... you do not fully appreciate ALL that ham
> radio offers. either you " have , or you are still not " there "
> yet. there is FAR more to morse than many people appreciate or
> understand ... I highly recommend that you experience it for yourself,
> completely , ... then YOU will understand also. (and be MUCH
> richer for the experience)

Thanks, but I already have a buggy whip. It has texture and history, but rests in a display case now. The Morse horse died a long time ago, and there's no sense in beating it again and again and again. It just stirs up the stink.

Brian

2967. Re: Understanding the Possible Legal Loophole of s25.5 and 97.301(e)

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-27 17:20:17 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bg11kiqjb1@adenine.netfront.net>
Source record: 72851
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.misc

"Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> wrote in message
news:noTUa.1834$lL.255006@nnrp1.ptd.net...
> FCC rules have NOT changed (yet) ... Techs are STILL not allowed
> HF privs unless they have passed, and have documented credit for,
> the 5 wpm Morse test ...
>
> Don't let the writers in this thread talk you into ILLEGAL operation.
>
> --
> Carl R. Stevenson - wk3c

I understand your caution, Carl. But, somehow, if one is willing to ignore existing R&R, or maybe doesn't even understand them, in an area where they would "experiment," don't they kind of deserve whatever trouble they would have coming their way?

Kim W5TIT

Posted via news://freenews.netfront.net
Complaints to news@netfront.net

2968. Re: CORRECTION!!!

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-27 17:22:31 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307270922.3fe592d8@posting.google.com>
Source record: 72852

k4yz@aol.com (Steve Robeson, K4CAP) wrote in message
news:<5c01b95b.0307270253.4b796ede@posting.google.com>...
> lenover21@aol.com (Len Over 21) wrote in message
news:<20030727012727.24390.00001397@mb-m19.aol.com>...
> > In article <kog3iv0a2oc37b0q1m6s9ag5s7k25ahku6@4ax.com>, k4nlz - Dusty <(no
> > spam)k4nlz@comcast.net> writes:
>
> > > there is FAR more to morse than many people appreciate or
> > >understand ... I highly recommend that you experience it for yourself,
> > >completely , ... then YOU will understand also. (and be MUCH
> > >richer for the experience)
> >
> > Sigh...another pro-coder flip-out.
> >
> > I recommend a competent psychiatrist, Dusty. You've become FAR
> > too involved in your religious zeal. You've forgotten that trained zeals
> > are no longer the attraction they once were.
>
> Dusty, welcome to RRAP and RRAP's resident NON-LICENSED
> antagonist and documented pathological liar, Leonard H. Anderson.

Steve, this was worthy of an entirely new thread. You must be slipping. bb

2969. Re: BPL pollution - file reply comments by August 6

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-27 17:40:27 UTC
From: Hank Oredson <horedson@att.net>
Message-ID: <f8UUa.73775$3o3.4975431@bgtnsc05-news.ops.worldnet.att.net>
Source record: 72853
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.shortwave

"Brian Kelly" <kelly@dvol.com> wrote in message
news:d22b54c3.0307270824.318dce31@posting.google.com...
> peter@strg-alt-entf.org (Peter Lemken) wrote in message
news:<bg03i6$j9ehk$5@ID-31.news.uni-berlin.de>...
> > In rec.radio.amateur.dx Rob Kemp <robkemp90210@hotmail.com> wrote:
> >
> > > BPL pollution ? please file reply comments by August 6 (the FCC site
> > > tends to go down close to deadlines so try and post in plenty of
> > > time).
> >
> > You have already lost the battle.
> >
> > What can you say against an argument that includes "Homeland Security"?
> >
> > "Further, the addition of BPL facilities-based technologies will, as
> > correctly recognized by the Commission, enhance homeland security by
> > "creating new facilities to provide redundancy."
> >
> > Has anyone done a grep for 'terror' throughout these documents?
> >
> > And the fact that BPL has been abandoned for economic reasons in Germany
> > will probably make the US-guys feel that they can do a lot better than us
> > stupid Krauts. After all, we lost the war.
>
> Both of 'em actually.
>
> > Bye bye ham radio in the US.
>
> Don't put that in the bank. I've seen some analyses of BPL economics,
> beyond dismal. Breakeven point for recovering the initial investments
> is projected to be ten years out. How do you suppose Wall Street will
> react to that when that black cat gets out of the bag? Power utility
> mangements have to be among the worst of all possible types to
> shepherd anything hi-tech comms, they're still wrapped around steam
> engines.
>
> Check out how their brethern in the oil industry, Exxon in particular
> shot itself in the foot when they got the bright idea to get into the
> Qyx memory typwriter business. MBA candidates are still writing case
> study theses on that disaster.
>
> If BPL is approved in the U.S. I expect it to roll over and die almost
> on the spot like it has in Germany. Or it won't be allowed in the

> first place per the the Japanese example and for the same reasons.
>
> I'm not losing a bit of sleep over the prospect of BPL wiping out HF
> radio.

Seems to me that HF radio wiping out BPL is a more probable scenario :-)

> >
> > Peter Lemken
> > Berlin
>
> w3rv

--

... Hank

Hank: http://horedson.home.att.net
W0RLI: http://w0rli.home.att.net

2970. Re: BAD IDEA for ham radio in general (was Re: Contact the FCC and Tell Them to get rid of CW Test and Requirements)

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-27 17:48:31 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
Message-ID: <3F240FF3.1060108@adelphia.net>
Source record: 72854

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Carl R. Stevenson wrote:
> "Mike Coslo" <mcoslo@adelphia.net> wrote in message
> news:3F240523.4040303@adelphia.net...
>
>> Carl R. Stevenson wrote:
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>>>
>>> Flooding the FCC Commissioner's e-mail inboxes with such letters
>>> will only piss them off ... at ALL of ham radio, not just
>>> pro-code-test or no-code test factions.
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>>> rules would be well-advised to join NCI http://www.nocode.org and
>>> follow the news.
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>>> NCI's Board of Directors is working the strategy for how to best
>>> approach the FCC on this matter and we will keep the membership
>>> informed when we have finalized those discussions.
>>
>> Ya gotta get your people under control, Carl! 8^)
>
>
> I'm not sure who you're referring to when you say "my people" ... the
> ownership of people was abolished many, many years ago.

Not a very good deflection try.

Your people are the people on your side of this argument, quite simply.

These are the people I made a note of some time ago when I wrote to
youand some others about what comes next for the ARS.

These are the people that while they may not share all your views,
arereally excited about what you have played a large part in bringing
tofruition. It's like a 50 percent discount, and they want it bad. Many
would like evn more. And whether you like or not, you have given
themgreat encouragement through your efforts.

Nothing stands still. Where does the ARS go from here? I see lots
ofpostings from people who want to do bizzare, illogical, and plain
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wronginterpretation of rules, I see calls for elinimation of the subbands,lots of good stuff.

So yes, they are very much "your" people, Carl. And unless you get them under control, they may do grave damage to the ARS.

Do you think that they are going to pay one bit of attention to people like us PCTA's? It's up to you as a leader to get them under control. Good luck.

> I am simply trying to provide good advice to folks who might be
> overly eager and get carried away in ways that would be bad for ALL
> of ham radio.

Good idea, I agree 100 percent.

- Mike KB3EIA -

2971. Re: American w/ Disability Act and CW Proficiency Test

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-27 17:51:15 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
Message-ID: <3F241097.8040805@adelphia.net>
Source record: 72855

Kim W5TIT wrote:
> "Keith" <kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net> wrote in message
> news:bg0pc9022c7@enews2.newsguy.com...
>
>>On 27 Jul 2003 14:22:09 GMT, n2ey@aol.com (N2EY) wrote:
>>
>>
>>>If you're going to go that route, then all of the questions in the
>>
> written
>
>>>tests about voice modes have to go as well, because there's no way deaf
>>
> people
>
>>>are going to use SSB, either.
>>
>>I'd love to see someone with a hearing disability receive weak signal CW
>
> on 80
>
>>meters in the middle of July. Requiring a deaf person to pass a code test
>
> to
>
>>get a ham license is like making a blind person pass a drivers test before
>>riding the bus, you never know when driver will pass out and the blind
>
> will
>
>>have to take the wheel of the bus.
>> You are really crazy along with your pals at the ARRRRRRLLLL. This hang
>
> on to
>
>>morse code forever crap is the reason that ham radio is going to die.
>>
>
>
> And you're arguments backed by idiocy are the reason those of us who
> logically argue against a CW test get the flak that we do. To say the
> things you say of the deaf, or any other handicapped you might *think* you
> are taking up for, is narrow minded and pretty damned discriminatory of you.

But these people are there, Kim. And there seems to be quite a few of 'em. Just some of the folk we can look forward to soon.

- Mike KB3EIA -

2972. Re: With CW gone, can the CW allocations be far behind?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-27 17:54:01 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
Message-ID: <3F24113D.1090600@adelphia.net>
Source record: 72856
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy

Stu Parker wrote:
> On Sun, 27 Jul 2003 16:16:40 GMT, Carl R. Stevenson <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> wrote:
> [snip]
>
> Go ahead. Pick at nits. We all know what he meant.
>
> But the point is well-taken. If CW is to be removed as a
> *requirement* for a ham license, then its special status has
> evaporated. Why give it any band-plan perks at all? CW operators can
> already operate in the phone bands (most of them don't, but that's a
> free choice), so why not accord the phone users the same freedom of
> choice?
>
> I'd be in favor of reserving a very small portion of each HF band for
> rtty, psk31, etc., but I'd let all modes permitted by an operator's
> license be used everywhere else.
>
> In other words, it is legitimate and useful to reevaluate the entire
> band-plan structure of the Amateur Radio Service, and it is even
> thinkable that what is commonly called the "cw portion" of the bands
> should be reallocated.

Well, Carl, here is a well thought out and well presented argument.
Your answer?

- Mike KB3EIA -

2973. Re: Ham Radio Rescue in California Press

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-27 17:55:00 UTC
From: David Lafferty <dplaff@cox-internet.com>
Message-ID: <vi84grm8di7obe@corp.supernews.com>
Source record: 72857

W5TIT = "Plonk"

Shaking head in amazement...

2974. Re: Ham Radio In The Post-Code Testing Era

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-27 18:13:09 UTC
From: Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net>
Message-ID: <b0i5ivcvsfa0nd53ogp2bdvv4q29rlu1o2@4ax.com>
Source record: 72859

On 26 Jul 2003 02:39:49 GMT, yodoc@aol.comnospam (Larry Roll K3LT)
wrote:

>In article <hb6uhvshckmt34cbegpo197t7iqdhv6428@4ax.com>, Radio Amateur KC2HMZ
><kc2hmz@aa-mail.net> writes:
>
>>Funny, though, I have yet to meet anyone who's told me they wish their
>>parents had made them learn Morse. <shrug>
>
>John:
>
>I wish my parents had made me learn the Morse code.
>
>73 de Larry, K3LT

I really should have known that was coming... :-)

73 DE John, KC2HMZ

2975. Re: How Ugly Can One Creep Be?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-27 18:13:10 UTC
From: Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net>
Message-ID: <abi5ivc5qtg6tt1hkhd516qho6sd6pi5hm@4ax.com>
Source record: 72858

On 26 Jul 2003 02:22:12 GMT, n2ey@aol.com (N2EY) wrote:

>I may have told this one before, but years ago I was in North Tonawanda as part
>of a project for work. February, of course, and of course that particular job
>involved lots of time out-of-doors. Some vendors took us to lunch at the place
>where wings allegedly were invented.

North Tonawanda (or just NT to us locals) is my home town. I still
spend more time in NT than in the Township of Tonawanda where I live
now. Assuming they took you to the correct place, that would be the
Anchor Bar on Main Street in Buffalo.

>One of the vendors salesfolk made the
>mistake of saying "you can't make 'em too hot and spicy for me". The restaurant
>staff proved him wrong.

...and I'd bet they cackled with glee while he was consuming mass
quantities of whatever available liquid was nearby.

73 DE John, KC2HMZ

2976. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-27 18:13:11 UTC
From: Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net>
Message-ID: <toi5ivsinv9qad8483ues3m3g81v8oe8rr@4ax.com>
Source record: 72860

On 25 Jul 2003 03:43:07 GMT, yodoc@aol.comnospam (Larry Roll K3LT)
wrote:

>In article <m4d0iv8c3pl55dd3r9pq9duvp4d9dcahcl@4ax.com>, Radio Amateur KC2HMZ
><kc2hmz@aa-mail.net> writes:
>
>>>Oh, you mean like "disconnecting" antenna rotor control boxes with a
>>>pair of dikes? Yes, indeed.
>>
>>Is that how you highly technical CW ops handle it? Wow, I'll have to
>>suggest that to our ops next year...NOT!
>
>John:
>
>Actually, it's not as bad an idea as it sounds. We do it that way because
>we leave the color-coded wire ends on the control box terminals, making
>it easy to duplicate the setup the next time. Wiring charts tend to get
>lost. Now, if only I could figure out a way to make my technically-
>inclined fellow hams stop putting 3-element HF Yagi antennas together
>with the director and reflector elements reversed! And don't suggest
>that I number the elements and boom 1,2,3ï¿½that doesn't seem to cut
>any ice with them!

Given any thought to color-coding? :-)

>>Amazing what you can do when gravity is working in your favor rather
>>than against you, isn't it? That wire that took six shots with a
>>slingshot to get over just the right tree branch comes down on the
>>*first* try when you cut the rope, almost as if by magic!
>
>Yup, it sure does! And some idiot usually manages to get whacked by
>the balun when it does -- which is why we pass out the hard hats!

This reminded me of the year the guy with the bow and arrow had to
leave for work before they got the wire antenna for the phone station
up. The antenna was eventually raised by tying the rope around a
hammer and throwing the hammer up over the desired tree limbs. On not
one but two occasions the hammer ended up in the Erie Canal
(fortunately with the rope still attached, which you can rest assured
greatly facilitated recovery of the hammer).

On the first such attempt the SPLASH! produced by the hammer as it
entered the water attracted the attention of some people standing on
the deck of the boat that happened to be passing by at the time. They
fixed us with an icy glare, apparently wondering of we had thrown
something at them or their boat, but after watching us for awhile they

were able to figure out what we were doing.

At that point they continued their journey downstream, and after a few seconds their boat came around past the row of trees so we were able to see what it said on the side of the hull in big red letters:

SHERIFF

None of us was surprised when our volunteer hammer thrower seemed to wait longer than necessary before commencing his next toss. Once the sheriff's patrol boat was out of range, sight, and earshot, he fired again and nailed the desired branch perfectly. Great...one tree down, one more to go. We walked down there, and his first shot produces another SPLASH! Luckily, no boats in range this time (one bystander remarked it would probably have been the State Police this time). After another few tries he scored another bullseye and we hauled our wire antenna (160 feet, fed with ladder line) into the air, tied everything off very securely, and shut the gate on the chain-link fence that runs the entire length of the park right below where that antenna gets hung every year (makes a great counterpoise).

Every year since then, we've used one of those slingshots with a fishing reel mounted on it. No more hammers - we don't want to spend our food budget for the entire FD to bail one of our station captains out of the county lockup!

73 DE John, KC2HMZ

2977. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-27 18:13:12 UTC
From: Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net>
Message-ID: <2tj5iv4ks84hdt5m1porjmlv7jrfsfrsgg@4ax.com>
Source record: 72861

On 25 Jul 2003 03:43:08 GMT, yodoc@aol.comnospam (Larry Roll K3LT)
wrote:

>In article <bfpetd$gqsk8$3@ID-189073.news.uni-berlin.de>, "Ryan, KC8PMX"
><kc8pmx@diamondcs.net> writes:
>
>>Okay, thanks Larry, just wanted to clarify that.
>>
>>One last other question, define "whining." Is that anything that you just
>>don't want to hear, or ?? Again, I am asking this actually seriously, not
>>fecetiously (sp.?) At least I am attempting to see your side of
>>it.....
>>
>>One could view anything that they don't wanna hear as whining, and if thats
>>the case I hear thousands of "whining words" on a daily basis.
>
>Ryan:
>
>I would define "whining" as "shrill, uncontrolled complaint, usually made on
>a topic of concern to the individual making the complaint

...such as Morse code testing in the ARS?

>but without any
>particular basis for objection other than the subject in question is a matter
>which the individual feels powerless to control,

...such as the fact that Morse code testing in the ARS is likely to go
away, sooner or later?

>or chooses not to control
>by virtue of the personal effort or expense involved. The "whining" is usually
>directed at a person or organization the "whiner" considers to be responsible
>for the situation to which the "whiner" objects.

...such as NCTAs who have the unmitigated audacity to express their
opinion on the subject?

>
>I will admit that most mature, hard-working, industrious and ingenious people
>definitely "don't want to hear" whining.

Who does?

> For example, I certainly didn't
>appreciate being accused of being like Hitler,

As an aside to this topic, does anyone know for sure whether ol'
Adolph knew Morse code? Just curious...

>and in favor of things like
>"ethnic cleansing" because I supported the concept of code testing in the ARS.
>I truly could have done without hearing that, to be sure!

Well, I haven't seen you post anything suggesting that no-code hams be
rounded up and sent to concentration camps or anything like that...not
yet anyway...so I guess I'll give you the benefit of the doubt. :-)

Despite all the shrill, uncontrolled complaints - on both sides of the
issue - the international requirement is no more. The testing
requirement in the USA probably will follow suit sooner or later.
Hmmm...maybe it *is* an ethnic thing: Does red whine or white whine go
best with crow?

>For one thing, it
>quite possibly could have spared me the time I've spent on Usenet in the
>last 14 years.

Now there's a shrill, uncontrolled complaint if I ever heard one.

73 DE John, KC2HMZ

2978. Re: Why don't Real Hams you face the facts?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-27 18:13:13 UTC
From: Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net>
Message-ID: <lqk5ivg30rc5jqme6ocejkavn733uctokk@4ax.com>
Source record: 72862

On 22 Jul 2003 15:42:21 GMT, yodoc@aol.comnospam (Larry Roll K3LT)
wrote:

>Texas "perps" know that if they do try to knock the place over for a few bucks
>to buy some cocaine, they'll have to wade through a quagmire of 115 gr.
>9mm GDHP's flying at them at 1400 fps to get at their intended target!

I prefer number 8 or 9 birdshot with a skeet load for interior
defensive use. However, there are better handgun loads for the
purpose, most notably .357 Magnum and .40 S&W.

>BTW, If I were the owner of a convenience store, I'd have a special door
>chime that played a .WAV of a 12-ga. pump-action shotgun being racked
>every time someone came in after sundown.

Don't forget the voice-over - Clint Eastwood's line from Dirty Harry,
"Punk, go ahead - make my day!"

73 DE John, KC2HMZ
Hollow Points: when you care enough to send the very best.

2979. Re: What of NCI?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-27 18:22:27 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030727142227.02197.00001607@mb-m12.aol.com>
Source record: 72864

In article <2XdQa.337$lL.27733@nnrp1.ptd.net>, "Carl R. Stevenson"
<wk3cqth@wk3c.com> writes:

>> That could be what I was thinking of. Quoted by ya'll referring to Fred.
>> But I distinctly remember there being a discussion about lowering the
>> technical test requirements and that NCI was in favor of that.
>
>NCI was NOT in favor of that ... Fred, and Fred alone, in his capacity
>on the QPC, stated something to the effect that HE thought that since
>most Techs use store-bought rigs, the Tech test could be simplified.
>I (and as I recall, all of the other NCI directors who spoke on the subject)
>disagreed with that view.

I think most hams would disagree with Fred on that, too.

But let's look at Fred's argument: "something to the effect that HE thought
that since most Techs use store-bought rigs, the Tech test could be
simplified."

Don't most hams (of all license classes) use store-bought rigs? If so, then
that same argument could be applied to all of the written tests.

>However, Fred ALSO indicated that he thought that the Extra written
>test could/should be made more rigorous.

But why? The only difference in operating privileges between Extras and Techs
is that Extras have all amateur operating privileges, and Techs have all
amateur operating privileges above 30 MHz. Same power level, same choice of
modes (including CW/Morse), same authorization to homebrew, modify, etc.

In fact, there are lots of modes authorized to hams above 30 MHz that are not
authorized below 30 MHz. RF exposure at HF is less of a hazard than at some
VHF/UHF frequencies.

73 de Jim, N2EY

2980. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-27 18:22:27 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030727142227.02197.00001608@mb-m12.aol.com>
Source record: 72865

In article <m4d0iv8c3pl55dd3r9pq9duvp4d9dcahcl@4ax.com>, Radio Amateur KC2HMZ
<kc2hmz@aa-mail.net> writes:

>On 23 Jul 2003 03:14:23 GMT, yodoc@aol.comnospam (Larry Roll K3LT)
>wrote:
>
>>Oh, you mean like "disconnecting" antenna rotor control boxes with a
>>pair of dikes? Yes, indeed.
>
>Is that how you highly technical CW ops handle it?

Heck no! We install plug couplers on everything. that may need disconnection.
Also use different couplers for different applications to avoid destructive
mistakes.

At N2EY this past FD, the only tools needed for the entire setup and takedown
were:

Slingshot/spinning reel antenna launcher
Pocketknife to cut line and electrical tape
Hammer to drive the ground rod and tent stakes
Screwdriver to tighten the clamp on the groundrod.

Wingnut on the groundrod will eliminate the screwdriver next time.

>>12 hours to set up, 2 to tear down!
>
>Amazing what you can do when gravity is working in your favor rather
>than against you, isn't it?

Yup.

>That wire that took six shots with a
>slingshot to get over just the right tree branch comes down on the
>*first* try when you cut the rope, almost as if by magic!

SIX SHOTS? First time I used the slingshot launcher, and it only took me two.

73 de Jim, N2EY

2981. Re: BPL pollution - file reply comments by August 6

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-27 18:22:28 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030727142228.02197.00001609@mb-m12.aol.com>
Source record: 72863

In article <3F20745E.43876A6@yahoo.moc>, Scott Unit 69
<scott_unit_69@yahoo.moc> writes:

>I've been looking at the .gif from Texas Star, and have already learned
>to copy a few characters. The first one I learned is "3". All the calls
>here have it. Also "k" and a few more in my call.
>
I would suggest, Scott, that you dispense with looking at gifs and instead use
methods that employ sound. Here's one.

All you need is 'net access and a computer with sound.

http://www.9bit.qc.ca/ve2crd/cours/CW_course.html

73 de Jim, N2EY

2982. Re: Question for the No coders

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-27 18:22:29 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030727142229.02197.00001610@mb-m12.aol.com>
Source record: 72866

In article <d22b54c3.0307260530.3e71277b@posting.google.com>, kelly@dvol.com (Brian Kelly) writes:

>Dwight Stewart <stewart@say.net> wrote in message
>news:<BB477B66.1F6FA%stewart@say.net>...
>> "Brian Kelly" wrote:
>>
>> > (snip) Can you cite a single example of a nocode who
>> > "pushed the hobby/service forward" since then? (snip)

>> In what way are we supposed to push the hobby/service forward?
>
>Beats me, ask those who repeatedly claim that eliminating the code
>tests will by some mysterious means or another "push the hobby/service
>forward". Which experince has already demonstrated is complete BS.
>
>> Give us an
>> example - an example of something a person with code ability has done in
>> the last two to three decades to push the hobby/service forward.
>
>G3PLX for one. But that's not the point. The difference is that us
>coders don't go around bleating about how we "push the hobby/service
>forward". Which is one of the bogus battle cries of the free
>lunchers.
>
>> As I see it, the Technicians are doing pretty much doing the same things
>> the other license holders are doing - talking on the radio, tinkering with
>> their equipment, occasionally going to club meetings, occasionally helping
>> out in disasters, and so on. All of these are contributions. Obviously,
>> nothing special since other license holders are also doing the same things,
>> but I wasn't aware Technicians were expected to do more than the other
>> license holders.
>
>EXACTLY my point. The nocodes haven't done a thing to "push the
>hobby/service forward", the circle is complete, thankew for the
>support.
>
>> > And while you're at it perhaps you can explain what
>> > would change in this respect by handing nocodes access
>> > to the HF bands too?

>> You, Brian, aren't handing access to the HF bands to those without code
>> ability. Regardless, since you're opposed to HF access for those without
>> code ability, and that position is out of step with the current trend, it
>> is up to you to make an argument to support that position.

>
>Watch for my response to the NPRM. It will not be in support of the
>claim that eliminating the code tests on the basis of "pushing the
>hobby/service forward" is a valid rationale.
>
>> Demanding more from
>> those without code ability than those with is not exactly a strong
>> argument.

The claim is that the code tests are somehow holding the ARS back. For example, here's one I've seen many, many times:

"Join No Code International! Hams for the 21st Century.
Help assure the survival and prosperity of ham radio."

Lots of other variations.

The claim is that code tests are not for the 21st century, and that the survival and proseprity of amateur radio depends in some way on complete elimination of code tests.

73 de Jim, N2EY

2983. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-27 18:34:10 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
Message-ID: <3F241AA6.301@adelphia.net>
Source record: 72867

N2EY wrote:
> In article <m4d0iv8c3pl55dd3r9pq9duvp4d9dcahcl@4ax.com>, Radio Amateur KC2HMZ
> <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net> writes:
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>
>>On 23 Jul 2003 03:14:23 GMT, yodoc@aol.comnospam (Larry Roll K3LT)
>>wrote:
>>
>>
>>>Oh, you mean like "disconnecting" antenna rotor control boxes with a
>>>pair of dikes? Yes, indeed.
>>
>>Is that how you highly technical CW ops handle it?
>
>
> Heck no! We install plug couplers on everything. that may need disconnection.
> Also use different couplers for different applications to avoid destructive
> mistakes.
>
> At N2EY this past FD, the only tools needed for the entire setup and takedown
> were:
>
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> Pocketknife to cut line and electrical tape
> Hammer to drive the ground rod and tent stakes
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>
> Wingnut on the groundrod will eliminate the screwdriver next time.
>
>
>>>12 hours to set up, 2 to tear down!
>>
>>Amazing what you can do when gravity is working in your favor rather
>>than against you, isn't it?
>
>
> Yup.
>
>
>>That wire that took six shots with a
>>slingshot to get over just the right tree branch comes down on the
>>*first* try when you cut the rope, almost as if by magic!
>
>

> SIX SHOTS? First time I used the slingshot launcher, and it only took me two.

Ahh, Jim. Just wait till the next time. First time I used a slingshot
it was easy. Most times since then have been pretty comical.

- Mike KB3EIA -

2984. Re: ATTN: Tech Licensee USA Morse Code Freedom Day is August 1st

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-27 18:38:23 UTC
From: lenover21@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030727143823.14837.00001747@mb-m03.aol.com>
Source record: 72872

In article <BB48EA78.1F860%stewart@say.net>, Dwight Stewart <stewart@say.net>
writes:

>"Alun Palmer" wrote:
>>
>> That's the point -those existing regulations
>> incorporate by reference an international
>> requirement that no longer exists
>
> I'll try it again, Alun. The new treaty with those changes has to be
>ratified before it becomes the law of this land. Until that time, the only
>"international requirements" recognized by this country are those in the
>treaty this country has already ratified (the one prior to the recent
>changes). That treaty requires CW for HF privileges.

What's all this "treaty ratification" thing?!?

I thought that the US Congress ALREADY ratified membership with
the United Nations and the UN organizations long ago. The ITU is a
UN organization.

Does the US Congress "have to ratify" each and every change in any
ITU that effects US civil communications laws? I don't see any such
"ratification" process for any number of decisions done by the FCC
in regards to FCC International Bureau decisions. Please explain.

> To put this another way (and reply more directly to your comments above),
>the "international requirements" for code testing does exist in the only
>treaty this country legally recognizes (the one currently ratified).

Code testing is the "only" treaty the US "recognizes?"

FCC does considerable International communications decision-
making without any fuss and furor about "treaty ratification."

> Once the new treaty is ratified (the new treaty containing the changes),
>at that point, and only at that point, will the FCC be able to consider
>eliminating CW for HF privileges. Remember, however, that the treaty change
>does not require the FCC to drop code - the change leaves it up to each
>member state to decide for themselves.

Our states decide whether or not to test for amateur morse code?!?

Will this "ratification" be done in a General Election or a special
Election like ratifying an amendment to our Constitution?

Is there some kind of separate "treaty" concerning morse code that
is NOT done with the ITU?

> The FCC may find a way to stop code testing before the new treaty is
>ratified, but it is not at all clear if that is even possible (in other
>words, don't hold your breath).

Please explain this new "ratification" process.

I was sure the USA had already joined the International
Telecommunications Union and agreed to abide by THAT treaty.

LHA

2985. Re: Question for the No coders

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-27 18:38:24 UTC
From: lenover21@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030727143824.14837.00001748@mb-m03.aol.com>
Source record: 72870

In article <d22b54c3.0307270550.7b061c03@posting.google.com>, kelly@dvol.com (Brian Kelly) writes:

>"Steve Stone" <spfleck@zzcitlinkzz.net> wrote in message
>news:<4vGUa.6158$vG.5747@news01.roc.ny>...
>> . Can you cite a single example of a nocode who
>> > "pushed the hobby/service forward" since then?
>>
>> Please define "pushed the hobby/service forward" ?
>
>I have no idea what they're talking about, that's why I asked for an
>example. I'm still waiting for an answer.

Kellie has NEVER been able to "push anything forward" in amateur radio. His radio technology expertise seems confined to memorizing radio ads' phrases in QST so as to "push his station forward" for Kellie. :-)

Pushing a charge card through a swipe reader to afford the latest and greatest (designed by others) "ham radio" is not really "pushing the hobby forward," is it? :-)

LHA

2986. Re: Question for the No coders

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-27 18:38:25 UTC
From: lenover21@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030727143825.14837.00001749@mb-m03.aol.com>
Source record: 72873

In article <d22b54c3.0307270050.507fa2f@posting.google.com>, kelly@dvol.com (Brian Kelly) writes:

>wa8ulx@aol.com (WA8ULX) wrote in message
>news:<20030727014205.02803.00000513@mb-m19.aol.com>...
>> >I was on HF and communicating
>> > before any of the regulars in here and I didn't have to use any
>> > morse code at all.
>>
>> Im sure your right, CB or 11 Meters is considered HF.
>
>He's so fulla shit the whites of his eyes gotta be brown.

Incorrect. They are blue.

>I for one
>was on the HF ham bands in 1951 *with CW* from W3CGS before I got my
>Novice ticket.

Then you were BOOTLEGGING, old man. ILLEGAL. Tsk, tsk.

>The only "HF experience" he had in that timeframe was
>as a grunt U.S. Army apprentice RTTY equipment mechanic & babysitter
>1952-53.

Incorrect AGAIN!

Microwave Radio Relay Operation and Maintenance Supervisor, (then) MOS 281.6. Temporarily doing Fixed Station Transmitters operation and maintenance (supervisor) 1953 to 1956 at US Army radio station ADA in Tokyo, Japan. 43 transmitters on HF ranging from 1 KW (BC-339) to 40 KW (AN/FRC-22)...working to Seoul, Pusan, Okinawa, Manila, Saigon, Anchorage, Seattle, Hawaii, San Francisco on a 24/7 schedule. Not a single circuit used any morse code.

In 1952 I was in Basic Training and at the Signal School in Fort Monmouth, NJ.

The epithet-tossing garbage-mouthed old man seems to have difficulty with NUMBERS. I recall a jolly bit of BS of his about "26" patents that were only ONE. :-)

LHA

2987. Re: Ham Radio Rescue in California Press

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-27 18:38:27 UTC
From: lenover21@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030727143827.14837.00001751@mb-m03.aol.com>
Source record: 72868

In article <bg0sn7$l46$1@adenine.netfront.net>, "Kim W5TIT"
<fahgedit@nomail.net> writes:

>To tell you
>the truth, I'm impressed that ANY radio worked to contact someone and, just
>as you say, I'm sure it is because of the density of repeaters in their
>area. You're right. Kansas would have been a whole different situation.

Kim...FYI, the state of California is NOT thickly dotted with repeaters
or cell sites on every mountaintop...but the state does have some
quite-high mountains along the coast from the Sierra Madres next to
Los Angeles way up north to the Oregon border and magnificent
Mount Shasta.

About two years or so ago, a group of climbers got stranded on a snow-
covered mountain in Washington state. They called for help on an FRS
HT and were heard about 20 miles away by a pre-teenage girl who
overheard the call, more by accident than anything else. That made the
papers locally (not just some radio hobbyist organ). No amateur radio,
no morse code involved. Rescue enabled via radio, ANY radio service.

Hiking and climbing would most certainly require radios with battery
operation. Those radios won't work unless the batteries are charged.
Larrah's batteries got discharged a long time ago... :-)

LHA

2988. Re: American w/ Disability Act and CW Proficiency Test

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-27 18:38:27 UTC
From: lenover21@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030727143827.14837.00001750@mb-m03.aol.com>
Source record: 72871

In article <20030727102209.12501.00001189@mb-m04.aol.com>, n2ey@aol.com (N2EY)
writes:

>In article <bg0f4801nlc@enews2.newsguy.com>, Keith
><kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net> writes:
>
>>On Sun, 27 Jul 2003 01:50:46 GMT, "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net> wrote:
>>
>>> A 5wpm code test does not discriminate against Americans with disabilities.
>>> Disabled people have passed while their unhandicapped brethren have sat on
>>> the sideline whining about the code.
>>
>> Explain to me why a deaf person should now need to know morse code?
>
>Deaf people have used Morse Code in ham radio.

Of course...the transcendental supernaturality of morse gets through
when nothing else will.

I interviewed four deaf radio amateurs for HAM RADIO magazine and had
material on three others. Six of them were still active and NONE of them
(including a dentist) used OOK CW keying or any morse codes. All of
them were code tested BEFORE they became legally deaf. All of the
active hams used RTTY.

If you've never seen a TDD (Telecommunications Device for the Deaf),
then you will see the superiority of the fast data transmission for
communications even if the TDD being used has only a single-line
text display.

>Simple. They rest fingers on a speaker cone and feel the vibrations. It's benn
>done many times by deaf people. Just like many deaf people dance by feeling
>the rhythm the music through their feet.

I'm sure you've been around hearing-disabled dance halls a lot...NOT!

Please cite the "many times" deaf people have "benn" tested for ham
licenses. Give their callsigns.

>Also, many deaf people have some limited hearing. It is not unusual for them
>to be able to hear single tones but not undersatand speech.

Sigh...another amateur audiologist side of the knowitall procode
newsgroupie.

>Hams have been using Baudot RTTY for almost 60 years....

"Baudot?" Most of those old SURPLUS TTYs had the name
"Teletype" on them.

>Yet the various advocacy groups for handicapped people have never protested
>the amateur radio test regulations. Indeed, the group "Handi-Hams" was AGAINST
>the medical waiver rule change back in 1990, as I recall.

They were? What specific "advocacy groups for handicapped people" have
YOU ever had personal contact with other than Handi-Hams?

Please let us know, grand champion crusader for the rights of the
handicapped.

>> The morse code test for deaf people is pure discrimination and now that
>>s25.5 no longer requires a proficiency to know and send morse code the FCC
>>better move fast to remove this discrimination.
>
>If you're going to go that route, then all of the questions in the written
>tests about voice modes have to go as well, because there's no way deaf
>people
>are going to use SSB, either. Take out the questions on PSK-31, RTTY, etc.,
>because blind people won't use those modes. Get rid of the Extra and General
>class written tests entirely because there are people who can't pass them, but
>who can pass the Tech written. And since FCC says the Tech test is adequate
for
>all authorized modes, bands and power on amateur VHF/UHF, why is any more
>written testing needed for HF beyond a few band-edge questions?

Blah, blah, blah, "if the manual morse code test is eliminated, then all the
written tests 'should also' be eliminated." Blah, blah. Purile illogic.

Whine, whine, whine...spiteful statements from someone who insists that
all must do as he did because he is so magnificent.

LHA

2989. Re: Ham Radio Rescue in California Press

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-27 18:38:28 UTC
From: lenover21@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030727143828.14837.00001752@mb-m03.aol.com>
Source record: 72869

In article <20030726234638.02222.00000996@mb-m16.aol.com>, yodoc@aol.comnospam (Larry Roll K3LT) writes:

>Save your fingertips on this one. Kim can always be counted on to make
>inane, specious arguments against CW and "CW zealots" anytime a story
>like this comes out. If the story had been about how the hikers setup a
>backpack portable HF/QRP station and called for help using CW, she would
>insist that it didn't prove a damn thing. She can't be bothered to learn a
>useful communications skill like the Morse code, and she needs to grasp at
>any straw she can in order to prove her point.

BWAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHA
HAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHA!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
Heeheeheeheeheeheehee!!!! ...gasp...HAWHAWHAWHAW!!!!!

Too much! :-) :-) :-) :-) :-)

Larrah, try getting out in the world some more instead of dreaming the impossible dreams in front of your computer.

LHA

2990. Re: American w/ Disability Act and CW Proficiency Test

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-27 19:11:49 UTC
From: Dan/W4NTI <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com>
Message-ID: <bg1856hkg1@slb3.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 72874
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.amateur.misc

"Keith" <kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net> wrote in message
news:bg0f4801nlc@enews2.newsguy.com...
But for them to learn morse code through some silly light system is pure
> discrimination

Yeah go get em Keith. Now go attack all those Navy swabs that learned Morse
by lantern. Go for it boy.

Dan/W4NTI

2991. Re: With CW gone, can the CW allocations be far behind?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-27 19:23:54 UTC
From: lenover21@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030727152354.12501.00001199@mb-m04.aol.com>
Source record: 72876

In article <3F24113D.1090600@adelphia.net>, Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
writes:

>Stu Parker wrote:
>> On Sun, 27 Jul 2003 16:16:40 GMT, Carl R. Stevenson <wk3cqth@wk3c.com>
>wrote:
>> [snip]
>>
>> Go ahead. Pick at nits. We all know what he meant.
>>
>> But the point is well-taken. If CW is to be removed as a
>> *requirement* for a ham license, then its special status has
>> evaporated. Why give it any band-plan perks at all? CW operators can
>> already operate in the phone bands (most of them don't, but that's a
>> free choice), so why not accord the phone users the same freedom of
>> choice?
>>
>> I'd be in favor of reserving a very small portion of each HF band for
>> rtty, psk31, etc., but I'd let all modes permitted by an operator's
>> license be used everywhere else.
>>
>> In other words, it is legitimate and useful to reevaluate the entire
>> band-plan structure of the Amateur Radio Service, and it is even
>> thinkable that what is commonly called the "cw portion" of the bands
>> should be reallocated.
>
> Well, Carl, here is a well thought out and well presented argument.
>Your answer?

What is yours...other than another trolling "question"?

I do agree that Stu's comments are perfectly valid and reasonable
points to consider.

But, I've also seen so #$%^&!! many "points" about keeping the
status quo absolute in here that I cannot expect reasonable people
to be considered.

The pro-coder regulars in here have been sorely wounded by the
WRC-03 decision on S25 and they are vengeful, looking for blood
regardless of manner in which it is spilled. Are you one of those?

LHA

2992. Re: Ham Radio In The Post-Code Testing Era

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-27 19:23:55 UTC
From: lenover21@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030727152355.12501.00001200@mb-m04.aol.com>
Source record: 72875

In article <b0i5ivcvsfa0nd53ogp2bdvv4q29rlu1o2@4ax.com>, Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net> writes:

>>I wish my parents had made me learn the Morse code.
>>
>>73 de Larry, K3LT
>
>I really should have known that was coming... :-)

Wait until you hear what his parents wished for... :-)

LHA

2993. Re: CORRECTION!!!

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-27 19:23:55 UTC
From: lenover21@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030727152355.12501.00001201@mb-m04.aol.com>
Source record: 72877

In article <f45722ac.0307270922.3fe592d8@posting.google.com>,
brianburke@juno.com (Brian) writes:

>> > I recommend a competent psychiatrist, Dusty. You've become FAR
>> > too involved in your religious zeal. You've forgotten that trained
zeals
>> > are no longer the attraction they once were.
>>
>> Dusty, welcome to RRAP and RRAP's resident NON-LICENSED
>> antagonist and documented pathological liar, Leonard H. Anderson.
>
>Steve, this was worthy of an entirely new thread. You must be slipping. bb

Steamy is off his meds again.

I think he needed the military handset he wanted for "high noise level
environments" because of all his own shouting and hollering in front of
a computer. :-)

LHA

2994. Re: replace cw test with typing test!

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-27 19:36:52 UTC
From: Jim Hampton <aa2qa@frontiernet.net>
Message-ID: <oRVUa.6177$Xe5.3660@news01.roc.ny>
Source record: 72878

Ok, Len, consider it done :)

BTW, I was in amateur radio whilst Kc and Mc were still the terms of the day. As far as the mickey mics, it sure became easier when Pf and Nf came into common use. I sure hated taking off my shoes and socks to convert all them thar zeros :)

Of course, today most rigs are solid state so there aren't the dangerous DC voltages of days gone by when the transmitter used several hundred volts. Of course, depending upon impedances, thousands of volts of rf can be generated even with 100 watts. Most of the high power amps, however, do use a *ton* of DC voltage. I'd still like to see plenty of safety questions in tests concerning that (mains safety, high voltage dc safety, rf safety, tower safety, etc.).

When I was on Guam, satellite communications were starting to be used and the days of the torn-tape relay center were numbered (not to mention those huge rhombic antennas fed by the big RCA transmitters).

Len, we've got something in common - both old as air and likely twice as polluted :). Speaking of polluted, I hear my refrigerator calling me. 807 ... 807 ... 807 ...
Fortunately, I laid in a couple of cases just in case something like that should happen :)

73 from Rochester, NY
Jim AA2QA

"Len Over 21" <lenover21@aol.com> wrote in message news:20030727012731.24390.00001402@mb-m19.aol.com...
> In article <opjUa.928$rC2.612@news01.roc.ny>, "Jim Hampton"
> <aa2qa@frontiernet.net> writes:
>
> >You are wrong in my example of the younger guy with the mouse. It happened.
> >Really. You and I are closer than you think.
>
> Okay, so some younger person doesn't know about mice. :-)
>
> >As I stated, I am not worried over Morse.
>
> I'm not worried either. To me, it's all those morse-uber-alles
> in der Amatur SchutzStaffel who demand morsemanship as some
> kind of manhood equivalent in radio. :-)
>
> >As far as the high powered HF, most of the HF was nowhere near

> >30 MHz. You know that and don't try and tell me otherwise.
>
> I really have no idea of what frequencies you transmitted at in the
> US military. At Army station ADA the HF transmitters were
> pushing out somewhere between 200 to 300 KW total between
> 4 and about 20 MHz. Most transmitters could cover 3 to 22 MHz
> if necessary.
>
> I've been INSIDE a much lower frequency installation with MW
> output.
>
> >When you talk
> >volts per meter, there is a difference between 30 and 15 MHz and a much
> >bigger difference between 15 MHz and 1.5 MHz (near the top end of the AM
> >broadcast band).
>
> Oh, I think I know the EM spectrum with some familiarlity... :-)
>
> When I got into the Big Leagues of HF communications we had terms
> of "Megacycles" and "Kilocycles" and used the old phonetic alphabet.
> Little tiny capacitors were valued in "micro-micro farads" or "uuF."
:-)
>
> In 1955 the US military cut over to the NATO phonetic alphabet and
> we also had to learn the "scientific" names for values and their
> multipliers. Radio theory remained the same...and still does.
>
> >Please do us both a favor and don't assume that I don't
> >know what I'm talking about. That will save us both a lot of time (and
> >typing!) :)
>
> No problem with me as long as you return the favor.
>
> I write in perhaps more detail than the usual suspects in here, but
> only because other types want to engage in meaningless flames
> over words/phrases. By explaining things in public, that lessens the
> counterproductive bullshit that those others start. :-)
>
> Now I'm waiting for Col. Klink of the A.S.S., the garbageman, and the
> pedantic parson to jump in with more unproductive nonsense, shouted
> orders, and the usual personal attacks. :-)
>
> LHA

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2995. Re: The FACTS about the Morse Code and the FCC.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-27 19:43:12 UTC
From: Dan/W4NTI <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com>
Message-ID: <bg1a03vdl1@slb6.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 72879
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb

Because there are so many from the dot cb group over here. Thought I would
just save someone the trip.

Dan/W4NTI

"Landshark" <S3Buell@SBCGlobal.Net.> wrote in message
news:GtEUa.104$Ss2.6336672@newssvr14.news.prodigy.com...
>
> "Dan/W4NTI" <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com> wrote in message
> news:bfv03jkkt1@slb3.atl.mindspring.net...
> > Does this give ANY of you No Coder types something to think about???
Please
> > read it over and maybe, just perhaps something will sink in. This is
the
> > way it is....end of discussion.
> >
> > From the ARRL letter, Vol 22. No 29
> >
> >
> > Dan/W4NTI
> >
> > ==>WHAT TO DO ABOUT THE MORSE REQUIREMENT POST-WRC-03?
> >
> > World Radiocommunication Conference 2003 (WRC-03) made optional the
> > requirement to prove the ability to send and receive Morse code to
operate
> > below 30 MHz. While Morse exam elements remain on the books in the US,
> > Canada and elsewhere, Switzerland and the United Kingdom have apparently
> > become the first countries to delete their Morse requirements for HF
> > operation. In the US, however, the FCC is unlikely to act on its own
> > motion to simply make the Morse testing requirement go away.
> >
> > "There isn't an exception in the Administrative Procedures Act that I am
> > aware of that would permit the Commission to issue an administrative
fiat
> > changing the license structure or exam-requirement rules," said an FCC
> > staffer who's closely involved with Amateur Service rules. Other
countries
> > can do this because they have different laws and procedures, the FCC
staff
> > member observed, adding that even if it could be done here, "that still
> > leaves unanswered the fundamental question: What do you want the new
rules
> > to be?"

> >
> > In its December 1999 Report and Order restructuring Amateur Radio
> > licensing, the FCC stopped short of revising the rules to sunset the
Morse
> > requirement automatically if WRC-03 deleted Morse proficiency from the
> > international Radio Regulations. The FCC also acknowledged "a clear
> > dichotomy of viewpoints" on the Morse code issue within the amateur
> > community.
> >
> > The ARRL's policy for several years has been that Morse should be
retained
> > as a testing element in the US. At its July 18-19 meeting in
Connecticut,
> > however, the Board said it would solicit and review input from members
on
> > the Morse testing requirement and other possible revisions to Part 97
> > arising from WRC-03.
> >
> > The first move on the Morse code question in the US is for someone to
file
> > a Petition for Rule Making with the FCC seeking a rule change. No Code
> > International (NCI) <http://www.nocode.org/> has spearheaded the battle
to
> > eliminate the Morse requirement and would be a likely organization to
file
> > such a petition. NCI Executive Director Carl Stevenson, WK3C, said late
> > last week that NCI was still studying the matter and had not yet made a
> > final decision on a plan of action. An ARRL member, Stevenson says he
> > hopes personally that the League would join NCI in actively encouraging
> > the FCC to eliminate the Morse exam element as soon as possible.
> >
> > Hopes for a quick resolution to the Morse question could be wishful
> > thinking, however. Once a petition to drop the Morse exam element is
> > filed, the FCC will put it on "public notice" by assigning an RM number
> > and soliciting comments. If more than one such petition is filed, the
FCC
> > is obliged to invite comments on each. When that process is completed,
the
> > FCC may determine that a Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM) is in
> > order. The Commission at that point could incorporate all Morse-related
> > rule making petitions into a single proceeding. The NPRM would get a
> > docket number, and the comment process would begin anew.
> >
> > Further complicating and extending the process, the FCC most likely
would
> > incorporate other pending Amateur Radio-related issues into the same
NPRM.
> > At the end of the comment and reply comment periods, the FCC would issue
a
> > Report and Order (R&O) that includes its decision on the Morse code

> > requirement and any other issues incorporated into the proceeding. The
> > whole process could take a couple of years, perhaps longer.
> >
> > Ratification of the WRC-03 Final Acts by the US Senate does not appear
to
> > be necessary before the FCC can act or begin the rule making process.
> > Following World Administrative Conference 1979 (WARC-79) which resulted
in
> > three new HF amateur bands, the FCC acted in 1982, prior to Senate
> > ratification of the conference's Final Acts, not only to initiate the
rule
> > making process but to give amateurs limited access to 30 meters.
> >
> > Radio Amateurs of Canada has advised hams in that country that the Morse
> > qualification requirement remains in effect for operation below 30 MHz,
> > "pending a review by Industry Canada of the impact of the WRC-2003
> > regulatory changes on the Canadian radio regulations, policies and
> > procedures."
>
> Why Thanks Dan, why did you cross post this?
> What does this have to do with CB Radio?
>
>
> Landshark
>
>
> --
> Try these to learn about newsgroup trolls.
>
> http://www.io.com/~zikzak/troll_thesis.html
> http://members.aol.com/intwg/trolls.htm
>
>

2996. Re: Amateur Radio "outside the box"

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-27 19:51:04 UTC
From: Jim Hampton <aa2qa@frontiernet.net>
Message-ID: <I2WUa.6178$Bj5.1915@news01.roc.ny>
Source record: 72880

No, he assumes CBers built the satellites :)

BTW, I've never contested, but there is nothing wrong if that's what floats some folks boat either. I've been licensed since 1962 and still can't tell anyone what a 'typical' ham is since there is no such thing. One group that I help moderate has seen a large number of newcomers get their first tickets in the past few weeks. I guess it is fish or cut bait - or troll :)

73 from Rochester, NY
Jim AA2QA

"Elmer E Ing" <EEI@dontbother.com> wrote in message
news:6NTUa.11807$ff.5956@fed1read01...
> Oh man can't you read. The tech side of Ham Radio was explained to you in
a
> previous post.
>
> First contesting and DXing -- many hams do not get into this at all.
> Our club of 600+ only has 10 hams who are into contesting. And about 20
who
> DX.
>
> Here in my area is a microwave homebrew group, homebrew classes, ATV
> building group -- lots of others. Who do you think builds Ham Satellites,
> does EME, Meteor scatter, builds repeaters, et al. That's the tech folks
>
> Your observations are just that -- yours without any basis in fact.
>
> Quit beating up on Amateur Radio.
>

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2997. Re: With CW gone, can the CW allocations be far behind?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-27 19:57:56 UTC
From: Jim Hampton <aa2qa@frontiernet.net>
Message-ID: <89WUa.6179$fm5.3957@news01.roc.ny>
Source record: 72881
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy

Mike, I agree it *is* a reasonable argument. Myself, I would prefer that a portion of the bands be reserved for digital modes (including cw) in the same manner that many parking lots used to have a number of spaces reserved for small cars (I haven't seen that many in some time since cars have shrunk considerably since the 70s). My fear is that some of the yahoos with 5 KW capability would love to wreck havoc in the low ends of the various amateur bands using voice modes. Besides, it makes it easier to find a station using a mode that you may wish to use if the bands are segmented somewhat to use.

73 from Rochester, NY
Jim AA2QA

"Mike Coslo" <mcoslo@adelphia.net> wrote in message
news:3F24113D.1090600@adelphia.net...
> Stu Parker wrote:
> > On Sun, 27 Jul 2003 16:16:40 GMT, Carl R. Stevenson <wk3cqth@wk3c.com>
wrote:
> > [snip]
> >
> > Go ahead. Pick at nits. We all know what he meant.
> >
> > But the point is well-taken. If CW is to be removed as a
> > *requirement* for a ham license, then its special status has
> > evaporated. Why give it any band-plan perks at all? CW operators can
> > already operate in the phone bands (most of them don't, but that's a
> > free choice), so why not accord the phone users the same freedom of
> > choice?
> >
> > I'd be in favor of reserving a very small portion of each HF band for
> > rtty, psk31, etc., but I'd let all modes permitted by an operator's
> > license be used everywhere else.
> >
> > In other words, it is legitimate and useful to reevaluate the entire
> > band-plan structure of the Amateur Radio Service, and it is even
> > thinkable that what is commonly called the "cw portion" of the bands
> > should be reallocated.
>
> Well, Carl, here is a well thought out and well presented argument.
> Your answer?
>
> - Mike KB3EIA -
>

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2998. radio amateurs et cibistes

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-27 20:31:15 UTC
From: marc.louat@planetis.com
Message-ID: <d98cc179.0307271231.1e8095c1@posting.google.com>
Source record: 72882

Bonjour
Je connais le radio amateurisme et ses rï¿½gles depuis longtemps et rï¿½cemment j'ai rencontrï¿½ une personne qui fait de la cb dans le monde entier, qui ï¿½change des cartes postales comme les radio amateurs, qui appartient ï¿½ un club et qui me dit que c'est lï¿½gal. Qu'en pensez vous?
Moi ï¿½ mon avis ce sont des pirates.
Marc

2999. Re: Understanding the Possible Legal Loophole of s25.5 and 97.301(e)

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-27 20:49:27 UTC
From: "D. Stussy" <kd6lvw@bde-arc.ampr.org>
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.56.0307272042520.9313@kd6lvw.ampr.org>
Source record: 72884
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.amateur.misc

On Sat, 26 Jul 2003, JJ wrote:
> Dickhead Craniumless blubbered again and said:
>
> > What are you babbling about, JJ? He made it quite clear (except for
> > morons):
> > 1. The FCC Rules & Regs make reference to the code requirement as
> > spelled out by the WRC.
> > 2. The WRC no longer requires any code.
> > 3. Ergo, the FCC Rules & Regs no longer require code.
> >
> > What's so difficult to understand? (Other than English, that is.)
>
> What are you babbling about dickieboy? Maybe his misconceptions are
> clear to idiots like you (why does that suprised anyone?), but the fact
> remains, until the FCC goes through the procedures necessary to
> eliminate the code requirement for the amateur radio service, it is
> still required and everything is just as it has been. Just because the
> WAC no longer requires the code, does not automatically drop it from the
> FCC requirements. Try reading more carefully and you might learn
> something, like how to find the 10 meter band.
> Lets see a newbie go for the General license and see if he can get one
> without taking a code test. You are as dense as this keith bird. You
> both must be really good on cb.

Actually, YOU BOTH need to read it more carefully.

Unlike the frequency privileges defined for other license classes and for those Technicians on frequencies above 30MHz, which are bases SOLELY on holding the license (based solely on the element credit), the HF allocations for Technicians and Novices are based on TWO things:
- Holding a Technician or Novice license (i.e. element credit)
- Compliance with (i.e. EXISTENCE) of an international regulation
The problem is that with the recent removal of the international regulation (via S25.5), NO licensee can meet the second requirement above, and without it, the FCC wrote a sufficiently defective regulation that now RESCINDS ALL HF operation for these license classes.

Until the FCC revises the U.S. regulation to be dependent ONLY on element credit and removes the reference to the international regulation that was just rescinded, only General, Advanced, and Extra licensees have privileges below 30 MHz.

It's not that there is no code requirement for HF operation by Technicians that don't have element 1. It's that for those who DO possess the credit, they

CANNOT operate (and neither could Novice licenseholders) below 30MHz at all.

3000. Re: Understanding the Possible Legal Loophole of s25.5 and 97.301(e)

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-27 20:57:55 UTC
From: "D. Stussy" <kd6lvw@bde-arc.ampr.org>
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.56.0307272052370.9313@kd6lvw.ampr.org>
Source record: 72885
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.amateur.misc

On Sun, 27 Jul 2003, Carl R. Stevenson wrote:
> FCC rules have NOT changed (yet) ... Techs are STILL not allowed
> HF privs unless they have passed, and have documented credit for,
> the 5 wpm Morse test ...

I disagree - they don't even have that anymore. Techs who have the element 1 credit in hand CANNOT operate on HF, because 47 CFR 97.301(e) has TWO requirements, the second one being compliance with an international regulation that now no longer exists. Since there is no way to be in compliance with the rescinded regulation, the second condition can NOT be met, and therefore, no "technician plus" licensee (or equivalent) and no novice licensee has any HF privileges. By the stated condition, the privilege was rescinded on July 5, 2003, when the international regulation effectively disappeared.

Note that .301(e) is NOT written like the rest of .301, which defines operating privilege based solely on license class, which is in turn based solely on element credit (in .501).

Had the regulation been written in such a way that it indicated licensees who hold element 1 credit may operate (see list below), then I would agree that nothing had changed. It's NOT written that way.

> Don't let the writers in this thread talk you into ILLEGAL operation.

3001. Re: Understanding the Possible Legal Loophole of s25.5 and 97.301(e)

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-27 20:59:36 UTC
From: "D. Stussy" <kd6lvw@bde-arc.ampr.org>
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.56.0307272101030.9313@kd6lvw.ampr.org>
Source record: 72886
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.misc

On Sun, 27 Jul 2003, JJ wrote:
> Alun Palmer wrote:
> > JJ <radiobuff0@mailcity.moc> wrote in news:3F22C7A5.7020502@mailcity.moc:
> >>Dickhead Craniumless blubbered again and said:
> >>
> >>>What are you babbling about, JJ? He made it quite clear (except for
> >>>morons): 1. The FCC Rules & Regs make reference to the code
> >>>requirement as spelled out by the WRC.
> >>>2. The WRC no longer requires any code.
> >>>3. Ergo, the FCC Rules & Regs no longer require code.
> >>>
> >>>What's so difficult to understand? (Other than English, that is.)
> >>
> >>What are you babbling about dickieboy? Maybe his misconceptions are
> >>clear to idiots like you (why does that suprised anyone?), but the fact
> >>remains, until the FCC goes through the procedures necessary to
> >>eliminate the code requirement for the amateur radio service, it is
> >>still required and everything is just as it has been. Just because the
> >>WAC no longer requires the code, does not automatically drop it from the
> >>FCC requirements. Try reading more carefully and you might learn
> >>something, like how to find the 10 meter band.
> >>Lets see a newbie go for the General license and see if he can get one
> >>without taking a code test. You are as dense as this keith bird. You
> >>both must be really good on cb.
> >>
> >
> > You display a complete lack of understanding. Try actually reading
> > 97.301(e) and then you might understand the discussion.
>
> And you understand just about as much as dickboy does. Until the FCC
> changes it, nothing has changed, code is still required.

That requirement, by itself, is NOT enough.

See other replies, and the sub-thread titled "Alternate interpretation."

3002. Re: radio amateurs et cibistes

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-27 21:02:35 UTC
From: Elmer E Ing <EIG@noreply.com>
Message-ID: <L5XUa.11844$ff.4541@fed1read01>
Source record: 72887

"Marc" <marc.louat@planetis.com> wrote in message
news:d98cc179.0307271231.1e8095c1@posting.google.com...
> Bonjour
> Je connais le radio amateurisme et ses r�gles depuis longtemps et
> r�cemment j'ai rencontr� une personne qui fait de la cb dans le monde
> entier, qui �change des cartes postales comme les radio amateurs, qui
> appartient � un club et qui me dit que c'est l�gal. Qu'en pensez vous?
> Moi � mon avis ce sont des pirates.
> Marc

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Using a language Translator -- reads (as best it can)
http://babelfish.altavista.com/

Hello I know radio operator amateurism and his rules for a long time and
recently I met a person who makes cb in the whole world, which exchanges
postcards like the radio operator amateurs, which belongs to a club and
which says to me that it is legal. What think about it? Me in my opinion
they are pirates. Marc
No comment from Elmer E Ing
Anyone else ??
For USA -- FCC page http://wireless.fcc.gov/services/personal/cb/
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3003. Re: With CW gone, can the CW allocations be far behind?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-27 21:09:25 UTC
From: Floyd Davidson <floyd@barrow.com>
Message-ID: <87r84b1xtm.fld@barrow.com>
Source record: 72888
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy

"Jim Hampton" <aa2qa@frontiernet.net> wrote:
>Mike, I agree it *is* a reasonable argument. Myself, I would prefer that a
>portion of the bands be reserved for digital modes (including cw) in the
>same manner that many parking lots used to have a number of spaces reserved
>for small cars (I haven't seen that many in some time since cars have shrunk
>considerably since the 70s). My fear is that some of the yahoos with 5 KW
>capability would love to wreck havoc in the low ends of the various amateur
>bands using voice modes. Besides, it makes it easier to find a station
>using a mode that you may wish to use if the bands are segmented somewhat to
>use.
>
>73 from Rochester, NY
>Jim AA2QA

It is not a reasonable argument. It has logical and technical
flaws which make that particular commentary quite worthless.

>"Mike Coslo" <mcoslo@adelphia.net> wrote:
>> Stu Parker wrote:
>> >
>> > But the point is well-taken. If CW is to be removed as a
>> > *requirement* for a ham license, then its special status has
>> > evaporated.

That is an absurd statement which cannot be supported logically.
(It says: The apples are ripe, so lets pick the oranges today.)

All that has happened is that CW has changed its status from a
separately tested requirement, to being one of many modes which
random questions on the written exam will refer to. That change
affects the *testing* only; it has *nothing* to do with the
technical requirements which are the basis for band allocation.
(Testing is apples; band allocation is oranges.)

There are many modes with "special status", none of which have
ever been a "requirement" for a ham license. CW is now (or
shortly will be) no different, in that respect. We still have
"special status" in band allocations for digital modes, slow
scan TV, SSB, AM, FM, and yes, CW. The basis for those
allocations has not changed.

The allocations may indeed be ripe for a few changes, but not
because the test requirements were changed.

>> > Why give it any band-plan perks at all? CW operators can
>> > already operate in the phone bands (most of them don't, but that's a
>> > free choice), so why not accord the phone users the same freedom of
>> > choice?

That is not technically sound.

An essentially narrow band mode like CW is not nearly the
interference problem to wide band modes like SSB and AM that the
wide band modes are to the narrow band modes. Hence, no phone
in the CW band by regulation, but the same is not required to
keep CW out of the phone band.

Not that it would hurt anything to ban CW from the phone bands,
just that it isn't needed.

>> > I'd be in favor of reserving a very small portion of each HF band for
>> > rtty, psk31, etc., but I'd let all modes permitted by an operator's
>> > license be used everywhere else.

A more reasonable approach is the current arrangement, though it
probably is time to consider some adjustments to the amount of
spectrum allocated to narrow band digital modes vs. wide band
phone modes.

A shift of 25 to 100 KHz from most of the HF CW bands over to
the phone bands would not necessarily be a bad thing. But it
would certainly cause a lot of noise if it were proposed, and
hence might take many years to accomplish. Therefore it
probably should be proposed now, and in 20 years when it becomes
reality, it will only be 10-15 years late... ;-)

Regardless, it is _technically_ not wise to allow wide band
operation in the narrow band digital band segments, and for
that reason I doubt the FCC will ever entertain the idea.

>> > In other words, it is legitimate and useful to reevaluate the entire
>> > band-plan structure of the Amateur Radio Service, and it is even
>> > thinkable that what is commonly called the "cw portion" of the bands
>> > should be reallocated.

That paragraph is correct. It's just the ideas given above for
the causative factors, the affected factors, and what the
methods should be that were wrong!

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Floyd L. Davidson <http://web.newsguy.com/floyd_davidson>
Ukpeagvik (Barrow, Alaska) floyd@barrow.com

3004. Re: With CW gone, can the CW allocations be far behind?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-27 21:39:42 UTC
From: helmsman <helmsman@mindspring.com>
Message-ID: <hjh8ivg5jr37t83tn0s1l3bmbuqsrrcmq3@4ax.com>
Source record: 72889
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy

On 27 Jul 2003 13:09:25 -0800, Floyd Davidson <floyd@barrow.com>
wrote:

>Floyd L. Davidson <http://web.newsguy.com/floyd_davidson>
>Ukpeagvik (Barrow, Alaska) floyd@barrow.com

Thanks for the tour of Alaska. Mighty fine page!!

3005. Re: With CW gone, can the CW allocations be far behind?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-27 22:15:05 UTC
From: Floyd Davidson <floyd@barrow.com>
Message-ID: <87ispn1us6.fld@barrow.com>
Source record: 72890
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy

helmsman <helmsman@mindspring.com> wrote:
>On 27 Jul 2003 13:09:25 -0800, Floyd Davidson <floyd@barrow.com>
>wrote:
>
>>Floyd L. Davidson <http://web.newsguy.com/floyd_davidson>
>>Ukpeagvik (Barrow, Alaska) floyd@barrow.com
>
>Thanks for the tour of Alaska. Mighty fine page!!

Quyanapuk! which is "a big thanks" in the way my neighbors
would say it in Inupiaq.

Some day I'll add some more pictures, and finish the descriptions
of each of the North Slope villages. One other thing I should do
is add a URL for Barrow weather, as it is often just as interesting
as pictures. Right now, for example!

http://weather.noaa.gov/weather/current/PABR.html

Typical late-July/early-August day. Here's another URL that you
may also get a kick out of, as it shows where the Arctic ice
pack is.

http://pafc.arh.noaa.gov/data/ice/graphics/acij23a.gif

We've had two boats show up off shore already, but as can be
seen in the satellite images, getting any farther east than
Barrow would be a bit difficult except for the one that was a
Coast Guard icebreaker. That ice will clear out by late
August and early September, and barges will be able to make
it to Prudhoe Bay which is 200 some miles east of here.

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Floyd L. Davidson <http://web.newsguy.com/floyd_davidson>
Ukpeagvik (Barrow, Alaska) floyd@barrow.com

3006. Re: Question for the No coders

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-27 22:19:47 UTC
From: kelly@dvol.com
Message-ID: <d22b54c3.0307271419.5a45be56@posting.google.com>
Source record: 72891

lenover21@aol.com (Len Over 21) wrote in message
news:<20030727143825.14837.00001749@mb-m03.aol.com>...
> In article <d22b54c3.0307270050.507fa2f@posting.google.com>, kelly@dvol.com
> (Brian Kelly) writes:
>
> >wa8ulx@aol.com (WA8ULX) wrote in message
> >news:<20030727014205.02803.00000513@mb-m19.aol.com>...
> >> >I was on HF and communicating
> >> > before any of the regulars in here and I didn't have to use any
> >> > morse code at all.
> >>
> >> Im sure your right, CB or 11 Meters is considered HF.
> >
> >He's so fulla shit the whites of his eyes gotta be brown.
>
> Incorrect. They are blue.
>
> >I for one
> >was on the HF ham bands in 1951 *with CW* from W3CGS before I got my
> >Novice ticket.
>
> Then you were BOOTLEGGING, old man. ILLEGAL. Tsk, tsk.

Wrong. Flat out wrong ya Putz. Figger it out.

> >The only "HF experience" he had in that timeframe was
> >as a grunt U.S. Army apprentice RTTY equipment mechanic & babysitter
> >1952-53.
>
> Incorrect AGAIN!
>
> Microwave Radio Relay Operation and Maintenance Supervisor, (then)
> MOS 281.6. Temporarily doing Fixed Station Transmitters operation
> and maintenance (supervisor) 1953 to 1956 at US Army radio station
> ADA in Tokyo, Japan. 43 transmitters on HF ranging from 1 KW
> (BC-339) to 40 KW (AN/FRC-22)...working to Seoul, Pusan,
> Okinawa, Manila, Saigon, Anchorage, Seattle, Hawaii, San Francisco
> on a 24/7 schedule. Not a single circuit used any morse code.
>
> In 1952 I was in Basic Training and at the Signal School in Fort
> Monmouth, NJ.

Like I sed, I was on HF before you were. AND originating the traffic
content which you couldn't and didn't. Repeater mechanic. Bleh.

> The epithet-tossing garbage-mouthed old man seems to have
> difficulty with NUMBERS. I recall a jolly bit of BS of his about "26"
> patents that were only ONE. :-)

Wrong. Flat out wrong ya Putz.

> LHA

3007. Re: Germany Next?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-27 22:22:14 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030727182214.12501.00001212@mb-m04.aol.com>
Source record: 72892

In article <PITUa.1838$lL.255249@nnrp1.ptd.net>, "Carl R. Stevenson"
<wk3cqth@wk3c.com> writes:

>The German administration had already been on public record as stating
>that they would eliminate Morse tests if the WRC eliminated the intl.
>requirement.
>
Perhaps the confusion arises from the fact that a survey of German hams showed a strong majority of those responding favored keeping the Morse requirement. Of course, just like in the USA, the govt. is not required to do what the majority wants on an issue like code testing.

73 de Jim, N2EY

3008. Re: American w/ Disability Act and CW Proficiency Test

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-27 22:22:47 UTC
From: n8fgb@bignet.net
Message-ID: <42788eb5.0307271422.4a247ae4@posting.google.com>
Source record: 72893
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.misc

"Elmer E Ing" <EEI@dontbother.com> wrote in message
news:<lpTUa.11803$ff.5170@fed1read01>...
> SEE PART 97
> ï¿½97.501 Qualifying for an amateur operator license.
> Each applicant must pass an examination for a new amateur operator license
> grant and for each change in operator class. Each applicant for the class of
> operator license grant specified below must pass, or otherwise receive
> examination credit for, the following examination elements:
>
> (a) Amateur Extra Class operator: Elements 1, 2, 3, and 4;
>
> (b) General Class operator: Elements 1, 2, and 3;
>
> (c) Technician Class operator: Element 2.
>
>
> ï¿½97.503 Element standards.
> (a) A telegraphy examination must be sufficient to prove that the examinee
> has the ability to send correctly by hand and to receive correctly by ear
> texts in the international Morse code at not less than the prescribed speed,
> using all the letters of the alphabet, numerals 0-9, period, comma, question
> mark, slant mark and prosigns AR, BT and SK.
> Element 1: 5 words per minute.
>
>
>
> "Keith" <kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net> wrote in message
> news:bg0e1811mkj@enews2.newsguy.com...
> > On Sun, 27 Jul 2003 07:03:01 -0400, "Spamhater" <nospam@nospam.com> wrote:
> >
> > > It is very apparent you have yet to crack open a copy of Part 95
> >
> > I have read part 95 and I don't recall ever seeing anything about a morse
> code
> > test.
> >
> >
> > --
> > The Radio Page Ham, Police Scanner, Shortwave and more.
> > http://www.kilowatt-radio.org/

I know a bed ridden quad who dictated 20 wpm to his wife.He uses a straw cw keyer.

3009. Re: American w/ Disability Act and CW Proficiency Test

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-27 22:28:59 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bg1jna$15mu$1@adenine.netfront.net>
Source record: 72894

"Mike Coslo" <mcoslo@adelphia.net> wrote in message
news:3F241097.8040805@adelphia.net...
> Kim W5TIT wrote:
> > "Keith" <kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net> wrote in message
> > news:bg0pc9022c7@enews2.newsguy.com...
> >
> >>On 27 Jul 2003 14:22:09 GMT, n2ey@aol.com (N2EY) wrote:
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> >>>If you're going to go that route, then all of the questions in the
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> > written
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> >>>tests about voice modes have to go as well, because there's no way deaf
> >>
> > people
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> >>>are going to use SSB, either.
> >>
> >>I'd love to see someone with a hearing disability receive weak signal CW
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> > on 80
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> >>meters in the middle of July. Requiring a deaf person to pass a code
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> > to
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> >>get a ham license is like making a blind person pass a drivers test
before
> >>riding the bus, you never know when driver will pass out and the blind
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> > will
> >
> >>have to take the wheel of the bus.
> >> You are really crazy along with your pals at the ARRRRRRLLLL. This hang
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> > on to
> >
> >>morse code forever crap is the reason that ham radio is going to die.
> >>
> >
> >
> > And you're arguments backed by idiocy are the reason those of us who

> > logically argue against a CW test get the flak that we do. To say the
> > things you say of the deaf, or any other handicapped you might *think*
you
> > are taking up for, is narrow minded and pretty damned discriminatory of
you.
>
> But these people are there, Kim. And there seems to be quite a few of
> 'em. Just some of the folk we can look forward to soon.
>
>
> - Mike KB3EIA -
>

They are there, Mike, yes. But there's not so many of them that it's a distraction. Just like I don't get distracted by people such as...well, you know...

Kim W5TIT

Posted via news://freenews.netfront.net
Complaints to news@netfront.net

3010. Re: BAD IDEA for ham radio in general (was Re: Contact the FCC and Tell Them to get rid of CW Test and Requirements)

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-27 22:34:29 UTC
From: kelly@dvol.com
Message-ID: <d22b54c3.0307271434.77822cd7@posting.google.com>
Source record: 72895

Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net> wrote in message news:<3F240FF3.1060108@adelphia.net>...
> Carl R. Stevenson wrote:
> > "Mike Coslo" <mcoslo@adelphia.net> wrote in message
> > news:3F240523.4040303@adelphia.net...
> >
> >> Carl R. Stevenson wrote:
> >>
> >>> While the intent may be good, this is a REALLY BAD idea ...
> >>>
> >>> Flooding the FCC Commissioner's e-mail inboxes with such letters
> >>> will only piss them off ... at ALL of ham radio, not just
> >>> pro-code-test or no-code test factions.
> >>>
> >>> There is a right way and a wrong way to do this ... and this is
> >>> DEFINITELY the WRONG way.
> >>>
> >>> Those who support the elimination of the Morse test from US FCC
> >>> rules would be well-advised to join NCI http://www.nocode.org and
> >>> follow the news.
> >>>
> >>> NCI's Board of Directors is working the strategy for how to best
> >>> approach the FCC on this matter and we will keep the membership
> >>> informed when we have finalized those discussions.
> >>
> >> Ya gotta get your people under control, Carl! 8^)
> >
> >
> > I'm not sure who you're referring to when you say "my people" ... the
> > ownership of people was abolished many, many years ago.
>
> Not a very good deflection try.
>
> Your people are the people on your side of this argument, quite simply.
>
> These are the people I made a note of some time ago when I wrote to
> youand some others about what comes next for the ARS.
>
> These are the people that while they may not share all your views,
> arereally excited about what you have played a large part in bringing
> tofruition. It's like a 50 percent discount, and they want it bad. Many
> would like evn more. And whether you like or not, you have given
> themgreat encouragement through your efforts.
>

> Nothing stands still. Where does the ARS go from here? I see lots
> ofpostings from people who want to do bizzare, illogical, and plain
> wronginterpretation of rules, I see calls for elinimation of the
> subbands,lots of good stuff.
>
>
> So yes, they are very much "your" people, Carl. And unless you get them
> under control, they may do grave damage to the ARS.
>
> Do you think that they are going to pay one bit of attention to people
> like us PCTA's? It's up to you as a leader to get them under control.
> Good luck.

Maybe Carl will be best remembered as the father of ham radio's Pandora's Box

> > I am simply trying to provide good advice to folks who might be
> > overly eager and get carried away in ways that would be bad for ALL
> > of ham radio.
>
> Good idea, I agree 100 percent.
>
> - Mike KB3EIA -

w3rv

3011. Re: Understanding the Possible Legal Loophole of s25.5 and 97.301(e)

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-27 23:29:55 UTC
From: "D. Stussy" <kd6lvw@bde-arc.ampr.org>
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.56.0307272329440.9313@kd6lvw.ampr.org>
Source record: 72897
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.misc

On Sun, 27 Jul 2003, JJ wrote:
> D. Stussy wrote:
> > On Sun, 27 Jul 2003, JJ wrote:
> >
> >>Alun Palmer wrote:
> >>
> >>>JJ <radiobuff0@mailcity.moc> wrote in news:3F22C7A5.7020502@mailcity.moc:
> >>>
> >>>>Dickhead Craniumless blubbered again and said:
> >>>>
> >>>>
> >>>>>What are you babbling about, JJ? He made it quite clear (except for
> >>>>>morons): 1. The FCC Rules & Regs make reference to the code
> >>>>>requirement as spelled out by the WRC.
> >>>>>2. The WRC no longer requires any code.
> >>>>>3. Ergo, the FCC Rules & Regs no longer require code.
> >>>>>
> >>>>>What's so difficult to understand? (Other than English, that is.)
> >>>>
> >>>>What are you babbling about dickieboy? Maybe his misconceptions are
> >>>>clear to idiots like you (why does that suprised anyone?), but the fact
> >>>>remains, until the FCC goes through the procedures necessary to
> >>>>eliminate the code requirement for the amateur radio service, it is
> >>>>still required and everything is just as it has been. Just because the
> >>>>WAC no longer requires the code, does not automatically drop it from the
> >>>>FCC requirements. Try reading more carefully and you might learn
> >>>>something, like how to find the 10 meter band.
> >>>>Lets see a newbie go for the General license and see if he can get one
> >>>>without taking a code test. You are as dense as this keith bird. You
> >>>>both must be really good on cb.
> >>>>
> >>>
> >>>You display a complete lack of understanding. Try actually reading
> >>>97.301(e) and then you might understand the discussion.
> >>
> >>And you understand just about as much as dickboy does. Until the FCC
> >>changes it, nothing has changed, code is still required.
> >
> >
> > That requirement, by itself, is NOT enough.
> >
> > See other replies, and the sub-thread titled "Alternate interpretation."
>

> Alternate interpret all you want, until the FCC changes the rules,
> nothing has changed. The FCC makes the final interpretation and they
> have NOT changed the rules regarding a code test.

The FCC, as a government agency, is bound by international treaty and law, and here, the international law HAS CHANGED, so any regulation that refers to it CAN (and in this case, HAS) been affected.

It's not "element 1 credit" by itself that determines a Technician class licensee's operating privilege on HF. If it were, then I would agree that nothing has changed - but that's simply not the situation here.

3012. Re: With CW gone, can the CW allocations be far behind?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 00:01:38 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
Message-ID: <3F246762.3040905@adelphia.net>
Source record: 72898
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy

Jim Hampton wrote:
> Mike, I agree it *is* a reasonable argument. Myself, I would prefer that a
> portion of the bands be reserved for digital modes (including cw) in the
> same manner that many parking lots used to have a number of spaces reserved
> for small cars (I haven't seen that many in some time since cars have shrunk
> considerably since the 70s). My fear is that some of the yahoos with 5 KW
> capability would love to wreck havoc in the low ends of the various amateur
> bands using voice modes. Besides, it makes it easier to find a station
> using a mode that you may wish to use if the bands are segmented somewhat to
> use.

All good points, Jim. The US method does indeed work pretty well, and
hams who disregard it with bookoo power could indeed make a mmess of it.

- Mike KB3EIA -

3013. Re: radio amateurs et cibistes

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 00:21:09 UTC
From: Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93C5CEF3339E5elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>
Source record: 72900

"Elmer E Ing" <EIG@noreply.com> wrote in
news:L5XUa.11844$ff.4541@fed1read01:

>
> "Marc" <marc.louat@planetis.com> wrote in message
> news:d98cc179.0307271231.1e8095c1@posting.google.com...
>> Bonjour
>> Je connais le radio amateurisme et ses r�gles depuis longtemps et
>> r�cemment j'ai rencontr� une personne qui fait de la cb dans le monde
>> entier, qui �change des cartes postales comme les radio amateurs, qui
>> appartient � un club et qui me dit que c'est l�gal. Qu'en pensez vous?
>> Moi � mon avis ce sont des pirates.
>> Marc
>
> Using a language Translator -- reads (as best it can)
> http://babelfish.altavista.com/
>
> Hello I know radio operator amateurism and his rules for a long time and
> recently I met a person who makes cb in the whole world, which exchanges
> postcards like the radio operator amateurs, which belongs to a club and
> which says to me that it is legal. What think about it? Me in my opinion
> they are pirates. Marc
> No comment from Elmer E Ing
> Anyone else ??
> For USA -- FCC page http://wireless.fcc.gov/services/personal/cb/
>
>
>

C'est legal. On n'ait pas besoin d'un licence pour echanger des cartes
QSL. Excusez moi pour ecriver en mauvais Francais.

3014. Re: Understanding the Possible Legal Loophole of s25.5 and 97.301(e)

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 00:24:38 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com>
Message-ID: <a3_Ua.1868$lL.260160@nnrp1.ptd.net>
Source record: 72899
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.misc

"Kim W5TIT" <fahgedit@nomail.net> wrote in message
news:bg11kiqjb1@adenine.netfront.net...
> "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> wrote in message
> news:noTUa.1834$lL.255006@nnrp1.ptd.net...
> > FCC rules have NOT changed (yet) ... Techs are STILL not allowed
> > HF privs unless they have passed, and have documented credit for,
> > the 5 wpm Morse test ...
> >
> > Don't let the writers in this thread talk you into ILLEGAL operation.
> >
> > --
> > Carl R. Stevenson - wk3c
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>
> I understand your caution, Carl. But, somehow, if one is willing to
ignore
> existing R&R, or maybe doesn't even understand them, in an area where they
> would "experiment," don't they kind of deserve whatever trouble they would
> have coming their way?
>
> Kim W5TIT

In a word, YES ... they should have their licenses revoked.

HOWEVER, the REST of us don't need the grief that large-scale flaunting
of the rules would bring down on ALL of ham radio ...

73,
Carl - wk3c

3015. Re: Understanding the Possible Legal Loophole of s25.5 and 97.301(e)

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 00:29:23 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com>
Message-ID: <D7_Ua.1869$IL.260845@nnrp1.ptd.net>
Source record: 72801
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.amateur.misc

"D. Stussy" <kd6lvw@bde-arc.ampr.org> wrote in message
news:Pine.LNX.4.56.0307272052370.9313@kd6lvw.ampr.org...
> On Sun, 27 Jul 2003, Carl R. Stevenson wrote:
> > FCC rules have NOT changed (yet) ... Techs are STILL not allowed
> > HF privs unless they have passed, and have documented credit for,
> > the 5 wpm Morse test ...
>
> I disagree - they don't even have that anymore. Techs who have the
element 1
> credit in hand CANNOT operate on HF, because 47 CFR 97.301(e) has TWO
> requirements, the second one being compliance with an international
regulation
> that now no longer exists. Since there is no way to be in compliance with
the
> rescinded regulation, the second condition can NOT be met, and therefore,
no
> "technician plus" licensee (or equivalent) and no novice licensee has any
HF
> privileges. By the stated condition, the privilege was rescinded on July
5,
> 2003, when the international regulation effectively disappeared.

That's ridiculous ... the NEW ITU Radio Regs simply give administrations
the CHOICE as to whether or not to have a Morse test as a requirement
for licenses that convey privs below 30 MHz ... they do NOT preclude
any administration from having it either way ... it's their choice.

The regulation was not "rescinded" on July 5, 2003, it was simply
MODIFIED.

Thus, there is no issue of "compliance with international requirements".
Current US FCC Part 97 rules are in compliance with the ITU Radio Regs.

73,
Carl - wk3c

3016. Re: American w/ Disability Act and CW Proficiency Test

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 00:31:11 UTC
From: Dan/W4NTI <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com>
Message-ID: <bg1qs3$n4u$1@slb3.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 72802

"Kim W5TIT" <fahgedit@nomail.net> wrote in message
news:bg1jna$15mu$1@adenine.netfront.net...
> "Mike Coslo" <mcoslo@adelphia.net> wrote in message
> news:3F241097.8040805@adelphia.net...
> > Kim W5TIT wrote:
> > > "Keith" <kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net> wrote in message
> > > news:bg0pc9022c7@enews2.newsguy.com...
> > >
> > >>On 27 Jul 2003 14:22:09 GMT, n2ey@aol.com (N2EY) wrote:
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> > >>>If you're going to go that route, then all of the questions in the
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> > >>>tests about voice modes have to go as well, because there's no way
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> > >>>are going to use SSB, either.
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> > >>I'd love to see someone with a hearing disability receive weak signal
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> > >>meters in the middle of July. Requiring a deaf person to pass a code
> test
> > >
> > > to
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> > >>get a ham license is like making a blind person pass a drivers test
> before
> > >>riding the bus, you never know when driver will pass out and the blind
> > >
> > > will
> > >
> > >>have to take the wheel of the bus.
> > >> You are really crazy along with your pals at the ARRRRRRLLLL. This
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> > >
> > > on to
> > >

> > >>morse code forever crap is the reason that ham radio is going to die.
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> > >
> > > And you're arguments backed by idiocy are the reason those of us who
> > > logically argue against a CW test get the flak that we do. To say the
> > > things you say of the deaf, or any other handicapped you might *think*
> you
> > > are taking up for, is narrow minded and pretty damned discriminatory
of
> you.
> >
> > But these people are there, Kim. And there seems to be quite a few of
> > 'em. Just some of the folk we can look forward to soon.
> >
> >
> > - Mike KB3EIA -
> >
>
> They are there, Mike, yes. But there's not so many of them that it's a
> distraction. Just like I don't get distracted by people such as...well,
you
> know...
>
> Kim W5TIT
>
>
> ---
> Posted via news://freenews.netfront.net
> Complaints to news@netfront.net

Typical....don't confuse me with the facts...I know it all...right Twit?

Dan/W4NTI

3017. Re: ATTN: Tech Licensee USA Morse Code Freedom Day is August 1st

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 00:34:49 UTC
From: Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net>
Message-ID: <gm98iv8gefard1ljrc1d87qao050t62lm5@4ax.com>
Source record: 72805
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb

On Sat, 26 Jul 2003 09:40:04 -0400, "Spamhater" <nospam@nospam.com>
wrote:

>HEY KEITH,
>
>IF YOU'RE NOT ILLITERATE, TRY READING PART 95 SOMETIME.... YOU WILL SEE HOW
>STUPID YOU SOUND. THE NEWEST VERSION! ALL AMATEURS ARE SUPPOSED TO HAVE A
>COPY OF CURRENT LAWS AVAILABLE... BUT SINCE YOU"VE OBVIOUSLY NOT READ THEM
>TO KNOW THE LAWS, YOU WOULDN'T BE AWARE OF THIS ONE EITHER! NOW, IS THIS BIG
>ENOUGH FOR YOU TO READ AND UNDERSTAND?????? DUHHHHH.......

You're both on crack. Part 95 is the CB regs. The regs for ham radio
are in part 97.

DE John, KC2HMZ

3018. Re: The Plan

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 00:34:50 UTC
From: Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net>
Message-ID: <esa8ivcr6ppjej38qfg5vneepnsgj51kso@4ax.com>
Source record: 72806

On 27 Jul 2003 05:05:09 -0700, k4yz@aol.com (Steve Robeson, K4CAP)
wrote:

>death_to_hamradio <death_to_hamradio_member@newsguy.com> wrote in message
news:<bfvh7t010f1@drn.newsguy.com>...
>
>> This is an idea that is timely and necessary. It is no longer possible to tie up
>> frequencies that hundreds of millions of people could benefit from, just for the
>> purpose of operators having a nice talk at 3:30 AM in the morning.
>
> If it were so timely and necessary, a real man would have put his
>name to his work.
>
> You didn't = No gonads = Scumbag troll.
>
>Steve, K4YZ

Scumbag CB'er troll. Apparently, Steve, you missed the paragraph
immediately before the one you quoted:

>As this is being written, research into Part 95 in underway. An official comment
>will be submitted to the Federal Communications Commission once the research has
>been completed.

Note that the imbecile in question here referred to Part 95, which has
nothing at all to do with the ARS.

73 DE John, KC2HMZ

3019. Re: Amateur Radio "outside the box"

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 00:34:51 UTC
From: Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net>
Message-ID: <bei8iv4vt0d4skq3f1fqh9cjecqa0qtlvp@4ax.com>
Source record: 72807

On 27 Jul 2003 13:30:21 GMT, vshah101@aol.com (Vshah101) wrote:

>Although there are many possible amateur-radio activities, Hams tend to focus
>on a certain group of activities. Often, they are followed in the manner
>accepted by tradition.
>
>The typical Ham activity is making short QSOs for contests and awards. Contests
>are events where Hams try to make as many contacts on specified bands as
>possible.

We're hams, sir. We know what contests are.

>Awards are often given by how many locations are contacted
>("worked"). For example, there are Worked All States, Worked 100 countries,
>etc. Notice that traditional Ham radio awards are given for the number of
>contacts or for how many contacts in a given time period.

Naturally. What would *you* give them on the basis of? Number of
hamburgers eaten during operating time?

>This is a competitive activity. Hams compete to obtain the best contest score,

...which should come as no surprise to anyone who has ever looked up
the word "contest" in the dictionary...

>or to obtain award certificates. Hams seem to have this type of mode of
>operation, and it seems to be the same at almost every club.

The rules for any given contest remain the same for all participants,
regardless of what club they belong to - and the qualifications for
awards remain the same regardless of what club one belongs to. Could
it be maybe that's why?

>I have nothing against competition.

Coulda fooled me.

>Also, I have nothing against Hams doing what they enjoy
>doing.

Ditto.

>But, I would like to point out that there are other types of competition
>possible. And there are other types of activities and interests.
>
>Because no such clubs exist right now that cater to these interests, there is
>no avenue for one to pursue these interests.

Maybe not in your area. That doesn't mean it's the same everywhere
else.

>Things like expense and the large
>amount of time it takes for an individual (vs a group who share an interest),
>tend to not allow these new interests to surface. Also, the current group of
>Hams wants to do things their way and have little acceptance for different
>types of activities. By not providing an avenue for others to pursue their
>interests, these other Amateur-radio activities do not get done. Some people
>would become frustrated when they go to clubs and no one shares their
>interests. This has the effect of reducing the number of people that stay in
>the hobby.

Sounds to me like you want someone else to do everything for you
instead of getting off your duff and doing it yourself.

>Here are some other possibilities in amateur radio.
>
>More radio direction finding challenges.
>The gaming aspect of this activity is appealing to some. Also, it uses more
>physical activity than sitting at a station making contacts.

The club I belong to has a hidden transmitter hunt every Wednesday
night all summer long.

>Homebrewing challenges.
>Lets have some homebrewing challenges. How about building small circuits, e.g.
>using SMT? I don't see small batteries at Hamfests, so I know this isn't being
>done. How about ATV using a homebrewed project?

You wanna play with SMT, fine, YOU mess with that tiny crap. I can't
even SEE the stuff let alone solder it. Lemme know how much you enjoy
the headache you get from squinting at stuff that was never meant for
humans to be playing with in the first place (it's designed for
assembly by machines).

>Often Hams will not show interest in a project, just because it doesn't hook up
>to their radio. Just because a particular rf project may not involve a radio
>(for example, radio controlled planes), shouldn't make it off limits. If its
>rf, its still radio. How about radio controlled planes, Doppler radar, or
>VHF/UHF amplifiers?

Well, to take 'em in the order you gave 'em:

* Radio controlled models do pertain to ham radio. In fact, there's a
whole group of frequencies in the six meter band reserved for exactly
this purpose. We have one or two guys in our club who build and fly
radio controlled model aircraft.

* Radar is not a valid transmission mode in the ARS as far as I know.
Better check the regs before you start messing with radar. Throw too
much power into a radar beam and your neighbors start having what
cruel doctors call FLKs (funny looking kids) and FCC comes after you
with pitchforks and torches.

* Perhaps VHF/UHF amplifiers aren't that popular as a homebrew project
because they can be bought commercially dirt cheap, and because one
generaqlly doesn't need to throw that kind of power at the local
repeaters anyway, and because an amplifier kit for HF is more likely
to be of interest to hams with licenses that grant them HF privileges,
and those are the hams most likely to have the skills to build one.

>APRS.
>Lets get more people using the capabilities of APRS. All I see at Hamfests is a
>map with active locations showing. New interesting applications should be
>tested. Perhaps tracking a radio in a car. How about having both cars move, and
>one follows the other using APRS. Most Hams do not do this. This would be an
>interesting group activity.

Beyond its basic text messaging capability, that's what APRS is, a map
showing active locations. Even if the active locations are in motion,
looking at the map at any given instant isn't going to show the object
moving. It also requires additional equipment (like a GPS and, for the
messaging, some sort of computer or one of Kenwood's megabucks radios
with APRS built in) that takes up more space in today's
already-way-too-friggin'-small-and-cramped vehicles. Also, somebody's
got to pay for the extra gear. You volunteering?

>Training.
>Lets have dedicated training. Either in the clubs, or as training seminars for
>better amateur radio operation, emergency preparedness, etc. Clubs often just
>have one lecture and then some club business. Better to have some demo setups
>and have people use some radios. More training should be offered. However, I
>don't know how many Hams would like that or would be willing to pay for
>training. Topics could include: generator power, connector assembly, antenna
>tuning and setup, troubleshooting. Perhaps some rf measurements training. Maybe
>some circuit design topics.

That's what's called "elmering" and yes, it does seem to be a dying
art, but then again, much of that "training" used to happen when a
prospective ham was studying to get his/her license, whereas nowadays
people get the license first and then try to learn what they're
supposed to be doing with it. All too often people buy a book, learn
to pass the test, pass the test, get the license, and don't know
squat, and don't want to hear it when somebody tries to explain it to
them either.

>DXpeditions.
>Enjoy a DXpedition. One thing I have noticed is that Hams often go to
>DXpeditions and don't do anything other than operate radios.

That's what a DXpedition is for!

> At one club
>meeting I went to, one person gave a presentation about how he went to this
>exotic location and all he did is setup antennas, and make contacts. He had
>nothing to say about that location. At a Hamfest, I saw a film of another group
>of Hams going to another country and all they did is setup antennas and make

>contacts.

Imagine that...they went on a long trip for the purpose of setting up
stations and making contacts, and when they arrived that's exactly
what they did.

>I went to a DXpedition - definitely a vacation spot- with a group of Hams. I
>saw this tendency firsthand. They did exactly the same thing! I wanted to go to
>the beach, take a drive, etc., but the Hams were only interested in making
>radio contacts on various modes.

Dude, THEY went on a DXpedition - and they had one. YOU on the other
hand wanted a vacation. News flash...a DXpedition is not a vacation,
it's a lot of hard work. But we've already seen that work is not quite
up your alley, is it, or else you'd be doing this stuff yourself
instead of whining about nobody else wanting to do it for you.

>I don't see the point of the DXpedition.

Oh, you saw it, alright, it just went in one eye and out the other.

>Were they doing a duty to that
>location, making sure the location is activated and gets QSOs? Working the
>location for a few hours qualifies as getting the benefits of working that
>location. There is no need to work the location for 8+ hours. They made
>contacts for hours throughout the day and through Saturday night.

They were doing a duty to their fellow hams who wanted to work that
location for awards credit. And, apparently there *was* a need to work
that location for 8+ hours, because they were still making contacts,
meaning there were still stations that wanted to work them, and the
whole point of a DXpedition is to give that location to hams who need
a contact with that location.

>It seems the only non-radio activity Hams participate is in eating. (I did
>manage to get a few road trips because I volunteered to pick up food. Most of
>the Hams stayed at the shack.)

Well, at least you made some contribution to the effort...

>They missed out on the scenic beach, the small
>town atmosphere.

You missed out on the chance to *be* the DX instead of trying to
chase the DX.

>What's the point of going to a vacation location if the
>experience is the same as working QSOs at home?

The experience is *not* the same. You'd have learned that firsthand if
you'd taken the opportunity to be a ham while you were there, instead
of being a tourist.

>There needs to be some balance.

At Disneyland, maybe. On a DXpedition? I'll bet your companions were thrilled with you the whole time. I caqn just see you whining about missing the beach, missing the town, missing the native girls, while not a single one of them came there for any of that. You're probably lucky they didn't hogtie you and toss you off a cliff.

>Yesterday, I went to that club's cookout. As usual, the club was mostly older
>males. There were one woman. She asked what we did at the DXpedition. Perhaps
>she might attend next year's event. One of the people that went there said all
>they did is operate radios. The woman asked, "Is that all you did? You didn't
>go to the beach or anything?"

She must not have been a ham. Either that or she did a good job humoring a nutcase.

>I imagine, going to a vacation spot and not doing
>any vacation stuff is not appealing to women and young people.

Apparently you don't read the ham radio magazines very thoroughly. Female hams do go on DXpeditions, and participate as operators, and enjoy the experience. K1RED, a female ham (and a darn good looking one in my opinion) wrote up a darn good article in QST last year on her experience on a DXpedition. She wasn't along to cook and fetch beers. As I recall, she stated that she was honored to have participated.

>Also, the idea
>of making repeated contacts at a radio is boring to some people.
>
>Ham radio has
>a social component as well as a technical component. If you make the social
>aspect intolerable, few will want to stay in the hobby. Ham radio probably
>loses a lot of people this way.

If that's how you feel, you picked the WRONG hobby.

>Meetings at different places.
>Hams have club meetings and other events. Often, these events are food related.
>Barbecues, weekly Saturday breakfasts, etc.
>
>My suggestion is that instead of meeting weekly to eat, why not meet at a new
>"fun" place each week. How about the park, a boat ride, etc. Make it a new
>place every week. Cost is not the problem. Often these events cost less than
>the overpriced breakfast buffet. It may take some work (mostly scheduling and
>informing people), but not much. And it's well worth it.

Have *you* ever taken a leadership role in planning and conducting one of these activities, or do you just sit back and let the board of directors and committee chairs do all the work themselves and show up halfway through to stuff your face?

>Meet a Ham.
>And lets try to contact Hams, not just short QSOs to work bands or locations
>for awards. This includes developing lasting contacts. And even the possibility
>to meet your contact off the air.

This is called "ragchewing" and more of it goes on than you apparently realize. It even goes on during contests - there are many hams who absolutely detest contesting. I've seen articles in the ham magazines about hams who've travelled thousands of miles to meet someone they've worked on the air and befriended.

What it boils down to is this: You are quite correct, there is more to ham radio than contesting and paper-chasing. You seem bitter because there are a lot of hams who enjoy contesting and paper-chasing, but those are activities lots of hams do enjoy, even if you do not. Get on the air during a contest and head for the high end of the band. There you'll find the ragchewers who want nothing to do with the contest scene, just sitting up there having round-robin discussions about anything but contesting (unless they happen to be commiserating about contests and contesters). Join them. Voila! You'll have found someone who you might have some interests in common with.

On the other hand, you yourself have to make the effort to find your niche in the hobby. If you aren't willing to work at it a little, you're in for a big disappointment, because it's not likely that someone else is going to do it for you. This is no hobby for a lazy person. If that's what you want, take up fishing. :-)

73 DE John, KC2HMZ

3020. Re: BAD IDEA for ham radio in general (was Re: Contact the FCC and Tell Them to get rid of CW Test and Requirements)

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 00:35:27 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
Message-ID: <3F246F4E.5050608@adelphia.net>
Source record: 72804

Brian Kelly wrote:
> Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net> wrote in message
news:<3F240FF3.1060108@adelphia.net>...
<snippage>
>> So yes, they are very much "your" people, Carl. And unless you get them
>>under control, they may do grave damage to the ARS.
>>
>> Do you think that they are going to pay one bit of attention to people
>>like us PCTA's? It's up to you as a leader to get them under control.
>>Good luck.
>
>
> Maybe Carl will be best remembered as the father of ham radio's Pandora's Box

Tht's what I think.

- Mike KB3EIA -

3021. Re: BAD IDEA for ham radio in general (was Re: Contact the FCC and Tell Them to get rid of CW Test and Requirements)

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 00:37:39 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com>
Message-ID: <nf_Ua.1870$IL.261015@nnrp1.ptd.net>
Source record: 72803

"Mike Coslo" <mcoslo@adelphia.net> wrote in message
news:3F240FF3.1060108@adelphia.net...
> Carl R. Stevenson wrote:
> > "Mike Coslo" <mcoslo@adelphia.net> wrote in message
> > news:3F240523.4040303@adelphia.net...
> >
> >> Carl R. Stevenson wrote:
> >>
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> >>> Flooding the FCC Commissioner's e-mail inboxes with such letters
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> >> Ya gotta get your people under control, Carl! 8^)
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> >
> > I'm not sure who you're referring to when you say "my people" ... the
> > ownership of people was abolished many, many years ago.
>
> Not a very good deflection try.
>
> Your people are the people on your side of this argument, quite simply.

"My people" (meaning NCI in this case, with the recognition
that I don't own them) DON'T advocate illegal "protest" operaton,
"mail-bombing" the FCC Commissioners, etc.

> So yes, they are very much "your" people, Carl. And unless you get them
> under control, they may do grave damage to the ARS.

A few folks here on usenet who advocate things (perhaps just to troll)
don't a grave threat to ham radio constitute.

> Do you think that they are going to pay one bit of attention to people
> like us PCTA's? It's up to you as a leader to get them under control.
> Good luck.

I have posted, discouraging illegal "protest" operations, "mail-bombing"
the FCC, etc. What else would you have me do?

As I told Kim, if someone operates illegally, they deserve what they get.
Enforcement is the domain of Reilly and his associates at the FCC, *not*
of NCI (or me).

I will ALWAYS try my best to discourage bad, or even ill-advised,
behavior, but at the end of the day all I can do is advise ...

> > I am simply trying to provide good advice to folks who might be
> > overly eager and get carried away in ways that would be bad for ALL
> > of ham radio.
>
> Good idea, I agree 100 percent.

Glad you agree ... now don't bust my chops over things you *know*
I can't control, just because we disagree on the Morse requirement :-)

73,
Carl - wk3c

3022. Re: With CW gone, can the CW allocations be far behind?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 00:42:21 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com>
Message-ID: <Nj_Ua.1871$lL.260935@nnrp1.ptd.net>
Source record: 72808
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy

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"Mike Coslo" <mcoslo@adelphia.net> wrote in message
news:3F24113D.1090600@adelphia.net...
> Stu Parker wrote:
> > On Sun, 27 Jul 2003 16:16:40 GMT, Carl R. Stevenson <wk3cqth@wk3c.com>
wrote:
> > [snip]
> >
> > Go ahead. Pick at nits. We all know what he meant.
> >
> > But the point is well-taken. If CW is to be removed as a
> > *requirement* for a ham license, then its special status has
> > evaporated. Why give it any band-plan perks at all? CW operators can
> > already operate in the phone bands (most of them don't, but that's a
> > free choice), so why not accord the phone users the same freedom of
> > choice?
> >
> > I'd be in favor of reserving a very small portion of each HF band for
> > rtty, psk31, etc., but I'd let all modes permitted by an operator's
> > license be used everywhere else.
> >
> > In other words, it is legitimate and useful to reevaluate the entire
> > band-plan structure of the Amateur Radio Service, and it is even
> > thinkable that what is commonly called the "cw portion" of the bands
> > should be reallocated.
>
> Well, Carl, here is a well thought out and well presented argument.
> Your answer?
>
> - Mike KB3EIA -
>

I have previously voiced my view that I do NOT favor phone band
expansion, as the CW/data portions would be over-run with SSB.

That would thwart the development of new digital modes and IMHO,
be a bad thing.

I operate SSB a lot ... and I don't find the phone bands "too crowded" ...
certainly not so crowded that you can't find room for a QSO ...
even on major contest weekends, that's the case ... though some of
the folks operating the contests behave rather badly.

Carl - wk3c
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3023. Re: There is no International Code Requirement and techs can operate HF according to FCC Rules

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 00:52:54 UTC
From: Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
Message-ID: <cuvyxnansvbet.hipdwyq.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 72809
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb

On 26 Jul 2003 04:49:22 GMT, Alun Palmer wrote:

>OK Phil, read 97.301(e) and let us know how you understand it, parsing
>each part carefully.

OK - I presume that you mean the following text, not the frequency
table:

(e) For a station having a control operator who has been
granted an operator license of Novice Class or Technician Class

This is self-explanatory.

and who has received credit for proficiency in telegraphy in
accordance with the international requirements.

The key to this discussion is, or course, "what are the
international requirements".

Up until the 2003 revision of S25.5 of the IRR, each Administration
was required to determine the proficiency of each applicant for a
license valid for operation below 30 MHz. In the US, this was done
by requiring the applicant to pass Element 1.

Upon the 2003 revision of S25.5 of the IRR, the requirement to
determine proficiency was made optional for each Administration.

That is the only change in the "international requirement" - each
Administration can now decide by its own rules/regulations whether
to require a code test. The code test is no longer mandatory for
each Administration. Each Administration's requirement for code
testing has not been automatically "dropped" or "eliminated" solely
by the revision of S25.5.

Until the FCC changes the rules concering Element 1, the
requirement in the US remains that Element 1 must be passed.

The question of -when- and -how- the FCC Rules will be changed is a
separate item from -what- the rule requirement is up until they
-are- changed. Ditto for how the FCC will handle the issue of
giving -what- privileges to folks who hold a Technician license
but have never passed the code test.

Does that answer your question?

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73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane
ARRL Volunteer Counsel

From a Clearing in the Silicon Forest
Beaverton (Washington County) Oregon

3024. Re: ATTN: Tech Licensee USA Morse Code Freedom Day is August 1st

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 01:00:28 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bg1sjb$1ao1$1@adenine.netfront.net>
Source record: 72811
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb

"Radio Amateur KC2HMZ" <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net> wrote in message
news:gm98iv8gefard1ljrc1d87qao050t62lm5@4ax.com...
> On Sat, 26 Jul 2003 09:40:04 -0400, "Spamhater" <nospam@nospam.com>
> wrote:
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>
> >HEY KEITH,
> >
> >IF YOU'RE NOT ILLITERATE, TRY READING PART 95 SOMETIME.... YOU WILL SEE
HOW
> >STUPID YOU SOUND. THE NEWEST VERSION! ALL AMATEURS ARE SUPPOSED TO HAVE A
> >COPY OF CURRENT LAWS AVAILABLE... BUT SINCE YOU"VE OBVIOUSLY NOT READ
THEM
> >TO KNOW THE LAWS, YOU WOULDN'T BE AWARE OF THIS ONE EITHER! NOW, IS THIS
BIG
> >ENOUGH FOR YOU TO READ AND UNDERSTAND?????? DUHHHHH.......
>
> You're both on crack. Part 95 is the CB regs. The regs for ham radio
> are in part 97.
>
> DE John, KC2HMZ
>

"both on crack" ROFLMAO!!!!

Kim W5TIT

Posted via news://freenews.netfront.net
Complaints to news@netfront.net

3025. Re: BAD IDEA for ham radio in general (was Re: Contact the FCC and Tell Them to get rid of CW Test and Requirements)

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 01:01:03 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
Message-ID: <3F24754D.1070305@adelphia.net>
Source record: 72810

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Carl R. Stevenson wrote:
> "Mike Coslo" <mcoslo@adelphia.net> wrote in message
> news:3F240FF3.1060108@adelphia.net...
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> the FCC, etc. What else would you have me do?

As the visible head of the No Code test movement, you have a
responsibilty to ensure an orderly transition. Right now what is
starting to happen is something that I saw as logically following the
elimination of the code testing requirement. And it is coming about
directly as a result of that elimination.

Personally I'd be telling people that the rules are changing, they
haven't been eliminated. And I'd be doing it an awful lot.

Perhaps it isn't your problem though.

- Mike KB3EIA -

3026. Re: American w/ Disability Act and CW Proficiency Test

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 01:01:54 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bg1sm1$1aq7$1@adenine.netfront.net>
Source record: 72812

"Dan/W4NTI" <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com> wrote in message
news:bg1qs3$n4u$1@slb3.atl.mindspring.net...
>
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> >
> > ---
> > Posted via news://freenews.netfront.net
> > Complaints to news@netfront.net
>
> Typical....don't confuse me with the facts...I know it all...right Twit?
>
> Dan/W4NTI
>

You're just angry, Dan. You let me get to you...

Kim W5TIT

Posted via news://freenews.netfront.net
Complaints to news@netfront.net

3027. Re: Understanding the Possible Legal Loophole of s25.5 and 97.301(e)

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 01:02:39 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bg1snf$1aqm$1@adenine.netfront.net>
Source record: 72813
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.misc

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"Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> wrote in message
news:a3_Ua.1868$lL.260160@nnrp1.ptd.net...
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> "Kim W5TIT" <fahgedit@nomail.net> wrote in message
> news:bg11ki$qjb$1@adenine.netfront.net...
> > "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> wrote in message
> > news:noTUa.1834$lL.255006@nnrp1.ptd.net...
> > > FCC rules have NOT changed (yet) ... Techs are STILL not allowed
> > > HF privs unless they have passed, and have documented credit for,
> > > the 5 wpm Morse test ...
> > >
> > > Don't let the writers in this thread talk you into ILLEGAL operation.
> > >
> > > --
> > > Carl R. Stevenson - wk3c
> >
> >
> > I understand your caution, Carl. But, somehow, if one is willing to
> ignore
> > existing R&R, or maybe doesn't even understand them, in an area where
they
> > would "experiment," don't they kind of deserve whatever trouble they
would
> > have coming their way?
> >
> > Kim W5TIT
>
> In a word, YES ... they should have their licenses revoked.
>
> HOWEVER, the REST of us don't need the grief that large-scale flaunting
> of the rules would bring down on ALL of ham radio ...
>
> 73,
> Carl - wk3c
>

Well, that's true...

Kim W5TIT

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Posted via news://freenews.netfront.net
Complaints to news@netfront.net
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3028. Re: With CW gone, can the CW allocations be far behind?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 01:03:31 UTC
From: Bill Sohl <billsohl@mindspring.com>
Message-ID: <bg1svnaaa1@slb6.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 72814
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy

"Mike Coslo" <mcoslo@adelphia.net> wrote in message
news:3F24113D.1090600@adelphia.net...
> Stu Parker wrote:
> > On Sun, 27 Jul 2003 16:16:40 GMT, Carl R. Stevenson <wk3cqth@wk3c.com>
wrote:
> > [snip]
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> > Go ahead. Pick at nits. We all know what he meant.
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> > But the point is well-taken. If CW is to be removed as a
> > *requirement* for a ham license, then its special status has
> > evaporated. Why give it any band-plan perks at all? CW operators can
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> > band-plan structure of the Amateur Radio Service, and it is even
> > thinkable that what is commonly called the "cw portion" of the bands
> > should be reallocated.
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> Well, Carl, here is a well thought out and well presented argument.
> Your answer?
> - Mike KB3EIA -

Mike,

As another NCI director, I'd tell Stu that IF he feels strongly
about his suggestion, he could submit a petition for
rulemaking to the FCC.

Cheers,
Bill K2UNK

3029. Re: There is no International Code Requirement and techs can operate HF according to FCC Rules

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 01:13:14 UTC
From: Bill Sohl <billsohl@mindspring.com>
Message-ID: <bg1thj$6v9$1@slb4.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 72815
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.misc

"Keith" <kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net> wrote in message
news:bfsdri11m8@enews1.newsguy.com...
> On 25 Jul 2003 22:56:38 GMT, et472@FreeNet.Carleton.CA (Michael Black)
wrote:
>
> > No, the rules are what counts, not some preamble.
>
> The FCC rules are based on that international requirement.
> Now the FCC could have said you must pass the 5 wpm test to operate on HF
> frequencies. But they said based on the international proficiency
requirements
> a tech can operate on HF.
>
> Today there are no international proficiency requirements for morse code.

And before July, there was no specific "code speed"
international requirement...yet that didn't allow techs who
could do 2 wpm morse on HF...the FCC mandated 5 wpm
even though the ITU had no speed minimum.

Cheers,
Bill K2UNK

3030. Re: There is no International Code Requirement and techs can operate HF according to FCC Rules

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 01:14:23 UTC
From: Bill Sohl <billsohl@mindspring.com>
Message-ID: <bg1tjm$uo5$1@slb2.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 72816
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.misc

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news:bfsdri11m8@enews1.newsguy.com...
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> frequencies. But they said based on the international proficiency
requirements
> a tech can operate on HF.
>
> Today there are no international proficiency requirements for morse code.

Actually, the new treaty sez each country can decide for itself.

Cheers,
Bill K2UNK

3031. Re: ATTN: Tech Licensee USA Morse Code Freedom Day is August 1st

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 01:22:40 UTC
From: Bill Sohl <billsohl@mindspring.com>
Message-ID: <bg1uvvqoi1@slb0.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 72819
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb

"Dwight Stewart" <stewart@say.net> wrote in message
news:BB4761A9.1F6F2%stewart@say.net...
> "Alun Palmer" wrote:
> >
> > s97.301(e) reads:
> >
> > For a station having a control operator who has
> > been granted an operator license of Novice Class
> > or Technician Class and who has received credit
> > for proficiency in telegraphy in accordance with
> > the international requirements.
> >
> > (followed by frequency table)
> >
> > The 'international requirements' (ITU-R s25.5)
> > now read: (snip)
>
>
> The "international requirements" have to ratified, and FCC rules
changed,
> before any content of those "international requirements" become the law of
> this land. Until that happens, your license is dependant on existing FCC
> rules and regulations. The courts will enforce those existing regulations,
> not some possible future change in them.

The FCC could, however, make rules changes which are based
on the new treaty because the OLD treaty is gone, done, defunct,
over...even if the US never ratified the new treaty. No nation is now
bound by the old treaty at all.

> Further, the changes in the "international requirements" do not
eliminate
> code testing - it simply leaves it up to individual governments to keep or
> end testing. If the US decides not to end testing, there will be no change
> in our laws for the courts to even consider in your defense.

True.

Cheers,
Bill K2UNK

3032. Re: ...does anyone really know who this is?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 01:25:27 UTC
From: rfburns2003@yahoo.com
Message-ID: <634e00e4.0307271725.35c172c2@posting.google.com>
Source record: 72817
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy

'X-No-archive: yes'

Chuck wrote:
> This idiot has been broadcasting and jamming legitimate
> amateur QSO's for years on several selected amateur
> radio frequencies with his inane BS. In one
> bold statement a few years ago he stated that he would
> be "bigger" than the ARRL is by today...anyone notice
> this flea? Just curious....is this guy a jerk or what???

You know I've heard this guy was accused of being a pedophile in the past by someone. There was actually a newsletter that contained all the alleged information about him and his work in the school district near his home in Maine. Is it true? I sure don't know. Don't want to know! From everything I've read the guy is supposedly a total creep.

The guy certainly SOUNDS deranged if you listen to his weird anti-government rants on the air. Twilight Zone stuff, black helicopters... definitely one fry short of a happy meal. Allegedly he sued the FCC for 10 million bucks and lost back in 1999. What kind of an idiot sues the Federal government?

He has been a lot more tame since he was thrown off 14.275 this spring and since the FCC in Boston got on his case, and after Walter Cronkite and the ARRL threatened to sue him. He was also allegedly soliciting donations for all kinds of nefarious organizations. One of the "directors" in his so-called "organization" actually admitted smuggling communications gear to a jungle dictator. Then he admitted giving communications gear to an African warlord! What a freaking fruitcake... allegedly the funding for this stunt came from this guys charity!

My buddy told me no one listens to his crap since he was exposed as a fraud and a liar. He just spews it out with a puny little signal while people just talk right over it these days. A has been who never was.

Chris

3033. Re: Fight the BPL

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 01:41:43 UTC
From: Uncle Peter <radioconnectionNO@cox.netSPAM>
Message-ID: <T9%Ua.26202$zd4.22593@lakeread02>
Source record: 72818
Cross-posted to:
rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.swap

"Phil Kane" <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop> wrote in message
news:cuvyxnansvbet.hi8r2re.pminews@netnews.comcast.net...
> On Fri, 18 Jul 2003 18:59:18 -0000, Dave Platt wrote:
>
> >you'll spend a lot more on equipment, *and* your neighbors (BPL-using
> >and otherwise) will be much more likely to experience harmful
> >interference.
>
> "Harmful interference" is a specific technical term of art in
> communications regulatory law that refers to interruption to a
> licensed communications service and places the responsibility to
> alleviate the situation on the operation causing the problem.
>
> Your neighbors will experince "unwanted interception" which you
> have no obligation to deal with except to make a reasonable amount
> of tests to enable the neighbor's repair tech to check the
> effectiveness of whatever protective measures they are making to the
> affected home electronic/entertainment equipment.
>
> You, OTOH, will receive "harmful interference" from the BPL operation.
>
> Go get 'em, tiger....
>
> --
> 73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane
> ARRL Volunteer Counsel
>
What will probably happen, given that BPL takes off, is that Amateur
interference to BPL users will cause enough uproar for the FCC
to impose quiet hours or power limits on hams.
Money talks, hams will walk. Licensed
service or not.

Pete

3034. Re: With CW gone, can the CW allocations be far behind?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 01:47:36 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
Message-ID: <3F248034.3010409@adelphia.net>
Source record: 72820
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy

Carl R. Stevenson wrote:
> "Mike Coslo" <mcoslo@adelphia.net> wrote in message
> news:3F24113D.1090600@adelphia.net...
>
>>Stu Parker wrote:
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>>>On Sun, 27 Jul 2003 16:16:40 GMT, Carl R. Stevenson <wk3cqth@wk3c.com>
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> wrote:
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>>>[snip]
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>>>Go ahead. Pick at nits. We all know what he meant.
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>>>But the point is well-taken. If CW is to be removed as a
>>>*requirement* for a ham license, then its special status has
>>>evaporated. Why give it any band-plan perks at all? CW operators can
>>>already operate in the phone bands (most of them don't, but that's a
>>>free choice), so why not accord the phone users the same freedom of
>>>choice?
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>>>I'd be in favor of reserving a very small portion of each HF band for
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>>>license be used everywhere else.
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>>>In other words, it is legitimate and useful to reevaluate the entire
>>>band-plan structure of the Amateur Radio Service, and it is even
>>>thinkable that what is commonly called the "cw portion" of the bands
>>>should be reallocated.
>>
>>Well, Carl, here is a well thought out and well presented argument.
>>Your answer?
>>
>>- Mike KB3EIA -
>>
>
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> I have previously voiced my view that I do NOT favor phone band
> expansion, as the CW/data portions would be over-run with SSB.
>
> That would thwart the development of new digital modes and IMHO,
> be a bad thing.

Okay, I was hoping for a little more than just that though. Because if someone comes up with that argument, and your answer is simply that it would thwart development, well then guess who is going to win?

- Mike KB3EIA -

3035. Re: With CW gone, can the CW allocations be far behind?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 01:50:29 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
Message-ID: <3F2480E1.6090409@adelphia.net>
Source record: 72821
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy

Bill Sohl wrote:
> "Mike Coslo" <mcoslo@adelphia.net> wrote in message
> news:3F24113D.1090600@adelphia.net...
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>
> Mike,
>
> As another NCI director, I'd tell Stu that IF he feels strongly
> about his suggestion, he could submit a petition for
> rulemaking to the FCC.

I don't get it. You guys have lots to say to us nasty pro-coders, but
now you are pretty low key.

I have an idea, Why don't you tell Stu just that, not me? Do you agree with him???

- Mike KB3EIA -

3036. Re: American w/ Disability Act and CW Proficiency Test

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 01:57:44 UTC
From: wa8ulx@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030727215744.02971.00000595@mb-m01.aol.com>
Source record: 72822

>Typical....don't confuse me with the facts...I know it all...right Twit?
>
>Dan/W4NTI
>

Twat

3037. Re: BAD IDEA for ham radio in general (was Re: Contact the FCC and

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 02:05:13 UTC
From: wa8ulx@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030727220513.02971.00000596@mb-m01.aol.com>
Source record: 72825

>As the visible head of the No Code test movement, you have a
>responsibilty to ensure an orderly transition. Right now what is
>starting to happen is something that I saw as logically following the
>elimination of the code testing

I think its funny. Carl fought so hard for removal of CW. Now his Brain Dead CB Buddies are going to go ahead and do what they want, with, or without him. You have been had Carl. I hope Carl doesnt start whinning about it, because hes gotten just what he wanted.

3038. Re: BAD IDEA for ham radio in general (was Re: Contact the FCC and Tell Them to get rid of CW Test and Requirements)

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 02:06:01 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com>
Message-ID: <dy%Ua.1875$IL.262163@nnrp1.ptd.net>
Source record: 72823

"Mike Coslo" <mcoslo@adelphia.net> wrote in message
news:3F24754D.1070305@adelphia.net...
>
> As the visible head of the No Code test movement, you have a
> responsibilty to ensure an orderly transition. Right now what is
> starting to happen is something that I saw as logically following the
> elimination of the code testing requirement. And it is coming about
> directly as a result of that elimination.
>
> Personally I'd be telling people that the rules are changing, they
> haven't been eliminated. And I'd be doing it an awful lot.

Gee ... I thought I *have* been doing that ...

Carl - wk3c

3039. Re: With CW gone, can the CW allocations be far behind?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 02:08:02 UTC
From: "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com>
Message-ID: <6A%Ua.1876$lL.262230@nnrp1.ptd.net>
Source record: 72824
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy

"Mike Coslo" <mcoslo@adelphia.net> wrote in message
news:3F248034.3010409@adelphia.net...
> Carl R. Stevenson wrote:
> > "Mike Coslo" <mcoslo@adelphia.net> wrote in message
> > news:3F24113D.1090600@adelphia.net...
> >
> >>Stu Parker wrote:
> >>
> >>>On Sun, 27 Jul 2003 16:16:40 GMT, Carl R. Stevenson <wk3cqth@wk3c.com>
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> >
> > That would thwart the development of new digital modes and IMHO,

> > be a bad thing.
>
> Okay, I was hoping for a little more than just that though. Because if
> someone comes up with that argument, and your answer is simply that it
> would thwart development, well then guess who is going to win?

I'd bet on development ... because that's one of the fundamental
purposes amateur radio exists ... read the R&O in WT Docket
No. 98-143 (it's on the NCI website "Articles" page ... you'll
have to scroll down a ways ...)

Carl - wk3c

3040. Re: BAD IDEA for ham radio in general (was Re: Contact the FCC and Tell Them to get rid of CW Test and Requirements)

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 02:15:00 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
Message-ID: <3F24869F.1080407@adelphia.net>
Source record: 72826

Carl R. Stevenson wrote:
> "Mike Coslo" <mcoslo@adelphia.net> wrote in message
> news:3F24754D.1070305@adelphia.net...
>
>>As the visible head of the No Code test movement, you have a
>>responsibilty to ensure an orderly transition. Right now what is
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>>elimination of the code testing requirement. And it is coming about
>>directly as a result of that elimination.
>>
>>Personally I'd be telling people that the rules are changing, they
>>haven't been eliminated. And I'd be doing it an awful lot.
>
>
> Gee ... I thought I *have* been doing that ...

I'd be willing to bet that most people here figure the people you are telling are the PCTA's. You really need to tell the others who seem to think it's open season.

- Mike KB3EIA -

3041. Re: BAD IDEA for ham radio in general (was Re: Contact the FCC and Tell Them to get rid of CW Test and Requirements)

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 02:15:01 UTC
From: Keith <kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net>
Message-ID: <bg21360jrg@enews2.newsguy.com>
Source record: 72827

On Sun, 27 Jul 2003 17:01:49 GMT, "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> wrote:

> While the intent may be good, this is a REALLY BAD idea ...

Yes, expressing your viewpoint to the government is a horrible idea. Just keep quiet and don't rock the boat. Only a backward ass ham radio operator would have this view.

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3042. Re: American w/ Disability Act and CW Proficiency Test

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 02:21:48 UTC
From: Keith <kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net>
Message-ID: <bg21ft0kjq@enews2.newsguy.com>
Source record: 72829

On Sun, 27 Jul 2003 10:24:27 -0500, "Kim W5TIT" <fahgedit@nomail.net> wrote:

> Absolutely. To come to the conclusion that deaf people cannot learn and use
> CW is rather narrow-minded in my opnion. I bet there's a way that ANYONE
> could learn CW.

No, if a deaf person wants to learn morse code they can. It is wrong for the
government to require them to pass a morse code test because in reality they
have little or no use for it.
Like I said why doesn't the government require blind people to pass a driving
test if they ride the bus? You never know when the driver will pass out and
they will have to take the wheel.

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3043. Re: American w/ Disability Act and CW Proficiency Test

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 02:25:59 UTC
From: Keith <kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net>
Message-ID: <bg21nn1kjq@enews2.newsguy.com>
Source record: 72830
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.amateur.misc

On Sun, 27 Jul 2003 14:11:49 -0500, "Dan/W4NTI" <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com>
wrote:

> Yeah go get em Keith. Now go attack all those Navy swabs that learned Morse
> by lantern. Go for it boy.

What does that have to do with ham radio? Maybe the hearing disabled can climb
up there 75 foot antenna towers and use the lantern morse code to exchange
messages to each other? That has nothing to do with the radio transmission and
receiving of morse code by EAR which is what the test requires.

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3044. Re: American w/ Disability Act and CW Proficiency Test

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 02:28:47 UTC
From: Keith <kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net>
Message-ID: <bg21t02kjq@enews2.newsguy.com>
Source record: 72831
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.misc

On Sun, 27 Jul 2003 09:50:25 -0700, "Elmer E Ing" <EEI@dontbother.com> wrote:

> ï¿½97.503 Element standards.
> (a) A telegraphy examination must be sufficient to prove that the examinee
> has the ability to send correctly by hand and to receive correctly by ear
> texts in the international Morse code at not less than the prescribed speed,
> using all the letters of the alphabet, numerals 0-9, period, comma, question
> mark, slant mark and prosigns AR, BT and SK.
> Element 1: 5 words per minute.

That is the test, the portion of the regs we are talking about is 97.301(e).
That portion of the regs is dependent on a international requirement for morse
code proficiency to operate on HF. The international requirement for morse code
proficiency has been eliminated.

--
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3045. Re: American w/ Disability Act and CW Proficiency Test

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 02:29:27 UTC
From: Keith <kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net>
Message-ID: <bg21u73kjq@enews2.newsguy.com>
Source record: 72832
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.misc

On 27 Jul 2003 15:22:47 -0700, n8fgb@bignet.net (Rich) wrote:

> I know a bed ridden quad who dictated 20 wpm to his wife.He uses a straw cw keyer.

Can he hear? That is what we are talking about.

--
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3046. Re: ATTN: Tech Licensee USA Morse Code Freedom Day is August 1st

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 02:32:30 UTC
From: Keith <kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net>
Message-ID: <bg223v4kjq@enews2.newsguy.com>
Source record: 72833
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb

On Sun, 27 Jul 2003 16:57:14 GMT, "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> wrote:

> . the FCC has records
> of who has code credit and who doesn't, so no-code Techs should
> NOT, repeat NOT, try to use HF.

You are ignorant. The FCC has no idea if a tech has passed a morse code
proficiency test and has a CSCE in their hand.

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3047. Re: BAD IDEA for ham radio in general (was Re: Contact the FCC and Tell Them to get rid of CW Test and Requ

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 02:47:55 UTC
From: wa8ulx@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030727224755.09715.00000464@mb-m11.aol.com>
Source record: 72828

>Yes, expressing your viewpoint to the government is a horrible idea. Just
>keep
>quiet and don't rock the boat. Only a backward ass ham radio operator would
>have this view.
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>--
>The Radio Page

How funny, Carl preached to the FCC on dumping the code, now you want to express your feelings, and Carl says bad idea. I say go for it, and dont pay attention to clowns like Carl.

3048. Re: ATTN: Tech Licensee USA Morse Code Freedom Day is August 1st

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 03:10:21 UTC
From: wa8ulx@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030727231021.02346.00000882@mb-m21.aol.com>
Source record: 72834

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>--
>The Radio Page H

Carl thinks the FCC is going to listen to every QSO on HF. And then set there
and check there Data base, to see if they have been CW tested get real.

3049. Re: Amateur Radio "outside the box"

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 03:18:51 UTC
From: vshah101@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030727231851.18159.00000816@mb-m15.aol.com>
Source record: 72835

From: Radio Amateur KC2HMZ

>Naturally. What would *you* give them on the basis of?

Instead of the number of contacts worked, how about station setup time or distance. How about awarding for getting through under less ideal conditions. This may require a signal report.

As, you can see, there are many possibilities for awards, other than what exists right now.

>>This is a competitive activity. Hams compete to obtain the best contest
>score,
>
>...which should come as no surprise to anyone who has ever looked up
>the word "contest" in the dictionary.

It does not match the dictionary. I could have a contest for radio direction finding, but that's not what "contest" means in Ham radio. Ham radio redefines the word contesting to only mean the number of contacts worked.

>Maybe not in your area. That doesn't mean it's the same everywhere
>else.

Not at any club in MA. Its not practical for me to move out of my state.

>Sounds to me like you want someone else to do everything for you
>instead of getting off your duff and doing it yourself.

No, I would put in the effort in organizing, doing the actual project construction and setup, etc. IF any other Ham in the club was interested in those activities.

>You wanna play with SMT, fine

I've built circuits with SMT components.

>We have one or two guys in our club who build and fly
>radio controlled model aircraft.

I don't understand what you are trying to say. How does this relate to amateur radio?

>* Radar is not a valid transmission mode in the ARS as far as I know.

Someone interested in Amateur radio *should* be interested in other rf areas also, if its a technical hobby. Many Hams lose interest if the application is not connected to their radio. My first intro to rf was through "radio" (not CB radio). However, I found that I enjoy any rf related application, (such as

radar) not just "radio".

>APRS is, a map
>showing active locations.
<snipped some stuff>
>Also, somebody's
>got to pay for the extra gear.

The thing is my local club has an amazing shack with a field day setup all year. They have parts cabinets, cables, soldering iron, test equipment - a complete setup. The club even has a Network Analyzer.

The issue is not cost. They have more than enough resources to make it a technical club. The issue is that the resources are being used for "traditional" Ham activities, not for technical aspects. The club members want to contest, and do Morse code. They dislike doing homebrewing, or APRS, radio direction finding, or other technical activities.

>All too often people buy a book, learn
>to pass the test, pass the test, get the license, and don't know
>squat, and don't want to hear it when somebody tries to explain it to
>them either.

There is no interest in the technical areas. I would help in organizing such activities, but when I propose them, no Hams are interested in technical activities.

>THEY went on a DXpedition - and they had one. YOU on the other
>hand wanted a vacation.

They accomplished their DXpedition objectives when they operated radios all day. I worked several modes during the day also. They did not have to operate radios all night.

I went to a vacation spot, so yes I wanted a vacation. I also wanted to operate radios. I did that. I got some vacation activities. I went to the beach even though others didn't. I wish I did some more vacation activities there.

>But we've already seen that work is not quite
>up your alley

I've helped with antenna setups and takedowns, so I have done some projects. I have proposed technical projects and no Hams show any interest. I would do the work required, if anyone was interested.

>And, apparently there *was* a need to work
>that location for 8+ hours, because they were still making contacts,
>meaning there were still stations that wanted to work them

The other Hams that wanted to work them (and there were many, including some on ATV), also worked them on Sat night. It just shows that there were other anti-social Hams at other locations.

>Well, at least you made some contribution to the effort.

The initial setup was on Thu. I came later in the week, so I missed that. I did help when they were taking down the antennas.

>>They missed out on the scenic beach, the small
>>town atmosphere.
>
>You missed out on the chance to *be* the DX instead of trying to
>*chase* the DX.

No, I made contacts on several modes, so I didn't miss it. The thing is a few contacts on each mode they had was enough for me.

>>What's the point of going to a vacation location if the
>>experience is the same as working QSOs at home?
>
>The experience is *not* the same.

In both cases, you are inside a shack, working QSO. The only difference is that you could see the beach from the DX shack. Thats what I meant by the experience is the same.

>At Disneyland, maybe. On a DXpedition?

So, only radio contacts are to be done- fun is not allowed?

>I'll bet your companions were
>thrilled with you the whole time.

I got re-invited to next year's DXpedition. Also, I went to that club's cookout yesterday.

>I caqn just see you whining about
>missing the beach, missing the town, missing the native girls, while
>not a single one of them came there for any of that.

I didn't whine to them.

>She must not have been a ham.

Of course, otherwise she wouldn't have to ask what they did on a DXpedition.

>Either that or she did a good job
>humoring a nutcase.

Well, she humored that Ham!

>Female hams do go on DXpeditions

Sorry, I forgot to mention that there was one there at the DXpedition I went to. Ham radio is 95% male. This means 5% must be female.

>Have *you* ever taken a leadership role in planning and conducting one
>of these activities, or do you just sit back and let the board of
>directors and committee chairs do all the work themselves and show up
>halfway through to stuff your face?

Like I said, I would if other radio amateurs shared my interests.

>I've seen articles in the ham magazines
>about hams who've travelled thousands of miles to meet someone they've
>worked on the air and befriended.

Okay, this does happen.

>You seem bitter because
>there are a lot of hams who enjoy contesting and paper-chasing, but
>those are activities lots of hams do enjoy, even if you do not.

That sounds correct.

3050. Re: ATTN: Tech Licensee USA Morse Code Freedom Day is August 1st

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 03:30:49 UTC
From: Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
Message-ID: <cuvyxnansvbet.hipeyls.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 72836
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb

On Sat, 26 Jul 2003 15:10:39 -0400, Spamhater wrote:

>Seems to me, the other Keith is too lazy to read the rules and regulations
>and instead wants a hand out. He needs to REALLY sit down and read the rules
>and regulations or have them read to him and get a grasp on the fact that
>you can't just do as you damned well please.

Or listen to accurate interpretations by a local communications
attorney who is willing to teach him without charge (ahem).

He does the same thing on local scanner nets, too.

Ready for this one..... he is an EXTRA Class licensee. I'm not
going to "out" him further - at this stage.

Why is he jumping up and down like a monkey on a string?

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73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane

From a Clearing in the Silicon Forest
Beaverton (Washington County) Oregon

3051. Re: Alternative interpretation of Re: Understanding the Possible Legal Loophole of s25.5 and 97.301(e)

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 03:30:49 UTC
From: Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
Message-ID: <cuvyxnansvbet.hipedbr.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 72837
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb

On Sat, 26 Jul 2003 10:16:05 -0500, Kim W5TIT wrote:

>See?! I knew the argument would get very interesting! I wonder if
>it will ever get debated in a court of law...man that would be good!

Nah...this will be short-circuited by the FCC changing the Rules
long before it could ever be brought to trial, and any competent
regulatory attorney in or out of the government service knows just
how to thusly delay such things.

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73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane

3052. Re: American w/ Disability Act and CW Proficiency Test

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 03:38:44 UTC
From: Dwight Stewart <stewart@say.net>
Message-ID: <BB4A1304.1F927%stewart@say.net>
Source record: 72838

"Kim W5TIT" wrote:
>
> Absolutely. To come to the conclusion that deaf
> people cannot learn and use CW is rather narrow-
> minded in my opnion. I bet there's a way that
> ANYONE could learn CW.
>
> I believe the waiver has been removed from the
> licensing structure for amateur radio, hasn't
> it? As well it should be. And, here's why:
> there are deaf people who have passed a CW test
> and use CW. As soon as that happened, it set a
> standard that deaf people can, indeed, learn
> CW--*if* they so desire.
>
> Remember that a handicap should never be
> considered as an excuse.

Hey, one of your messages I can actually read, Kim.

Anyway, I think the point he is trying to make is that the ADA requires reasonable accommodation of a person's handicap, not efforts to pass that burden on to the handicapped person. Where possible, the handicapped person should not be required to make an unusual effort to fit into this society.

When it comes to code, how that applies is not clear. Clearly, telling the handicapped person (disabled person) to learn code by feeling a speaker cone is an unusual effort. However, the ADA also doesn't require others to modify activities to the point that the activity no longer makes sense, or to where the handicapped person actually has an advantage over others.

[Note: the above is only my interpretation of how the ADA reads]

The FCC seems to have taken the latter position on this issue. Not requiring code for the handicapped person would give an unfair advantage over others. That interpretation allowed them to drop the waivers for those with disabilities.

Of course, whether that is a correct position is probably up to the courts to decide. Most court rulings have tended to side with the disabled, and I suspect they would in this situation also.

However, with the possible end to code testing soon, perhaps the entire issue is moot.

Dwight Stewart (W5NET)

http://www.qsl.net/w5net/

3053. Here We Go Again..Sir Putzalot Is Back In His Stride

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 03:59:04 UTC
From: k4yz@aol.com
Message-ID: <5c01b95b.0307271959.53fcbd08@posting.google.com>
Source record: 72839

lenover21@aol.com (Len Over 21) wrote in message
news:<20030727143827.14837.00001750@mb-m03.aol.com>...

> >Deaf people have used Morse Code in ham radio.
>
> Of course...the transcendental supernaturality of morse gets through
> when nothing else will.
>
> I interviewed four deaf radio amateurs for HAM RADIO magazine and had
> material on three others.Six of them were still active and NONE of them
> (including a dentist) used OOK CW keying or any morse codes. All of
> them were code tested BEFORE they became legally deaf. All of the
> active hams used RTTY.

Sure you did. Names? Callsigns? Thier status today?

> >Simple. They rest fingers on a speaker cone and feel the vibrations. It's benn
> >done many times by deaf people. Just like many deaf people dance by feeling
> >the rhythm the music through their feet.
>
> I'm sure you've been around hearing-disabled dance halls a lot...NOT!
>
> Please cite the "many times" deaf people have "benn" tested for ham
> licenses. Give their callsigns.

Not necessary...was in both CQ and QST on several
occassions...BUT...

...since you asked.....W8CGD (SK), unfortunately. Was just a bit
too close to an incoming mortar round in WW2. Immediately lost his
vision, the hearing went later. I "knew" him on the air for 3 months
before I met him at a hamfest in Cuyahoga Falls, OH. He never once
squalled about what he could or couldn't do...

> >Also, many deaf people have some limited hearing. It is not unusual for them
> >to be able to hear single tones but not undersatand speech.
>
> Sigh...another amateur audiologist side of the knowitall procode
> newsgroupie.

Shall I break out actual citations from JAMA now, Lennie, or
would you care to just shut up and admit that someone BESIDES you is
able to read..?!?!

(You were a "nice guy" for a couple days...what heppened? Mrs
Putz go on a seperate vacation and you invited in some "hired help" to
keep you distracted for a few days?)

> >Hams have been using Baudot RTTY for almost 60 years....
>
> "Baudot?" Most of those old SURPLUS TTYs had the name
> "Teletype" on them.

Typical Putz reply.

> >Yet the various advocacy groups for handicapped people have never protested
> >the amateur radio test regulations. Indeed, the group "Handi-Hams" was AGAINST
> >the medical waiver rule change back in 1990, as I recall.
>
> They were? What specific "advocacy groups for handicapped people" have
> YOU ever had personal contact with other than Handi-Hams?
>
> Please let us know, grand champion crusader for the rights of the
> handicapped.

And while we are waiting for HIS reply, Lennie, let's hear what
advocacy groups YOU have had contact or interaction with.....

> >> The morse code test for deaf people is pure discrimination and now that
> >>s25.5 no longer requires a proficiency to know and send morse code the FCC
> >>better move fast to remove this discrimination.
> >
> >If you're going to go that route, then all of the questions in the written
> >tests about voice modes have to go as well, because there's no way deaf
> >people
> >are going to use SSB, either. Take out the questions on PSK-31, RTTY, etc.,
> >because blind people won't use those modes. Get rid of the Extra and General
> >class written tests entirely because there are people who can't pass them, but
> >who can pass the Tech written. And since FCC says the Tech test is adequate
> for
> >all authorized modes, bands and power on amateur VHF/UHF, why is any more
> >written testing needed for HF beyond a few band-edge questions?
>
> Blah, blah, blah, "if the manual morse code test is eliminated, then all the
> written tests 'should also' be eliminated." Blah, blah. Purile illogic.
>
> Whine, whine, whine...spiteful statements from someone who insists that
> all must do as he did because he is so magnificent.

Nope...One follows the other. They may be silly, but hey...this
is the same nation that allowed a known pathological liar and sexual
predator to not only remin in office, but re-elected him...ANYthing is
possible.

Now...The answers to the above questions, Sir Putzalot?

Steve, K4YZ

3054. ATTN: Tech Licensee USA Morse Code Freedom Day is August 1st

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 04:09:26 UTC
From: k4yz@aol.com
Message-ID: <5c01b95b.0307272009.16f754a0@posting.google.com>
Source record: 72840

lenover21@aol.com (Len Over 21) wrote in message
news:<20030727143823.14837.00001747@mb-m03.aol.com>...
> In article <BB48EA78.1F860%stewart@say.net>, Dwight Stewart <stewart@say.net>
> writes:
>
> >"Alun Palmer" wrote:
> >>
> >> That's the point -those existing regulations
> >> incorporate by reference an international
> >> requirement that no longer exists
> >
> > I'll try it again, Alun. The new treaty with those changes has to be
> >ratified before it becomes the law of this land. Until that time, the only
> >"international requirements" recognized by this country are those in the
> >treaty this country has already ratified (the one prior to the recent
> >changes). That treaty requires CW for HF privileges.
>
> What's all this "treaty ratification" thing?!?
>
> I thought that the US Congress...(SNIP of YadaYadayada)

Proof positive that "assinine" is a LennieRant tradition.

Steve, K4YZ

3055. Ham Radio Rescue in California Press

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 04:21:28 UTC
From: k4yz@aol.com
Message-ID: <5c01b95b.0307272021.565f0f2@posting.google.com>
Source record: 72841

lenover21@aol.com (Len Over 21) wrote in message
news:<20030727143827.14837.00001751@mb-m03.aol.com>...
> In article <bg0sn7$l46$1@adenine.netfront.net>, "Kim W5TIT"
> <fahgedit@nomail.net> writes:
>
> >To tell you
> >the truth, I'm impressed that ANY radio worked to contact someone and, just
> >as you say, I'm sure it is because of the density of repeaters in their
> >area. You're right. Kansas would have been a whole different situation.
>
> Kim...FYI, the state of California is NOT thickly dotted with repeaters
> or cell sites on every mountaintop...but the state does have some
> quite-high mountains along the coast from the Sierra Madres next to
> Los Angeles way up north to the Oregon border and magnificent
> Mount Shasta.

Sheesh...what an IDIOT.

OK, Lennie..we can conceed that not EVERY mountaintop has
repeaters...We'll allow 90%. Including a lot in really remote places,
like the Owens Valley, Mt Wilson, Adalanto, Victorville, Julian, Yucca
Valley, Palm Springs...etc etc etc.

> About two years or so ago, a group of climbers got stranded on a snow-
> covered mountain in Washington state. They called for help on an FRS
> HT and were heard about 20 miles away by a pre-teenage girl who
> overheard the call, more by accident than anything else. That made the
> papers locally (not just some radio hobbyist organ). No amateur radio,
> no morse code involved. Rescue enabled via radio, ANY radio service.

And your point was...???

Steve, K4YZ

3056. Re: BAD IDEA for ham radio in general (was Re: Contact the FCC and Tell Them to get rid of CW Test and Requirements)

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 04:24:33 UTC
From: Robert Casey <wa2ise@ix.netcom.com>
Message-ID: <3F24A581.6060702@ix.netcom.com>
Source record: 72842

Keith wrote:

>On Sun, 27 Jul 2003 17:01:49 GMT, "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> wrote:
>
>
>
>>While the intent may be good, this is a REALLY BAD idea ...
>>
>>
>
> Yes, expressing your viewpoint to the government is a horrible idea. Just keep
>quiet and don't rock the boat. Only a backward ass ham radio operator would
>have this view.
>
>
>
>
No, you need to tell it to the right people in the government. Someone
throw together a
Petition for Rule Making on this, and let's comment on it after it's at
the FCC.

3057. Re: BAD IDEA for ham radio in general (was Re: Contact the FCC and Tell Them to get rid of CW Test and Requirements)

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 04:46:02 UTC
From: kelly@dvol.com
Message-ID: <d22b54c3.0307272046.748b67c@posting.google.com>
Source record: 72845

"Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> wrote in message
news:<1ATUa.1837$lL.255190@nnrp1.ptd.net>...
> While the intent may be good, this is a REALLY BAD idea ...
>
> Flooding the FCC Commissioner's e-mail inboxes with such
> letters will only piss them off ... at ALL of ham radio, not
> just pro-code-test or no-code test factions.
>
> There is a right way and a wrong way to do this ... and this
> is DEFINITELY the WRONG way.

I agree with this 100%. The best way to trash ham radio where it
really counts is to ignore the system and behave like CBers.

> Those who support the elimination of the Morse test from US
> FCC rules would be well-advised to join NCI
> http://www.nocode.org
> and follow the news.

Thanks for the invitation Carl but I already have my "news sources".

> NCI's Board of Directors is working the strategy for how to
> best approach the FCC on this matter and we will keep the
> membership informed when we have finalized those discussions.
> --
> Carl R. Stevenson - wk3c

w3rv

3058. Re: There is no International Code Requirement and techs can operate HF according to FCC Rules

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 04:46:28 UTC
From: Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93C67CE88FE4elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>
Source record: 72846
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb

"Phil Kane" <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop> wrote in
news:cuvyxnansvbet.hipdwyq.pminews@netnews.comcast.net:

> On 26 Jul 2003 04:49:22 GMT, Alun Palmer wrote:
>
>>OK Phil, read 97.301(e) and let us know how you understand it, parsing
>>each part carefully.
>
> OK - I presume that you mean the following text, not the frequency
> table:
>
> (e) For a station having a control operator who has been
> granted an operator license of Novice Class or Technician Class
>
> This is self-explanatory.
>
> and who has received credit for proficiency in telegraphy in
> accordance with the international requirements.
>
> The key to this discussion is, or course, "what are the
> international requirements".

Agreed

>
> Up until the 2003 revision of S25.5 of the IRR, each Administration
> was required to determine the proficiency of each applicant for a
> license valid for operation below 30 MHz. In the US, this was done
> by requiring the applicant to pass Element 1.
>
> Upon the 2003 revision of S25.5 of the IRR, the requirement to
> determine proficiency was made optional for each Administration.
>
> That is the only change in the "international requirement" - each
> Administration can now decide by its own rules/regulations whether
> to require a code test. The code test is no longer mandatory for
> each Administration. Each Administration's requirement for code
> testing has not been automatically "dropped" or "eliminated" solely
> by the revision of S25.5.
>

So far, so good

> Until the FCC changes the rules concering Element 1, the
> requirement in the US remains that Element 1 must be passed.
>

That's not what 301(e) says, though, is it?

The problem I have in your analysis is that 301(e) itself is one of the rules concerning element 1. It mentions Element 1 per se nowhere, but there is no other rule tying Technician HF privileges to Element 1.

This last statement of yours is indisputable re the General and Extra, in that Element 1 is still required to obtain those licences. However, there is nowhere in Part 97 any statement that a Technician needs Element 1 for anything, instead there is only the wording in 97.301(e).

> The question of -when- and -how- the FCC Rules will be changed is a
> separate item from -what- the rule requirement is up until they
> -are- changed.

Agreed

> Ditto for how the FCC will handle the issue of
> giving -what- privileges to folks who hold a Technician license
> but have never passed the code test.
>
> Does that answer your question?
>
> --
> 73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane
> ARRL Volunteer Counsel
>
> From a Clearing in the Silicon Forest
> Beaverton (Washington County) Oregon
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>

Not really. The question comes down to the meaning of "and who has received credit for proficiency in telegraphy in accordance with the international requirements". If there is no international requirement to have "received credit for proficiency in telegraphy" for access to any frequency, then a person who has not "received credit for proficiency in telegraphy" is "in accordance with the international requirements" if they operate on those frequencies.

Can we deem that a Tech who has not "received credit for proficiency in telegraphy" has nevertheless "received credit for proficiency in accordance with the international requirements", i.e. is "in accordance with the international requirements"?

Granted that s25.5 as revised allows each administration to determine whether a code test is required. That being the case, the FCC does so in respect of Tech HF operation only through 97.301(e) and in no other rule. If that rule is conditional upon a code test being required by

international requirements, then there is nothing therein indicating that the FCC chooses to require a code test for that particular purpose.

To cut a long story short, the argument rests upon whether "in accordance with international requirements" is a necessary condition in the sentence. If it is, then no-code Techs have the Novice HF frequencies*, and if not, then they will have to wait. This is really what I am seeking comment on, although all other observations are welcome.

*(Although possibly not until after ratification of the new treaty)

3059. Re: There is no International Code Requirement and techs can operate HF according to FCC Rules

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 04:48:58 UTC
From: Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93C683B850D7elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>
Source record: 72847
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb

"Phil Kane" <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop> wrote in
news:cuvyxnansvbet.hipdwyq.pminews@netnews.comcast.net:

> On 26 Jul 2003 04:49:22 GMT, Alun Palmer wrote:
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> Beaverton (Washington County) Oregon
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>

On a seperate matter, I will post my petition to the web. I'll post the URL after I've done it. I've been asked not to file it by someone with an alternative plan, but I have not made any decision.

3060. Re: There is no International Code Requirement and techs can operate HF according to FCC Rules

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 04:51:03 UTC
From: Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93C689633D5Aelektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>
Source record: 72848
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"Bill Sohl" <billsohl@mindspring.com> wrote in
news:bg1thj$6v9$1@slb4.atl.mindspring.net:

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> "Keith" <kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net> wrote in message
> news:bfsdri11m8@enews1.newsguy.com...
>> On 25 Jul 2003 22:56:38 GMT, et472@FreeNet.Carleton.CA (Michael Black)
>> wrote:
>>
>> > No, the rules are what counts, not some preamble.
>>
>> The FCC rules are based on that international requirement.
>> Now the FCC could have said you must pass the 5 wpm test to operate on
>> HF frequencies. But they said based on the international proficiency
>> requirements a tech can operate on HF.
>>
>> Today there are no international proficiency requirements for morse
>> code.
>
> And before July, there was no specific "code speed"
> international requirement...yet that didn't allow techs who
> could do 2 wpm morse on HF...the FCC mandated 5 wpm
> even though the ITU had no speed minimum.
>
> Cheers,
> Bill K2UNK
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The rule includes the words "has received credit", which gives the FCC
control over what speed they will give credit for.

3061. Re: American w/ Disability Act and CW Proficiency Test

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 04:58:45 UTC
From: Spamhater <nospam@nospam.com>
Message-ID: <g42Va.600$603.31891@iad-read.news.verio.net>
Source record: 72849
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"Rich" <n8fgb@bignet.net> wrote in message
news:42788eb5.0307271422.4a247ae4@posting.google.com...
> "Elmer E Ing" <EEI@dontbother.com> wrote in message
news:<lpTUa.11803$ff.5170@fed1read01>...
> > SEE PART 97
> > ?97.501 Qualifying for an amateur operator license.
> > Each applicant must pass an examination for a new amateur operator
license
> > grant and for each change in operator class. Each applicant for the
class of
> > operator license grant specified below must pass, or otherwise receive
> > examination credit for, the following examination elements:
> >
> > (a) Amateur Extra Class operator: Elements 1, 2, 3, and 4;
> >
> > (b) General Class operator: Elements 1, 2, and 3;
> >
> > (c) Technician Class operator: Element 2.
> >
> >
> > ?97.503 Element standards.
> > (a) A telegraphy examination must be sufficient to prove that the
examinee
> > has the ability to send correctly by hand and to receive correctly by
ear
> > texts in the international Morse code at not less than the prescribed
speed,
> > using all the letters of the alphabet, numerals 0-9, period, comma,
question
> > mark, slant mark and prosigns AR, BT and SK.
> > Element 1: 5 words per minute.
> >
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> >
> > "Keith" <kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net> wrote in message
> > news:bg0e1811mkj@enews2.newsguy.com...
> > > On Sun, 27 Jul 2003 07:03:01 -0400, "Spamhater" <nospam@nospam.com>
wrote:
> > >
> > > > It is very apparent you have yet to crack open a copy of Part 95
> > >
> > > I have read part 95 and I don't recall ever seeing anything about a

morse
> > code
> > > test.
> > >
> > >
> > > --
> > > The Radio Page Ham, Police Scanner, Shortwave and more.
> > > http://www.kilowatt-radio.org/
>
> I know a bed ridden quad who dictated 20 wpm to his wife.He uses a straw
cw keyer.

There are many disabled who have passed CW exams. The only thing that these bozos are whining about is they are too damned lazy to learn the code. 5 WPM is the easiest thing in the world, like walking.... some just too lazy to work for anything worth having. Mommy and Daddy must have spoon fed them all their lives.

I don't have my manual in front of me to do verbatim rules, but code tests for disabled can be done 1 letter at a time, sentence, etc. Stopped if need be to allow the person time to divulge the message or character sent. As long as it is sent with a "speed" setting to be as prescribed to work out at 5 WPM if sent all at once. In other words, speeding up or slowing down the speed of the character will give it a different sound and could make it hard to decipher at all if incorrectly sent. SO - you have a message consisting of the prescribed number of characters and sent as necessary to the handicapped party to allow them to decipher what is sent... THAT IS how a disabled can be tested..... You can use "lazy" all you want in any form of protest, it still comes out to LAZY.
._.. .- --.. -.-- MOST of the info I related on exam giving to Handicapped is covered in VE manuals, but should be found in FCC Rules as well.

JMS.

3062. Re: ATTN: Tech Licensee USA Morse Code Freedom Day is August 1st

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 05:11:31 UTC
From: Dwight Stewart <stewart@say.net>
Message-ID: <BB4A28C2.1F937%stewart@say.net>
Source record: 72850

"Len Over 21" wrote:
>
> What's all this "treaty ratification" thing?!?
>
> I thought that the US Congress ALREADY ratified
> membership with the United Nations and the UN
> organizations long ago. The ITU is a UN
> organization.

All international treaties have to ratified by Congress, Len. While we are a member of the United Nations and the ITU, we are not automatically subject to all treaties offered by either of these organizations. Indeed, we are not even subject to significant changes to treaties we have already ratified - unless a mechanism for changes was included in the ratified treaty, any changes to that treaty have to be ratified.

> Code testing is the "only" treaty the US "recognizes?"

The currently ratified treaty is the only treaty this country recognizes. That treaty has a code testing requirement.

> Our states decide whether or not to test for amateur
> morse code?!?

I'm not referring to the individual states within the United States. A "state" in this context is "a country or nation with its own sovereign independent government."

> Please explain this new "ratification" process.

Read the Constitution of the United State of America.

Dwight Stewart (W5NET)

http://www.qsl.net/w5net/

3063. Re: ATTN: Tech Licensee USA Morse Code Freedom Day is August 1st

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 05:15:01 UTC
From: Dwight Stewart <stewart@say.net>
Message-ID: <BB4A2994.1F939%stewart@say.net>
Source record: 72901
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb

"Bill Sohl" wrote:

> The FCC could, however, make rules changes
> which are based on the new treaty because
> the OLD treaty is gone, done, defunct,
> over...even if the US never ratified the
> new treaty. No nation is now bound by the
> old treaty at all.

I asked Phil about something similar a few weeks ago, and he seemed to
think it was not possible. After further research, I tend to agree with him.
It does look like the changes to that treaty will have to be ratified first.

Dwight Stewart (W5NET)

http://www.qsl.net/w5net/

3064. ARRL and Morse Code Fanatics Can Only Blame Themselves.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 05:27:28 UTC
From: Keith <kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net>
Message-ID: <bg2cc102qkc@enews4.newsguy.com>
Source record: 72903
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb

On Mon, 28 Jul 2003 03:30:49 GMT, "Phil Kane" <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
wrote:

> Ready for this one..... he is an EXTRA Class licensee. I'm not
> going to "out" him further - at this stage.
>
> Why is he jumping up and down like a monkey on a string?

Think of me as forward thinking person that is sick of the ARRL and ham radio operators that have done nothing but destroy the hobby by crying about keeping morse code to keep people out of the hobby.
Don't worry Phil, BPL is going to destroy ham radio and it deserves to be done away with. If there were millions of ham radio operators then maybe it could be worth saving. Why should a few thousand morse code fanatics keep millions of consumers from enjoying broadband Internet access? America needs BPL to create competition and access to the Internet. A bunch old men with a death grip on their morse code keys need to get the hell out of the way.
Thankfully a group of single minded men did everything to keep people out of the hobby and they can enjoy the S9 BPL signals that will drown out the bands.
Corporate America thanks the ARRL for the help to create a new investment opportunity.

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The Radio Page Ham, Police Scanner, Shortwave and more.
http://www.kilowatt-radio.org/

3065. Re: Question for the No coders

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 05:39:55 UTC
From: kelly@dvol.com
Message-ID: <d22b54c3.0307272139.39fa6f14@posting.google.com>
Source record: 72902

n2ey@aol.com (N2EY) wrote in message
news:<20030727142229.02197.00001610@mb-m12.aol.com>...
> In article <d22b54c3.0307260530.3e71277b@posting.google.com>, kelly@dvol.com
> (Brian Kelly) writes:

>
> The claim is that code tests are not for the 21st century, and that the
> survival and proseprity of amateur radio depends in some way on complete
> elimination of code tests.

Right on. Never mind that a decade of actual experince demonstrates otherwise.

> 73 de Jim, N2EY

w3rv

3066. Re: Understanding the Possible Legal Loophole of s25.5 and 97.301(e)

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 07:48:30 UTC
From: JJ <radiobuff0@mailcity.moc>
Message-ID: <3F24D54E.9070401@mailcity.moc>
Source record: 72966
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.misc

Keith wrote:

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> Phil is not unbiased in this since he is part of the ARRL legal goons that
> want to ram morse code down the throats of Americans so they can pick a
> microphone to talk on HF. Read 97.301(e) it depends on the International
> requirement for morse code proficiency. The requirement for morse code
> proficiency is GONE.

Show us where the FCC has eliminated the requirement for a Morse code
test. Dumber than a bag of rocks GEEEEESSSSSHHH.

3067. Re: American w/ Disability Act and CW Proficiency Test

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 07:54:19 UTC
From: JJ <radiobuff0@mailcity.moc>
Message-ID: <3F24D6AB.2090509@mailcity.moc>
Source record: 72967
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb

Keith wrote:

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> Listen Prince Jr., I can discuss anything regarding US law and express my
> opinions. Just because you are ARRL lawyer trying to force morse code down the
> throats of the disabled and helped destroy Amateur radio by keeping it a elite
> club doesn't mean I shouldn't voice my opinion.

You are a good example of why the code should be retained.

> I have never said I was a
> lawyer or even a wannabe lawyer, good god I bet you are proud of your pals that
> are going after ten year old children trading muppet songs on the Internet.
> The reason disability recognition didn't change was because there was a
> international agreement that stopped the disabled who could not receive code
> from being exempt. Now that the international regulation has been changed to
> delete mandatory morse code proficiency the disabled should be provided a
> exemption promptly. (That is my opinion, is that OK Prince Jr?)

You are not just expressing an opinion, you keep stating something that
is incorrect as fact.

3068. Re: There is no International Code Requirement and techs can operate HF according to FCC Rules

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 07:57:39 UTC
From: JJ <radiobuff0@mailcity.moc>
Message-ID: <3F24D773.4050007@mailcity.moc>
Source record: 72968
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb

Alun Palmer wrote:

>
> Not really. The question comes down to the meaning of "and who has
> received credit for proficiency in telegraphy in accordance with the
> international requirements". If there is no international requirement to
> have "received credit for proficiency in telegraphy" for access to any
> frequency, then a person who has not "received credit for proficiency in
> telegraphy" is "in accordance with the international requirements" if they
> operate on those frequencies.

There may no longer be an international requirement for Morse code
proficiency, but there still is an FCC requirement for Morse code
proficiency, and until the FCC drops that requirement, NOTHING HAS
CHANGED concerning U.S. Amateur Radio.

3069. Re: American w/ Disability Act and CW Proficiency Test

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 08:05:52 UTC
From: JJ <radiobuff0@mailcity.moc>
Message-ID: <3F24D960.1010005@mailcity.moc>
Source record: 72969
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.misc

Spamhater wrote:

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> There are many disabled who have passed CW exams. The only thing that these
> bozos are whining about is they are too damned lazy to learn the code. 5 WPM
> is the easiest thing in the world, like walking.... some just too lazy to
> work for anything worth having. Mommy and Daddy must have spoon fed them all
> their lives.

I have in the past taught several disable persons in Novice classes. One had CP and could not even write fast enough to copy 5 wpm on paper. He simply copied in his head and wrote it down when the test was finished. All these handicapped folks worked very hard to achieve this goal and never complained once about having to do so. On the other hand, I had other non-handicapped who whined through the entire course about having to learn the code. I said, "look, it is a requirement to get the license, if you don't want to learn the code then you don't want the license, so make up your mind." I only had one who gave up.

3070. Re: American w/ Disability Act and CW Proficiency Test

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 08:15:35 UTC
From: JJ <radiobuff0@mailcity.moc>
Message-ID: <3F24DBA7.6050403@mailcity.moc>
Source record: 72974

Keith wrote:
> On Mon, 28 Jul 2003 09:09:19 -0400, Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu> wrote:
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>
>>Now that you mention it, how does a fully blind ham tell what frequency
>>he or she is on? I suppose that using the memory channels on an HF rig
>>would be one method, but does anyone here know?
>
>
> But does the government require the blind to take a test to prove they can
> read the frequency read out in order to obtain a license?

No, but they are expected to be able to keep their transmissions within the correct frequency ranges just like everyone else. One of my very best friends was a blind ham. I taught Novice classes with him for several years. He had devices to aid in tuning up his equipment and knowing what frequency he was on. He use Drake equipment and which tuned a certain number of KHz per dial revolution. He had marker oscillators for different frequencies and once he found a marker for a certain frequency he could count dial revolutions and know what frequency he was on and he was pretty accurate at setting the frequency. Later he obtained a rig with an audio frequency readout.
So anyway, what does the question have to do with the Morse code requirement?

3071. Re: American w/ Disability Act and CW Proficiency Test

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 08:18:16 UTC
From: JJ <radiobuff0@mailcity.moc>
Message-ID: <3F24DC48.1020208@mailcity.moc>
Source record: 72976
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb

Phil Kane wrote:
> On Sun, 27 Jul 2003 07:03:01 -0400, Spamhater wrote:
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>
>>Don't
>>open your mouth without facts which you have yet to provide any of in
>>support of your lawlessness aim to sidestep a part you're apparently too
>>damned lazy to do.
>
>
> He's an EXTRA class licensee......
>
> The Twilight Zone.....

So we have an EXTRA class licensee encouraging illegal operation on the
ham bands. Obviously the code test wasn't a good enough filter in this case.

3072. Re: Amateur Radio "outside the box"

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 09:18:30 UTC
From: k4yz@aol.com
Message-ID: <5c01b95b.0307280118.590499af@posting.google.com>
Source record: 72904

vshah101@aol.com (Vshah101) wrote in message
news:<20030727093021.14537.00000831@mb-m04.aol.com>...
> Amateur radio "outside the box"
>
> Although there are many possible amateur-radio activities, Hams tend to focus
> on a certain group of activities. Often, they are followed in the manner
> accepted by tradition.

You mean like Olympic runens do the 200 meter? And how baseball
players strive for a pennant or the World Series? Or how footlball
players shoot for the Superbowl?

Your point?

> The typical Ham activity is making short QSOs for contests and awards. Contests
> are events where Hams try to make as many contacts on specified bands as
> possible. Awards are often given by how many locations are contacted
> ("worked"). For example, there are Worked All States, Worked 100 countries,
> etc. Notice that traditional Ham radio awards are given for the number of
> contacts or for how many contacts in a given time period.

So far nothing we don't already know. That's what contesting is
ALL ABOUT!

> This is a competitive activity. Hams compete to obtain the best contest score,
> or to obtain award certificates. Hams seem to have this type of mode of
> operation, and it seems to be the same at almost every club. I have nothing
> against competition. Also, I have nothing against Hams doing what they enjoy
> doing...(SNIP)

Sure you do. You've been railing against anything and everything
that YOU don't like doing for almost 2 years now.

> But, I would like to point out that there are other types of competition
> possible. And there are other types of activities and interests.

OK...were waiting with a'bated breath.

> Because no such clubs exist right now that cater to these interests, there is
> no avenue for one to pursue these interests.

Sure there is. Just go out and do it. Put an ad in a paper or
(WHERE have we heard THIS before???) on a USENET forum soliciting
like-minded persons to join in with you. Costs almost nothing.

Of course you've been doing that for almost years now and I don't
see anyone joining in with you.

Big paragraph of gobbledy-gook snipped.

> Here are some other possibilities in amateur radio.
>
> More radio direction finding challenges.
> The gaming aspect of this activity is appealing to some. Also, it uses more
> physical activity than sitting at a station making contacts.

Already being done. If there's not enough for you, step up to
the plate at the next club meeting and offer to organize it yourself.

If no one joins in, they are either NOT INTERESTED or they don't
like you, Vippy...I'll let YOU decide which.

> Homebrewing challenges.
> Lets have some homebrewing challenges. How about building small circuits, e.g.
> using SMT? I don't see small batteries at Hamfests, so I know this isn't being
> done. How about ATV using a homebrewed project?

Ever read QEX magazine, Vipul? Or Homebrew? Or CQ? Or 73?

Wanna spur some activity of your own? Pony up $50 for a cash
award or buy a gift certificate for dinner for two at a nice
restauraunt. If no one takes you up on it, it was either not worth
the $50, you chose a rotten restaurant, or they didn't like you,
Vipul. I'll let you decide which.

> Often Hams will not show interest in a project, just because it doesn't hook up
> to their radio. Just because a particular rf project may not involve a radio
> (for example, radio controlled planes), shouldn't make it off limits. If its
> rf, its still radio. How about radio controlled planes, Doppler radar, or
> VHF/UHF amplifiers?

How about if they're not interested, they're NOT interested...?!?!

> APRS.

Oh yeah...NO ONE interested in THAT mode, Vippy!
(guffaw..giggle..snicker)

> Lets get more people using the capabilities of APRS. All I see at Hamfests is a
> map with active locations showing. New interesting applications should be
> tested. Perhaps tracking a radio in a car. How about having both cars move, and
> one follows the other using APRS. Most Hams do not do this. This would be an
> interesting group activity.

DANG...They're doing THAT too! Here in SE Tennessee we have
SEVERAL members who drive 18 wheelers, and we are constantly following
them! I >>KNOW<< that Tennesseeans are NOT the only ones to know how
this works!

> Training.

Guess you've missed all those ARRL on-line courses lately, huh
Vipster?

> Lets have dedicated training.

You mean like ARES or RACES? Gee...THERE'S a novel idea.

> Either in the clubs, or as training seminars for
> better amateur radio operation, emergency preparedness, etc. Clubs often just
> have one lecture and then some club business. Better to have some demo setups
> and have people use some radios. More training should be offered. However, I
> don't know how many Hams would like that or would be willing to pay for
> training. Topics could include: generator power, connector assembly, antenna
> tuning and setup, troubleshooting. Perhaps some rf measurements training. Maybe
> some circuit design topics.

OW! Even MORE stuff they are already doing! It's called FIELD
DAY. And those CONTESTERS you seem to disdain are ALWAYS looking to
increase station efficiency and score some more of those dreaded
points you seem to not like (or is it that you don't seem to posses
any of the requisite skills to accumulate any of your own?)

> DXpeditions.
> Enjoy a DXpedition. One thing I have noticed is that Hams often go to
> DXpeditions and don't do anything other than operate radios. At one club
> meeting I went to, one person gave a presentation about how he went to this
> exotic location and all he did is setup antennas, and make contacts. He had
> nothing to say about that location. At a Hamfest, I saw a film of another group
> of Hams going to another country and all they did is setup antennas and make
> contacts.

This statement here absolutely reinforces that YOU, Vipul Shah,
are absolutely CLUELESS about the PURPOSE of a DXpedition!

You've brought this up before and more persons than me have told
you this!

Would you go to a NASCAR race to sunbathe? Or the Superbowl to
play a chess game? Or do you go to a Chinese restaurant and order
spaghetti?

> I went to a DXpedition - definitely a vacation spot- with a group of Hams. I
> saw this tendency firsthand. They did exactly the same thing! I wanted to go to
> the beach, take a drive, etc., but the Hams were only interested in making
> radio contacts on various modes.

If the place you went to was inside the continental United States
or Canada, it was NOT a "DXpedition".

And it it WAS inside the US or Canada, chances are it was to some
rare (from a Ham Radio perspective) or historically interesting place
and was ACTIVATED for THAT purpose...NOT for SIGHTSEEING!

It's called an OPERATING EVENT, Ya GOOFBALL!

> I don't see the point of the DXpedition.

That is one GROSS misunderstatement!

> Were they doing a duty to that
> location, making sure the location is activated and gets QSOs? Working the
> location for a few hours qualifies as getting the benefits of working that
> location. There is no need to work the location for 8+ hours. They made
> contacts for hours throughout the day and through Saturday night.

If they kept calling CQ and people kept answering them, then YES,
there was a "need". Did they "NEED" to do it in order to keep thier
jobs or feed their families..??? NO..THEY DID IT FOR FUN!

> It seems the only non-radio activity Hams participate is in eating.

That's because you're so danged clueless, and no one wants you
around when the go-go daners and the beer arrives! Ya shudda stayed
for the Wouff Hong!

> (I did
> manage to get a few road trips because I volunteered to pick up food. Most of
> the Hams stayed at the shack.) They missed out on the scenic beach, the small
> town atmosphere. What's the point of going to a vacation location if the
> experience is the same as working QSOs at home? There needs to be some balance.

So how did they know about this place if they'd never been there
before, Vippy? Just throw a dart at a map and say "LET'S GO WASTE A
DAY OF OUR LIFE THERE!"..?!?!

They knew where to go because they'd already been there! And if
it's a REAL DXpedition, it's some coral atoll with nothing more than
gooney birds, crabs and LOT'S of bird droppings! Not a lot you can
see. Almost anywhere else has SOME sort of Ham Radio population
there, and is hardly the "target" of an expensive DXpedition to
"activate" it!

> Yesterday, I went to that club's cookout. As usual, the club was mostly older
> males. There were one woman. She asked what we did at the DXpedition. Perhaps
> she might attend next year's event. One of the people that went there said all
> they did is operate radios. The woman asked, "Is that all you did? You didn't
> go to the beach or anything?"

Probably the same clueless bimbo who wonders why everyone is
watching all those noisy cars go around and around at Talledega,
Huh...?!?!

> I imagine, going to a vacation spot and not doing
> any vacation stuff is not appealing to women and young people. Also, the idea
> of making repeated contacts at a radio is boring to some people. Ham radio has
> a social component as well as a technical component. If you make the social
> aspect intolerable, few will want to stay in the hobby. Ham radio probably
> loses a lot of people this way.

Yeah...danged shame we lose all those "ham operators" who don't
want to operate radios, huh...?!?! Probably the same guys who wonder
why those girls are taking thier clothes off in a strip bar.

> Meetings at different places.

I vote for the strip bar.

> Hams have club meetings and other events. Often, these events are food related.
> Barbecues, weekly Saturday breakfasts, etc.

Fools! Who wants to eat when we can get slovenly drunk in a
strip bar...?!?!

> My suggestion is that instead of meeting weekly to eat, why not meet at a new
> "fun" place each week. How about the park, a boat ride, etc. Make it a new
> place every week. Cost is not the problem. Often these events cost less than
> the overpriced breakfast buffet. It may take some work (mostly scheduling and
> informing people), but not much. And it's well worth it.

Hmmm...the best local breakfast bar around here is under $10. It
costs $5.00 just to park at most amusement parks. You price tickets
at Sea World or a Six Flags Park, lately Vippy?

> Meet a Ham.
> And lets try to contact Hams, not just short QSOs to work bands or locations
> for awards. This includes developing lasting contacts. And even the possibility
> to meet your contact off the air.

Oh...You mean like I did in the Phillipines? Or Japan? Or when I
was transfered to Philadelphia or LA...?!?! Or maybe like I did today
when I had a 20 min QSO with a very new ham (a KI4xxx call...)

> Lets overcome one's limitations, compete, and have fun. Feel free to add to
> this list. Feel free to do amateur radio "outside the box".

The "one's" limitations that need to be overcome Vippy are YOURS.

Vippy, you need to find an E-S-C-O-R-T S-E-R-V-I-C-E. Someone
who can get you away from the desk you must hide behind and OUT INTO
THE DAYLIGHT.

You blasted us with yet another running diatribe on things you
insist aren't there, yet every edition of the ham mags proves you
wrong.

I am sorry you don't seem to posses the social skills to get
along in the local clubs, and I am even MORE sorry you don't seem to
grasp or comprehend what's going on around you, but that's not my
problem nor anyone else's but you.

You want to be a tour director? Then step up to the plate at the
next club meeting and VOLUNTEER to do it yourself. The folks who put
on the Dayton Hamvention do a great job of organizing "side trips" and
other non-radio related functions for the non-participating
spouses....YOU can do that for YOUR club.

Now...get along and try to digest some of this virtual spanking
you've taken AGAIN and OPEN YOUR DANGED EYES ! ! !

Steve, K4YZ

3073. Re: Amateur Radio "outside the box"

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 09:22:21 UTC
From: k4yz@aol.com
Message-ID: <5c01b95b.0307280122.19dfb223@posting.google.com>
Source record: 72905

vshah101@aol.com (Vshah101) wrote in message
news:<20030727231851.18159.00000816@mb-m15.aol.com>...
> From: Radio Amateur KC2HMZ
>
> >Naturally. What would *you* give them on the basis of?
>
> Instead of the number of contacts worked, how about station setup time or
> distance. How about awarding for getting through under less ideal conditions.
> This may require a signal report.
>
> As, you can see, there are many possibilities for awards, other than what
> exists right now.

SNIP

I'll just cut to the chase and call you for the idiot that you
are, Shah. These things have been explained to you over and over and
over and over...But YOU can't seem to assimilate the finer details of
what's going on.

Steve, K4YZ

3074. Re: With CW gone, can the CW allocations be far behind?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 09:30:47 UTC
From: k4yz@aol.com
Message-ID: <5c01b95b.0307280130.1e3054b7@posting.google.com>
Source record: 72906

lenover21@aol.com (Len Over 21) wrote in message
news:<20030727152354.12501.00001199@mb-m04.aol.com>...

> The pro-coder regulars in here have been sorely wounded by the
> WRC-03 decision on S25 and they are vengeful, looking for blood
> regardless of manner in which it is spilled. Are you one of those?

Oh?

And whom might they be? Everyone in the "pro-code" camp here,
myself included, has expressed regret over the recent events, but we
are also all of us involved in OTHER modes.

Uhhhhh...those are modes YOU can't use, Lennie...No Tickee No
Transmitee.

Of course there IS Part 15 and Part 95....Built your MURS
repeater yet, Lennie? You sure haven't exactly been burning up the
airwaves with that Part 15 transmitter you said you were going to put
on 20 meters.

Steve, K4YZ

3075. Re: CORRECTION!!!

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 09:32:37 UTC
From: k4yz@aol.com
Message-ID: <5c01b95b.0307280132.16a1fed5@posting.google.com>
Source record: 72907

brianburke@juno.com (Brian) wrote in message
news:<f45722ac.0307270922.3fe592d8@posting.google.com>...
> k4yz@aol.com (Steve Robeson, K4CAP) wrote in message
news:<5c01b95b.0307270253.4b796ede@posting.google.com>...
> > lenover21@aol.com (Len Over 21) wrote in message
news:<20030727012727.24390.00001397@mb-m19.aol.com>...
> > > In article <kog3iv0a2oc37b0q1m6s9ag5s7k25ahku6@4ax.com>, k4nlz - Dusty <(no
> > > spam)k4nlz@comcast.net> writes:
>
> > > > there is FAR more to morse than many people appreciate or
> > > >understand ... I highly recommend that you experience it for yourself,
> > > >completely , ... then YOU will understand also. (and be MUCH
> > > >richer for the experience)
> > >
> > > Sigh...another pro-coder flip-out.
> > >
> > > I recommend a competent psychiatrist, Dusty. You've become FAR
> > > too involved in your religious zeal. You've forgotten that trained zeals
> > > are no longer the attraction they once were.
> >
> > Dusty, welcome to RRAP and RRAP's resident NON-LICENSED
> > antagonist and documented pathological liar, Leonard H. Anderson.
>
> Steve, this was worthy of an entirely new thread. You must be slipping.

Naaaah. Direct and to the point...pertinent to the comments made
in THAT thread...

Nope. Right on the money.

Steve, K4YZ

3076. Re: CORRECTION!!!

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 09:33:58 UTC
From: k4yz@aol.com
Message-ID: <5c01b95b.0307280133.63627720@posting.google.com>
Source record: 72908

lenover21@aol.com (Len Over 21) wrote in message
news:<20030727152355.12501.00001201@mb-m04.aol.com>...

> I think he needed the military handset he wanted for "high noise level
> environments" because of all his own shouting and hollering in front of
> a computer.

Ummmm...close...Laughing at you, Lennie. I often have to check it
to keep from waking the rest of the household.

Steve, K4YZ

3077. Re: Ham Radio In The Post-Code Testing Era

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 09:35:25 UTC
From: k4yz@aol.com
Message-ID: <5c01b95b.0307280135.1b31d00a@posting.google.com>
Source record: 72909

lenover21@aol.com (Len Over 21) wrote in message
news:<20030727152355.12501.00001200@mb-m04.aol.com>...

> Wait until you hear what his parents wished for... :-)

Coming from the only placenta to make it past puberty, that's cute!

Steve, K4YZ

3078. Re: Tech Licensee USA Morse Code Freedom Day is August 1st

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 10:28:16 UTC
From: Keith <kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net>
Message-ID: <bg2u0501o9e@enews2.newsguy.com>
Source record: 72910
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb

On Sun, 27 Jul 2003 16:44:34 GMT, "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> wrote:

> The message below also scores a 10 out of a possible 10 on the
> "troll-o-meter."

There is no way the FCC can find it if a tech has passed a morse code test since they don't keep any records. I know that no code techs are on 10m and have been for the last 3 years. No code tech's pick up your microphone and talk on 10 meters.

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3079. Re: Understanding the Possible Legal Loophole of s25.5 and 97.301(e)

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 10:30:06 UTC
From: Keith <kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net>
Message-ID: <bg2u3j11o9e@enews2.newsguy.com>
Source record: 72911
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.misc

On Sun, 27 Jul 2003 23:29:55 GMT, "D. Stussy" <kd6lvw@bde-arc.ampr.org> wrote:

> It's not "element 1 credit" by itself that determines a Technician class
> licensee's operating privilege on HF. If it were, then I would agree that
> nothing has changed - but that's simply not the situation here.

Stop confusing the people with a death grip on their morse code key with the
facts.

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3080. Re: Understanding the Possible Legal Loophole of s25.5 and 97.301(e)

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 10:32:59 UTC
From: Keith <kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net>
Message-ID: <bg2u9121o9e@enews2.newsguy.com>
Source record: 72913
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.misc

On Sun, 27 Jul 2003 10:36:26 -0600, JJ <radiobuff0@mailcity.moc> wrote:

> It does not mean that
> the FCC has to abolish a code test. So like Phil says, nothing has
> changed yet.

Phil is not unbiased in this since he is part of the ARRL legal goons that want to ram morse code down the throats of Americans so they can pick a microphone to talk on HF. Read 97.301(e) it depends on the International requirement for morse code proficiency. The requirement for morse code proficiency is GONE.

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3081. Re: Understanding the Possible Legal Loophole of s25.5 and 97.301(e)

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 10:33:36 UTC
From: Keith <kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net>
Message-ID: <bg2ua531o9e@enews2.newsguy.com>
Source record: 72912
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.misc

On Sun, 27 Jul 2003 16:49:23 GMT, "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> wrote:

> FCC rules have NOT changed (yet) ... Techs are STILL not allowed
> HF privs unless they have passed, and have documented credit for,
> the 5 wpm Morse test ...

That is NOT what 97.301(e) says Carl. Read it.

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3082. Re: American w/ Disability Act and CW Proficiency Test

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 10:39:21 UTC
From: JJ <radiobuff0@mailcity.moc>
Message-ID: <3F24FD59.7000105@mailcity.moc>
Source record: 72995
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb

Dick Carroll; wrote:

>
> Well JJ, there you have it! He holds an Extra class license, almost surely of the
> Lite category, and thus is a prime example of the New Age
> codehating hams. If I had a case on the table I now rest it.

This guy makes me think you have a valid point Dick.

3083. Re: Understanding the Possible Legal Loophole of s25.5 and 97.301(e)

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 10:39:44 UTC
From: Keith <kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net>
Message-ID: <bg2ulm01ps1@enews2.newsguy.com>
Source record: 72914
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.amateur.misc

On Mon, 28 Jul 2003 00:29:23 GMT, "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> wrote:

> That's ridiculous ... the NEW ITU Radio Regs simply give administrations
> the CHOICE as to whether or not to have a Morse test as a requirement
> for licenses that convey privs below 30 MHz ... they do NOT preclude
> any administration from having it either way ... it's their choice.
>
> The regulation was not "rescinded" on July 5, 2003, it was simply
> MODIFIED.

And 97.301(e) is dependent on a international requirement for morse code proficiency. There is no longer a international requirement for proficiency to send and receive morse code.
The s25.5 regulation says that it is left up to the administration. . The FCC rules do not require a morse code proficiency unless the international proficiency is required. So the FCC has already written the rules.
Now the ARRL thought their stupid trick to leave it to the administration would help keep more Americans from enjoy the ham radio hobby, but they screwed up in my opinion.

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3084. Re: There is no International Code Requirement and techs can operate HF according to FCC Rules

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 11:44:50 UTC
From: Keith <kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net>
Message-ID: <bg32fn020gv@enews1.newsguy.com>
Source record: 72917
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.misc

On Sun, 27 Jul 2003 21:13:14 -0400, "Bill Sohl" <billsohl@mindspring.com>
wrote:

> And before July, there was no specific "code speed"
> international requirement...yet that didn't allow techs who
> could do 2 wpm morse on HF...the FCC mandated 5 wpm
> even though the ITU had no speed minimum.

That was only for the test, it has nothing to do with 97.301(e)

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3085. Re: How Ugly Can One Creep Be?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 11:52:24 UTC
From: N2EY@AOL.COM
Message-ID: <c2356669.0307280352.35dfbe76@posting.google.com>
Source record: 72915

Radio Amateur KC2HMZ <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net> wrote in message
news:<abi5ivc5qtg6tt1hkhd516qho6sd6pi5hm@4ax.com>...
> On 26 Jul 2003 02:22:12 GMT, n2ey@aol.com (N2EY) wrote:
>
> >I may have told this one before, but years ago I was in North Tonawanda as part
> >of a project for work. February, of course, and of course that particular job
> >involved lots of time out-of-doors. Some vendors took us to lunch at the
> >place where wings allegedly were invented.
>
> North Tonawanda (or just NT to us locals) is my home town. I still
> spend more time in NT than in the Township of Tonawanda where I live
> now. Assuming they took you to the correct place, that would be the
> Anchor Bar on Main Street in Buffalo.

That was the place, as I recall.
>
> >One of the vendors salesfolk made the
> >mistake of saying "you can't make 'em too hot and spicy for me".
> >The restaurant staff proved him wrong.
>
> ...and I'd bet they cackled with glee while he was consuming mass
> quantities of whatever available liquid was nearby.

Oyez! We all did. And again about 30 hours later....

They were GOOD, though. Not too hot for me!

73 de Jim, N2EY

3086. radio-amateur and CB

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 11:56:36 UTC
From: Louat Marc <marc.louat@edf.fr>
Message-ID: <3F250F74.C47F5674@edf.fr>
Source record: 72916

Hello
I have known radio-amateurism and its rules for years and I have recently met someone who claims to be a cibist and communicate all around the world, send and recieve postcards, talks about any subject, belongs to a club and says it is new CB and it is legal. In my opinion it is not. Is it?
Marc Louat

3087. Re: There is no International Code Requirement and techs can operate HF according to FCC Rules

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 12:02:55 UTC
From: Keith <kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net>
Message-ID: <bg33hl021gv@enews1.newsguy.com>
Source record: 72920
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.misc

On Sun, 27 Jul 2003 21:14:23 -0400, "Bill Sohl" <billsohl@mindspring.com>
wrote:

> > Today there are no international proficiency requirements for morse code.
>
> Actually, the new treaty sez each country can decide for itself.

Exactly and 97.301(e) depends on the international proficiency requirements
laid out in s25.5. Now that there are no longer any proficiency requirements in
s25.5 then 97.301(e) is affected.

25.5 Any person seeking a license to operate the apparatus of an amateur
station shall prove that he is able to send correctly by hand and to receive
correctly by ear, texts in Morse code signals. The administrations concerned
may, however, waive this requirement in the case of stations making use
exclusively of frequencies above 30 MHz.

New Text of Article 25.5 (effective July 05, 2003)

25.5 ï¿½3 1) Administrations shall determine whether or not a person seeking a
licence to operate an amateur station shall demonstrate the ability to send and
receive texts in Morse code signals.

s97.301(e)

For a station having a control operator who has been
granted an operator license of Novice Class or Technician
Class and who has received credit for proficiency in
telegraphy in accordance with the international
requirements.

The US government has no standards for a technician to know morse code. To
receive a certificate yes, but the only reason a tech could not transmit on HF
was because of 97.301(e). Now that no code technicians have no requirement in
international law to know code they should be allowed to transmit on their
allocated frequency. That doesn't mean they can hop on 20 meters, it means they
can operate voice/data/cw 28.1-28.5 or even CW on 80, 40 and 15 meters.

The reason that 97.301(e) was written that way is because the government
expected s25.5 to be just deleted and techs could then operate HF. The ARRL
with their fancy footwork is trying to stop the removal of morse code as a
requirement for a HF license.
But don't worry it looks like BPL is going to destroy the bands anyway and you
morse code nuts can keep your death grip on those keyers. The ARRL has done
nothing but help put ham radio in it's grave.

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3088. Re: There is no International Code Requirement and techs can operate HF according to FCC Rules

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 12:11:52 UTC
From: Keith <kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net>
Message-ID: <bg342d022g3@enews1.newsguy.com>
Source record: 72921
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb

On Mon, 28 Jul 2003 00:52:54 GMT, "Phil Kane" <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
wrote:

> Until the FCC changes the rules concering Element 1, the
> requirement in the US remains that Element 1 must be passed.

That is NOT what 97.301(e) says. 97.301(e) does not require a tech to possess
element 1, it requires the tech licensee to meet the international standards
set down in s25.5 to transmit on HF. The reason 97.301(e) was written that way
is because the FCC expected the s25.5 reference to be deleted, but it was
changed. The fact that it was changed does not mean a tech licensee is not
meeting the requirements set down in 97.301(e).
It doesn't mean a tech can get on 20 meters, it should mean he can operate on
HF in the allocated tech bands according to the FCC rules.

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3089. Re: BAD IDEA for ham radio in general (was Re: Contact the FCC and Tell Them to get rid of CW Test and Requirements)

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 12:12:44 UTC
From: N2EY@AOL.COM
Message-ID: <c2356669.0307280412.6a3ceaf9@posting.google.com>
Source record: 72918

"Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> wrote in message
news:<1ATUa.1837$lL.255190@nnrp1.ptd.net>...
> While the intent may be good, this is a REALLY BAD idea ...

I agree, Carl. But will they listen to you?
>
> Flooding the FCC Commissioner's e-mail inboxes with such
> letters will only

[make them angry]

> at ALL of ham radio, not
> just pro-code-test or no-code test factions.

Agreed! But will they listen to you? And what do they have to lose?
>
> There is a right way and a wrong way to do this ... and this
> is DEFINITELY the WRONG way.

There are lots of wrong ways, including things like breaking the
rules, emailing the wrong people, putting together proposals that are
not well-developed, etc. Heck, I cringe to read the comments sometimes
because of the obvious lack of spell- and grammar-checking.
>
> Those who support the elimination of the Morse test from US
> FCC rules would be well-advised to join NCI
> http://www.nocode.org
> and follow the news.

But will tney listen to you, Carl? How many have joined? There are
over 687,000 US amateurs, plus an unknown number of prospective hams -
how many have actually joined your organization?
>
> NCI's Board of Directors is working the strategy for how to
> best approach the FCC on this matter and we will keep the
> membership informed when we have finalized those discussions.

In other words, "join our organization and trust us to do what's best,
don't go running off half-cocked and make all of us look bad". That's
what the ARRL has been saying for decades...

> Join No Code International! Hams for the 21st Century.

Will these "hams for the 21st Century" listen to you and toe the party
line?

> Help assure the survival and prosperity of ham radio.

I think we can agree that annoying the Commissioners, breaking the rules, and acting like we don't know how the system works isn't going to help the survival and prosperity of ham radio.

There's one thing about all this that puzzles me, though. The FCC made their opinions clear back in 1999 and again in 2000. The agenda for WRC 2003 was known more than a year in advance and the outcome for S25.5 correctly predicted by you (Carl) as a "slam dunk". Yet your organization is still figuring out what to do next wrt FCC?

How long will it take to decide, and will "your people" listen to you? They don't have much to lose, and they don;t even think they will get caught. Many don't understand how the system works, but think they do and don't care about long-term effects or the image of the ARS as a whole.

Newsgroup postings are bad enough, but some are advocating massive spamming and rulebreaking. Is that to be the way of "hams for the 21st century"?

73 de Jim, N2EY

3090. Re: radio-amateur and CB

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 12:14:07 UTC
From: David Robbins <k1ttt@arrl.net>
Message-ID: <duednezNa40WjriiU-KYvA@crocker.com>
Source record: 72919

depends on your country's rules, but in the United States and many other countries it is not legal.

"Louat Marc" <marc.louat@edf.fr> wrote in message news:3F250F74.C47F5674@edf.fr...
> Hello
> I have known radio-amateurism and its rules for years and I have
> recently met someone who claims to be a cibist and communicate all
> around the world, send and recieve postcards, talks about any subject,
> belongs to a club and says it is new CB and it is legal. In my opinion
> it is not. Is it?
> Marc Louat
>

3091. Re: There is no International Code Requirement and techs can operate HF according to FCC Rules

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 12:18:56 UTC
From: Keith <kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net>
Message-ID: <bg34fm022qc@enews1.newsguy.com>
Source record: 72922
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.misc

On Sun, 27 Jul 2003 16:47:46 GMT, "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> wrote:

> All the removal of the international requirement in the ITU Radio
> Regulations
> does is to allow each administration to determine on its own whether or not
> to keep a Morse test.

We are talking about 97.301(e) and it does not require a technician to possess element 1. It requires the tech to meet s25.5 which NO longer requires the tech to know morse code. The reason 97.301(e) was written that way is because the FCC expected s25.5 to be deleted.
Don't you see the ARRL is trying to pull a fast one? Read 97.301(e) like you don't know anything and then read s25.5 to see what we are talking about. Don't worry about the test, it has nothing to do with the test.

You can lead a pig to water, but hams are something else.

GEEEESSSSS.

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3092. Re: There is no International Code Requirement and techs can operate HF according to FCC Rules

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 12:23:22 UTC
From: Keith <kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net>
Message-ID: <bg34nv122qc@enews1.newsguy.com>
Source record: 72923
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.misc

On Sun, 27 Jul 2003 16:47:46 GMT, "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> wrote:

> And YES, the FCC *does* have records of which Techs have HF privs, so the
> writer above is totally wrong.
>

The FCC does not have information on techs who pass element 1. PERIOD. Only if they upgrade to general or extra.

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3093. Re: Here We Go Again..Sir Putzalot Is Back In His Stride

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 12:42:46 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu>
Message-ID: <3F251A46.2050500@psu.edu>
Source record: 72924

Steve Robeson, K4CAP wrote:
> lenover21@aol.com (Len Over 21) wrote in message
news:<20030727143827.14837.00001750@mb-m03.aol.com>...
>
>
>>>Deaf people have used Morse Code in ham radio.
>>
>> Of course...the transcendental supernaturality of morse gets through
>> when nothing else will.
>>
>> I interviewed four deaf radio amateurs for HAM RADIO magazine and had
>> material on three others.Six of them were still active and NONE of them
>> (including a dentist) used OOK CW keying or any morse codes. All of
>> them were code tested BEFORE they became legally deaf. All of the
>> active hams used RTTY.
>
>
> Sure you did. Names? Callsigns? Thier status today?
>
>
>>>Simple. They rest fingers on a speaker cone and feel the vibrations. It's benn
>>>done many times by deaf people. Just like many deaf people dance by feeling
>>>the rhythm the music through their feet.
>>
>> I'm sure you've been around hearing-disabled dance halls a lot...NOT!

For reference, friends who went to the WPSD (that should qualify as
deaf) do indeed dance by picking up the vibrations from the music, by
other meand than through their ears.

>> Please cite the "many times" deaf people have "benn" tested for ham
>> licenses. Give their callsigns.
>
>
> Not necessary...was in both CQ and QST on several
> occassions...BUT...
>
> ...since you asked.....W8CGD (SK), unfortunately. Was just a bit
> too close to an incoming mortar round in WW2. Immediately lost his
> vision, the hearing went later. I "knew" him on the air for 3 months
> before I met him at a hamfest in Cuyahoga Falls, OH. He never once
> squalled about what he could or couldn't do...
>
>
>>>Also, many deaf people have some limited hearing. It is not unusual for them

>>>to be able to hear single tones but not undersatand speech.
>>
>> Sigh...another amateur audiologist side of the knowitall procode
>> newsgroupie.
>

Hey Steve, add to your citations KB3EIA. Let's try (against "normal")
tested 60 db down overall, with multiple 100 db deep holes. Add to that
two tone tinnitus at a loud level. (not measured) I read lips, and due
to the tinnitus, there isn't much point in a hearing aid. When it is
turned up enough to overcome the roar in my ears, it gets very fatiguing
after an hour or so.

You know how much I care about it? Nada, zip. I only mention it in this
group because I like to use it as a counterpoint when people talk about
the poor deaf people and how awful it is to force them to learn Morse code.

- Mike KB3EIA -

3094. Re: Question for the No coders

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 12:58:12 UTC
From: Dave Heil <k8mn@earthlink.net>
Message-ID: <3F251DEC.3D0FABA7@earthlink.net>
Source record: 72925

Len Over 21 wrote:
>
> In article <d22b54c3.0307270050.507fa2f@posting.google.com>, kelly@dvol.com
> (Brian Kelly) writes:
>
> >wa8ulx@aol.com (WA8ULX) wrote in message
> >news:<20030727014205.02803.00000513@mb-m19.aol.com>...
> >> >I was on HF and communicating
> >> > before any of the regulars in here and I didn't have to use any
> >> > morse code at all.
> >>
> >> Im sure your right, CB or 11 Meters is considered HF.
> >
> >He's so fulla shit the whites of his eyes gotta be brown.
>
> Incorrect. They are blue.

That has to be an interesting look you've got there, Leonard. What
color are the pupils?

> >I for one
> >was on the HF ham bands in 1951 *with CW* from W3CGS before I got my
> >Novice ticket.
>
> Then you were BOOTLEGGING, old man. ILLEGAL. Tsk, tsk.

I think we may see another gap in your knowledge looming.

> >The only "HF experience" he had in that timeframe was
> >as a grunt U.S. Army apprentice RTTY equipment mechanic & babysitter
> >1952-53.
>
> Incorrect AGAIN!
>
> Microwave Radio Relay Operation and Maintenance Supervisor, (then)
> MOS 281.6. Temporarily doing Fixed Station Transmitters operation
> and maintenance (supervisor) 1953 to 1956 at US Army radio station
> ADA in Tokyo, Japan. 43 transmitters on HF ranging from 1 KW
> (BC-339) to 40 KW (AN/FRC-22)...working to Seoul, Pusan,
> Okinawa, Manila, Saigon, Anchorage, Seattle, Hawaii, San Francisco
> on a 24/7 schedule. Not a single circuit used any morse code.

I know you just forgot to mention, "Fifty years ago..."

> In 1952 I was in Basic Training and at the Signal School in Fort
> Monmouth, NJ.

...and a year later you were an expert.

Dave K8MN

3095. Re: American w/ Disability Act and CW Proficiency Test

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 13:03:21 UTC
From: Dave Heil <k8mn@earthlink.net>
Message-ID: <3F251F22.F0257528@earthlink.net>
Source record: 72926

Len Over 21 wrote:

> Whine, whine, whine...spiteful statements from someone who insists that
> all must do as he did because he is so magnificent.

Not all must or can do what Steve did. The test standards are not now the same. You, on the other hand, can continue to do what you've been doing toward obtaining an amateur radio license--zip, nada, zilch, nuttin'.

I'm sure you'll get that "Extra right out of the box" as soon as you figure out how to open the box.

Dave K8MN

3096. Re: American w/ Disability Act and CW Proficiency Test

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 13:04:58 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu>
Message-ID: <3F251F7A.4040202@psu.edu>
Source record: 72928

Keith wrote:
> On 27 Jul 2003 14:22:09 GMT, n2ey@aol.com (N2EY) wrote:
>
>
>>If you're going to go that route, then all of the questions in the written
>>tests about voice modes have to go as well, because there's no way deaf people
>>are going to use SSB, either.
>
>
> I'd love to see someone with a hearing disability receive weak signal CW on 80
> meters in the middle of July. Requiring a deaf person to pass a code test to
> get a ham license is like making a blind person pass a drivers test before
> riding the bus, you never know when driver will pass out and the blind will
> have to take the wheel of the bus.

You're correct, I won't work that 80 meter CW as well as those with good hearing. So What? Given enough volume in a headset, I'm a darn good contest op on SSB, better than a lot of people who have "perfect" hearing. So we've nulled that one out.

NO, requiring a deaf person to learn CW is NOT like teaching a blind person to drive. Whereas the deaf can still navigate around with whatever aids they can come up with, (sometimes as simple as cranking up the volume on the headset or putting that finger against the speaker cone) the legally blind won't be able to drive without some technology that doesn't exist yet.

So please don't tell those who cannot hear as well as you what they can and cannot do.

- Mike KB3EIA -

3097. Re: With CW gone, can the CW allocations be far behind?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 13:06:01 UTC
From: Dave Heil <k8mn@earthlink.net>
Message-ID: <3F251FC3.B9DA0D19@earthlink.net>
Source record: 72927

Len Over 21 wrote:

> The pro-coder regulars in here have been sorely wounded by the
> WRC-03 decision on S25 and they are vengeful, looking for blood
> regardless of manner in which it is spilled. Are you one of those?

What is any of this to you, Leonard? You aren't involved in amateur radio in any way. You aren't a ham. You aren't a regulator. You aren't a budding neophyte. You're a guy who delights in pointing out his past accomplishments in military and commercial radio.

Dave K8MN

3098. Re: American w/ Disability Act and CW Proficiency Test

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 13:09:19 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu>
Message-ID: <3F25207F.1070600@psu.edu>
Source record: 72929

Kim W5TIT wrote:

> Absolutely. To come to the conclusion that deaf people cannot learn and use
> CW is rather narrow-minded in my opnion. I bet there's a way that ANYONE
> could learn CW.

It helps if a person types in all caps too! ;^)

> For goodness sake! By your example, Keith, blind people should not be
> licensed because, "how in the world would they know what frequency they are
> on?"

Now that you mention it, how does a fully blind ham tell what frequency
he or she is on? I suppose that using the memory channels on an HF rig
would be one method, but does anyone here know?

- Mike KB3EIA -

3099. Re: BAD IDEA for ham radio in general (was Re: Contact the FCC and Tell Them to get rid of CW Test and Requirements)

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 13:11:52 UTC
From: Keith <kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net>
Message-ID: <bg37it0ov4@enews4.newsguy.com>
Source record: 72932

On Mon, 28 Jul 2003 00:24:33 -0400, Robert Casey <wa2ise@ix.netcom.com> wrote:

> No, you need to tell it to the right people in the government. Someone
> throw together a
> Petition for Rule Making on this, and let's comment on it after it's at
> the FCC.

Well someone called for a petition for declaratory ruling instead. The ARRL
wants to wait a few more years before changing the code requirements so BPL can
take full effect and the HF bands are useless.

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3100. Re: ATTN: Tech Licensee USA Morse Code Freedom Day is August 1st

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 13:16:03 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu>
Message-ID: <3F252213.70106@psu.edu>
Source record: 72930

Dwight Stewart wrote:

> All international treaties have to ratified by Congress....

And you know how our recent history on treaty ratification has gone.
(in other words we haven't ratified them) This could be interesting.

- Mike KB3EIA -

3101. Re: Understanding the Possible Legal Loophole of s25.5 and 97.301(e)

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 13:17:35 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu>
Message-ID: <3F25226F.5040605@psu.edu>
Source record: 72931
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.misc

Keith wrote:
> On Sun, 27 Jul 2003 10:36:26 -0600, JJ <radiobuff0@mailcity.moc> wrote:
>
>
>>It does not mean that
>>the FCC has to abolish a code test. So like Phil says, nothing has
>>changed yet.
>
>
> Phil is not unbiased in this since he is part of the ARRL legal goons that
> want to ram morse code down the throats of Americans so they can pick a
> microphone to talk on HF. Read 97.301(e) it depends on the International
> requirement for morse code proficiency. The requirement for morse code
> proficiency is GONE.

HAR! You'll just toss out every expert opinion until you get one you like.

- Mike KB3EIA -

3102. Re: BAD IDEA for ham radio in general (was Re: Contact the FCC and Tell Them to get rid of CW Test and Requirements)

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 14:00:29 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu>
Message-ID: <3F252C7D.4020804@psu.edu>
Source record: 72933

Brian Kelly wrote:

>
> Maybe Carl will be best remembered as the father of ham radio's Pandora's Box
>

A Pandora's box indeed.

There is a whole group of people out ther who have been greatly encouraged by the dropping of the Morse code requirement.

Some of them appear unencumbered by the legal process. How much credibility would a PCTA have with them. It is now up to the NCTA's to get some control.

If they want there to be some control.

- Mike KB3EIA -

3103. Re: BAD IDEA for ham radio in general (was Re: Contact the FCC and Tell Them to get rid of CW Test and Requirements)

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 14:04:15 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu>
Message-ID: <3F252D5F.6080709@psu.edu>
Source record: 72934

Keith wrote:
> On Sun, 27 Jul 2003 17:01:49 GMT, "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> wrote:
>
>
>>While the intent may be good, this is a REALLY BAD idea ...
>
>
> Yes, expressing your viewpoint to the government is a horrible idea. Just keep
> quiet and don't rock the boat. Only a backward ass ham radio operator would
> have this view.

SPANK! Finally we're getting enough irony in our diets!

- Mike KB3EIA -

3104. Re: American w/ Disability Act and CW Proficiency Test

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 14:23:33 UTC
From: Keith <kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net>
Message-ID: <bg3bpa02ahn@enews1.newsguy.com>
Source record: 72936

On Mon, 28 Jul 2003 09:04:58 -0400, Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu> wrote:

> So please don't tell those who cannot hear as well as you what they can
> and cannot do.

I'm not you knuckle head. I'm saying the requirement for the hearing disabled
to pass a morse code test is discriminatory.

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3105. Re: American w/ Disability Act and CW Proficiency Test

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 14:24:48 UTC
From: Keith <kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net>
Message-ID: <bg3brl12ahn@enews1.newsguy.com>
Source record: 72937

On Mon, 28 Jul 2003 09:09:19 -0400, Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu> wrote:

> Now that you mention it, how does a fully blind ham tell what frequency
> he or she is on? I suppose that using the memory channels on an HF rig
> would be one method, but does anyone here know?

But does the government require the blind to take a test to prove they can
read the frequency read out in order to obtain a license?

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3106. Re: Question for the No coders

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 14:49:41 UTC
From: kelly@dvol.com
Message-ID: <d22b54c3.0307280649.54e7e2e6@posting.google.com>
Source record: 72935

Dwight Stewart <stewart@say.net> wrote in message news:<BB492F76.1F86E%stewart@say.net>...
> "Brian Kelly" wrote:
> >

> Well, I suppose one could argue that those without code ability have
> pushed the hobby/service forward by just being there (shear numbers do help
> Amateur Radio).

Ya mean like sheer numbers have "helped" CB radio? Which matters more
in ham radio, quantity or quality?? We're obviously not gonna have
both.

> Of course, that is not likely to be an argument that
> satisfies you,

I'll cheerfully give up thumping for code tests when the writtens get
much stiffer than they are now. As the situation stands now everywhere
I look the service is being dumbed down. How many examples of how
that philosophy has backfired badly in other spheres do you have to
see before you get the drift? Welfare? Public education? Where and how
do we draw the line in ham radio?

> but it was the only thing I could come up with at this
> moment.

Uh-huh. There's a reason for that.

> However, I think even those with code ability would agree that at
> least some have walked away from ham radio because of the code testing
> requirement.

Not "some", uncountable hordes. I've been listening to that excuse for
more decades than I'd like to admit. I never shed a tear for any of
'em. It's a blatent copout and a strong indicator of what ham radio
would have gotten from them.

> Would one of those have pushed the hobby/service forward? We'll
> obviously never know (especially since we're not even clear on what that
> phrase means).

Yeah yeah, and I'll never know how much more money I might have made
if I'd gone to law school instead of engineering school. So what?
We're talking about the path forward from here in ham radio and the
discussions are based on what we DO know has happened both in ham
radio and elsewhere.

> > The difference is that us coders don't go around
> > bleating about how we "push the hobby/service

> > forward". Which is one of the bogus battle cries
> > of the free lunchers. (snip)
>
>
> Well, with the amount of noise those with code ability make in general, it
> would be a little hard to notice even if they did. ;)

Bleh!

> The rest of your message seems more to be a declaration than a discussion
> so I'll let it go unanswered.
>
>
> Dwight Stewart (W5NET)
>
> http://www.qsl.net/w5net/

w3rv

3107. Re: ATTN: Tech Licensee USA Morse Code Freedom Day is August 1st

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 14:54:21 UTC
From: Spamhater <nospam@nospam.com>
Message-ID: <EOaVa.610$603.32233@iad-read.news.verio.net>
Source record: 72938
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb

"Radio Amateur KC2HMZ" <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net> wrote in message
news:gm98iv8gefard1ljrc1d87qao050t62lm5@4ax.com...
> On Sat, 26 Jul 2003 09:40:04 -0400, "Spamhater" <nospam@nospam.com>
> wrote:
>
>
> >HEY KEITH,
> >
> >IF YOU'RE NOT ILLITERATE, TRY READING PART 95 SOMETIME.... YOU WILL SEE
HOW
> >STUPID YOU SOUND. THE NEWEST VERSION! ALL AMATEURS ARE SUPPOSED TO HAVE A
> >COPY OF CURRENT LAWS AVAILABLE... BUT SINCE YOU"VE OBVIOUSLY NOT READ
THEM
> >TO KNOW THE LAWS, YOU WOULDN'T BE AWARE OF THIS ONE EITHER! NOW, IS THIS
BIG
> >ENOUGH FOR YOU TO READ AND UNDERSTAND?????? DUHHHHH.......
>
> You're both on crack. Part 95 is the CB regs. The regs for ham radio
> are in part 97.
>
> DE John, KC2HMZ
>

NOPE, I'm not on Crack, but you're right... Being I was in a "CB" room, got
tunnel vision - so thought instinctlively of Part 95.. It is part 97 for
Ham. So, "I" stand corrected... My error.
JMS

3108. Re: American w/ Disability Act and CW Proficiency Test

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 14:58:01 UTC
From: Spamhater <nospam@nospam.com>
Message-ID: <4SaVa.611$603.32126@iad-read.news.verio.net>
Source record: 72939
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.misc

"Keith" <kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net> wrote in message
news:bg21u73kjq@enews2.newsguy.com...
> On 27 Jul 2003 15:22:47 -0700, n8fgb@bignet.net (Rich) wrote:
>
> > I know a bed ridden quad who dictated 20 wpm to his wife.He uses a straw
cw keyer.
>
> Can he hear? That is what we are talking about.
>
> --
> The Radio Page Ham, Police Scanner, Shortwave and more.
> http://www.kilowatt-radio.org/

There are cases where flashing lights are used for such a thing OR vibrating surfaces..... so being deaf is no excuse either. There ARE provisions. The main thing is, that IF the person is that handicapped, it is up to THEM or their family to provide any testing accessories to suit their needs, to allow the VEs to send the text. The VEs are not required to provide specialized equipment to cater to the handicaps needs.

3109. Re: ARRL and Morse Code Fanatics Can Only Blame Themselves.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 15:00:00 UTC
From: kelly@dvol.com
Message-ID: <d22b54c3.0307280700.7d9eb39b@posting.google.com>
Source record: 72940
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb

Keith <kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net> wrote in message
news:<bg2cc102qkc@enews4.newsguy.com>...
> On Mon, 28 Jul 2003 03:30:49 GMT, "Phil Kane" <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
> wrote:
>
> > Ready for this one..... he is an EXTRA Class licensee. I'm not
> > going to "out" him further - at this stage.
> >
> > Why is he jumping up and down like a monkey on a string?
>
>
> Think of me as forward thinking person that is sick of the ARRL and ham radio
> operators that have done nothing but destroy the hobby by crying about keeping
> morse code to keep people out of the hobby.
> Don't worry Phil, BPL is going to destroy ham radio and it deserves to be done
> away with. If there were millions of ham radio operators then maybe it could be
> worth saving.

Will somebody wake me up when this idiotic rant is over?

> Why should a few thousand morse code fanatics keep millions of
> consumers from enjoying broadband Internet access? America needs BPL to create
> competition and access to the Internet. A bunch old men with a death grip on
> their morse code keys need to get the hell out of the way.
> Thankfully a group of single minded men did everything to keep people out of
> the hobby and they can enjoy the S9 BPL signals that will drown out the bands.
> Corporate America thanks the ARRL for the help to create a new investment
> opportunity.

w3rv

3110. Re: ARRL and Morse Code Fanatics Can Only Blame Themselves.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 15:10:02 UTC
From: Keith <kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net>
Message-ID: <bg3egf02e2e@enews1.newsguy.com>
Source record: 72941
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb

On 28 Jul 2003 08:00:00 -0700, kelly@dvol.com (Brian Kelly) wrote:

> Will somebody wake me up when this idiotic rant is over?

Give me your phone number and I will give you call.

--
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3111. Re: The Plan

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 15:32:15 UTC
From: JJ <radiobuff0@mailcity.moc>
Message-ID: <3F2541FF.4040407@mailcity.moc>
Source record: 73074

Vshah101 wrote:
> From: "Jim Hampton" aa2qa
>
>
>>neither your CB (and I'm sure this is where the looser is
>>from), nor your cell phone, nor the interne
>
>
> Amateur radio could be more than an operator's hobby.
> Some Hams seem to forget that there could be much more to amateur radio than
> glorified CB.

However, most hams know that amateur radio is much more than glorified cb.

3112. Re: American w/ Disability Act and CW Proficiency Test

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 15:56:46 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu>
Message-ID: <3F2547BE.4070302@psu.edu>
Source record: 72942

Keith wrote:
> On Mon, 28 Jul 2003 09:04:58 -0400, Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu> wrote:
>
>
>>So please don't tell those who cannot hear as well as you what they can
>>and cannot do.
>
>
> I'm not you knuckle head. I'm saying the requirement for the hearing disabled
> to pass a morse code test is discriminatory.

And I'm saying it's not.

- Mike KB3EIA -

3113. Re: American w/ Disability Act and CW Proficiency Test

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 15:58:01 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu>
Message-ID: <3F254809.4070405@psu.edu>
Source record: 72943

Keith wrote:
> On Mon, 28 Jul 2003 09:09:19 -0400, Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu> wrote:
>
>
>>Now that you mention it, how does a fully blind ham tell what frequency
>>he or she is on? I suppose that using the memory channels on an HF rig
>>would be one method, but does anyone here know?
>
>
> But does the government require the blind to take a test to prove they can
> read the frequency read out in order to obtain a license?

Are you telling me that you think the wo are related?

- Mike KB3EIA -

3114. Re: ARRL and Morse Code Fanatics Can Only Blame Themselves.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 16:00:29 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu>
Message-ID: <3F25489D.3020508@psu.edu>
Source record: 72944
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb

Brian Kelly wrote:
> Keith <kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net> wrote in message
news:<bg2cc102qkc@enews4.newsguy.com>...
>
>>On Mon, 28 Jul 2003 03:30:49 GMT, "Phil Kane" <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
>>wrote:
>>
>>
>>>Ready for this one..... he is an EXTRA Class licensee. I'm not
>>> going to "out" him further - at this stage.
>>>
>>> Why is he jumping up and down like a monkey on a string?
>>
>>
>> Think of me as forward thinking person that is sick of the ARRL and ham radio
>>operators that have done nothing but destroy the hobby by crying about keeping
>>morse code to keep people out of the hobby.
>> Don't worry Phil, BPL is going to destroy ham radio and it deserves to be done
>>away with. If there were millions of ham radio operators then maybe it could be
>>worth saving.
>
>
> Will somebody wake me up when this idiotic rant is over?

You may have to become Rip Van Winkle to do that, Brian.

- Mike KB3EIA -

3115. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 16:10:04 UTC
From: "Dick Carroll;" <dixie@townsqr.com>
Message-ID: <bg3hss$15h$0@208.206.142.66>
Source record: 72945

N2EY wrote:

> In article <Xns93C2AFD1E3605elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>, Alun Palmer
> <elektros@yahoo.com> writes:
>
> >You should not hear any phone below at least 1830, 3600, 7040 (7030 in
> >region 3), 14100, 18110, 21150, 24930 or 28300, unless people are ignoring
> >the bandplans, which aren't compulsory everywhere.
>
> People are ignoring the bandplans. There's a Canadian SSB net that meets on
> 7030 kHz LSB. And Canadians have 7000-7300.
>
> >These numbers are based
> >on the _old_ IARU bandplans before the IARU reallocated the bottom ends of
> >the phone subbands (and the top ends of the CW subbands) to data (actually
> >just RTTY at the time). Some phone ops may go too far down in contests,
> >but even some contests disallow phone contacts in the CW subbands. The
> >perception here in the US is a little skewed because the US prohibits
> >phone in parts of the phone subbands (not a typo, I meant exactly what I
> >said).
>
> You mean the US doesn't allow phone in parts of the 'phone bandplan.

Looks like he meant that because the US bandplan isn't completely in accord
with the IARU international version we violate the bandplan..

His usual nonsense.

3116. Re: ARRL and Morse Code Fanatics Can Only Blame Themselves.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 16:39:37 UTC
From: "Dick Carroll;" <dixie@townsqr.com>
Message-ID: <bg3jk9$43j$0@208.206.142.66>
Source record: 72946
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb

Brian Kelly wrote:

> Keith <kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net> wrote in message
news:<bg2cc102qkc@enews4.newsguy.com>...
> > On Mon, 28 Jul 2003 03:30:49 GMT, "Phil Kane" <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
> > wrote:
> >
> > > Ready for this one..... he is an EXTRA Class licensee. I'm not
> > > going to "out" him further - at this stage.
> > >
> > > Why is he jumping up and down like a monkey on a string?
> >
> >
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> > Don't worry Phil, BPL is going to destroy ham radio and it deserves to be done
> > away with. If there were millions of ham radio operators then maybe it could be
> > worth saving.
>
> Will somebody wake me up when this idiotic rant is over?

He's just another refugee from the never-never land above 27 mhz
who just can't wait a few more months to get his "due".

3117. Re: With CW gone, can the CW allocations be far behind?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 16:51:31 UTC
From: Dan/W4NTI <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com>
Message-ID: <bg3ka4$lp1$1@slb4.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 72947
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy

"Mike Coslo" <mcoslo@adelphia.net> wrote in message
news:3F248034.3010409@adelphia.net...
> Carl R. Stevenson wrote:
> > "Mike Coslo" <mcoslo@adelphia.net> wrote in message
> > news:3F24113D.1090600@adelphia.net...
> >
> >>Stu Parker wrote:
> >>
> >>>On Sun, 27 Jul 2003 16:16:40 GMT, Carl R. Stevenson <wk3cqth@wk3c.com>
> >>
> > wrote:
> >
> >>>[snip]
> >>>
> >>>Go ahead. Pick at nits. We all know what he meant.
> >>>
> >>>But the point is well-taken. If CW is to be removed as a
> >>>*requirement* for a ham license, then its special status has
> >>>evaporated. Why give it any band-plan perks at all? CW operators can
> >>>already operate in the phone bands (most of them don't, but that's a
> >>>free choice), so why not accord the phone users the same freedom of
> >>>choice?
> >>>
> >>>I'd be in favor of reserving a very small portion of each HF band for
> >>>rtty, psk31, etc., but I'd let all modes permitted by an operator's
> >>>license be used everywhere else.
> >>>
> >>>In other words, it is legitimate and useful to reevaluate the entire
> >>>band-plan structure of the Amateur Radio Service, and it is even
> >>>thinkable that what is commonly called the "cw portion" of the bands
> >>>should be reallocated.
> >>
> >>Well, Carl, here is a well thought out and well presented argument.
> >>Your answer?
> >>
> >>- Mike KB3EIA -
> >>
> >
> >
> > I have previously voiced my view that I do NOT favor phone band
> > expansion, as the CW/data portions would be over-run with SSB.
> >
> > That would thwart the development of new digital modes and IMHO,

> > be a bad thing.
>
> Okay, I was hoping for a little more than just that though. Because if
> someone comes up with that argument, and your answer is simply that it
> would thwart development, well then guess who is going to win?
>
> - Mike KB3EIA -
>

You folks act as if CW has died and is being buried by everyone in the whole world. I hate to break it to you but there is a LOT of activity on CW. And will continue to be for YEARS.

Just because the testing has been dropped is no reason think CW is not going to be used. I foresee a increase in activity actually. As the phone bands pile up with more and more CBisms the only recourse will be digital and/or CW. There will continue to be CW contesting, DXCC CW only, County hunting...etc..etc.

And I guarantee you a CW signal is a lot less bothered by phone interference than a phone signal is by CW.

Just stay up on the high end of the bands, and leave us alone.

Deal?

Dan/W4NTI

3118. Re: Question for the No coders

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 16:55:19 UTC
From: "Dick Carroll;" <dixie@townsqr.com>
Message-ID: <bg3khn$5vo$0@208.206.142.86>
Source record: 72948

Brian Kelly wrote:

> I'll cheerfully give up thumping for code tests when the writtens get
> much stiffer than they are now.

Hey, I expected that the code test would someday go away
over 20 years ago- before the volunteer exam system
was started and the writtens moved from being some evidence of learning to
being no more than evidence of passing through a fomality.

> As the situation stands now everywhere
> I look the service is being dumbed down.

There is no other realistic way to regard it. When the code test is gone, ham radio is tossed
onto the steepest part of the slippery slope. Becoming a ham
will be so little beyond getting on CB that what we'll have is all the Freebanders who aren't
the least concerned about regulations dumping into
the ham bands. Many recent postings here on rrap show this clearly enough.

> How many examples of how
> that philosophy has backfired badly in other spheres do you have to
> see before you get the drift? Welfare? Public education? Where and how
> do we draw the line in ham radio?
>
> > but it was the only thing I could come up with at this
> > moment.
>
> Uh-huh. There's a reason for that.
>
> > However, I think even those with code ability would agree that at
> > least some have walked away from ham radio because of the code testing
> > requirement.
>
> Not "some", uncountable hordes. I've been listening to that excuse for
> more decades than I'd like to admit. I never shed a tear for any of
> 'em. It's a blatent copout and a strong indicator of what ham radio
> would have gotten from them.

I'm convinced there are some small number of strong technical types out there who have a problem with learning morse code that should have had some means of being licensed without high speed code in years past.
With the 5wpm max code speed, that argument evaporated. But it sure didn't make a dent in the codeless whiners arguement, did it? It's dump code- and dump on code- all the way, no holding back, gimme, gimme, gimme. No end to it. But it's the end of ham radio, as the

calendar works it's way forward, at least the end of any resemblence of ham radio as a useful
entity. If we wanted that sort of crap we could have all gone on up to the region above 27 mhz
to find it.

3119. Re: BAD IDEA for ham radio in general (was Re: Contact the FCC and Tell Them to get rid of CW Test and Requirements)

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 17:18:10 UTC
From: kelly@dvol.com
Message-ID: <d22b54c3.0307280918.33b8268@posting.google.com>
Source record: 72949

N2EY@AOL.COM (N2EY) wrote in message
news:<c2356669.0307280412.6a3ceaf9@posting.google.com>...
> "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> wrote in message
news:<1ATUa.1837$lL.255190@nnrp1.ptd.net>...

> Newsgroup postings are bad enough, but some are advocating massive
> spamming and rulebreaking. Is that to be the way of "hams for the 21st
> century"?

You bet, these are the kinds of "advances into the 21st Century" we
can expect if/when the free lunch truck gets underway. We can see it
right here every day.

>
> 73 de Jim, N2EY

w3rv

3120. Re: ATTN: Tech Licensee USA Morse Code Freedom Day is August 1st

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 17:19:16 UTC
From: "Dick Carroll;" <dixie@townsqr.com>
Message-ID: <bg3luk$8e3$0@208.206.142.86>
Source record: 72950
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb

Phil Kane wrote:

> On Sat, 26 Jul 2003 15:10:39 -0400, Spamhater wrote:
>
> >Seems to me, the other Keith is too lazy to read the rules and regulations
> >and instead wants a hand out. He needs to REALLY sit down and read the rules
> >and regulations or have them read to him and get a grasp on the fact that
> >you can't just do as you damned well please.
>
> Or listen to accurate interpretations by a local communications
> attorney who is willing to teach him without charge (ahem).
>
> He does the same thing on local scanner nets, too.
>
> Ready for this one..... he is an EXTRA Class licensee. I'm not
> going to "out" him further - at this stage.
>
> Why is he jumping up and down like a monkey on a string?

If it walks like a duck, and quacks like a duck.....

My first thought when the question pools were published was that
the code test is the only thing that will preserve ham radio from
dropping to the lowest possible common denominator. Looks like
the isntant case is pretty much validation of that viewpoint.

3121. Re: Question for the No coders

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 17:25:15 UTC
From: "Dick Carroll;" <dixie@townsqr.com>
Message-ID: <bg3m9r$8v5$0@208.206.142.86>
Source record: 72951

Brian Kelly wrote:

> lenover21@aol.com (Len Over 21) wrote

>
> > >I for one
> > >was on the HF ham bands in 1951 *with CW* from W3CGS before I got my
> > >Novice ticket.
> >
> > Then you were BOOTLEGGING, old man. ILLEGAL. Tsk, tsk.

Of course Putzie would have to have some real information on ham radio to know how that works, wouldn't he?

And the liklihood that *HE* has done a large bit of bootlegging is more than obvious given his longtime
'interest' in ham radio and the fact that he has never held a license, no?

3122. Re: Understanding the Possible Legal Loophole of s25.5 and 97.301(e)

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 17:41:24 UTC
From: Spamhater <nospam@nospam.com>
Message-ID: <5idVa.617$603.32143@iad-read.news.verio.net>
Source record: 72952
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.misc

"Keith" <kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net> wrote in message
news:bg2u9121o9e@enews2.newsguy.com...
> On Sun, 27 Jul 2003 10:36:26 -0600, JJ <radiobuff0@mailcity.moc> wrote:
>
> > It does not mean that
> > the FCC has to abolish a code test. So like Phil says, nothing has
> > changed yet.
>
> Phil is not unbiased in this since he is part of the ARRL legal goons
that
> want to ram morse code down the throats of Americans so they can pick a
> microphone to talk on HF. Read 97.301(e) it depends on the International
> requirement for morse code proficiency. The requirement for morse code
> proficiency is GONE.
>
> --
> The Radio Page Ham, Police Scanner, Shortwave and more.
> http://www.kilowatt-radio.org/

BUT UNTIL THE AMERICAN LAWS are rewritten, changed, updated (pick your
term), the CW requirement STILL exists in our Radio Laws.
You can NOT sidestep laws that exist. A law may be come effective in one
sense but when it affects so many countries, it takes time in the
administrative governments to trickle down. As I understand it, there are
yet, a few countries who will refuse to abide by the International Treaty's
standards to the letter.
The International Union decided to drop CW as a requirement, that does NOT
mean WE have to. IF the other countries are not so willing to go with it
either, then perhaps the FCC won't be so quick to jump either.

Get off your lazy ass and learn 5 WPM CW. It is not any harder than learning
to drive a car or program a computer. IF it is worth it to you to use 10
meters or any other band, then get your act together and make it a mission
to actually LEARN something. "I" am NOT one of the biased ARRL people, I
don't and won't belong to the ARRL. So my opinion is based purely on KNOWING
that is doesn't take a hell of a lot of work to LEARN - CW @ 5 WPM.
If the handicapped can do it, ANYONE CAN. If you can't, then you're not
handicapped, you're plain brain dead and lazy.

JMS

3123. Re: American w/ Disability Act and CW Proficiency Test

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 17:53:45 UTC
From: Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
Message-ID: <cuvyxnansvbet.hiplr91.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 72953
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb

On Sat, 26 Jul 2003 18:09:44 -0700, Keith wrote:

> Another problem that was pointed out to me are people with disabilities.
>According to the American with Disabilities Act the government can not
>discriminate against disabled people .
> Now that s25.5 is international law the government must now accommodate
>disabled people and they must do it without reasonable delay.

You must really enjoy playing wannabe lawyer --- and missing the
target. The issue of code and the ADA was hashed out by the FCC
several years ago. Nothing changed.

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73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane
A real lawyer

3124. Re: American w/ Disability Act and CW Proficiency Test

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 17:53:45 UTC
From: Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
Message-ID: <cuvyxnansvbet.hipm6q2.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 72954
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy

On Sun, 27 Jul 2003 05:02:04 -0700, Keith wrote:

> The morse code test for deaf people is pure discrimination and now
> that s25.5 no longer requires a proficiency to know and send morse
> code the FCC better move fast to remove this discrimination.

How stupid can one be -

s25.5 now lets each Administration decide whether a code test is
required. So far the US Administration (FCC) hasn't said that a
code test is not required.

"better move fast" -- hey, dummy, push the FCC and you will see how
slow "big government" will move. I can guarantee that....

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73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane

3125. Re: American w/ Disability Act and CW Proficiency Test

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 17:53:45 UTC
From: Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
Message-ID: <cuvyxnansvbet.hipmbp3.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 72955
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb

On Sun, 27 Jul 2003 07:03:01 -0400, Spamhater wrote:

>Don't
>open your mouth without facts which you have yet to provide any of in
>support of your lawlessness aim to sidestep a part you're apparently too
>damned lazy to do.

He's an EXTRA class licensee......

The Twilight Zone.....

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73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane

3126. Re: American w/ Disability Act and CW Proficiency Test

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 17:53:46 UTC
From: Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
Message-ID: <cuvyxnansvbet.hipn0b4.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 72956

On 27 Jul 2003 14:22:09 GMT, N2EY wrote:

>Yet the various advocacy groups for handicapped people have never
>protested the amateur radio test regulations. Indeed, the group
>"Handi-Hams" was AGAINST the medical waiver rule change back in 1990,
>as I recall.

We had one applicant for Extra Class in the 70s who was profoundly deaf - he had to communicate with us by Relay Service and translators - and we bent over backwards to get a special exam for him. He not only refused to take a special exam - he insisted on a regular code test like anyone else. He was raising a big stink with the support of that portion of the advocacy groups who insist on mainlining - the Handi-Hams were against him, BTW. After the stink reached Washington, the powers-that-be ordered us to give him a regular code test via his choice of loudspeaker or earphones and make sure that he passed.

He passed easily with no shenanigans.

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73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane

3127. Re: BAD IDEA for ham radio in general (was Re: Contact the FCC and Tell Them to get rid of CW Test and Requirements)

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 18:00:33 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu>
Message-ID: <3F2564C1.3020608@psu.edu>
Source record: 72957

N2EY wrote:
> "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> wrote in message
news:<1ATUa.1837$lL.255190@nnrp1.ptd.net>...
>
>>While the intent may be good, this is a REALLY BAD idea ...
>
>
> I agree, Carl. But will they listen to you?
>
>>Flooding the FCC Commissioner's e-mail inboxes with such
>>letters will only
>
>
> [make them angry]
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>
>>at ALL of ham radio, not
>>just pro-code-test or no-code test factions.
>
>
> Agreed! But will they listen to you? And what do they have to lose?
>
>>There is a right way and a wrong way to do this ... and this
>>is DEFINITELY the WRONG way.
>
>
> There are lots of wrong ways, including things like breaking the
> rules, emailing the wrong people, putting together proposals that are
> not well-developed, etc. Heck, I cringe to read the comments sometimes
> because of the obvious lack of spell- and grammar-checking.
>
>>Those who support the elimination of the Morse test from US
>>FCC rules would be well-advised to join NCI
>>http://www.nocode.org
>>and follow the news.
>
>
> But will tney listen to you, Carl? How many have joined? There are
> over 687,000 US amateurs, plus an unknown number of prospective hams -
> how many have actually joined your organization?

And of course there is the big question of.....WHY! All these people
yakking here are US citizens with (I think) one exception. What is the

purpose of joining an organization that has accomplished it's apparent sole purpose in this country? I mean how many people really care if they have the Morse code test in Lower Sloshingbottom?

>>NCI's Board of Directors is working the strategy for how to
>>best approach the FCC on this matter and we will keep the
>>membership informed when we have finalized those discussions.
>
>
> In other words, "join our organization and trust us to do what's best,
> don't go running off half-cocked and make all of us look bad". That's
> what the ARRL has been saying for decades...

NCI knows better than the rest of us.

Is there an argument that can convince a PCTA to join NCI?

>>Join No Code International! Hams for the 21st Century.
>
>
> Will these "hams for the 21st Century" listen to you and toe the party
> line?

They don't seem to be so far do they?

>
>>Help assure the survival and prosperity of ham radio.
>
>
> I think we can agree that annoying the Commissioners, breaking the
> rules, and acting like we don't know how the system works isn't going
> to help the survival and prosperity of ham radio.

But that doesn't mean it isn't going to happen.

> There's one thing about all this that puzzles me, though. The FCC made
> their opinions clear back in 1999 and again in 2000. The agenda for
> WRC 2003 was known more than a year in advance and the outcome for
> S25.5 correctly predicted by you (Carl) as a "slam dunk". Yet your
> organization is still figuring out what to do next wrt FCC?

I myself have no idea why there isn't a whole sequence of events marked out for an orderly transition.

Like who becomes what in the hierarchy of licenses.

Do Novices lose their licenses? Aside from CW, their test is so rudimentary?

Tech pluses?

Lots of stuff that will become apparent as time goes on.

> How long will it take to decide, and will "your people" listen to you?
> They don't have much to lose, and they don;t even think they will get

> caught. Many don't understand how the system works, but think they do
> and don't care about long-term effects or the image of the ARS as a
> whole.

> Newsgroup postings are bad enough, but some are advocating massive
> spamming and rulebreaking. Is that to be the way of "hams for the 21st
> century"?

Like it or not, the removal of the Morse test has removed one element of knowledge from the licensing process. Argue with me if about the definition of knowledge, but it is the removal of just that. Knowledge. Sure sounds like entropy in action to me.

A whole lot of people find that removal of knowledge a positive thing for them. This includes that mythical engineer who is so busy he or she cannot take the time to learn Morse or is so fearful of leaning something that they may not use. Unfortunately, it also includes some people who find that rules are for other people.

And yes, I worry about those people. I have great concern for the people who think that a Technician can now pick and choose where to transmit, who think that all ya gotta do to change the rules is have everyone email the head people at the FCC, and whatever these good folk dream up next.

3128. Re: There is no International Code Requirement and techs can operate HF according to FCC Rules

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 18:03:15 UTC
From: JJ <radiobuff0@mailcity.moc>
Message-ID: <3F256563.2060202@mailcity.moc>
Source record: 73018
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb

D. Stussy wrote:

> I disagree that what is left means that any Technician or Novice has any HF
> privilege at all. The FCC rule still says that these licensees must show
> compliance with a non-existent regulation. Since they CANNOT COMPLY with a
> non-existent [international] regulation, they LACK the privilege.

The compliance was met when it was required by international regulation
(and it is still required by FCC regulations). According to your logic
then no license class has any HF privileges since we met the compliance
of an international regulation that no longer exists. So all license
classes that took a code test are now non-compliant, so looks like we
are all off HF until the FCC changes the rules.
GEEEEESSSSHHHH!!

3129. Re: There is no International Code Requirement and techs can operate HF according to FCC Rules

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 18:06:42 UTC
From: JJ <radiobuff0@mailcity.moc>
Message-ID: <3F256632.3070500@mailcity.moc>
Source record: 73019
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb

D. Stussy wrote:
> On Mon, 28 Jul 2003, Jim Hampton wrote:
>
>>Please re-read Phil's reply again. You missed the point as to each
>>administration is free to do as they please. So far, the FCC has not seen
>>to eliminate the Morse requirement. Period.
>
>
> If any entity has a choice, then how can it be called a requirement?

The international requirement meant that all entities had to require a code test for HF privileges. Now the international requirement has been dropped, now each entity can decided for itself if it wants to require a code test for HF privileges, and until the FCC changes the rules, it is still required for U.S. hams. What is so hard to understand about that?

3130. Re: With CW gone, can the CW allocations be far behind?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 18:10:57 UTC
From: Floyd Davidson <floyd@barrow.com>
Message-ID: <874r16zfm6.fld@barrow.com>
Source record: 72958
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy

sparkr@pavillage.net (Stu Parker) wrote:
>On 27 Jul 2003 13:09:25 -0800, Floyd Davidson <floyd@barrow.com> wrote:
>>
>> It is not a reasonable argument. It has logical and technical
>> flaws which make that particular commentary quite worthless.
>>
>> >"Mike Coslo" <mcoslo@adelphia.net> wrote:
>> >> Stu Parker wrote:
>> >> >
>> >> > But the point is well-taken. If CW is to be removed as a
>> >> > *requirement* for a ham license, then its special status has
>> >> > evaporated.
>>
>> That is an absurd statement which cannot be supported logically.
>> (It says: The apples are ripe, so lets pick the oranges today.)
>
>A false analogy, probably based upon emotion.

Yeah, sure. That's what all the following technical discussion
was about.

You weren't logical in the original, and this response is no
more so. Look at your response... nothing _but_ emotion.

>> All that has happened is that CW has changed its status from a
>> separately tested requirement, to being one of many modes which
>> random questions on the written exam will refer to. That change
>> affects the *testing* only; it has *nothing* to do with the
>
>The act of dropping the Morse code requirement completely is an
>official, multinational assertion that CW no longer retains its
>favored status.

CW no longer retains favored status as a *testing requirement*.

>Don't believe that CW has had a long tradition of having favored
>status? Then reread the history of amateur radio. From being the
>mode favored by international treaty, to being the only mode that US
>hams were allowed to use on 40 meters until 1952, amateur radio
>history is full of examples of CW's most favored status.

You are once again mixing the apples with the oranges.

>Now, all of that has changed.
>

>At the moment, CW operators are "protected" from phone operators, but
>the reverse is not the case.

As noted previously, so are RTTY and other narrow band digital
modes, and it has *nothing* to do with the testing requirement
and everything to do with technical issues.

>With the deemphasis of CW, the old
>situation is clearly inequitable, because the old claim that
>"international agreements demand the band restrictions" is rapidly
>becoming false.

What "old claim" is that? I've never heard of any such claim,
and you are fabricating it just as you fabricated the above claim
that CW is "the mode favored by international treaty".

CW *testing* was required previously, and now is not. That is
all that has changed.

>There is a new reality quickly developing, and heated, emotional
>claims which attempt to preserve tradition for its own sake just
>aren't going to work.

A new reality quickly developing? Where have you been for the past
30 years as this slowly cooked?

>I'll bet my farm that THE BAND PLANS ARE GOING TO BE REEXAMINED over
>the next several years. Ignore the coming debate, and wind up having

Of course the band plans are going to be reexamined. That is a
continuous process that is *always* going on, and has been in
the past just as it will be in the future.

Technology changes. Jeeze, when I first got into ham radio everyone
was worried to death that we'd lose everything. That was the influence
of the WWII shutdown. But look what has been going on for the past
30 years now! Amateur Radio allocations in the HF region have been
expanded. (And now the pressure is on in the microwave regions, that
were once basically undesirable.)

>others decide your band allocations for you. Engage in the debate,
>and you just may stand a chance of making a difference.

Engage in debate! You are engaging in emotionalism. Start using
facts and figures instead of scare stories.

--
Floyd L. Davidson <http://web.newsguy.com/floyd_davidson>
Ukpeagvik (Barrow, Alaska) floyd@barrow.com

3131. Re: With CW gone, can the CW allocations be far behind?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 18:33:04 UTC
From: et472@FreeNet.Carleton.CA
Message-ID: <bg3q90$nk1$1@freenet9.carleton.ca>
Source record: 72960
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy

Floyd Davidson (floyd@barrow.com) writes:
> sparkr@pavillage.net (Stu Parker) wrote:
>
>>Don't believe that CW has had a long tradition of having favored
>>status? Then reread the history of amateur radio. From being the
>>mode favored by international treaty, to being the only mode that US
>>hams were allowed to use on 40 meters until 1952, amateur radio
>>history is full of examples of CW's most favored status.
>
> You are once again mixing the apples with the oranges.
>
This reminds me of the time Marconi spanned the Atlantic. I remember
he told his assistant "I'm not going to wait until voice modulation
is invented, because I want to give morse code favored status".

Then twenty years later, when hams spanned the Atlantic with shortwaves,
they all said "let's not use that newfangled voice stuff, because
we want to give morse code a favored status". Obviously, Howard
Armstrong who we have to "blame" for all the receivers we use even
today, must have been part of that conspiracy to keep AM in it's place,
since he was part of one of the official transmitting sites for
the attempt.

Of course, there were all those hams in the early days who used
only morse code because they wanted to give it favored status.
It's a myth that they used it because a cw transmitter was simpler
and less expensive.

Let's not forgot OSCAR 1, launched in December of 1961. Those
guys obviously had it send morse code because they wanted to give
the mode favored status.

Michael VE2BVW

3132. Re: ATTN: Tech Licensee USA Morse Code Freedom Day is August 1st

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 18:37:56 UTC
From: Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
Message-ID: <cuvyxnansvbet.hiqqvnb.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 72959

On Mon, 28 Jul 2003 01:11:31 -0400, Dwight Stewart wrote:

> I'm not referring to the individual states within the United States. A
>"state" in this context is "a country or nation with its own sovereign
>independent government."

That's called an "Administration" in ITU-speak.

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73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane

3133. Re: Tech Licensee USA Morse Code Freedom Day is August 1st

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 19:00:06 UTC
From: Floyd Davidson <floyd@barrow.com>
Message-ID: <87u196xyrt.fld@barrow.com>
Source record: 72961
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb

Keith <kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net> wrote:
>On Sun, 27 Jul 2003 16:44:34 GMT, "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> wrote:
>
>> The message below also scores a 10 out of a possible 10 on the
>> "troll-o-meter."
>
> There is no way the FCC can find it if a tech has passed a morse code test
>since they don't keep any records. I know that no code techs are on 10m and
>have been for the last 3 years. No code tech's pick up your microphone and talk
>on 10 meters.

Yeah right. Welcome to Citizens Band Radio, right there on a ham band,
idiot.

--
Floyd L. Davidson <http://web.newsguy.com/floyd_davidson>
Ukpeagvik (Barrow, Alaska) floyd@barrow.com

3134. Re: With CW gone, can the CW allocations be far behind?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 19:13:08 UTC
From: "Dick Carroll;" <dixie@townsqr.com>
Message-ID: <bg3sk4jme0@208.206.142.86>
Source record: 72962
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy

Michael Black wrote:

> Floyd Davidson (floyd@barrow.com) writes:
> > sparkr@pavillage.net (Stu Parker) wrote:
> >
> >>Don't believe that CW has had a long tradition of having favored
> >>status? Then reread the history of amateur radio. From being the
> >>mode favored by international treaty, to being the only mode that US
> >>hams were allowed to use on 40 meters until 1952, amateur radio
> >>history is full of examples of CW's most favored status.
> >
> > You are once again mixing the apples with the oranges.
> >
> This reminds me of the time Marconi spanned the Atlantic. I remember
> he told his assistant "I'm not going to wait until voice modulation
> is invented, because I want to give morse code favored status".
>
> Then twenty years later, when hams spanned the Atlantic with shortwaves,
> they all said "let's not use that newfangled voice stuff, because
> we want to give morse code a favored status". Obviously, Howard
> Armstrong who we have to "blame" for all the receivers we use even
> today, must have been part of that conspiracy to keep AM in it's place,
> since he was part of one of the official transmitting sites for
> the attempt.
>
> Of course, there were all those hams in the early days who used
> only morse code because they wanted to give it favored status.
> It's a myth that they used it because a cw transmitter was simpler
> and less expensive.
>
> Let's not forgot OSCAR 1, launched in December of 1961. Those
> guys obviously had it send morse code because they wanted to give
> the mode favored status.
>
> Michael VE2BVW

Dang, Michael, I was about to write you off as just another nut, but I read
it all
again and found your tounge firmly embedded in cheek! Neat!

Dick

3135. Re: American w/ Disability Act and CW Proficiency Test

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 19:13:20 UTC
From: Keith <kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net>
Message-ID: <bg3sol01kaa@enews4.newsguy.com>
Source record: 72965
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb

On Mon, 28 Jul 2003 17:53:45 GMT, "Phil Kane" <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
wrote:

> You must really enjoy playing wannabe lawyer --- and missing the
> target. The issue of code and the ADA was hashed out by the FCC
> several years ago. Nothing changed.

Phil from now on I will refer to you as Prince Jr.

Listen Prince Jr., I can discuss anything regarding US law and express my opinions. Just because you are ARRL lawyer trying to force morse code down the throats of the disabled and helped destroy Amateur radio by keeping it a elite club doesn't mean I shouldn't voice my opinion. I have never said I was a lawyer or even a wannabe lawyer, good god I bet you are proud of your pals that are going after ten year old children trading muppet songs on the Internet.
The reason disability recognition didn't change was because there was a international agreement that stopped the disabled who could not receive code from being exempt. Now that the international regulation has been changed to delete mandatory morse code proficiency the disabled should be provided a exemption promptly. (That is my opinion, is that OK Prince Jr?)
Is it ok if I express my opinion Prince Jr? Or are you like the morons sending me carbon copies of complaints they are sending to Hollingsworth AKA "Prince" for daring to tell the FCC and the ARRL they are bone heads that have destroyed Amateur radio for selfish reasons.
I mean I'm not the only person that thinks this about the ARRL, FCC and the morse code lunatics that have kept the ranks of ham radio so small it is ripe for the pickings by the commercial entities. The utilities will destroy HF with BPL and the rest of 50 Mhz and up bands that are worth billions of dollars will be sliced up in short order.
All this time I was praying the ARRL and FCC would come around and I was a sucker to be a ARRL member for all those years. Then when it is time to dump the code the crazed bunch of "morse code or death" bunch sneak one in the back door. Now the cocksuckers want to drag out the death of morse code requirements for years.
Who the hell was the ARRL board and staff saving the bands for? It certainly isn't for the average American citizen to become a ham radio operator. If you listen to ten meters it appears the truck drivers are now taking it over, so thank the ARRL and FCC for that.
Thanks for sharing Prince Jr. I hope it was OK for this ham radio operator of twenty years to express his opinion. Should I include a legal disclaimer on all my post from now on? I hope you will not report me to the Oregon Bar Association.

--
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3136. Re: ARRL and Morse Code Fanatics Can Only Blame Themselves.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 19:14:18 UTC
From: Keith <kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net>
Message-ID: <bg3sqe11kaa@enews4.newsguy.com>
Source record: 72964
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb

On 28 Jul 2003 16:39:37 GMT, "Dick Carroll;" <dixie@townsqr.com> wrote:

> He's just another refugee from the never-never land above 27 mhz
> who just can't wait a few more months to get his "due".

Are lying or are you just displaying your ignorance?

--
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3137. Re: Understanding the Possible Legal Loophole of s25.5 and 97.301(e)

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 19:15:17 UTC
From: Keith <kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net>
Message-ID: <bg3ss921kaa@enews4.newsguy.com>
Source record: 72963
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.misc

On Mon, 28 Jul 2003 13:41:24 -0400, "Spamhater" <nospam@nospam.com> wrote:

> Get off your lazy ass and learn 5 WPM CW.

Pal I can receive CW at 18 WPM and I even have a fancy certificate from the US government to prove it.

--
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3138. Re: BAD IDEA for ham radio in general (was Re: Contact the FCC and Tell Them to get rid of CW Test and Requirements)

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 20:10:25 UTC
From: Dan/W4NTI <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com>
Message-ID: <bg3vv2dag1@slb6.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 72970

"Mike Coslo" <mcoslo@adelphia.net> wrote in message
news:3F24869F.1080407@adelphia.net...
> Carl R. Stevenson wrote:
> > "Mike Coslo" <mcoslo@adelphia.net> wrote in message
> > news:3F24754D.1070305@adelphia.net...
> >
> >>As the visible head of the No Code test movement, you have a
> >>responsibilty to ensure an orderly transition. Right now what is
> >>starting to happen is something that I saw as logically following the
> >>elimination of the code testing requirement. And it is coming about
> >>directly as a result of that elimination.
> >>
> >>Personally I'd be telling people that the rules are changing, they
> >>haven't been eliminated. And I'd be doing it an awful lot.
> >
> >
> > Gee ... I thought I *have* been doing that ...
>
> I'd be willing to bet that most people here figure the people you are
> telling are the PCTA's. You really need to tell the others who seem to
> think it's open season.
>
> - Mike KB3EIA -
>

Let me just add this Carl of NCI. If you DONT get your mob of ignorant cbers in line then the real hams will start their own little group. If you think we are going to sit by and watch ham radio be turned into a cess pool like 11m, you are badly mistaken. Expect FCC action. Expect on the air wars.

Did you enjoy your part in destroying ham radio?

Dan/W4NTI

3139. Re: American w/ Disability Act and CW Proficiency Test

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 20:12:07 UTC
From: et472@FreeNet.Carleton.CA
Message-ID: <bg402n$79v$1@freenet9.carleton.ca>
Source record: 72975
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb

Keith (kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net) writes:
> I mean I'm not the only person that thinks this about the ARRL, FCC and the
> morse code lunatics that have kept the ranks of ham radio so small it is ripe
> for the pickings by the commercial entities. The utilities will destroy HF with
> BPL and the rest of 50 Mhz and up bands that are worth billions of dollars will
> be sliced up in short order.

When was the last time you heard about amateur radio in your local newspaper
or on your local tv stations? When your local ham clubs have an event, be
it club meetings, Field Day, hamfest or something else that the public might
like to know about, do they bother to get listed in the local events columns,
and try to get mention on TV and radio, and even post to your local
newsgroups?

Or to put it another way, how did you find out about amateur radio?

When I was a kid, I learned about it when there was an article in
a publication intended for children. When I discovered hobby electronic
magazines, amateur radio was still a part of those magazines, though
it was right on the cusp of their disappearing. But when I could try
for a license, I had to dig around to find a local ham club, going to
the ARRL because I didn't know of any local clubs, and had no way of
finding them.

One of the failures of amateur radio is that it doesn't do a particularly
good job of outreach. Notice there is a big difference between trying
to sell something to fill seats, and trying to share something because
it's important to you and you want others to know about it.

Over the 31 years since I've been licensed, my impression is that
amateur radio has increasingly disappeared from public view. Yes,
there is the argument that ham radio has less and less relevance,
but that just means people need to work harder at conveying thei
importance of the hobby to themselves.

Meanwhile, the licensing requirements have become less and less.
About fifty years ago, you might say the halfway point of
amateur radio, your FCC introduced the then-novel novice license, to make
the entry requirements simpler. A simple test, a 5wpm code test, limited
operating priviliges, and only valid for a year. Over the years,
that was modified for less restrictive rules, and more priviliges.
The US Technician license came out at the same time, and originally
was only good for 220MHz and above. That too was modified tremendously
over the years. Then the code was dropped for the technician class.

Here in Canada, we had a no-code license a quarter century ago. But virtually nobody used it. Then in 1990, we got restructuring, and there was an entry level license that did not require a code test.

So over fifty years, half of the time that amateur radio has been around, it has become increasingly simpler for people to join the hobby in North America.

Yet, instead of doing a better job of outreach, the focus is always on making the license requirements simpler. Keep it up, and there will be absolutely no entry requirement.

You think we need numbers to justify the bands, so you want to lessen entry requirements. But that may be a false path. Maybe we justify the ham bands because it is something more than a place to yak it up.

Maybe the kids that use to come to ham radio aren't even hearing about the hobby in the first place. Maybe if they knew, it could be as appealing as it was to me when I was ten. Maybe like me, the code and theory tests are not impediments to joining the hobby, but a sense of accomplishment when they are passed. I was twelve, and went from 0 to 12wpm in four months, and I know I was always disappointed that I took the test (well, I had to go back a second month to pass the code test) in the last week of grade 6, because I was unable to boast to the kids at school.

Maybe the need or lack of a code test isn't an issue to many people, because they haven't heard of amateur radio in the first place.

Methinks you don't have a clue about the history of amateur radio. It didn't start when some regulatory body decided there should be a place for people to talk to their heart's delite. There were radio hobbyists almost as soon as Marconi spanned the Atlantic in 1901, when there were no rules and there wasn't even any use for radio. Those hobbyists played with this new thing, and in part helped to propel the field along. I'm not sure you could separate amateur from professional in those days. It was only once there started to be uses for radio that any rules were put in place. And amateur radio became a service in those early days by virtue of staking out a claim right from the start.

Dilute the entry requirements too much, and what do you have to justify the bands, other than large numbers?

But shift it back to where the test is not just an obstacle to overcome, and you may again make the hobby something that society in general benefits from.

Michael VE2BVW

3140. Re: BAD IDEA for ham radio in general (was Re: Contact the FCC and Tell Them to get rid of CW Test and Requirements)

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 20:13:13 UTC
From: Dan/W4NTI <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com>
Message-ID: <bg4049$3v2$1@slb2.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 72971

"Keith" <kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net> wrote in message
news:bg37it0ov4@enews4.newsguy.com...
> On Mon, 28 Jul 2003 00:24:33 -0400, Robert Casey <wa2ise@ix.netcom.com>
wrote:
>
> > No, you need to tell it to the right people in the government. Someone
> > throw together a
> > Petition for Rule Making on this, and let's comment on it after it's at
> > the FCC.
>
> Well someone called for a petition for declaratory ruling instead. The
ARRL
> wants to wait a few more years before changing the code requirements so
BPL can
> take full effect and the HF bands are useless.
>
> ;->
>
>
>
> --
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Keith, how can you allege the ARRL is waiting for BPL to take over? The
ARRL just filed a 14, or was it 16? page brief to the FCC against BPL.

How about putting you brain in gear before operating your mouth next time.

Dan/W4NTI

3141. Re: BAD IDEA for ham radio in general (was Re: Contact the FCC and Tell Them to get rid of CW Test and Requirements)

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 20:15:01 UTC
From: Dan/W4NTI <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com>
Message-ID: <bg407l$pf3$1@slb6.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 72972

"Mike Coslo" <mjc5@psu.edu> wrote in message
news:3F252D5F.6080709@psu.edu...
> Keith wrote:
> > On Sun, 27 Jul 2003 17:01:49 GMT, "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com>
wrote:
> >
> >
> >>While the intent may be good, this is a REALLY BAD idea ...
> >
> >
> > Yes, expressing your viewpoint to the government is a horrible idea.
Just keep
> > quiet and don't rock the boat. Only a backward ass ham radio operator
would
> > have this view.
>
>
> SPANK! Finally we're getting enough irony in our diets!
>
> - Mike KB3EIA -
>
>

Gee Kieth, all this time I thought that was what congress wanted. I guess this being a representative republic is wrong eh? The constitution and the bill of rights are just pieces of flakey paper, eh?

With all due respect Keith. Grow the Flip Up.

Dan/W4NTI

3142. Re: BAD IDEA for ham radio in general (was Re: Contact the FCC and Tell Them to get rid of CW Test and Requirements)

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 20:18:07 UTC
From: Dan/W4NTI <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com>
Message-ID: <bg40h4$f6b$1@slb5.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 72973

"N2EY" <N2EY@AOL.COM> wrote in message
news:c2356669.0307280412.6a3ceaf9@posting.google.com...
> "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> wrote in message
news:<1ATUa.1837$lL.255190@nnrp1.ptd.net>...
> > While the intent may be good, this is a REALLY BAD idea ...
>
> I agree, Carl. But will they listen to you?
> >
> > Flooding the FCC Commissioner's e-mail inboxes with such
> > letters will only
>
> [make them angry]
>
> > at ALL of ham radio, not
> > just pro-code-test or no-code test factions.
>
> Agreed! But will they listen to you? And what do they have to lose?
> >
> > There is a right way and a wrong way to do this ... and this
> > is DEFINITELY the WRONG way.
>
> There are lots of wrong ways, including things like breaking the
> rules, emailing the wrong people, putting together proposals that are
> not well-developed, etc. Heck, I cringe to read the comments sometimes
> because of the obvious lack of spell- and grammar-checking.
> >
> > Those who support the elimination of the Morse test from US
> > FCC rules would be well-advised to join NCI
> > http://www.nocode.org
> > and follow the news.
>
> But will tney listen to you, Carl? How many have joined? There are
> over 687,000 US amateurs, plus an unknown number of prospective hams -
> how many have actually joined your organization?
> >
> > NCI's Board of Directors is working the strategy for how to
> > best approach the FCC on this matter and we will keep the
> > membership informed when we have finalized those discussions.
>
> In other words, "join our organization and trust us to do what's best,
> don't go running off half-cocked and make all of us look bad". That's
> what the ARRL has been saying for decades...
>

> > Join No Code International! Hams for the 21st Century.
>
> Will these "hams for the 21st Century" listen to you and toe the party
> line?
>
> > Help assure the survival and prosperity of ham radio.
>
> I think we can agree that annoying the Commissioners, breaking the
> rules, and acting like we don't know how the system works isn't going
> to help the survival and prosperity of ham radio.
>
> There's one thing about all this that puzzles me, though. The FCC made
> their opinions clear back in 1999 and again in 2000. The agenda for
> WRC 2003 was known more than a year in advance and the outcome for
> S25.5 correctly predicted by you (Carl) as a "slam dunk". Yet your
> organization is still figuring out what to do next wrt FCC?
>
> How long will it take to decide, and will "your people" listen to you?
> They don't have much to lose, and they don;t even think they will get
> caught. Many don't understand how the system works, but think they do
> and don't care about long-term effects or the image of the ARS as a
> whole.
>
> Newsgroup postings are bad enough, but some are advocating massive
> spamming and rulebreaking. Is that to be the way of "hams for the 21st
> century"?
>
> 73 de Jim, N2EY

I'll answer that for Carl...YES those are the new hams. Thanks Carl.

Dan/W4NTI

3143. Re: Question for the No coders

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 20:29:10 UTC
From: kelly@dvol.com
Message-ID: <d22b54c3.0307281229.2e5abc74@posting.google.com>
Source record: 72977

Dave Heil <k8mn@earthlink.net> wrote in message news:<3F251DEC.3D0FABA7@earthlink.net>...
> Len Over 21 wrote:
> >
> > In article <d22b54c3.0307270050.507fa2f@posting.google.com>, kelly@dvol.com
> > (Brian Kelly) writes:
> >
> > >wa8ulx@aol.com (WA8ULX) wrote in message
> > >news:<20030727014205.02803.00000513@mb-m19.aol.com>...
> > >> >I was on HF and communicating
> > >> > before any of the regulars in here and I didn't have to use any
> > >> > morse code at all.
> > >>
> > >> Im sure your right, CB or 11 Meters is considered HF.
> > >
> > >He's so fulla shit the whites of his eyes gotta be brown.
> >
> > Incorrect. They are blue.
>
> That has to be an interesting look you've got there, Leonard. What
> color are the pupils?

He's been swallowing his blue Listerine. Prolly by the gallon. He
hasn't read the label yet.

> > >I for one
> > >was on the HF ham bands in 1951 *with CW* from W3CGS before I got my
> > >Novice ticket.
> >
> > Then you were BOOTLEGGING, old man. ILLEGAL. Tsk, tsk.
>
> I think we may see another gap in your knowledge looming.

Dontcha love it? The average nocoode can see it a mile away. But not
our Putz, yes sir, he knows *everything*.

> > >The only "HF experience" he had in that timeframe was
> > >as a grunt U.S. Army apprentice RTTY equipment mechanic & babysitter
> > >1952-53.
> >
> > Incorrect AGAIN!
> >
> > Microwave Radio Relay Operation and Maintenance Supervisor, (then)
> > MOS 281.6. Temporarily doing Fixed Station Transmitters operation
> > and maintenance (supervisor) 1953 to 1956 at US Army radio station
> > ADA in Tokyo, Japan. 43 transmitters on HF ranging from 1 KW

> > (BC-339) to 40 KW (AN/FRC-22)...working to Seoul, Pusan,
> > Okinawa, Manila, Saigon, Anchorage, Seattle, Hawaii, San Francisco
> > on a 24/7 schedule. Not a single circuit used any morse code.
>
> I know you just forgot to mention, "Fifty years ago..."
>
> > In 1952 I was in Basic Training and at the Signal School in Fort
> > Monmouth, NJ.
>
> ...and a year later you were an expert.

Zzzzzzz . . .

>
> Dave K8MN

w3rv

3144. Re: ARRL and Morse Code Fanatics Can Only Blame Themselves.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 20:30:56 UTC
From: Scott Unit 69 <scott_unit_69@yahoo.moc>
Message-ID: <3F258800.951CAB74@yahoo.moc>
Source record: 72978
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb

> Will somebody wake me up when this idiotic rant is over?

I just put the putz in my killfile. You may want to do so also.

3145. Re: Here We Go Again..Sir Putzalot Is Back In His Stride

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 20:36:56 UTC
From: kelly@dvol.com
Message-ID: <d22b54c3.0307281236.6058c034@posting.google.com>
Source record: 72979

Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu> wrote in message news:<3F251A46.2050500@psu.edu>...
> Steve Robeson, K4CAP wrote:
> > lenover21@aol.com (Len Over 21) wrote in message
news:<20030727143827.14837.00001750@mb-m03.aol.com>...
> >
> >
> >>>Deaf people have used Morse Code in ham radio.
> >>
> >> Of course...the transcendental supernaturality of morse gets through
> >> when nothing else will.
> >>
> >> I interviewed four deaf radio amateurs for HAM RADIO magazine and had
> >> material on three others.Six of them were still active and NONE of them
> >> (including a dentist) used OOK CW keying or any morse codes. All of
> >> them were code tested BEFORE they became legally deaf. All of the
> >> active hams used RTTY.
> >
> >
> > Sure you did. Names? Callsigns? Thier status today?
> >
> >
>>>Simple. They rest fingers on a speaker cone and feel the vibrations. It's benn
>>>done many times by deaf people. Just like many deaf people dance by feeling
>>>the rhythm the music through their feet.
> >>
> >> I'm sure you've been around hearing-disabled dance halls a lot...NOT!
>
> For reference, friends who went to the WPSD (that should qualify as
> deaf) do indeed dance by picking up the vibrations from the music, by
> other meand than through their ears.
>
>
> >> Please cite the "many times" deaf people have "benn" tested for ham
> >> licenses. Give their callsigns.
> >
> >
> > Not necessary...was in both CQ and QST on several
> > occassions...BUT...
> >
> > ...since you asked.....W8CGD (SK), unfortunately. Was just a bit
> > too close to an incoming mortar round in WW2. Immediately lost his
> > vision, the hearing went later. I "knew" him on the air for 3 months
> > before I met him at a hamfest in Cuyahoga Falls, OH. He never once
> > squalled about what he could or couldn't do...

> >
> >
> >>>Also, many deaf people have some limited hearing. It is not unusual for them
> >>>to be able to hear single tones but not undersatand speech.
> >>
> >> Sigh...another amateur audiologist side of the knowitall procode
> >> newsgroupie.
> >
>
> Hey Steve, add to your citations KB3EIA. Let's try (against "normal")
> tested 60 db down overall, with multiple 100 db deep holes. Add to that
> two tone tinnitus at a loud level. (not measured) I read lips, and due
> to the tinnitus, there isn't much point in a hearing aid. When it is
> turned up enough to overcome the roar in my ears, it gets very fatiguing
> after an hour or so.
>
> You know how much I care about it? Nada, zip. I only mention it in this
> group because I like to use it as a counterpoint when people talk about
> the poor deaf people and how awful it is to force them to learn Morse code.

There's the perfect squelch to end all squelches.

> - Mike KB3EIA -

w3rv

3146. Re: American w/ Disability Act and CW Proficiency Test

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 20:37:08 UTC
From: Floyd Davidson <floyd@barrow.com>
Message-ID: <87oezejsln.fld@barrow.com>
Source record: 72980
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb

JJ <radiobuff0@mailcity.moc> wrote:
>Phil Kane wrote:
>> On Sun, 27 Jul 2003 07:03:01 -0400, Spamhater wrote:
>>
>>
>>>Don't
>>>open your mouth without facts which you have yet to provide any of in
>>>support of your lawlessness aim to sidestep a part you're apparently too
>>>damned lazy to do.
>>
>>
>> He's an EXTRA class licensee......
>>
>> The Twilight Zone.....
>
>So we have an EXTRA class licensee encouraging illegal operation on the
>ham bands. Obviously the code test wasn't a good enough filter in this case.

Most of the assertions that a code test should be required are
based on the (illogical) premise that if an idiot (the poster)
can pass the test, anyone can and everyone should.

Keith works that one to death.

--
Floyd L. Davidson <http://web.newsguy.com/floyd_davidson>
Ukpeagvik (Barrow, Alaska) floyd@barrow.com

3147. Re: American w/ Disability Act and CW Proficiency Test

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 20:45:16 UTC
From: "Dick Carroll;" <dixie@townsqr.com>
Message-ID: <bg420ssbv0@208.207.71.158>
Source record: 72981
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb

JJ wrote:

> Keith wrote:
>
> >
> > Listen Prince Jr., I can discuss anything regarding US law and express my
> > opinions. Just because you are ARRL lawyer trying to force morse code down the
> > throats of the disabled and helped destroy Amateur radio by keeping it a elite
> > club doesn't mean I shouldn't voice my opinion.
>
> You are a good example of why the code should be retained.
>
> > I have never said I was a
> > lawyer or even a wannabe lawyer, good god I bet you are proud of your pals that
> > are going after ten year old children trading muppet songs on the Internet.
> > The reason disability recognition didn't change was because there was a
> > international agreement that stopped the disabled who could not receive code
> > from being exempt. Now that the international regulation has been changed to
> > delete mandatory morse code proficiency the disabled should be provided a
> > exemption promptly. (That is my opinion, is that OK Prince Jr?)
>
> You are not just expressing an opinion, you keep stating something that
> is incorrect as fact.

Well JJ, there you have it! He holds an Extra class license, almost surely of the Lite category, and thus is a prime example of the New Age codehating hams. If I had a case on the table I now rest it.

3148. Re: ARRL and Morse Code Fanatics Can Only Blame Themselves.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 20:57:37 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307281257.11e268d5@posting.google.com>
Source record: 72982
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb

"Dick Carroll;" <dixie@townsqr.com> wrote in message news:<bg3jk9$43j$0@208.206.142.66>...

> He's just another refugee from the never-never land above 27 mhz
> who just can't wait a few more months to get his "due".

DICK, how is it possible that you could know that?

3149. Re: The Plan

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 21:03:50 UTC
From: Jim Hampton <aa2qa@frontiernet.net>
Message-ID: <WcgVa.174$KA7.128@news02.roc.ny>
Source record: 72983

Here is an idiot who has never been near an emergency. When 911 hit, I lost my internet in Rochester, NY, some 300 miles away due to the 'high technology' also being very highly vulnerable. Several years back, an ice storm hit the North East. There were no telephones, no power, and even emergency towers were downed. One amateur repeater tower/antenna was pressed into service for the police. They were crying for HF mobile amateurs to lend a hand. When there are no telephones nor power for hundreds of miles, neither your CB (and I'm sure this is where the looser is from), nor your cell phone, nor the internet is going to be of any use at all. I'm not going back 30 years, I'm talking recently (and perhaps tomorrow).

Later -
Jim from Rochester, NY

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Version: 6.0.504 / Virus Database: 302 - Release Date: 7/24/03

3150. Re: ATTN: Tech Licensee USA Morse Code Freedom Day is August 1st

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 21:06:47 UTC
From: gw@webhideout.com
Message-ID: <235a74db.0307281306.2c5f7430@posting.google.com>
Source record: 72984
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb

Dwight Stewart <stewart@say.net> wrote in message news:<BB4A2994.1F939%stewart@say.net>...
> "Bill Sohl" wrote:
>
> > The FCC could, however, make rules changes
> > which are based on the new treaty because
> > the OLD treaty is gone, done, defunct,
> > over...even if the US never ratified the
> > new treaty. No nation is now bound by the
> > old treaty at all.
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> I asked Phil about something similar a few weeks ago, and he seemed to
> think it was not possible. After further research, I tend to agree with him.
> It does look like the changes to that treaty will have to be ratified first.
>
>
> Dwight Stewart (W5NET)
>
> http://www.qsl.net/w5net/

hey look twistie ....its aaaron h voobner..........hey numbnutts i
thought you were supposed to move to europe.....

3151. Re: There is no International Code Requirement and techs can operate HF according to FCC Rules

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 21:14:25 UTC
From: Jim Hampton <aa2qa@frontiernet.net>
Message-ID: <RmgVa.277$gU7.98@news02.roc.ny>
Source record: 72985
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb

Please re-read Phil's reply again. You missed the point as to each administration is free to do as they please. So far, the FCC has not seen to eliminate the Morse requirement. Period.

73 from Rochester, NY
Jim

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Version: 6.0.504 / Virus Database: 302 - Release Date: 7/24/03

3152. Re: ATTN: Tech Licensee USA Morse Code Freedom Day is August 1st

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 21:15:47 UTC
From: Jim Hampton <aa2qa@frontiernet.net>
Message-ID: <7ogVa.293$%J7.86@news02.roc.ny>
Source record: 72986
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb

Phil,

So how's retirement going :)

73 from Rochester, NY
Jim AA2QA

"Phil Kane" <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop> wrote in message
news:cuvyxnansvbet.hipeyls.pminews@netnews.comcast.net...
> On Sat, 26 Jul 2003 15:10:39 -0400, Spamhater wrote:
>
> >Seems to me, the other Keith is too lazy to read the rules and
regulations
> >and instead wants a hand out. He needs to REALLY sit down and read the
rules
> >and regulations or have them read to him and get a grasp on the fact that
> >you can't just do as you damned well please.
>
> Or listen to accurate interpretations by a local communications
> attorney who is willing to teach him without charge (ahem).
>
> He does the same thing on local scanner nets, too.
>
> Ready for this one..... he is an EXTRA Class licensee. I'm not
> going to "out" him further - at this stage.
>
> Why is he jumping up and down like a monkey on a string?
>
> --
> 73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane
>
> From a Clearing in the Silicon Forest
> Beaverton (Washington County) Oregon
>
>

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Version: 6.0.504 / Virus Database: 302 - Release Date: 7/24/03

3153. Re: BPL pollution - file reply comments by August 6

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 21:29:38 UTC
From: Scott Unit 69 <scott_unit_69@yahoo.moc>
Message-ID: <3F2595C2.A160A15F@yahoo.moc>
Source record: 72987

> I would suggest, Scott, that you dispense with looking at gifs and instead use
> methods that employ sound. Here's one.
>
> All you need is 'net access and a computer with sound.
>
> http://www.9bit.qc.ca/ve2crd/cours/CW_course.html

I just recovered from yesterday's hamfest. I still have 11 months
on the CSCE. I picked a few chars out of a repeater's ID today. <:

3154. Re: Question for the No coders

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 21:31:02 UTC
From: Scott Unit 69 <scott_unit_69@yahoo.moc>
Message-ID: <3F259616.6553B379@yahoo.moc>
Source record: 72988

> Wasting free time is pretty much what this newsgroup is all about, Steve.
> However, don't think everyone in this newsgroup spends all their free time
> here - most of us get our hands dirty with other things.

Like sweating on your microphone... (or paddle)

3155. Re: Question for the No coders

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 21:33:28 UTC
From: Scott Unit 69 <scott_unit_69@yahoo.moc>
Message-ID: <3F2596A8.98697F85@yahoo.moc>
Source record: 72989

> Im sure your right, CB or 11 Meters is considered HF.

If ten meters was not open during the day for the past couple
days, you probably weren't checking it.

11 meters was kicking!. I didn't partake in any skip, though.

3156. Re: ATTN: Tech Licensee USA Morse Code Freedom Day is August 1st

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 21:33:34 UTC
From: IP Daily <spade#abc.com>
Message-ID: <X86cncnnF55fC7iiXTWJiA@comcast.com>
Source record: 72990
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb

"gw" <gw@webhideout.com> wrote in message
news:235a74db.0307281306.2c5f7430@posting.google.com...
> Dwight Stewart <stewart@say.net> wrote in message
news:<BB4A2994.1F939%stewart@say.net>...
> > "Bill Sohl" wrote:
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> > > The FCC could, however, make rules changes
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> > think it was not possible. After further research, I tend to agree with
him.
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> > Dwight Stewart (W5NET)
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> > http://www.qsl.net/w5net/
>
> hey look twistie ....its aaaron h voobner..........hey numbnutts i
> thought you were supposed to move to europe.....

I thought I was aaaron h voobner?

3157. Re: Ham Radio Rescue in California Press

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 21:37:18 UTC
From: Scott Unit 69 <scott_unit_69@yahoo.moc>
Message-ID: <3F25978E.D58B672A@yahoo.moc>
Source record: 72991

> Oh goody. Another Larry Roll clone.

lmfao...

3158. Re: American w/ Disability Act and CW Proficiency Test

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 22:03:45 UTC
From: Floyd Davidson <floyd@barrow.com>
Message-ID: <877k62jola.fld@barrow.com>
Source record: 72992
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb

"Dick Carroll;" <dixie@townsqr.com> wrote:
>JJ wrote:
>> Keith wrote:
>> > Listen Prince Jr., I can discuss anything regarding US law and express my
...
>> You are a good example of why the code should be retained.
>>
...
>> You are not just expressing an opinion, you keep stating something that
>> is incorrect as fact.
>
> Well JJ, there you have it! He holds an Extra class license, almost surely of the
>Lite category, and thus is a prime example of the New Age
>codehating hams. If I had a case on the table I now rest it.

"Pal I can receive CW at 18 WPM and I even have a
fancy certificate from the US government to prove it."
Keith <kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net>

Case dismissed, with prejudice.

He's just another idiot, and a code test didn't keep him or you out
of ham radio, and is unnecessary (indeed ineffective) as a filter.

--
Floyd L. Davidson <http://web.newsguy.com/floyd_davidson>
Ukpeagvik (Barrow, Alaska) floyd@barrow.com

3159. Re: American w/ Disability Act and CW Proficiency Test

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 22:19:34 UTC
From: C <cpierce@uit.net>
Message-ID: <cpierce-14BE0B.17203228072003@news03.west.earthlink.net>
Source record: 72993
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.misc

My only gripe with the code is the testing. It is stated as a 5 word per minute test. When I challenged the test a few weeks ago I found that it is actually anywhere from 13 to 18 words per minute, not 5 words per minute. The 5 words per minute is a lie....

Why not tell it like it is.... Those giving the test do not want to make it easy for anyone who has a learning disability or not. I have never been able to memorize anything easily when in school, and was accused of being from lazy to stupid. My father told me that I was ignorant because I was partly colorblind. I do not want sympathy, just after studying for almost a year to pass the 5 word per minute test for what it is suppose to be not what someone who is more proficient with the code wants it to be.....

If my General CSCE expires again (this will be #2) I will never take it again and will have lost desire in a hobby that I grew up working in for the last 39 years.......

C.

In article <4SaVa.611$603.32126@iad-read.news.verio.net>,
"Spamhater" <nospam@nospam.com> wrote:

> "Keith" <kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net> wrote in message
> news:bg21u73kjq@enews2.newsguy.com...
> > On 27 Jul 2003 15:22:47 -0700, n8fgb@bignet.net (Rich) wrote:
> >
> > > I know a bed ridden quad who dictated 20 wpm to his wife.He uses a straw
> cw keyer.
> >
> > Can he hear? That is what we are talking about.
> >
> > --
> > The Radio Page Ham, Police Scanner, Shortwave and more.
> > http://www.kilowatt-radio.org/
>
> There are cases where flashing lights are used for such a thing OR vibrating
> surfaces..... so being deaf is no excuse either. There ARE provisions. The
> main thing is, that IF the person is that handicapped, it is up to THEM or
> their family to provide any testing accessories to suit their needs, to
> allow the VEs to send the text. The VEs are not required to provide
> specialized equipment to cater to the handicaps needs.
>
>

3160. Re: BAD IDEA for ham radio in general (was Re: Contact the FCC and Tell Them t

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 22:22:33 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030728182233.15462.00001888@mb-m06.aol.com>
Source record: 72994

In article <bg4049$3v2$1@slb2.atl.mindspring.net>, "Dan/W4NTI"
<w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com> writes:

>Keith, how can you allege the ARRL is waiting for BPL to take over? The
>ARRL just filed a 14, or was it 16? page brief to the FCC against BPL.
>
121 pages, much of it engineering analysis showing how much interference could
be expected in a typical amateur situation.

73 de Jim, N2EY

3161. Re: American w/ Disability Act and CW Proficiency Test

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 22:44:26 UTC
From: 6212hgk{invert}@newsguy.com
Message-ID: <3f25a711.26753281@news.individual.de>
Source record: 72996
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.misc

On 26 Jul 2003 22:30:49 -0700, dontwantowork@yahoo.com (gimmie freebie)
wrote:

>Hey Keith may be you can help me. I have been diagnosed as a dyslexic
>and have ADD. My disability prevents me from concentrating for more
>than a few minutes so I can't take any code test or written test let
>alone study for them.

I managed with both, so I figure you can, too.

May not be as easy as some folks, but it's time you studied.

<snip>
--
Nobody but a fool goes into a federal counterrorism operation without duct tape - Richard
Preston, THE COBRA EVENT.

3162. FYI: Freq Classifications (Is 11M HF?)

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 22:54:35 UTC
From: Elmer E Ing <EEI@tutor.com>
Message-ID: <LQhVa.12353$ff.7705@fed1read01>
Source record: 72997

"Scott Unit 69" <scott_unit_69@yahoo.moc> wrote in message
news:3F2596A8.98697F85@yahoo.moc...
> > Im sure your right, CB or 11 Meters is considered HF.

From URL:
http://www.testeq.com/charts/freqclas.lasso

30 - 300 Hz 2 Extremely Low Frequencies ELF
300 - 3000 Hz 3 Voice (Audio) Frequencies VF
3 - 30 KHz 4 Very Low Frequencies VLF
30 - 300 KHz 5 Low Frequencies LF
300 - 3000 KHz 6 Medium Frequencies MF
3 - 30 MHz 7 High Frequencies HF
30 - 300 MHz 8 Very High Frequencies VHF
300 - 3000 MHz 9 Ultrahigh Frequencies UHF
3 - 30 GHz 10 Super-High Frequencies SHF
30 - 300 GHz 11 Extremely High Frequencies EHF
300 GHz - 3 THz 12 Sub Millimeter- -

3163. Re: American w/ Disability Act and CW Proficiency Test

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 23:09:07 UTC
From: Dan/W4NTI <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com>
Message-ID: <bg4ae2$ak9$1@slb2.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 72998
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.misc

"C" <cpierce@uit.net> wrote in message
news:cpierce-14BE0B.17203228072003@news03.west.earthlink.net...
>
> My only gripe with the code is the testing. It is stated as a 5 word
> per minute test. When I challenged the test a few weeks ago I found that
> it is actually anywhere from 13 to 18 words per minute, not 5 words per
> minute. The 5 words per minute is a lie....
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> Why not tell it like it is.... Those giving the test do not want to make
> it easy for anyone who has a learning disability or not. I have never
> been able to memorize anything easily when in school, and was accused of
> being from lazy to stupid. My father told me that I was ignorant because
> I was partly colorblind. I do not want sympathy, just after studying for
> almost a year to pass the 5 word per minute test for what it is suppose
> to be not what someone who is more proficient with the code wants it to
> be.....
>
> If my General CSCE expires again (this will be #2) I will never take it
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> > news:bg21u73kjq@enews2.newsguy.com...
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> > >
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> > > --
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> > their family to provide any testing accessories to suit their needs, to
> > allow the VEs to send the text. The VEs are not required to provide
> > specialized equipment to cater to the handicaps needs.
> >
> >

Not trying to be a smart ass here...but...how do you know it was 13 if you say you can't copy 13???. Could it be he was sending the characters fast and making the spacing long. I.E. Farnsworth method, which is the recomended way to conduct a test?

If you want to quit. Thats your choice. I would suggest you go to a different test place with different folks instead.

Dan/W4NTI

3164. Re: BAD IDEA for ham radio in general (was Re: Contact the FCC and Tell Them t

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 23:11:35 UTC
From: Dan/W4NTI <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com>
Message-ID: <bg4aim$45s$1@slb6.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 72999

"N2EY" <n2ey@aol.com> wrote in message
news:20030728182233.15462.00001888@mb-m06.aol.com...
> In article <bg4049$3v2$1@slb2.atl.mindspring.net>, "Dan/W4NTI"
> <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com> writes:
>
> >Keith, how can you allege the ARRL is waiting for BPL to take over? The
> >ARRL just filed a 14, or was it 16? page brief to the FCC against BPL.
> >
> 121 pages, much of it engineering analysis showing how much interference
could
> be expected in a typical amateur situation.
>
> 73 de Jim, N2EY
>

Roger that Jim. Looks like the 'useless league' is doing a good thing.
Perhaps my donation went to pay for some of that paper.

Dan/W4NTI

3165. Re: American w/ Disability Act and CW Proficiency Test

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 23:31:58 UTC
From: "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net>
Message-ID: <OniVa.14117$Vx2.6934318@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com>
Source record: 73000
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.misc

"C" <cpierce@uit.net> wrote in message
news:cpierce-14BE0B.17203228072003@news03.west.earthlink.net...
>
> My only gripe with the code is the testing. It is stated as a 5 word
> per minute test. When I challenged the test a few weeks ago I found that
> it is actually anywhere from 13 to 18 words per minute, not 5 words per
> minute. The 5 words per minute is a lie....
>

The test is given at 5 words per minute. They use a faster character speed
but make the letters further apart. It is actually easier this way because
the brain has more time to react to the character before it has to go on to
the next one.

> Why not tell it like it is.... Those giving the test do not want to make
> it easy for anyone who has a learning disability or not. I have never
> been able to memorize anything easily when in school, and was accused of
> being from lazy to stupid. My father told me that I was ignorant because
> I was partly colorblind. I do not want sympathy, just after studying for
> almost a year to pass the 5 word per minute test for what it is suppose
> to be not what someone who is more proficient with the code wants it to
> be.....
>

If you were memorizing the code, that was the problem. That's not the right
way to learn it. There's quite a bit of material out there on the internet
on the right way to learn code. For starters, work towards a reflex
reaction. i.e. Hear the sound, write the letter. Don't think about the
dots and dashes. Practice every day for 30 mintues per day EVERY day or
almost everyday. There are lots of computer programs out there you can
download from the internet and every person has their favorite. Set it for
an 18wpm character speed but 5wpm word speed. Try the G4FON program. It's
available for free on the internet. I apologize for not posting the website
but I don't happen to have it anymore.

Practicing once or twice a week won't get it. You fall too far backwards
between sessions. Memorizing dots and dashes and then trying to write the
letter slows you down so that you can't keep up.

Read "The Art and Skill of Radiotelegraphy". It's available for free on the
internet. The author did extensive research on how code should be studied.
The biggest problem is that too many people are told to use study methods
that hold a person back rather than move them forward. Another problem is
unrealistic expections. They see the whiz kids get it in a week and think
they should be able to do the same. They're the exception not the rule.

The code is far easier than most things that you have learned in life if you find the correct way to study it and put in the amount of time needed.

> If my General CSCE expires again (this will be #2) I will never take it
> again and will have lost desire in a hobby that I grew up working in for
> the last 39 years.......
>
> C.

Don't give up. Work with modern training methods and you can do it.

Dee D. Flint, N8UZE

3166. Re: American w/ Disability Act and CW Proficiency Test

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 23:37:19 UTC
From: Keith <kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net>
Message-ID: <bg4c7j0jga@enews1.newsguy.com>
Source record: 73107
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb

On 28 Jul 2003 20:12:07 GMT, et472@FreeNet.Carleton.CA (Michael Black) wrote:

> Over the 31 years since I've been licensed, my impression is that
> amateur radio has increasingly disappeared from public view.

I agree with you 100%. The reason in my opinion is that the ARRL kept the morse code requirement for HF access and that kept a lot of my teenage friends out of ham radio way back in 1982 and through the present day.
Today kids now have instant voice communications via the Internet and cell phones and can even send pictures and text messages with their phones. Now that the Internet is here and advanced digital cellphone is in every middle class kids pocket technology has passed by ham radio.
Hams are the now the old technology brushed aside by technology advances. The ARRL just couldn't let code die and now it is too late. IMHO.

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3167. Re: American w/ Disability Act and CW Proficiency Test

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 23:42:37 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bg4cdc$5q5$1@adenine.netfront.net>
Source record: 73101

"Mike Coslo" <mjc5@psu.edu> wrote in message
news:3F25207F.1070600@psu.edu...
> Kim W5TIT wrote:
>
> > Absolutely. To come to the conclusion that deaf people cannot learn and
use
> > CW is rather narrow-minded in my opnion. I bet there's a way that
ANYONE
> > could learn CW.
>
> It helps if a person types in all caps too! ;^)
>
>
> > For goodness sake! By your example, Keith, blind people should not be
> > licensed because, "how in the world would they know what frequency they
are
> > on?"
>
>
> Now that you mention it, how does a fully blind ham tell what frequency
> he or she is on? I suppose that using the memory channels on an HF rig
> would be one method, but does anyone here know?
>
> - Mike KB3EIA -
>

I have many blind friends/hams, and the way they do it is with radios that
have speech boards on them.

Kim W5TIT

Posted via news://freenews.netfront.net
Complaints to news@netfront.net

3168. Re: American w/ Disability Act and CW Proficiency Test

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 23:45:25 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bg4cij$5tc$1@adenine.netfront.net>
Source record: 73102

"Keith" <kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net> wrote in message
news:bg3bpa02ahn@enews1.newsguy.com...
> On Mon, 28 Jul 2003 09:04:58 -0400, Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu> wrote:
>
> > So please don't tell those who cannot hear as well as you what they can
> > and cannot do.
>
> I'm not you knuckle head. I'm saying the requirement for the hearing
disabled
> to pass a morse code test is discriminatory.
>
> --
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>

Keith: You are using this excuse for YOUR benefit, not anyone else's and I even daresay you probably don't give a damn about challenged individuals. You're really towing a line, here, and it's full of dead fish at the end of it.

Quit using others for your own gain.

Kim W5TIT

Posted via news://freenews.netfront.net
Complaints to news@netfront.net

3169. Re: BAD IDEA for ham radio in general (was Re: Contact the FCC and Tell Them to get rid of CW Test and Requirements)

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 23:46:53 UTC
From: Keith <kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net>
Message-ID: <bg4cph029f7@enews4.newsguy.com>
Source record: 73109

On Mon, 28 Jul 2003 15:13:13 -0500, "Dan/W4NTI" <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com>
wrote:

> Keith, how can you allege the ARRL is waiting for BPL to take over? The
> ARRL just filed a 14, or was it 16? page brief to the FCC against BPL.

Too little to late. Millions of consumers and businesses will benefit from
BPL, we can not as a nation let 100,000 morse code diehards prevent progress.
The ARRL might as well as filed that brief in the FCC garbage bin. Besides the
Commissioners think it is great technology. There isn't anyone standing up for
ham radio and talking about morse code as the leading technology.

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3170. Re: There is no International Code Requirement and techs can operate HF according to FCC Rules

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 23:48:21 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bg4co3$612$1@adenine.netfront.net>
Source record: 73103

"Keith" <kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net> wrote in message
news:bg34nv122qc@enews1.newsguy.com...
> On Sun, 27 Jul 2003 16:47:46 GMT, "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com>
wrote:
>
> > And YES, the FCC *does* have records of which Techs have HF privs, so
the
> > writer above is totally wrong.
> >
>
> The FCC does not have information on techs who pass element 1. PERIOD.
Only if
> they upgrade to general or extra.
>

That's why you need to be responsible, for a change it seems, and keep you
CSCE and old Tech+ license, if there is one.

Kim W5TIT

Posted via news://freenews.netfront.net
Complaints to news@netfront.net

3171. Re: There is no International Code Requirement and techs can operate HF according to FCC Rules

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 23:50:47 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bg4csl$6b2$1@adenine.netfront.net>
Source record: 73104

"Keith" <kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net> wrote in message
news:bg34fm022qc@enews1.newsguy.com...
> On Sun, 27 Jul 2003 16:47:46 GMT, "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com>
wrote:
>
> > All the removal of the international requirement in the ITU Radio
> > Regulations
> > does is to allow each administration to determine on its own whether or
not
> > to keep a Morse test.
>
> We are talking about 97.301(e) and it does not require a technician to
possess
> element 1. It requires the tech to meet s25.5 which NO longer requires the
tech
> to know morse code. The reason 97.301(e) was written that way is because
the
> FCC expected s25.5 to be deleted.
> Don't you see the ARRL is trying to pull a fast one? Read 97.301(e) like
you
> don't know anything and then read s25.5 to see what we are talking about.
Don't
> worry about the test, it has nothing to do with the test.
>
> You can lead a pig to water, but hams are something else.
>
> GEEEESSSSS.
>

Tell ya what, Keith. You do something to back up what your saying you
believe. Write a public letter to the FCC, post it here even so we can all
see it. Let them know that you intend to being operating on _________
frequency (you fill in the blank). Let them know when you will be operating
on the frequency, OK?

Now, I'm serious here. Either put the f*** up or shut the f*** up. Let us
all know when you'll be operating.

Kim W5TIT

Posted via news://freenews.netfront.net
Complaints to news@netfront.net

3172. Re: Understanding the Possible Legal Loophole of s25.5 and 97.301(e)

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 23:53:15 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bg4d19$6fl$1@adenine.netfront.net>
Source record: 73105

"Keith" <kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net> wrote in message
news:bg2u9121o9e@enews2.newsguy.com...
> On Sun, 27 Jul 2003 10:36:26 -0600, JJ <radiobuff0@mailcity.moc> wrote:
>
> > It does not mean that
> > the FCC has to abolish a code test. So like Phil says, nothing has
> > changed yet.
>
> Phil is not unbiased in this since he is part of the ARRL legal goons
that
> want to ram morse code down the throats of Americans so they can pick a
> microphone to talk on HF. Read 97.301(e) it depends on the International
> requirement for morse code proficiency. The requirement for morse code
> proficiency is GONE.
>
> --
> The Radio Page Ham, Police Scanner, Shortwave and more.
> http://www.kilowatt-radio.org/

SO????!!!! Go for it and quit your bitching... Just go right ahead and get
on HF. Just let the FCC know, OK? Because I'm gonna crack up royally when
you get busted!!!!

Kim W5TIT

Posted via news://freenews.netfront.net
Complaints to news@netfront.net

3173. Re: American w/ Disability Act and CW Proficiency Test

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-28 23:58:13 UTC
From: Dan/W4NTI <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com>
Message-ID: <bg4da4$gg1$1@slb2.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 73106
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.misc

"Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net> wrote in message
news:OniVa.14117$Vx2.6934318@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com...
>
> "C" <cpierce@uit.net> wrote in message
> news:cpierce-14BE0B.17203228072003@news03.west.earthlink.net...
> >
> > My only gripe with the code is the testing. It is stated as a 5 word
> > per minute test. When I challenged the test a few weeks ago I found that
> > it is actually anywhere from 13 to 18 words per minute, not 5 words per
> > minute. The 5 words per minute is a lie....
> >
>
> The test is given at 5 words per minute. They use a faster character
speed
> but make the letters further apart. It is actually easier this way
because
> the brain has more time to react to the character before it has to go on
to
> the next one.
>
> > Why not tell it like it is.... Those giving the test do not want to make
> > it easy for anyone who has a learning disability or not. I have never
> > been able to memorize anything easily when in school, and was accused of
> > being from lazy to stupid. My father told me that I was ignorant because
> > I was partly colorblind. I do not want sympathy, just after studying for
> > almost a year to pass the 5 word per minute test for what it is suppose
> > to be not what someone who is more proficient with the code wants it to
> > be.....
> >
>
> If you were memorizing the code, that was the problem. That's not the
right
> way to learn it. There's quite a bit of material out there on the
internet
> on the right way to learn code. For starters, work towards a reflex
> reaction. i.e. Hear the sound, write the letter. Don't think about the
> dots and dashes. Practice every day for 30 mintues per day EVERY day or
> almost everyday. There are lots of computer programs out there you can
> download from the internet and every person has their favorite. Set it
for
> an 18wpm character speed but 5wpm word speed. Try the G4FON program.
It's
> available for free on the internet. I apologize for not posting the

website
> but I don't happen to have it anymore.
>
> Practicing once or twice a week won't get it. You fall too far backwards
> between sessions. Memorizing dots and dashes and then trying to write the
> letter slows you down so that you can't keep up.
>
> Read "The Art and Skill of Radiotelegraphy". It's available for free on
the
> internet. The author did extensive research on how code should be
studied.
> The biggest problem is that too many people are told to use study methods
> that hold a person back rather than move them forward. Another problem is
> unrealistic expections. They see the whiz kids get it in a week and think
> they should be able to do the same. They're the exception not the rule.
>
> The code is far easier than most things that you have learned in life if
you
> find the correct way to study it and put in the amount of time needed.
>
>
> > If my General CSCE expires again (this will be #2) I will never take it
> > again and will have lost desire in a hobby that I grew up working in for
> > the last 39 years.......
> >
> > C.
>
> Don't give up. Work with modern training methods and you can do it.
>
> Dee D. Flint, N8UZE
>

What you just described, about memorizing the code, happened to me. I started to try to learn the code at 12 years old. My mom bought me a record...yeah thats right A RECORD..hi. And I thought I was hot stuff...but when I actually tried to receive CW off the air, at a very slow rate. Listened in the Novice bands. I found I didn't know a thing.

A local ham told me I had memorized the record. And that is exactly what happened. He then gave me the ARRL license manual with the proper method and helped when he could.

I eventually RE-LEARNED Morse and got it right. I passed the Novice and in 3 months passed the 13WPM General in front of the FCC.

I am not solid at 40 or so.

So Dee's advice is right on target.

Dan/W4NTI

3174. Re: With CW gone, can the CW allocations be far behind?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 00:18:42 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307281618.504da252@posting.google.com>
Source record: 73108
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy

et472@FreeNet.Carleton.CA (Michael Black) wrote in message
news:<bg3q90$nk1$1@freenet9.carleton.ca>...

> This reminds me of the time Marconi spanned the Atlantic. I remember
> he told his assistant "I'm not going to wait until voice modulation
> is invented, because I want to give morse code favored status".
>
> Then twenty years later, when hams spanned the Atlantic with shortwaves,
> they all said "let's not use that newfangled voice stuff, because
> we want to give morse code a favored status". Obviously, Howard
> Armstrong who we have to "blame" for all the receivers we use even
> today, must have been part of that conspiracy to keep AM in it's place,
> since he was part of one of the official transmitting sites for
> the attempt.
>
> Of course, there were all those hams in the early days who used
> only morse code because they wanted to give it favored status.
> It's a myth that they used it because a cw transmitter was simpler
> and less expensive.
>
>
> Let's not forgot OSCAR 1, launched in December of 1961. Those
> guys obviously had it send morse code because they wanted to give
> the mode favored status.
>
> Michael VE2BVW

You forgot the Titanic.

3175. Re: ATTN: Tech Licensee USA Morse Code Freedom Day is August 1st

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 00:23:12 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307281623.3d6847c0@posting.google.com>
Source record: 73110
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb

"Dick Carroll;" <dixie@townsqr.com> wrote in message news:<bg3luk$8e3$0@208.206.142.86>...

> If it walks like a duck, and quacks like a duck......

Maybe he's a Dick.

3176. Re: BAD IDEA for ham radio in general (was Re: Contact the FCC and Tell Them t

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 00:45:21 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030728204521.02197.00001648@mb-m12.aol.com>
Source record: 73111

In article <3F2564C1.3020608@psu.edu>, Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu> writes:

>N2EY wrote:
>> "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> wrote in message
>>news:<1ATUa.1837$lL.255190@nnrp1.ptd.net>...

>>>While the intent may be good, this is a REALLY BAD idea ...

>> I agree, Carl. But will they listen to you?

>>>Flooding the FCC Commissioner's e-mail inboxes with such
>>>letters will only

>> [make them angry]

>>>at ALL of ham radio, not
>>>just pro-code-test or no-code test factions.

>> Agreed! But will they listen to you? And what do they have to lose?

>>>There is a right way and a wrong way to do this ... and this
>>>is DEFINITELY the WRONG way.
>
>> There are lots of wrong ways, including things like breaking the
>> rules, emailing the wrong people, putting together proposals that are
>> not well-developed, etc. Heck, I cringe to read the comments sometimes
>> because of the obvious lack of spell- and grammar-checking.

>>>Those who support the elimination of the Morse test from US
>>>FCC rules would be well-advised to join NCI
>>>http://www.nocode.org
>>>and follow the news.

>> But will tney listen to you, Carl? How many have joined? There are
>> over 687,000 US amateurs, plus an unknown number of prospective hams -
>> how many have actually joined your organization?

> And of course there is the big question of.....WHY!

Because the organization exists for the sole stated purpose of ending all code testing for any class of license. It costs nothing but a few mouse clicks to join, but as far as anyone outside the organization knows there are less than 4000 members worldwide (look at the highest member number you see and subtract 1000). That's how many have ever been members, not how many are currently active. A few members resigned after the 2000 restructuring because they decided that 5 wpm was enough, and did not want to see total code test elimination.

>All these people
>yakking here are US citizens with (I think) one exception. What is the
>purpose of joining an organization that has accomplished it's apparent
>sole purpose in this country?

That goal has not yet been accomplished! Element 1 or equivalent credit is
still required for all classes of US ham license with HF privileges. FCC hasn't
changed those rules yet. Heck, FCC hasn't even gotten a proposal to do so yet.

>I mean how many people really care if they
>have the Morse code test in Lower Sloshingbottom?

See above.

>>>NCI's Board of Directors is working the strategy for how to
>>>best approach the FCC on this matter and we will keep the
>>>membership informed when we have finalized those discussions.

>> In other words, "join our organization and trust us to do what's best,
>> don't go running off half-cocked and make all of us look bad". That's
>> what the ARRL has been saying for decades...

> NCI knows better than the rest of us.

While I don't agree with that, their BoD certainly knows more about dealing
with the FCC than those who advocate breaking the rules.

> Is there an argument that can convince a PCTA to join NCI?

That's not the problem - there doesn't seem to be one that can convince some
vociferous NCTAs to join! Or even to see that their actions damage the very
cause they claim to champion.

>>>Join No Code International! Hams for the 21st Century.

>> Will these "hams for the 21st Century" listen to you and toe the party
>> line?

> They don't seem to be so far do they?

We're only talking about a vociferous few, Mike. So far. It will be interesting
to see what happens on Aug 1.

>>>Help assure the survival and prosperity of ham radio.

>> I think we can agree that annoying the Commissioners, breaking the
>> rules, and acting like we don't know how the system works isn't going
>> to help the survival and prosperity of ham radio.

> But that doesn't mean it isn't going to happen.

Hopefully saner heads will prevail.

>> There's one thing about all this that puzzles me, though. The FCC made
>> their opinions clear back in 1999 and again in 2000. The agenda for
>> WRC 2003 was known more than a year in advance and the outcome for
>> S25.5 correctly predicted by you (Carl) as a "slam dunk". Yet your

>> organization is still figuring out what to do next wrt FCC?

> I myself have no idea why there isn't a whole sequence of events
> marked out for an orderly transition.

You mean by FCC? They don't work that way. Look how long the last restructuring took.

> Like who becomes what in the hierarchy of licenses.
>
> Do Novices lose their licenses? Aside from CW, their test is so
>rudimentary?
>
> Tech pluses?
>
> Lots of stuff that will become apparent as time goes on.
>
Nobody should lose their license. Nobody should lose operating privileges UNLESS they are compensated for by new privileges.

Consider this: There's a whole bunch of stuff that my 1967-70 era tests didn't cover (like PSK-31). But FCC trusts that since I have a clean record I have kept up with the rules and regs. So why should a Novice or Tech be any different?

>> How long will it take to decide, and will "your people" listen to you?
>> They don't have much to lose, and they don;t even think they will get
>> caught. Many don't understand how the system works, but think they do
>> and don't care about long-term effects or the image of the ARS as a
>> whole.

>> Newsgroup postings are bad enough, but some are advocating massive
>> spamming and rulebreaking. Is that to be the way of "hams for the 21st
>> century"?

>Like it or not, the removal of the Morse test has removed one element of
>knowledge from the licensing process. Argue with me if about the
>definition of knowledge, but it is the removal of just that. Knowledge.

Skills are a form of knowledge, so there's no argument.

>Sure sounds like entropy in action to me.

Exactly. Were the writtens beefed up when the code was lowered? No, just the opposite, although folks will argue that point too.

> A whole lot of people find that removal of knowledge a positive thing
>for them. This includes that mythical engineer who is so busy he or she
>cannot take the time to learn Morse or is so fearful of leaning
>something that they may not use. Unfortunately, it also includes some
>people who find that rules are for other people.

What I find most ironic is that if the proposed rule-breaking actions are carried out, it may damage the nocodetest cause and prove what some procodetest

people have said for years.
>
> And yes, I worry about those people. I have great concern for the
>people who think that a Technician can now pick and choose where to
>transmit, who think that all ya gotta do to change the rules is have
>everyone email the head people at the FCC, and whatever these good folk
>dream up next.
>
The oddest thing is that even when someone as knowledgeable as Carl, Bill or
Phil, who are "on their side" tells them they're wrong, they argue.

N0BK would call it surreal. He's gone, so I'll have to do the honors.

73 de Jim, N2EY

3177. Re: American w/ Disability Act and CW Proficiency Test

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 00:46:55 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307281646.36aceb78@posting.google.com>
Source record: 73112

wa8ulx@aol.com (WA8ULX) wrote in message
news:<20030727215744.02971.00000595@mb-m01.aol.com>...

> Twat

ghetto

(With a sincere apology to the poor people living in inner-city neighborhoods)

3178. Re: Challenge to Kim

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 00:48:50 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030728204850.24390.00001420@mb-m19.aol.com>
Source record: 73115

In article <bg0s1hkhh1@adenine.netfront.net>, "Kim W5TIT"
<fahgedit@nomail.net> writes:

>> >>Don't hold your breath, Mike. I'm not sure I've ever seen that Larry
>has
>> >>met a chall....sched yet.
>> >
>> >Kim:
>> >
>> >I "challenge" you to a schedule on 20-meter PSK-31. Put up or shut up!
>> >BTW -- I know you're a Tech, so simply have your OM (a General) serve
>> >as control op! Perfectly legal Third-Party operation. The ball is in
>YOUR
>> >court now -- so no excuses! You started this, now show us all that you
>> >have any credibility whatsoever. If you squirm out of this QSO
>challenge,
>> >you will forever be self-nullified in this NG.
>> >
>> >73 de Larry, K3LT
>>
>> Hmmm, so far, not a peep out of Kim! I hope it's because she's busily
>> preparing her PSK-31 station for our QSO!
>>
>> 73 de Larry, K3LT
>>
>
>Larry, that's the first time I've ever seen that challenge. I've seen the
>thread, but could not find the original challenge to know what it was. I
>actually thought it was something Steve had said.
>
>I don't care to meet your challenge, Larry, and I am not the one who has
>solicited challenges in the past. As I understand it, by looking here only,
>I've never seen anyone say that their challenge to you (mostly on a CW
>sched) was ever realized.

Kim:

Scroll up. You're the one who said you've never seen that I had met a
chall[enge] or a sked. So I offered one. If you refuse my challenge
for a PSK-31 sked, then you've gotta do the right thing and take back
what you said about me. However, as usual, I'm not holding my
breath.

>Oh, and the PSK-31 station is established (when the radio would be set back
>up), because my hubby really likes that mode.

So, what's the problem? I can get my station set back up in 10 minutes.
However, for your convenience, I'll leave my challenge open indefinitely.

73 de Larry, K3LT

3179. Re: Ham Radio In The Post-Code Testing Era

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 00:48:51 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030728204851.24390.00001421@mb-m19.aol.com>
Source record: 73113

In article <b0i5ivcvsfa0nd53ogp2bdvv4q29rlu1o2@4ax.com>, Radio Amateur KC2HMZ
<kc2hmz@aa-mail.net> writes:

>>>Funny, though, I have yet to meet anyone who's told me they wish their
>>>parents had made them learn Morse. <shrug>
>>
>>John:
>>
>>I wish my parents had made me learn the Morse code.
>>
>>73 de Larry, K3LT
>
>I really should have known that was coming... :-)
>
>73 DE John, KC2HMZ

I aim to please!

73 de Larry, K3LT

3180. Re: Why don't Real Hams you face the facts?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 00:48:52 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030728204852.24390.00001422@mb-m19.aol.com>
Source record: 73116

In article <lqk5ivg30rc5jqme6ocejkavn733uctokk@4ax.com>, Radio Amateur KC2HMZ
<kc2hmz@aa-mail.net> writes:

>On 22 Jul 2003 15:42:21 GMT, yodoc@aol.comnospam (Larry Roll K3LT)
>wrote:
>
>>Texas "perps" know that if they do try to knock the place over for a few
>bucks
>>to buy some cocaine, they'll have to wade through a quagmire of 115 gr.
>>9mm GDHP's flying at them at 1400 fps to get at their intended target!
>
>I prefer number 8 or 9 birdshot with a skeet load for interior
>defensive use. However, there are better handgun loads for the
>purpose, most notably .357 Magnum and .40 S&W.
>
>>BTW, If I were the owner of a convenience store, I'd have a special door
>>chime that played a .WAV of a 12-ga. pump-action shotgun being racked
>>every time someone came in after sundown.
>
>Don't forget the voice-over - Clint Eastwood's line from Dirty Harry,
>"Punk, go ahead - make my day!"
>
>73 DE John, KC2HMZ
>Hollow Points: when you care enough to send the very best.

John:

Actually, that's "Go ahead, punk -- make my day!"

73 de Larry, K3LT

3181. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 00:48:53 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030728204853.24390.00001423@mb-m19.aol.com>
Source record: 73117

In article <2tj5iv4ks84hdt5m1porjmlv7jrfsfrsgg@4ax.com>, Radio Amateur KC2HMZ
<kc2hmz@aa-mail.net> writes:

>
>...such as Morse code testing in the ARS?
>
>>but without any
>>particular basis for objection other than the subject in question is a
>matter
>>which the individual feels powerless to control,
>
>...such as the fact that Morse code testing in the ARS is likely to go
>away, sooner or later?

John:

Yes, that's right. And the reason it's "going away" is because of all
the "whining" done by the NCTA over the years.

>>or chooses not to control
>>by virtue of the personal effort or expense involved. The "whining" is
>usually
>>directed at a person or organization the "whiner" considers to be
>responsible
>>for the situation to which the "whiner" objects.
>
>...such as NCTAs who have the unmitigated audacity to express their
>opinion on the subject?

An "opinion," I might add, which has no basis in any actual operational
or regulatory necessity in the AMATEUR radio service.

>>I will admit that most mature, hard-working, industrious and ingenious
>people definitely "don't want to hear" whining.
>
>Who does?

People like Kim, Brian, Carl, Bill, yourself, etc. etc…

>> For example, I certainly didn't
>>appreciate being accused of being like Hitler,
>
>As an aside to this topic, does anyone know for sure whether ol'
>Adolph knew Morse code? Just curious...

I've never heard anything about whether he did or not, but I'm sure
that if he did, the NCTA would swoon in ecstasy!

>>and in favor of things like
>>"ethnic cleansing" because I supported the concept of code testing in the
>ARS.
>>I truly could have done without hearing that, to be sure!
>
>Well, I haven't seen you post anything suggesting that no-code hams be
>rounded up and sent to concentration camps or anything like that...not
>yet anyway...so I guess I'll give you the benefit of the doubt. :-)

Oh, thank you!

>Despite all the shrill, uncontrolled complaints - on both sides of the
>issue - the international requirement is no more. The testing
>requirement in the USA probably will follow suit sooner or later.
>Hmmm...maybe it *is* an ethnic thing: Does red whine or white whine go
>best with crow?

I dunno. I've always said that the code testing requirement would go away,
so I guess the first thing you'd have to do is find someone with a crow in
his freezer, and ask him which whine he plans to have with it when he
decides to thaw it out, roast it, and serve it for dinner.

>>For one thing, it
>>quite possibly could have spared me the time I've spent on Usenet in the
>>last 14 years.
>
>Now there's a shrill, uncontrolled complaint if I ever heard one.

Whatever you say, John.

73 de Larry, K3LT

3182. Re: American w/ Disability Act and CW Proficiency Test

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 00:48:55 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030728204855.24390.00001425@mb-m19.aol.com>
Source record: 73114

In article <bg0q65ilb1@adenine.netfront.net>, "Kim W5TIT"
<fahgedit@nomail.net> writes:

>You may wish to blame the de-emphasis on CW on people. But, it's a
>combination of losing traditional values, a decrease in the use of CW in
>major communication venues, and the fact that the FCC is a governmental
>organization that responds to national and world trends. It's much more
>about anything BUT people than many realize, IMHO.

Kim:

Don't look now, but it would seem to me that all of the above have quite
a LOT do do with people. However, then again, as I've always suspected,
you're probably writing from another planet.

>There's way more people who are middle ground.

It's a sure thing that you're not occupying the high ground!

73 de Larry, K3LT

3183. Re: Ham Radio Rescue in California Press

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 00:48:55 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030728204855.24390.00001424@mb-m19.aol.com>
Source record: 73118

In article <bg0sn7$l46$1@adenine.netfront.net>, "Kim W5TIT"
<fahgedit@nomail.net> writes:

>> David:
>>
>> Save your fingertips on this one. Kim can always be counted on to make
>> inane, specious arguments against CW and "CW zealots" anytime a story
>> like this comes out.
>>
>
>When have I ever made an argument against CW, Larry? Put up or shut up, in
>your words.

Kim:

I'm already "putting up" with you!

>> If the story had been about how the hikers setup a
>> backpack portable HF/QRP station and called for help using CW, she would
>> insist that it didn't prove a damn thing.

>You are so foamed at the mouth with your insensibility that you can't see
>the forest for the trees, Larry. I have no argument whatsoever against the
>use of CW. I do NOT believe, as you, that CW is the cure all that you think
>it is.

When have I ever said that "CW is a cure all?" Provide the quote. The
EXACT quote. <LOL> If I ever were to claim at any particular mode is a
"cure all," Kim, it would be AMTOR/FEC, not CW.

>There are notable CW enthusiasts that share this also, Larry. What
>would you say of them? *IF* this story had been about how the hikers had
>set up a backpack portable HF/QRP station and called for help using CW, AND
>*if* they'd gotten it, I would have said two things: 1) that they were lucky
>to have someone on "the other end" that understood CW,

Yup, and in another ten years, they're going to have to be a heck of a lot
"luckier" than they are today!

>and 2) that they
>could have traveled a lot lighter if they'd just carried an HT.

…and planted a repeater on strategic mountain peaks along their path.

>To tell you
>the truth, I'm impressed that ANY radio worked to contact someone and, just
>as you say, I'm sure it is because of the density of repeaters in their
>area.

Do you think so, Kim?

> You're right. Kansas would have been a whole different situation.

Oh, really? How nice of you to agree with the patently obvious, Kim!

>> She can't be bothered to learn a
>> useful communications skill like the Morse code, and she needs to grasp at
>> any straw she can in order to prove her point.
>>
>> 73 de Larry, K3LT

>I did learn a useful communications skill, Larry. I learned it well enough
>to pass the requirements set forth by the United States Government. Now, if
>you have a problem with your government, you need to let them know.

I have endless problems with my government, Kim, and they've been told all about it. And they've just been told about my "problem" with any future action which they may take to eliminate the Element 1 5-WPM code test from the ARS.

>And,
>you cannot dictate your standards to other people. You do live in the
>United States.

I've never attempted to "dictate" anything to anyone, Kim. Really, if you have any hope of attaining any credibility whatsoever, you really must put a check on the hyperbole.

>My point about CW is what, Larry? Why don't you answer that question.
>Hell, Dick hasn't even answered my question about what it would take for him
>to have a disaster setup for CW, what all would he need. Hell, for that
>matter, you won't even answer my questions, Larry. You guys spew your hate
>and contempt for other people out of the mouths that God gave you. And
>that's all it ends up being with you: hate. You are disgusting.

I don't know where you're getting this "hate" from, Kim, except in your own mind. I don't "hate" anyone or anything, and that includes you. Like all liberals, you immediately and quite naturally associate any form of disagreement with "hate." Therefore, if I disagree with you, and have the audacity to voice my disagreement in an articulate manner, then, according to you, I must "hate" you. By playing the "hate" card, you naturally get to think that you've won the argument, or at least, that round of the argument, because you have made the argument about me and my alleged "hatred" for you, as opposed to the actual subject in question. It's a classic trick of the liberals, and works best when played to an audience of dumbed-down sycophants. Unfortunately for you, Kim, you're dealing with me, instead!

>Answer the damn question, Larry. What do *YOU* think my point about CW is?

The standard NCTA bullet points, Kim. I've never seen you come up with anything original.

73 de Larry, K3LT

3184. Re: Question for the No coders

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 00:58:18 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307281658.3549b7c3@posting.google.com>
Source record: 73119

"Dick Carroll;" <dixie@townsqr.com> wrote in message news:<bg3khn$5vo$0@208.206.142.86>...
> Brian Kelly wrote:
>
>
> > I'll cheerfully give up thumping for code tests when the writtens get
> > much stiffer than they are now.
>
> Hey, I expected that the code test would someday go away
> over 20 years ago-

Then you held on to it at least 20 years longer than necessary.

before the volunteer exam system
> was started and the writtens moved from being some evidence of learning to
> being no more than evidence of passing through a fomality.

Those darned "fomalities." Maybe they just wusn't that "impotent."

> > As the situation stands now everywhere
> > I look the service is being dumbed down.
>
> There is no other realistic way to regard it. When the code test is gone, ham radio is
tossed
> onto the steepest part of the slippery slope. Becoming a ham
> will be so little beyond getting on CB that what we'll have is all the Freebanders who
aren't
> the least concerned about regulations dumping into
> the ham bands. Many recent postings here on rrap show this clearly enough.

They got the mule's goat, didn't they?

> > How many examples of how
> > that philosophy has backfired badly in other spheres do you have to
> > see before you get the drift? Welfare? Public education? Where and how
> > do we draw the line in ham radio?
> >
> > > but it was the only thing I could come up with at this
> > > moment.
> >
> > Uh-huh. There's a reason for that.
> >
> > > However, I think even those with code ability would agree that at
> > > least some have walked away from ham radio because of the code testing
> > > requirement.
> >
> > Not "some", uncountable hordes. I've been listening to that excuse for

> > more decades than I'd like to admit. I never shed a tear for any of
> > 'em. It's a blatent copout and a strong indicator of what ham radio
> > would have gotten from them.
>
> I'm convinced there are some small number of strong technical types out there who have a
> problem with learning morse code that should have had some means of being licensed
without
> high speed code in years past.

So what was your solution?

> With the 5wpm max code speed, that argument evaporated. But it sure didn't make a dent in
> the codeless whiners arguement, did it? It's dump code- and dump on code- all the way, no
> holding back, gimme, gimme, gimme. No end to it.

Sure there is. When people learn the code because it is of value to them.

But it's the end of ham radio, as the
> calendar works it's way forward, at least the end of any resemblence of ham radio as a
useful
> entity. If we wanted that sort of crap we could have all gone on up to the region above
27 mhz
> to find it.

Like you're not already there.

3185. Re: Now That It's "Over"...

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 01:02:00 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307281702.58993163@posting.google.com>
Source record: 73120

"Dick Carroll;" <dixie@townsqr.com> wrote in message news:<bg3hss$15h$0@208.206.142.66>...

> Looks like he meant that because the US bandplan isn't completely in accord
> with the IARU international version we violate the bandplan..
>
> His usual nonsense.

But Riley said not following the bandplan was an enforceable violation.

3186. Re: American w/ Disability Act and CW Proficiency Test

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 01:02:59 UTC
From: C <cpierce@uit.net>
Message-ID: <cpierce-277412.20040828072003@news03.west.earthlink.net>
Source record: 73121
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.misc

I asked why it seemed so fast. I was told by the VE that he gives all
code test at least 13 words per minute if not faster.....

I have sent out a couple of e-mails requesting imformation of how tests
are given ie, speed and if fonsworth method was used. I do not wnat to
know the test iteslf as that would defeat the purpose of the testing
session. I have yet to receive an answer from any VE...

All I ask for is to know what speed I need to be studying as it all
sounds different to me at each speed....

> > >
>
> Not trying to be a smart ass here...but...how do you know it was 13 if you
> say you can't copy 13???. Could it be he was sending the characters fast
> and making the spacing long. I.E. Farnsworth method, which is the
> recomended way to conduct a test?
>
> If you want to quit. Thats your choice. I would suggest you go to a
> different test place with different folks instead.
>
> Dan/W4NTI
>
>

3187. Re: American w/ Disability Act and CW Proficiency Test

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 01:05:33 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
Message-ID: <3F25C834.1000002@adelphia.net>
Source record: 73122

Keith wrote:
> On Mon, 28 Jul 2003 09:09:19 -0400, Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu> wrote:
>
>
>>Now that you mention it, how does a fully blind ham tell what frequency
>>he or she is on? I suppose that using the memory channels on an HF rig
>>would be one method, but does anyone here know?
>
>
> But does the government require the blind to take a test to prove they can
> read the frequency read out in order to obtain a license?

Nope, and its not a skill either. It is a technology problem.

- Mike KB3EIA -

3188. Re: American w/ Disability Act and CW Proficiency Test

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 01:05:45 UTC
From: wa8ulx@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030728210545.00575.00000727@mb-m25.aol.com>
Source record: 73123

>
>> Twat
>
>ghetto

Your mama

3189. Re: BAD IDEA for ham radio in general (was Re: Contact the FCC and Tell Them to get rid of CW Test and Requirements)

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 01:08:49 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bg4hev$a0s$1@adenine.netfront.net>
Source record: 73124

"Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> wrote in message
news:dy%Ua.1875$lL.262163@nnrp1.ptd.net...
>
> "Mike Coslo" <mcoslo@adelphia.net> wrote in message
> news:3F24754D.1070305@adelphia.net...
> >
> > As the visible head of the No Code test movement, you have a
> > responsibilty to ensure an orderly transition. Right now what is
> > starting to happen is something that I saw as logically following the
> > elimination of the code testing requirement. And it is coming about
> > directly as a result of that elimination.
> >
> > Personally I'd be telling people that the rules are changing, they
> > haven't been eliminated. And I'd be doing it an awful lot.
>
> Gee ... I thought I *have* been doing that ...
>
> Carl - wk3c
>

You have, Carl. You have...and quite clearly.

Kim W5TIT

Posted via news://freenews.netfront.net
Complaints to news@netfront.net

3190. Re: American w/ Disability Act and CW Proficiency Test

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 01:13:39 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bg4ho2aac1@adenine.netfront.net>
Source record: 73125

"Keith" <kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net> wrote in message
news:bg21ft0kjq@enews2.newsguy.com...
> On Sun, 27 Jul 2003 10:24:27 -0500, "Kim W5TIT" <fahgedit@nomail.net>
wrote:
>
> > Absolutely. To come to the conclusion that deaf people cannot learn and
use
> > CW is rather narrow-minded in my opnion. I bet there's a way that
ANYONE
> > could learn CW.
>
> No, if a deaf person wants to learn morse code they can. It is wrong for
the
> government to require them to pass a morse code test because in reality
they
> have little or no use for it.
>

You would not be able to use that as an argument *with the governmental body with which you would have to argue your point.* The government requires all kinds of assinine things from people all the time. I don't think you'd get anywhere with the statement above.

>
> Like I said why doesn't the government require blind people to pass a
driving
> test if they ride the bus?
>

Blind people riding a bus are at the mercy of someone else as driver. A deaf person operating amateur radio is driving themselves. Apples to oranges. If you're going to try to effect change, you need a whole lot more than whines, and using the handicapped to get your way, Keith. It's as simple as that.

>
> You never know when the driver will pass out and
> they will have to take the wheel.
>

Who says they have to? I'm sure most of my blind friends would say that they are pretty much consigned to the fact that if something happens to endager them while under the "care" of another driver, they are ready for the outcome. Would you like for me to ask them?

Kim W5TIT

Posted via news://freenews.netfront.net
Complaints to news@netfront.net

3191. Re: CORRECTION!!!

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 01:13:57 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307281713.2c356494@posting.google.com>
Source record: 73126

k4yz@aol.com (Steve Robeson, K4CAP) wrote in message
news:<5c01b95b.0307280133.63627720@posting.google.com>...
> lenover21@aol.com (Len Over 21) wrote in message
news:<20030727152355.12501.00001201@mb-m04.aol.com>...
>
> > I think he needed the military handset he wanted for "high noise level
> > environments" because of all his own shouting and hollering in front of
> > a computer.
>
> Ummmm...close...Laughing at you, Lennie. I often have to check it
> to keep from waking the rest of the household.
>
> Steve, K4YZ

Maniacal laughing, no doubt.

Toss the noise-cancelling mic, switch to CW, and just send "hihi."

3192. Re: ATTN: Tech Licensee USA Morse Code Freedom Day is August 1st

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 01:16:44 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bg4htqadh1@adenine.netfront.net>
Source record: 73127
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb

"Keith" <kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net> wrote in message
news:bg223v4kjq@enews2.newsguy.com...
> On Sun, 27 Jul 2003 16:57:14 GMT, "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com>
wrote:
>
> > . the FCC has records
> > of who has code credit and who doesn't, so no-code Techs should
> > NOT, repeat NOT, try to use HF.
>
> You are ignorant. The FCC has no idea if a tech has passed a morse code
> proficiency test and has a CSCE in their hand.
>
> --
> The Radio Page Ham, Police Scanner, Shortwave and more.
> http://www.kilowatt-radio.org/
>

Keith, why don't you solicit the opinions of some deaf hams? There is a group called HandiHams that you could ask--if they would respond. You could also get on eHam.net, and qrz.com and pose the question in the forums. The question, I suppose, would be: Do you, as a deaf ham, agree that the government should require that you pass a minimum CW requirement for amateur radio privileges at that level?

My guess is most deaf hams are not going to mind a bit. Note that I said *most.* I am sure there are some out there that may object.

Kim W5TIT

Posted via news://freenews.netfront.net
Complaints to news@netfront.net

3193. Re: BAD IDEA for ham radio in general (was Re: Contact the FCC and Tell Them to get rid of CW Test and Requ

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 01:17:48 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307281717.105a5009@posting.google.com>
Source record: 73128

wa8ulx@aol.com (WA8ULX) wrote in message
news:<20030727224755.09715.00000464@mb-m11.aol.com>...
> >Yes, expressing your viewpoint to the government is a horrible idea. Just
> >keep
> >quiet and don't rock the boat. Only a backward ass ham radio operator would
> >have this view.
> >
> >
> >--
> >The Radio Page
>
> How funny, Carl preached to the FCC on dumping the code, now you want to
> express your feelings, and Carl says bad idea. I say go for it, and dont pay
> attention to clowns like Carl.

You can say that again.

3194. Re: American w/ Disability Act and CW Proficiency Test

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 01:19:42 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
Message-ID: <3F25CB86.8000001@adelphia.net>
Source record: 73129

Kim W5TIT wrote:
> "Mike Coslo" <mjc5@psu.edu> wrote in message

>>Now that you mention it, how does a fully blind ham tell what frequency
>>he or she is on? I suppose that using the memory channels on an HF rig
>>would be one method, but does anyone here know?
>>
>>- Mike KB3EIA -
>>
>
>
> I have many blind friends/hams, and the way they do it is with radios that
> have speech boards on them.

Okay. Thanks, Kim. I thought it might be something like that.

- Mike KB3EIA -

3195. Re: Challenge to Kim

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 01:20:08 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030728212008.24390.00001426@mb-m19.aol.com>
Source record: 73130

In article <bg4csl$6b2$1@adenine.netfront.net>, "Kim W5TIT"
<fahgedit@nomail.net> writes:

>
>Now, I'm serious here. Either put the f*** up or shut the f*** up. Let us
>all know when you'll be operating.
>
>Kim W5TIT

Kim:

I'm glad to see you're all for "putting up or shutting up." Now then, how
about my challenge to you for a PSK-31 QSO? It was you who implied
that I don't meet challenges or skeds, so I guess it's time you did a bit
of "putting up" here! How 'bout it?

73 de Larry, K3LT

3196. Re: American w/ Disability Act and CW Proficiency Test

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 01:23:26 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bg4iacamq1@adenine.netfront.net>
Source record: 73131

"Dwight Stewart" <stewart@say.net> wrote in message
news:BB4A1304.1F927%stewart@say.net...
> "Kim W5TIT" wrote:
> >
> > Absolutely. To come to the conclusion that deaf
> > people cannot learn and use CW is rather narrow-
> > minded in my opnion. I bet there's a way that
> > ANYONE could learn CW.
> >
> > I believe the waiver has been removed from the
> > licensing structure for amateur radio, hasn't
> > it? As well it should be. And, here's why:
> > there are deaf people who have passed a CW test
> > and use CW. As soon as that happened, it set a
> > standard that deaf people can, indeed, learn
> > CW--*if* they so desire.
> >
> > Remember that a handicap should never be
> > considered as an excuse.
>
>
> Hey, one of your messages I can actually read, Kim.
>
> Anyway, I think the point he is trying to make is that the ADA requires
> reasonable accommodation of a person's handicap, not efforts to pass that
> burden on to the handicapped person. Where possible, the handicapped
person
> should not be required to make an unusual effort to fit into this society.
>

Well, now see? I can understand that. BUT, I am not sure that someone
using the handicapped as an excuse is something that we should all
applaud--*if* that is what Keith is doing. Maybe he really *does* know
someone he's taking up for. But, I haven't heard him mention anyone.

Also, *not to argue with you but to debate the subject* ham radio is not a
"mainstream society" activity. Should hobbies be included in the ADA, as it
is all about access? Asking. I don't really have an opinion one way or the
other. I am just offering up a counter to the point you made.

>
> When it comes to code, how that applies is not clear. Clearly, telling
the
> handicapped person (disabled person) to learn code by feeling a speaker
cone

> is an unusual effort. However, the ADA also doesn't require others to
modify
> activities to the point that the activity no longer makes sense, or to
where
> the handicapped person actually has an advantage over others.
>
> [Note: the above is only my interpretation of how the ADA reads]
>

And, that is what *normal* people do. Offer their interpretation, right?

>
> The FCC seems to have taken the latter position on this issue. Not
> requiring code for the handicapped person would give an unfair advantage
> over others. That interpretation allowed them to drop the waivers for
those
> with disabilities.
>

There, ya go. I wish I'd read before I started responding...LOL

>
> Of course, whether that is a correct position is probably up to the
courts
> to decide. Most court rulings have tended to side with the disabled, and I
> suspect they would in this situation also.
>

Yes, and it is difficult to decide whether or not the deaf person actually
has an "advantage" by not having to pass a CW test, or not. Not much
advantage, eh?

>
> However, with the possible end to code testing soon, perhaps the entire
> issue is moot.
>
>
> Dwight Stewart (W5NET)
>
> http://www.qsl.net/w5net/
>

True. But, we'll find something to debate, won't we? GRIN.

Kim W5TIT

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3197. Re: American w/ Disability Act and CW Proficiency Test

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 01:26:24 UTC
From: C <cpierce@uit.net>
Message-ID: <cpierce-DBD09A.20273228072003@news03.west.earthlink.net>
Source record: 73132
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.misc

No I am not doing a memorizing of each dit and dah and converting
method. My problem is my brain does not react fast enough to decide what
each character is before the next one is sent. I just get further
behind. I practice at least 20 to 30 minutes usually twice a day if not
more. I use computer programs and ARRL training CDs.

I will check "The Art and Skill of Radiotelegraphy". Thanks for the
encouragement.

C.

In article <OniVa.14117$Vx2.6934318@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com>,
"Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net> wrote:

> If you were memorizing the code, that was the problem. That's not the right
> way to learn it. There's quite a bit of material out there on the internet
> on the right way to learn code. For starters, work towards a reflex
> reaction. i.e. Hear the sound, write the letter. Don't think about the
> dots and dashes. Practice every day for 30 mintues per day EVERY day or
> almost everyday. There are lots of computer programs out there you can
> download from the internet and every person has their favorite. Set it for
> an 18wpm character speed but 5wpm word speed. Try the G4FON program. It's
> available for free on the internet. I apologize for not posting the website
> but I don't happen to have it anymore.
>
> Practicing once or twice a week won't get it. You fall too far backwards
> between sessions. Memorizing dots and dashes and then trying to write the
> letter slows you down so that you can't keep up.
>
> Read "The Art and Skill of Radiotelegraphy". It's available for free on the
> internet. The author did extensive research on how code should be studied.
> The biggest problem is that too many people are told to use study methods
> that hold a person back rather than move them forward. Another problem is
> unrealistic expections. They see the whiz kids get it in a week and think
> they should be able to do the same. They're the exception not the rule.
>
> The code is far easier than most things that you have learned in life if you
> find the correct way to study it and put in the amount of time needed.
>
>
> > If my General CSCE expires again (this will be #2) I will never take it
> > again and will have lost desire in a hobby that I grew up working in for
> > the last 39 years.......
> >

> > C.
>
> Don't give up. Work with modern training methods and you can do it.
>
> Dee D. Flint, N8UZE
>

3198. Re: Challenge to Kim

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 01:29:00 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bg4ikq$ar5$1@adenine.netfront.net>
Source record: 73133

"Larry Roll K3LT" <yodoc@aol.comnospam> wrote in message
news:20030728204850.24390.00001420@mb-m19.aol.com...
> In article <bg0s1hkhh1@adenine.netfront.net>, "Kim W5TIT"
> <fahgedit@nomail.net> writes:
>
> >> >>Don't hold your breath, Mike. I'm not sure I've ever seen that Larry
> >has
> >> >>met a chall....sched yet.
> >> >
> >> >Kim:
> >> >
> >> >I "challenge" you to a schedule on 20-meter PSK-31. Put up or shut
up!
> >> >BTW -- I know you're a Tech, so simply have your OM (a General) serve
> >> >as control op! Perfectly legal Third-Party operation. The ball is in
> >YOUR
> >> >court now -- so no excuses! You started this, now show us all that
you
> >> >have any credibility whatsoever. If you squirm out of this QSO
> >challenge,
> >> >you will forever be self-nullified in this NG.
> >> >
> >> >73 de Larry, K3LT
> >>
> >> Hmmm, so far, not a peep out of Kim! I hope it's because she's busily
> >> preparing her PSK-31 station for our QSO!
> >>
> >> 73 de Larry, K3LT
> >>
> >
> >Larry, that's the first time I've ever seen that challenge. I've seen
the
> >thread, but could not find the original challenge to know what it was. I
> >actually thought it was something Steve had said.
> >
> >I don't care to meet your challenge, Larry, and I am not the one who has
> >solicited challenges in the past. As I understand it, by looking here
only,
> >I've never seen anyone say that their challenge to you (mostly on a CW
> >sched) was ever realized.
>
> Kim:
>
> Scroll up. You're the one who said you've never seen that I had met a

> chall[enge] or a sked. So I offered one. If you refuse my challenge
> for a PSK-31 sked, then you've gotta do the right thing and take back
> what you said about me. However, as usual, I'm not holding my
> breath.
>
> >Oh, and the PSK-31 station is established (when the radio would be set
back
> >up), because my hubby really likes that mode.
>
> So, what's the problem? I can get my station set back up in 10 minutes.
> However, for your convenience, I'll leave my challenge open indefinitely.
>
> 73 de Larry, K3LT
>

No, you scroll up. I said, "I'm not sure I've ever seen that Larry has met a chall....sched yet." That means that when you have been challenged to meet a sched, I have not seen evidence that you have ever met one. I did not challenge you, never have challenged you.

Have you ever met a sched that was offered here?

Now, if you want to turn that around to making it look like I am challenging you, that's fine.

Kim W5TIT

Posted via news://freenews.netfront.net
Complaints to news@netfront.net

3199. Re: With CW gone, can the CW allocations be far behind?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 01:32:34 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030728213234.24390.00001427@mb-m19.aol.com>
Source record: 73134

In article <bg3q90$nk1$1@freenet9.carleton.ca>, et472@FreeNet.Carleton.CA
(Michael Black) writes:

>This reminds me of the time Marconi spanned the Atlantic. I remember
>he told his assistant "I'm not going to wait until voice modulation
>is invented, because I want to give morse code favored status".
>
>Then twenty years later, when hams spanned the Atlantic with shortwaves,
>they all said "let's not use that newfangled voice stuff, because
>we want to give morse code a favored status". Obviously, Howard
>Armstrong who we have to "blame" for all the receivers we use even
>today, must have been part of that conspiracy to keep AM in it's place,
>since he was part of one of the official transmitting sites for
>the attempt.
>
>Of course, there were all those hams in the early days who used
>only morse code because they wanted to give it favored status.
>It's a myth that they used it because a cw transmitter was simpler
>and less expensive.
>
>
>Let's not forgot OSCAR 1, launched in December of 1961. Those
>guys obviously had it send morse code because they wanted to give
>the mode favored status.
>
> Michael VE2BVW

Michael:

Darn it all, how did you know that all of the most important developments
in the history of radiocommunication were nothing more than a conspiracy
to give Morse code favored status? That was supposed to be a secret!

73 de Larry, K3LT

3200. Re: Ham Radio Rescue in California Press

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 01:34:03 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bg4iua$b49$1@adenine.netfront.net>
Source record: 73135

"Larry Roll K3LT" <yodoc@aol.comnospam> wrote in message
news:20030728204855.24390.00001424@mb-m19.aol.com...
>
> > > In article <bg0sn7$l46$1@adenine.netfront.net>, "Kim W5TIT"
> <fahgedit@nomail.net> writes:
> [SNIP of usual dribble]
> >Answer the damn question, Larry. What do *YOU* think my point about CW
is?
>
> The standard NCTA bullet points, Kim. I've never seen you come up with
> anything original.
>
> 73 de Larry, K3LT
>

That is a cop-out of an answer, Larry.

Kim W5TIT

Posted via news://freenews.netfront.net
Complaints to news@netfront.net

3201. Re: Challenge to Kim

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 01:37:23 UTC
From: Kim W5TIT <fahgedit@nomail.net>
Message-ID: <bg4j4s$b6u$1@adenine.netfront.net>
Source record: 73136

"Larry Roll K3LT" <yodoc@aol.comnospam> wrote in message
news:20030728212008.24390.00001426@mb-m19.aol.com...
> In article <bg4csl$6b2$1@adenine.netfront.net>, "Kim W5TIT"
> <fahgedit@nomail.net> writes:
>
> >
> >Now, I'm serious here. Either put the f*** up or shut the f*** up. Let
us
> >all know when you'll be operating.
> >
> >Kim W5TIT
>
> Kim:
>
> I'm glad to see you're all for "putting up or shutting up." Now then, how
> about my challenge to you for a PSK-31 QSO? It was you who implied
> that I don't meet challenges or skeds, so I guess it's time you did a bit
> of "putting up" here! How 'bout it?
>
> 73 de Larry, K3LT
>

No, again, Larry. Geesh will you learn a useful communication skill,
puhleeze!? I didn't imply a thing about your failure to meet challenges or
skeds. I simply stated that I had never seen anything indicating that you
met one. Now, have you? If so, all you have to do is say you did.

But no....!!! You chose to just get all upset...

Kim W5TIT

Posted via news://freenews.netfront.net
Complaints to news@netfront.net

3202. Re: ARRL and Morse Code Fanatics Can Only Blame Themselves.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 01:46:40 UTC
From: Landshark
Message-ID: <4mkVa.3174$1R7.1743@newssvr23.news.prodigy.com>
Source record: 73137
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb

"Keith" <kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net> wrote in message
news:bg2cc102qkc@enews4.newsguy.com...
> On Mon, 28 Jul 2003 03:30:49 GMT, "Phil Kane" <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
> wrote:
Useless cross post deleted

Is there some reason the you cross posted
this troll fodder to rec.radio.cb?

Landshark

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Try these to learn about newsgroup trolls.

http://www.io.com/~zikzak/troll_thesis.html
http://members.aol.com/intwg/trolls.htm

3203. Re: BAD IDEA for ham radio in general (was Re: Contact the FCC and Tell Them to get rid of CW Test and Requirements)

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 02:06:05 UTC
From: Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93C6E0C1D8F3Eelektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>
Source record: 73138

<Snip> All these
> people
> yakking here are US citizens with (I think) one exception. <snip>

You probably mean me. I am not a US citizen, I'm British, but I live in the USA. Larry has said that he used to be G0L something or other. Of course that doesn't prove he's British, but it's not renounceable, so if he ever was then he's stuck with it, whether or not he's a US citizen.

3204. Re: Here We Go Again..Sir Putzalot Is Back In His Stride

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 02:08:49 UTC
From: lenover21@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030728220849.23307.00001793@mb-m29.aol.com>
Source record: 73150

In article <5c01b95b.0307271959.53fcbd08@posting.google.com>, k4yz@aol.com (Steve Robeson, K4CAP) writes:

>lenover21@aol.com (Len Over 21) wrote in message
>news:<20030727143827.14837.00001750@mb-m03.aol.com>...
>
>> >Deaf people have used Morse Code in ham radio.
>>
>> Of course...the transcendental supernaturality of morse gets through
>> when nothing else will.
>>
>> I interviewed four deaf radio amateurs for HAM RADIO magazine and had
>> material on three others.Six of them were still active and NONE of them
>> (including a dentist) used OOK CW keying or any morse codes. All of
>> them were code tested BEFORE they became legally deaf. All of the
>> active hams used RTTY.
>
> Sure you did. Names? Callsigns? Thier status today?

That material was in the archives of HAM RADIO magazine. It was
not published, therefore you have NO RIGHT to any such information.
See the "freedom of the press" in the Constitution of the United States.

>> >Also, many deaf people have some limited hearing. It is not unusual for
them
>> >to be able to hear single tones but not undersatand speech.
>>
>> Sigh...another amateur audiologist side of the knowitall procode
>> newsgroupie.
>
> Shall I break out actual citations from JAMA now, Lennie, or
>would you care to just shut up and admit that someone BESIDES you is
>able to read..?!?!

BWAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAH
AHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHA!!
!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Nursie gonna "cite" the Journal of the American Medical Association?!?!?

Since when did nursie achieve an M.D.?

> (You were a "nice guy" for a couple days...what heppened? Mrs
>Putz go on a seperate vacation and you invited in some "hired help" to
>keep you distracted for a few days?)

Awww...poor baby. You get your PARAMILITARY handset yet,
Sojer in da woods?

Geez, boy, your psychosis is really going strong. You couldn't use a
simple search engine on AOL?

Three minutes, boy, that's all it took to find a seller of PARAMILITARY
handsets. Fair Radio Sales. Long-time surplus business, been doing
business for at least 40 years...since before you were 8 years old.

I've saved you over $307 compared to what you would have paid SGC.

You ungrateful WRETCH...demanding SERVICE...but can't do it
yourself.

Well, did your TN backwoods militia do any illegal PARAMILITARY
radio ops lately, huh? Well, did you, PUNK?

>> >Hams have been using Baudot RTTY for almost 60 years....
>>
>> "Baudot?" Most of those old SURPLUS TTYs had the name
>> "Teletype" on them.
>
> Typical Putz reply.

Poor baby...so brain dead you can't see a little sardonic HUMOR.

No problem. You don't know squat about teleprinters in either radio
or wired communications. Teletype Corporation had a virtual
monopoly on teleprinters for most of the past century.

>> >Yet the various advocacy groups for handicapped people have never protested
>> >the amateur radio test regulations. Indeed, the group "Handi-Hams" was
AGAINST
>> >the medical waiver rule change back in 1990, as I recall.
>>
>> They were? What specific "advocacy groups for handicapped people" have
>> YOU ever had personal contact with other than Handi-Hams?
>>
>> Please let us know, grand champion crusader for the rights of the
>> handicapped.
>
> And while we are waiting for HIS reply, Lennie, let's hear what
>advocacy groups YOU have had contact or interaction with.....

You haven't any "right" to know that.

The association I am involved with has nothing to do with ham, only
with PEOPLE. If I gave their name you would just demonstrate your
psychotic syndorme of heaping abuse on them...because I was
associated with them. They don't deserve such treatment and
certainly not the PEOPLE they help.

> Now...The answers to the above questions, Sir Putzalot?

Ask all the questions you want, you psychotic little braindead dung-thrower and garbage-tosser. Enjoy yourself. Show yourself as a prime representative of the amateur radio service acts to the general public. Be proud of your inability to get along with others.

LHA

3205. Re: With CW gone, can the CW allocations be far behind?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 02:08:50 UTC
From: lenover21@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030728220850.23307.00001794@mb-m29.aol.com>
Source record: 73146

In article <3F251FC3.B9DA0D19@earthlink.net>, Dave Heil <k8mn@earthlink.net>
writes:

>Len Over 21 wrote:
>
>> The pro-coder regulars in here have been sorely wounded by the
>> WRC-03 decision on S25 and they are vengeful, looking for blood
>> regardless of manner in which it is spilled. Are you one of those?
>
>What is any of this to you, Leonard?

Colonel Klunk, you have NO authority to demand any such answer.

You are not Mike Coslo...to whom my remarks were aimed.

Why do you attempt to answer for another?

Do you have multiple personalities? Or is your psychosis a mild one
of simple hatred for anyone pointing out that you never did any
glorious government radio pioneering in the 1980s.

>You aren't involved in amateur radio in any way.

Not required.

>You aren't a ham.

The FDA hasn't been around to stamp my beef. Why do you think
you can beef so much without such inspection?

>You aren't a regulator.

NEITHER ARE YOU.

Quit trying to play Raddio Kop. Or did you get one of those nice
shields in the mail so that you can flip open your badge wallet and
pretend to be some kind of officer? Were your friends and neighbors
amazed and delighted at your "promotion?"

>You aren't a budding neophyte.

I was a "neophyte" in radio a half century ago. That quickly passed.

>You're a guy who delights in pointing out
>his past accomplishments in military and commercial radio.

Sorry, but you are LYING again. As I keep saying, the US Army quit
using morse code modes for long-haul primary communications on HF
in 1948. I began operating on HF in early 1953 as part of a team of four

to keep a very large Army radio station operating 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Both the US Army and US Air Force quit using morse code modes for long-distance primary communications on HF 55 years ago.

"It ain't braggin' if ya done it." I did it.

LHA

3206. Re: With CW gone, can the CW allocations be far behind?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 02:08:51 UTC
From: lenover21@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030728220851.23307.00001795@mb-m29.aol.com>
Source record: 73052

In article <5c01b95b.0307280130.1e3054b7@posting.google.com>, k4yz@aol.com (Steve Robeson, K4CAP) writes:

>lenover21@aol.com (Len Over 21) wrote in message
>news:<20030727152354.12501.00001199@mb-m04.aol.com>...
>
>> The pro-coder regulars in here have been sorely wounded by the
>> WRC-03 decision on S25 and they are vengeful, looking for blood
>> regardless of manner in which it is spilled. Are you one of those?
>
> Oh?
>
> And whom might they be?

Robeson, Heil, Miccolis, Carroll, Kehler, Deignan, at least one SK, Roll, and assorted others who have their code keys removed from dead, cold fingers.

>Everyone in the "pro-code" camp here,
>myself included, has expressed regret over the recent events, but we
>are also all of us involved in OTHER modes.

Such as?

You guys have spent SO much time on here that you cannot have "worked" any ham bands. Since you don't have any verification of such "working" that cannot be falsified, your word is suspect.

> Uhhhhh...those are modes YOU can't use, Lennie...No Tickee No
>Transmitee.

Puerile and an ethnic insult to Asians. You still haven't taken your medications like you've been instructed.

> Of course there IS Part 15 and Part 95....Built your MURS
>repeater yet, Lennie? You sure haven't exactly been burning up the
>airwaves with that Part 15 transmitter you said you were going to put
>on 20 meters.

Steamy, you really DO have a great problem with rational thought. That is not uncommon in those with a psychosis.

I've never intended to "burn up airwaves with Part 15 transmitters."

Why do you spout such LIES?

I've never said anything about "putting any transmitter on 20 meters," or any other amateur band. I HAVE been on hand to help other

radio amateurs match their transceivers to their antennas for maximum power output...but then I know how to do such things both practically and theoretically and have done such in commercial radio service.

You continue to LIE about my "not having any license."

I have had a commercial operator's license since 1956. I have had two non-amateur radio station licenses since then.

The subject is NOT any individual's accomplishments. The subject is the FUTURE of one radio service aftet the morse code test is abolished for a license exam.

You cannot stay in focus on the subject. You continually attack the person instead of the subject. Your psychosis is manifesting itself stronger and stronger every day.

You need competent medical help for you mind. You can't help yourself in that department...you don't have the qualifications.

LHA

3207. Re: With CW gone, can the CW allocations be far behind?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 02:08:52 UTC
From: lenover21@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030728220852.23307.00001796@mb-m29.aol.com>
Source record: 73142

In article <3F2480E1.6090409@adelphia.net>, Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
writes:

>> As another NCI director, I'd tell Stu that IF he feels strongly
>> about his suggestion, he could submit a petition for
>> rulemaking to the FCC.
>
> I don't get it. You guys have lots to say to us nasty pro-coders, but
>now you are pretty low key.
>
> I have an idea, Why don't you tell Stu just that, not me? Do you agree
>with him???

So...you ADMIT to be on the side of the "nasty pro-coders?"

Thought so.

You should really, Really TRY to get some of YOUR side in control
of themselves. Set an example. Make us proud.

LHA

3208. Re: BAD IDEA for ham radio in general (was Re: Contact the FCC and

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 02:08:52 UTC
From: lenover21@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030728220852.23307.00001797@mb-m29.aol.com>
Source record: 73147

In article <3F240523.4040303@adelphia.net>, Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
writes:

>Carl R. Stevenson wrote:
>> While the intent may be good, this is a REALLY BAD idea ...
>>
>> Flooding the FCC Commissioner's e-mail inboxes with such
>> letters will only piss them off ... at ALL of ham radio, not
>> just pro-code-test or no-code test factions.
>>
>> There is a right way and a wrong way to do this ... and this
>> is DEFINITELY the WRONG way.
>>
>> Those who support the elimination of the Morse test from US
>> FCC rules would be well-advised to join NCI
>> http://www.nocode.org
>> and follow the news.
>>
>> NCI's Board of Directors is working the strategy for how to
>> best approach the FCC on this matter and we will keep the
>> membership informed when we have finalized those discussions.
>
> Ya gotta get your people under control, Carl! 8^)

Why is that?

By all the public evidence in here the pro-coders have NOT BEEN IN
CONTROL OF THEMSELVES for years. Not even close.

Someone should exercise self-control these days and only the
no code test advocates seem the most on-track.

Five days in the penalty box for you...for sticking. :-)

LHA

3209. Re: Amateur Radio "outside the box"

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 02:08:53 UTC
From: lenover21@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030728220853.23307.00001798@mb-m29.aol.com>
Source record: 73139

In article <5c01b95b.0307280122.19dfb223@posting.google.com>, k4yz@aol.com (Steve Robeson, K4CAP) writes:

>> As, you can see, there are many possibilities for awards, other than what
>> exists right now.
>
> SNIP
>
> I'll just cut to the chase and call you for the idiot that you
>are, Shah. These things have been explained to you over and over and
>over and over...But YOU can't seem to assimilate the finer details of
>what's going on.

Tsk, tsk, tsk, Steamy, you REALLY need those calming medications.

LHA

3210. Re: Amateur Radio "outside the box"

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 02:08:53 UTC
From: lenover21@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030728220853.23307.00001799@mb-m29.aol.com>
Source record: 73140

In article <5c01b95b.0307280118.590499af@posting.google.com>, k4yz@aol.com (Steve Robeson, K4CAP) writes:

> Now...get along and try to digest some of this virtual spanking
>you've taken AGAIN and OPEN YOUR DANGED EYES ! ! !

Definitely off his meds. Poor Steamy ought to at least try some pilfered Prozac or Xanax. Tsk, tsk, tsk.

LHA

3211. Re: ATTN: Tech Licensee USA Morse Code Freedom Day is August 1st

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 02:08:55 UTC
From: lenover21@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030728220855.23307.00001800@mb-m29.aol.com>
Source record: 73054

In article <BB4A28C2.1F937%stewart@say.net>, Dwight Stewart <stewart@say.net>
writes:

>"Len Over 21" wrote:
>>
>> What's all this "treaty ratification" thing?!?
>>
>> I thought that the US Congress ALREADY ratified
>> membership with the United Nations and the UN
>> organizations long ago. The ITU is a UN
>> organization.
>
> All international treaties have to ratified by Congress, Len. While we are
>a member of the United Nations and the ITU, we are not automatically subject
>to all treaties offered by either of these organizations.

The United States of America is already a signatory to the United Nations.
It is also a signatory to the International Telecommunications Union, a
UN organization. Once signatory to them, we (the country and its
administration) are honor-bound to accept their decisions (that is a part
of the "treaty"). But, that is an HONOR thing and has NO direct force of
any law. Such is commonly called "international law" but there is no
actual enforcement of such "international law" since no such enforcement
body exists.

>Indeed, we are not
>even subject to significant changes to treaties we have already ratified -
>unless a mechanism for changes was included in the ratified treaty, any
>changes to that treaty have to be ratified.

Explain this "ratification" procedure, its process.

The Radio Regulations of the ITU-R are not LAW. They aren't anything
like amendments to our Constitution. They are NOT laws of the United
States until the United States makes laws that subscribe to them.

The Congress of the United States does not directly deal with civil
radio regulation (although it most certainly can, and sometimes does).
The Congress, through the Communications Act of 1934, established
the Federal Communications Commission to make civil radio
regulations...which ARE laws of the USA.

>> Code testing is the "only" treaty the US "recognizes?"
>
> The currently ratified treaty is the only treaty this country recognizes.
>That treaty has a code testing requirement.

Sorry, but you must concede that the USA is signatory to MANY
other treaties...with international organizations as well as individual
nation administrations. That's the fact. There is NO singular treaty
that the USA "recognizes" that has "code testing requirements."

The ITU-R is only one of MANY organizations to which the USA is
signatory.

>> Our states decide whether or not to test for amateur
>> morse code?!?
>
> I'm not referring to the individual states within the United States. A
>"state" in this context is "a country or nation with its own sovereign
>independent government."

Then recognize that the ITU-R refers to ADMINISTRATIONS, not
"states." One does not have to be an attorney admitted to a legal
bar to understand that legal language has terms and phrases which
must be exact.

>> Please explain this new "ratification" process.
>
> Read the Constitution of the United State of America.

I have read it many times since school days. I've even served to
protect it through military service to this country. I understand it and
what most of it says. Nowhere in the Constitution of the United States
is there any mention of radio, morse code, the United Nations, nor the
Federal Communications Commission. [that includes Amendments
which were ratified by the states much later than the original Constitution
acceptance-ratification.

What part of the United States Constitution would you like explained to
you?

LHA

3212. Re: ATTN: Tech Licensee USA Morse Code Freedom Day is August 1st

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 02:08:55 UTC
From: lenover21@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030728220855.23307.00001801@mb-m29.aol.com>
Source record: 73144

In article <5c01b95b.0307272009.16f754a0@posting.google.com>, k4yz@aol.com (Steve Robeson, K4CAP) writes:

>> What's all this "treaty ratification" thing?!?
>>
>> I thought that the US Congress...(SNIP of YadaYadayada)
>
> Proof positive that "assinine" is a LennieRant tradition.

GET BACK ON YOUR MEDICATION PRESCRIPTION SCHEDULE.

LHA

3213. Re: Question for the No coders

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 02:08:57 UTC
From: lenover21@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030728220857.23307.00001802@mb-m29.aol.com>
Source record: 73053

In article <3F251DEC.3D0FABA7@earthlink.net>, Dave Heil <k8mn@earthlink.net>
writes:

>Len Over 21 wrote:
>>
>> In article <d22b54c3.0307270050.507fa2f@posting.google.com>, kelly@dvol.com
>> (Brian Kelly) writes:
>>
>> >wa8ulx@aol.com (WA8ULX) wrote in message
>> >news:<20030727014205.02803.00000513@mb-m19.aol.com>...
>> >> >I was on HF and communicating
>> >> > before any of the regulars in here and I didn't have to use any
>> >> > morse code at all.
>> >>
>> >> Im sure your right, CB or 11 Meters is considered HF.
>> >
>> >He's so fulla shit the whites of his eyes gotta be brown.
>>
>> Incorrect. They are blue.
>
>That has to be an interesting look you've got there, Leonard. What
>color are the pupils?

Why do you ask about my former class? Those pupils were
representative of nearly all races.

>> >I for one
>> >was on the HF ham bands in 1951 *with CW* from W3CGS before I got my
>> >Novice ticket.
>>
>> Then you were BOOTLEGGING, old man. ILLEGAL. Tsk, tsk.
>
>I think we may see another gap in your knowledge looming.

All indications are that Kellie was BOOTLEGGING despite claims
(which will surface) that there was a "control operator" there. No
way to ascertain if that control operator was there...except by
his word.

Since you cannot accept anyone's word (if their opinion on a subject
is different than yours), you cannot corroborate anything Kellie said
or did 52 years ago. You are overextending your self-professed task
of being the newsgroup kop in here.

>> >The only "HF experience" he had in that timeframe was
>> >as a grunt U.S. Army apprentice RTTY equipment mechanic & babysitter

>> >1952-53.
>>
>> Incorrect AGAIN!
>>
>> Microwave Radio Relay Operation and Maintenance Supervisor, (then)
>> MOS 281.6. Temporarily doing Fixed Station Transmitters operation
>> and maintenance (supervisor) 1953 to 1956 at US Army radio station
>> ADA in Tokyo, Japan. 43 transmitters on HF ranging from 1 KW
>> (BC-339) to 40 KW (AN/FRC-22)...working to Seoul, Pusan,
>> Okinawa, Manila, Saigon, Anchorage, Seattle, Hawaii, San Francisco
>> on a 24/7 schedule. Not a single circuit used any morse code.
>
>I know you just forgot to mention, "Fifty years ago..."
>
>> In 1952 I was in Basic Training and at the Signal School in Fort
>> Monmouth, NJ.
>
>...and a year later you were an expert.

INCORRECT. I've never stated I was "expert" in HF communications.

A half century ago the US Army did NOT use morse code for long-haul HF communications. I am a direct witness to that. So is N2JTV. THAT was my point which you will never ever concede due to your peculiar need to be some sort of radio guru and traffic kop.

After three years at Army station ADA and its 43 HF transmitters, doing both operations and maintenance, I can claim some experience in HF radio long ago.

"It ain't braggin' if ya done it." I did it.

LHA

3214. Re: Ham Radio In The Post-Code Testing Era

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 02:08:57 UTC
From: lenover21@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030728220857.23307.00001803@mb-m29.aol.com>
Source record: 73141

In article <5c01b95b.0307280135.1b31d00a@posting.google.com>, k4yz@aol.com (Steve Robeson, K4CAP) writes:

>lenover21@aol.com (Len Over 21) wrote in message
>news:<20030727152355.12501.00001200@mb-m04.aol.com>...
>
>> Wait until you hear what his parents wished for... :-)
>
> Coming from the only placenta to make it past puberty, that's cute!

Now you've gone too far. It is NOT NICE TO THROW GARBAGE
WORDS AT LARRIE.

You should join the rest of the east coast coarse crowd who like to
talk about animal dung and feces in an amateur radio newsgroup.
Very manly and intellectual...

LHA

3215. Re: CORRECTION!!!

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 02:08:58 UTC
From: lenover21@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030728220858.23307.00001804@mb-m29.aol.com>
Source record: 73149

In article <5c01b95b.0307280133.63627720@posting.google.com>, k4yz@aol.com (Steve Robeson, K4CAP) writes:

>lenover21@aol.com (Len Over 21) wrote in message
>news:<20030727152355.12501.00001201@mb-m04.aol.com>...
>
>> I think he needed the military handset he wanted for "high noise level
>> environments" because of all his own shouting and hollering in front of
>> a computer.
>
> Ummmm...close...Laughing at you, Lennie. I often have to check it
>to keep from waking the rest of the household.

Nobody has to know the exact nature of the "high noise enivornment" to understand that the "noise" is gunfire and ordinance going off.

The reference to the Paramilitary page of the SGC website was quite enough to show that. The word PARAMILITARY is self-explanatory.

You want to put on a military uniform again and be a "Sojer in da woods" to achieve some apparent loss of self prestige. Many do that around the country as a way of working out their frustration at not being able to cope with civilized society.

The search for an H-33 handset took all of about 3 minutes, mostly to navigate the Fair Radio Sales website (large, not optimally arranged). You could have done exactly the same thing, but didn't and asked for help.

You couldn't be expected to understand the reference to an "H-33" because of your age. By the time you were in the military, it had been replaced with the newer H-250...which is now an obsolete model. Obsolete or not, they all work the same and can handle 300 to 500 mW audio into the earpiece. The start of all military handsets that could slip under a helmet edge began in the Korean War and the PRC-9 series had provisions to clip the H-33 to the backpack straps as a sort of speaker (enough to alert the carrier, if not for intelligibility). That clip-on feature is retained today in almost all police officer portable radios, the microphone being used as a speaker when not transmitting.

Well, when you know so little of what once had been your military career, you have to keep putting down others to raise your self-esteem. We all know that too and can see it whenever you get on-line to throw garbage at others.

LHA

3216. Re: American w/ Disability Act and CW Proficiency Test

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 02:08:59 UTC
From: lenover21@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030728220859.23307.00001805@mb-m29.aol.com>
Source record: 73148

In article <3F25207F.1070600@psu.edu>, Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu> writes:

>Kim W5TIT wrote:
>
>> Absolutely. To come to the conclusion that deaf people cannot learn and use
>> CW is rather narrow-minded in my opnion. I bet there's a way that ANYONE
>> could learn CW.
>
> It helps if a person types in all caps too! ;^)
>
>> For goodness sake! By your example, Keith, blind people should not be
>> licensed because, "how in the world would they know what frequency they are
>> on?"
>
> Now that you mention it, how does a fully blind ham tell what frequency

>he or she is on? I suppose that using the memory channels on an HF rig
>would be one method, but does anyone here know?

There are many aids for the hearing disabled as well as sight disabled
out there. Few know about them because there isn't a mass market for
them.

There were at least two "speaking meters" on the market, one of which
was used by a ham heard on a 20m net some years ago. In that case
he put the microphone in front of the meter's transducer to indicate the
carrier frequency (which resulted in an on-air argument amongst the
net as to which one of them was "most accurate" in frequency, sighted
or sightless...heh heh). There are "talking wrist watches" on the market
now, at least three models that I've seen...heard one used by a patient
at a nursing home who also had a bedside radio with some "talking"
features built into its controls.

The "TDD" is quite a common appliance for hearing disabled to use as
a telephone. A perusal of telephone book listings will show the "TDD"
(Telecommunications Device for the Deaf) numbers at stores so
equipped...and some urban services which have operator translators
with a TDD and conventional telephone to "interpret" for deaf folks.
I know a lady who did about two years at that task as a volunteer.

A diligent search will turn up a surprising number of devices and
appliances that are available for sight or hearing disables people.

LHA

3217. Re: American w/ Disability Act and CW Proficiency Test

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 02:09:00 UTC
From: lenover21@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030728220900.23307.00001806@mb-m29.aol.com>
Source record: 73143

In article <3F251F7A.4040202@psu.edu>, Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu> writes:

> So please don't tell those who cannot hear as well as you what they can

>and cannot do.

Sorry about that, Mike, but you have to consider the environment.

The environment in here.

All sorts of morsemen have been shouting and hollering about having
to know, do, and test for morsemanship in amateurism for a long
time. Roughly 91 years now.

Morsemen keep telling everyone else what THEY CAN AND CANNOT
DO for decades in order to be a "good" radio person. They MUST DO
MORSE.

[I turned up the volume so you could hear...]

LHA

3218. Re: American w/ Disability Act and CW Proficiency Test

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 02:09:01 UTC
From: lenover21@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030728220901.23307.00001807@mb-m29.aol.com>
Source record: 73145

In article <3F251F22.F0257528@earthlink.net>, Dave Heil <k8mn@earthlink.net>
writes:

>Len Over 21 wrote:
>
>> Whine, whine, whine...spiteful statements from someone who insists that
>> all must do as he did because he is so magnificent.
>
>Not all must or can do what Steve did.

Which "Steve" are you talking about, colonel?

>The test standards are not now the same.

NO KIDDING?!? Why do you state the obvious, colonel?

>You, on the other hand, can continue to do what you've been
>doing toward obtaining an amateur radio license--zip, nada, zilch,
>nuttin'.

It was not a "requirement" anywhere that I GET an amateur radio
license...anywhere but in your mind.

All I want to do is see the morse code test eliminated.

>I'm sure you'll get that "Extra right out of the box" as soon as you
>figure out how to open the box.

Couldn't do that. The FDA pulled all the boxes from the shelves.
Inspectors found it contained tainted ham and the remains of a
code key. They are tracing the key remnants now and suspect
it may have your fingerprints on it.

Wear gloves next time, Una.

LHA

3219. Re: Ham Radio Rescue in California Press

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 02:09:02 UTC
From: lenover21@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030728220902.23307.00001808@mb-m29.aol.com>
Source record: 73051

In article <5c01b95b.0307272021.565f0f2@posting.google.com>, k4yz@aol.com (Steve Robeson, K4CAP) writes:

>lenover21@aol.com (Len Over 21) wrote in message
>news:<20030727143827.14837.00001751@mb-m03.aol.com>...
>> In article <bg0sn7$l46$1@adenine.netfront.net>, "Kim W5TIT"
>> <fahgedit@nomail.net> writes:
>>
>> >To tell you
>> >the truth, I'm impressed that ANY radio worked to contact someone and,
>just
>> >as you say, I'm sure it is because of the density of repeaters in their
>> >area. You're right. Kansas would have been a whole different situation.
>>
>> Kim...FYI, the state of California is NOT thickly dotted with repeaters
>> or cell sites on every mountaintop...but the state does have some
>> quite-high mountains along the coast from the Sierra Madres next to
>> Los Angeles way up north to the Oregon border and magnificent
>> Mount Shasta.
>
> Sheesh...what an IDIOT.

Tsk, tsk, tsk. Off your medications again? :-)

> OK, Lennie..we can conceed that not EVERY mountaintop has
>repeaters...We'll allow 90%. Including a lot in really remote places,
>like the Owens Valley, Mt Wilson, Adalanto, Victorville, Julian, Yucca
>Valley, Palm Springs...etc etc etc.

A problem with not taking your medications as indicated is a loss of reasoning ability.

I did NOT say that "every mountaintop has repeaters" or even close to that. You are losing reading comprehension at a high rate.

>> About two years or so ago, a group of climbers got stranded on a snow-
>> covered mountain in Washington state. They called for help on an FRS
>> HT and were heard about 20 miles away by a pre-teenage girl who
>> overheard the call, more by accident than anything else. That made the
>> papers locally (not just some radio hobbyist organ). No amateur radio,
>> no morse code involved. Rescue enabled via radio, ANY radio service.
>
> And your point was...???

Rescue of the hikers was enabled by radio.

Your rage is increased because it was not amateur radio. Tsk, tsk.

That bit of news was well-publicized in Washington and Oregon newspapers at the time, even pictures. There was nothing comparable about rescues involving amateur radio at that time.

You really need to stay on your medications as prescribed. You are not a medical doctor and should not try to diagnose yourself.

LHA

3220. Re: The Plan

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 02:20:14 UTC
From: "Dick Carroll;" <dixie@townsqr.com>
Message-ID: <bg4lkusnh0@208.207.71.142>
Source record: 73055

Jim Hampton wrote:

> Here is an idiot who has never been near an emergency. When 911 hit, I lost
> my internet in Rochester, NY, some 300 miles away due to the 'high
> technology' also being very highly vulnerable. Several years back, an ice
> storm hit the North East. There were no telephones, no power, and even
> emergency towers were downed. One amateur repeater tower/antenna was
> pressed into service for the police. They were crying for HF mobile
> amateurs to lend a hand. When there are no telephones nor power for
> hundreds of miles, neither your CB (and I'm sure this is where the looser is
> from), nor your cell phone, nor the internet is going to be of any use at
> all. I'm not going back 30 years, I'm talking recently (and perhaps
> tomorrow).

Besides which his rant didn't even wiggle the trollmeter.

3221. Re: There is no International Code Requirement and techs can operate HF accordi

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 02:22:07 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030728222207.02627.00000369@mb-m02.aol.com>
Source record: 73056

In article <Xns93C67CE88FE4elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>, Alun Palmer
<elektros@yahoo.com> writes:

>The question comes down to the meaning of "and who has
>received credit for proficiency in telegraphy in accordance with the
>international requirements". If there is no international requirement to
>have "received credit for proficiency in telegraphy" for access to any
>frequency, then a person who has not "received credit for proficiency in
>telegraphy" is "in accordance with the international requirements" if they
>operate on those frequencies.

Except that there IS an "international requirement to have "received credit for
proficiency in telegraphy"". The international requirement is that each country
shall decide what the requirement is for those it licenses. Switzerland has
decided that it's 0 wpm. Britain has decided that it's the "Morse assessment"
of the Foundation license. The US has decided it's 5 wpm.
>
>Can we deem that a Tech who has not "received credit for proficiency in
>telegraphy" has nevertheless "received credit for proficiency in
>accordance with the international requirements", i.e. is "in accordance
>with the international requirements"?

Nope.
>
>Granted that s25.5 as revised allows each administration to determine
>whether a code test is required. That being the case, the FCC does so in
>respect of Tech HF operation only through 97.301(e) and in no other rule.

Poor verbiage, that's all.

>If that rule is conditional upon a code test being required by
>international requirements, then there is nothing therein indicating that
>the FCC chooses to require a code test for that particular purpose.

Except that's not what it means.
>
>To cut a long story short, the argument rests upon whether "in accordance
>with international requirements" is a necessary condition in the sentence.
>If it is, then no-code Techs have the Novice HF frequencies*, and if not,
>then they will have to wait. This is really what I am seeking comment on,
>although all other observations are welcome.
>
>*(Although possibly not until after ratification of the new treaty)

FCC used that verbiage to avoid having to keep the Tech Plus class alive. I don't know what their problem with the T+ license is, but they have always treated it as a poor relation.

What I find most surreal about all this is that even with folks like WK3C, K2UNK and K2ASP saying the way it is, folks argue with them and question their motivation and qualification.

73 de Jim, N2EY

3222. Re: There is no International Code Requirement and techs can operate HF according to FCC Rules

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 02:29:59 UTC
From: Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93C6E4CF17520elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>
Source record: 73057
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb

"Jim Hampton" <aa2qa@frontiernet.net> wrote in
news:RmgVa.277$gU7.98@news02.roc.ny:

> Please re-read Phil's reply again. You missed the point as to each
> administration is free to do as they please. So far, the FCC has not
> seen to eliminate the Morse requirement. Period.
>
> 73 from Rochester, NY
> Jim
>
>
>
> ---
> Outgoing mail is certified Virus Free.
> Checked by AVG anti-virus system (http://www.grisoft.com).
> Version: 6.0.504 / Virus Database: 302 - Release Date: 7/24/03
>
>
>

No I am well aware of that point. However, the FCCs implementation of requiring a code test is different for Techs than it is for Generals and Extras. Generals and Extras are required to pass Element 1, and Techs are not. Access for Techs to the Novice HF subbands is __not__ conditioned on passing Element 1, but only upon having "received credit for proficiency in telegraphy in accordance with the international requirements" (from rule 97.301(e)).

Given that s25.5 leaves it open for each administration to determine if a code test is required, with no mention of any specific frequencies, the only rule the FCC chooses to make for Tech HF access is 97.301(e), which in turn includes the words "in accordance with international requirements", i.e. in accordance with s25.5.

So, the FCC rule implies that a code test is required if s25.5 requires it, and s25.5 says that a code test is required if the administration (the FCC) requires it! This is a circular process, in fact one that could go around in ever decreasing circles! Each rule appears to be conditional upon the other! Obviously those who drafted the rules did not intend this, but the ITU rule has changed in a way that was not anticipated.

It would seem to me that if two rules each require that a specific condition must be met only if the other rule requires it, then in fact

that condition does not have to be met.

3223. Re: BPL pollution ☐ file reply comments by August 6

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 02:31:57 UTC
From: "Dick Carroll;" <dixie@townsqr.com>
Message-ID: <bg4mat$v44$0@208.206.142.73>
Source record: 73059
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.shortwave

Brian Kelly wrote:

> peter@strg-alt-entf.org (Peter Lemken) wrote in message
news:<bg03i6$j9ehk$5@ID-31.news.uni-berlin.de>...
> > In rec.radio.amateur.dx Rob Kemp <robkemp90210@hotmail.com> wrote:
> >
> > > BPL pollution ? please file reply comments by August 6 (the FCC site
> > > tends to go down close to deadlines so try and post in plenty of
> > > time).
> >
> > You have already lost the battle.
> >
> > What can you say against an argument that includes "Homeland Security"?
> >
> > "Further, the addition of BPL facilities-based technologies will, as
> > correctly recognized by the Commission, enhance homeland security by
> > "creating new facilities to provide redundancy."
> >
> > Has anyone done a grep for 'terror' throughout these documents?
> >
> > And the fact that BPL has been abandoned for economic reasons in Germany
> > will probably make the US-guys feel that they can do a lot better than us
> > stupid Krauts. After all, we lost the war.
>
> Both of 'em actually.
>
> > Bye bye ham radio in the US.
>
> Don't put that in the bank. I've seen some analyses of BPL economics,
> beyond dismal. Breakeven point for recovering the initial investments
> is projected to be ten years out. How do you suppose Wall Street will
> react to that when that black cat gets out of the bag? Power utility
> mangements have to be among the worst of all possible types to
> shepherd anything hi-tech comms, they're still wrapped around steam
> engines.
>

Yeah but..... Remember Iridium?? Not 'zactly a gallopin' bizzness plan but
they got the spectrum and the $$$ backing to toss up something like $22bil
worth of hardware into the sky before reality struck. All very "high tech" and thus highly
desirable to the
regulators who get stars in their eyes and froth at the mouth at the very mention of the
name Carl
Stevenson...And if Bill Gates

and a couple other Guru level geeks climb on board this train's REALLY rollin'......

I sure wouldn't ignore the threat of BPL just because it stinks from almost every viewpoint except that it's
highly desireable as a high tech solution to
a percieved-but-not-necessarily-existant problem. Commisar Powell really
thinks it's THE solution to getting everyone in the world wired.....That alone is trumps tons of logic.

Dick

3224. Re: BPL pollution - file reply comments by August 6

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 02:32:51 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
Message-ID: <3F25DCAA.9000900@adelphia.net>
Source record: 73058

Scott Unit 69 wrote:
>>I would suggest, Scott, that you dispense with looking at gifs and instead use
>>methods that employ sound. Here's one.
>>
>>All you need is 'net access and a computer with sound.
>>
>>http://www.9bit.qc.ca/ve2crd/cours/CW_course.html
>
>
>
> I just recovered from yesterday's hamfest. I still have 11 months
> on the CSCE. I picked a few chars out of a repeater's ID today. <:

You can do it. I would advise getting a program that either does random
groups - good, but can be boring, or one that generates or does psuedo
random QSO's from a text file.

- Mike KB3EIA -

3225. Re: American w/ Disability Act and CW Proficiency Test

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 02:33:03 UTC
From: "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net>
Message-ID: <z1lVa.14145$Vx2.6964837@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com>
Source record: 73060
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.misc

"C" <cpierce@uit.net> wrote in message
news:cpierce-DBD09A.20273228072003@news03.west.earthlink.net...
>
> No I am not doing a memorizing of each dit and dah and converting
> method. My problem is my brain does not react fast enough to decide what
> each character is before the next one is sent. I just get further
> behind. I practice at least 20 to 30 minutes usually twice a day if not
> more. I use computer programs and ARRL training CDs.
>
> I will check "The Art and Skill of Radiotelegraphy". Thanks for the
> encouragement.
>
> C.

None of us could react fast enough at first. You are not alone. When you are copying and miss a letter, just skip it and catch the next one. If you let your mind focus on what you missed, you will then miss several others that come after. DON'T TRY TO GET THE MISSED LETTER AT THAT TIME. Just write an underscore and go on so that you don't miss following letters. This takes a little practice by the way as we all want to be perfect so we sit there and try to figure it out while falling further behind. If you get a lot of blanks at first, that's OK. Just keep working on it.

When you take the test, you are allowed time to go back over your paper and fill in what you think the missing material might be. Here is an example (using an underscore for characters that you miss on the copy).

What you originally copied: NAM_ IS JO_N.
Now if you look back over your copy, fill in what you believe the missing letters should be. In this case, the text sent was most likely: NAME IS JOHN.
Then on the test questions, you will probably be asked the name and there you have it right there on your paper.

When I took my extra code test (20wpm), I had a lot of underscores on my paper but despite that I was able to successfully answer the country question (it was Switzerland) even though I only had about half the letters copied on my sheet.

Dee D. Flint, N8UZE

3226. Re: There is no International Code Requirement and techs can operate HF according to FCC Rules

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 02:36:03 UTC
From: Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93C6E5D678474elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>
Source record: 73061

"Kim W5TIT" <fahgedit@nomail.net> wrote in
news:bg4csl$6b2$1@adenine.netfront.net:

> "Keith" <kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net> wrote in message
> news:bg34fm022qc@enews1.newsguy.com...
>> On Sun, 27 Jul 2003 16:47:46 GMT, "Carl R. Stevenson"
>> <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> wrote:
>>
>> > All the removal of the international requirement in the ITU Radio
>> > Regulations
>> > does is to allow each administration to determine on its own whether
>> > or not to keep a Morse test.
>>
>> We are talking about 97.301(e) and it does not require a technician to
>> possess element 1. It requires the tech to meet s25.5 which NO longer
>> requires the tech to know morse code. The reason 97.301(e) was written
>> that way is because the FCC expected s25.5 to be deleted.
>> Don't you see the ARRL is trying to pull a fast one? Read 97.301(e)
>> like you don't know anything and then read s25.5 to see what we are
>> talking about. Don't
>> worry about the test, it has nothing to do with the test.
>>
>> You can lead a pig to water, but hams are something else.
>>
>> GEEEESSSSS.
>>
>
> Tell ya what, Keith. You do something to back up what your saying you
> believe. Write a public letter to the FCC, post it here even so we can
> all see it. Let them know that you intend to being operating on
> _________ frequency (you fill in the blank). Let them know when you
> will be operating on the frequency, OK?
>
> Now, I'm serious here. Either put the f*** up or shut the f*** up.
> Let us all know when you'll be operating.
>
> Kim W5TIT
>
>
> ---
> Posted via news://freenews.netfront.net
> Complaints to news@netfront.net
>

Kim, do you know what licence Keith has (I don't). I think he does have a point when he says that 97.301(e) was written in the expectation that 25.5 would be suppressed. I does look that way. I don't know how else to explain why it is worded the way it is. Maybe he is only a no-code Tech? I know if I was then I would be a bit worried about going on the Novice subbands even if I was 98% sure that I was right.

3227. Re: American w/ Disability Act and CW Proficiency Test

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 02:37:40 UTC
From: "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net>
Message-ID: <U5lVa.14146$Vx2.6965654@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com>
Source record: 73062
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.misc

"C" <cpierce@uit.net> wrote in message
news:cpierce-277412.20040828072003@news03.west.earthlink.net...
> I asked why it seemed so fast. I was told by the VE that he gives all
> code test at least 13 words per minute if not faster.....
>
> I have sent out a couple of e-mails requesting imformation of how tests
> are given ie, speed and if fonsworth method was used. I do not wnat to
> know the test iteslf as that would defeat the purpose of the testing
> session. I have yet to receive an answer from any VE...
>
> All I ask for is to know what speed I need to be studying as it all
> sounds different to me at each speed....
>

Don't email. TELEPHONE them. Ask them what is the character speed and what is the overall word speed. They can have the character speed at 13 (or faster), but the spacing must be adjusted to end up at 5wpm overall. It is not proper test procedure to have the test at an actual 13wpm when it is supposed to be 5wpm.

Talk to the VE team leader that you will eventually be testing under so that you do get the correct character speed for the test that you will be planning to take.

Finally try to find someone who is knowledgeable in correct training methods to "Elmer" you if at all possible.

Dee D. Flint, N8UZE

3228. Re: Amateur Radio "outside the box"

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 02:44:57 UTC
From: "Dick Carroll;" <dixie@townsqr.com>
Message-ID: <bg4n39fb0@208.206.142.73>
Source record: 73063

"Steve Robeson, K4CAP" wrote:

> vshah101@aol.com (Vshah101) wrote in message
news:<20030727231851.18159.00000816@mb-m15.aol.com>...
> > From: Radio Amateur KC2HMZ
> >
> > >Naturally. What would *you* give them on the basis of?
> >
> > Instead of the number of contacts worked, how about station setup time or
> > distance. How about awarding for getting through under less ideal conditions.
> > This may require a signal report.
> >
> > As, you can see, there are many possibilities for awards, other than what
> > exists right now.
>
> SNIP
>
> I'll just cut to the chase and call you for the idiot that you
> are, Shah. These things have been explained to you over and over and
> over and over...But YOU can't seem to assimilate the finer details of
> what's going on.

Vipul has got to be the most dedicated troll to land here since The Putz himself.

3229. Re: BAD IDEA for ham radio in general (was Re: Contact the FCC and Tell Them t

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 02:55:30 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
Message-ID: <3F25E1F7.8040902@adelphia.net>
Source record: 73064

N2EY wrote:
> In article <3F2564C1.3020608@psu.edu>, Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu> writes:
<some snippage>
>
>> And of course there is the big question of.....WHY!
>
>
> Because the organization exists for the sole stated purpose of ending all code
> testing for any class of license. It costs nothing but a few mouse clicks to
> join, but as far as anyone outside the organization knows there are less than
> 4000 members worldwide (look at the highest member number you see and subtract
> 1000). That's how many have ever been members, not how many are currently
> active. A few members resigned after the 2000 restructuring because they
> decided that 5 wpm was enough, and did not want to see total code test
> elimination.

I understand all that, but it seems a little strange to join a group
that is facing extinction soon.

>
>>All these people
>>yakking here are US citizens with (I think) one exception. What is the
>>purpose of joining an organization that has accomplished it's apparent
>>sole purpose in this country?
>
>
> That goal has not yet been accomplished! Element 1 or equivalent credit is
> still required for all classes of US ham license with HF privileges. FCC hasn't
> changed those rules yet. Heck, FCC hasn't even gotten a proposal to do so yet.

TRue, but even if it takes that two years I speak of, it doesn't seem
worth joining. Plus it seems their only goal is to eliminnate the code
test, not the transition from one state to the other.

>
>
>>I mean how many people really care if they
>>have the Morse code test in Lower Sloshingbottom?
>
>
> See above.
>
>
>>>>NCI's Board of Directors is working the strategy for how to

>>>>best approach the FCC on this matter and we will keep the
>>>>membership informed when we have finalized those discussions.
>>>
>
>
>>>In other words, "join our organization and trust us to do what's best,
>>>don't go running off half-cocked and make all of us look bad". That's
>>>what the ARRL has been saying for decades...
>>
>
>> NCI knows better than the rest of us.
>
>
> While I don't agree with that, their BoD certainly knows more about dealing
> with the FCC than those who advocate breaking the rules.
>

Heheh, that's true

>> Is there an argument that can convince a PCTA to join NCI?
>
>
> That's not the problem - there doesn't seem to be one that can convince some
> vociferous NCTAs to join! Or even to see that their actions damage the very
> cause they claim to champion.
>
>
>>>>Join No Code International! Hams for the 21st Century.
>>>
>
>
>>>Will these "hams for the 21st Century" listen to you and toe the party
>>>line?
>>
>
>> They don't seem to be so far do they?
>
>
> We're only talking about a vociferous few, Mike. So far. It will be interesting
> to see what happens on Aug 1.
>
>
>>>>Help assure the survival and prosperity of ham radio.
>>>
>
>
>>>I think we can agree that annoying the Commissioners, breaking the
>>>rules, and acting like we don't know how the system works isn't going
>>>to help the survival and prosperity of ham radio.
>>
>

>> But that doesn't mean it isn't going to happen.
>
>
> Hopefully saner heads will prevail.
>
>
>>>There's one thing about all this that puzzles me, though. The FCC made
>>>their opinions clear back in 1999 and again in 2000. The agenda for
>>>WRC 2003 was known more than a year in advance and the outcome for
>>>S25.5 correctly predicted by you (Carl) as a "slam dunk". Yet your
>>>organization is still figuring out what to do next wrt FCC?
>>
>
>> I myself have no idea why there isn't a whole sequence of events
>>marked out for an orderly transition.
>
>
> You mean by FCC? They don't work that way. Look how long the last restructuring
> took.

Nope, I mean the NCI. Why they don't have things mapped out and know
exactly the steps that must be taken to achieve their stated purpose on
this earth. Surely THEY knew that it takes more than just changing the
treaty?

>
>> Like who becomes what in the hierarchy of licenses.
>>
>> Do Novices lose their licenses? Aside from CW, their test is so
>>rudimentary?
>>
>> Tech pluses?
>>
>> Lots of stuff that will become apparent as time goes on.
>>
>
> Nobody should lose their license. Nobody should lose operating privileges
> UNLESS they are compensated for by new privileges.

Right. But I think there should be some sort of remedial program for the
novices. After all, I would expect their final priveliges to be
equivalent to a tech plus, which of course doesn't exist anymore, at
least for testing.

> Consider this: There's a whole bunch of stuff that my 1967-70 era tests didn't
> cover (like PSK-31). But FCC trusts that since I have a clean record I have
> kept up with the rules and regs. So why should a Novice or Tech be any
> different?
>
>
>>>How long will it take to decide, and will "your people" listen to you?

>>>They don't have much to lose, and they don;t even think they will get
>>>caught. Many don't understand how the system works, but think they do
>>>and don't care about long-term effects or the image of the ARS as a
>>>whole.
>>
>
>>>Newsgroup postings are bad enough, but some are advocating massive
>>>spamming and rulebreaking. Is that to be the way of "hams for the 21st
>>>century"?
>>
>
>>Like it or not, the removal of the Morse test has removed one element of
>>knowledge from the licensing process. Argue with me if about the
>>definition of knowledge, but it is the removal of just that. Knowledge.
>
>
> Skills are a form of knowledge, so there's no argument.
>
>
>>Sure sounds like entropy in action to me.
>
>
> Exactly. Were the writtens beefed up when the code was lowered? No, just the
> opposite, although folks will argue that point too.
>
>
>> A whole lot of people find that removal of knowledge a positive thing
>>for them. This includes that mythical engineer who is so busy he or she
>>cannot take the time to learn Morse or is so fearful of leaning
>>something that they may not use. Unfortunately, it also includes some
>>people who find that rules are for other people.
>
>
> What I find most ironic is that if the proposed rule-breaking actions are
> carried out, it may damage the nocodetest cause and prove what some procodetest
> people have said for years.

Yup

>
>> And yes, I worry about those people. I have great concern for the
>>people who think that a Technician can now pick and choose where to
>>transmit, who think that all ya gotta do to change the rules is have
>>everyone email the head people at the FCC, and whatever these good folk
>>dream up next.
>>
>
> The oddest thing is that even when someone as knowledgeable as Carl, Bill or
> Phil, who are "on their side" tells them they're wrong, they argue.

Right. I could be of help, but when I point out to them what to me is obvious, and turning out to be true, I get that. And it isn't even a personal condemnation.

> N0BK would call it surreal. He's gone, so I'll have to do the honors.

It's surreal......

- Mike KB3EIA -

3230. Re: BAD IDEA for ham radio in general (was Re: Contact the FCC and Tell Them to get rid of CW Test and Requirements)

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 03:02:49 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
Message-ID: <3F25E3AF.2030600@adelphia.net>
Source record: 73065

Alun Palmer wrote:
> <Snip> All these
>
>> people
>>yakking here are US citizens with (I think) one exception. <snip>
>
>
> You probably mean me. I am not a US citizen, I'm British, but I live in
> the USA. Larry has said that he used to be G0L something or other. Of
> course that doesn't prove he's British, but it's not renounceable, so if
> he ever was then he's stuck with it, whether or not he's a US citizen.

In the conext of my point Alun, some of the countries that will apparantly keep the code requirement are not those who we would expect to post to this group, are out of the way, and hard to drum up a lot of interest for change in the typical reader or ham for that matter.

It will be pretty hard to convince a lot of hams here in the USA or say even the UK that they should join an organization that is trying to get ride of the Morse code requirement in say Russia.

Nothing meant about your opinions or right to post here.

- Mike KB3EIA -

3231. Re: The Plan

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 03:03:33 UTC
From: vshah101@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030728230333.18739.00000550@mb-m18.aol.com>
Source record: 73066

From: "Jim Hampton" aa2qa

> neither your CB (and I'm sure this is where the looser is
>from), nor your cell phone, nor the interne

Amateur radio could be more than an operator's hobby.
Some Hams seem to forget that there could be much more to amateur radio than glorified CB.

3232. Re: American w/ Disability Act and CW Proficiency Test

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 03:08:28 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
Message-ID: <3F25E504.8050301@adelphia.net>
Source record: 73067
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.misc

C wrote:
> No I am not doing a memorizing of each dit and dah and converting
> method. My problem is my brain does not react fast enough to decide what
> each character is before the next one is sent. I just get further
> behind. I practice at least 20 to 30 minutes usually twice a day if not
> more. I use computer programs and ARRL training CDs.
>
> I will check "The Art and Skill of Radiotelegraphy". Thanks for the
> encouragement.

Ahh, that training CD! I used it, and failed miserably at it. Turns out
I memorized the darn thing. You might try a program that sends out
random groups or even makes up QSO's.

- Mike KB3EIA -

3233. Re: There is no International Code Requirement and techs can operate HF accordi

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 03:09:38 UTC
From: Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93C6EB870C7AAelektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>
Source record: 73068

n2ey@aol.com (N2EY) wrote in
news:20030728222207.02627.00000369@mb-m02.aol.com:

> In article <Xns93C67CE88FE4elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>, Alun Palmer
> <elektros@yahoo.com> writes:
>
>>The question comes down to the meaning of "and who has
>>received credit for proficiency in telegraphy in accordance with the
>>international requirements". If there is no international requirement
>>to have "received credit for proficiency in telegraphy" for access to
>>any frequency, then a person who has not "received credit for
>>proficiency in telegraphy" is "in accordance with the international
>>requirements" if they operate on those frequencies.
>
> Except that there IS an "international requirement to have "received
> credit for proficiency in telegraphy"". The international requirement
> is that each country shall decide what the requirement is for those it
> licenses. Switzerland has decided that it's 0 wpm. Britain has decided
> that it's the "Morse assessment" of the Foundation license. The US has
> decided it's 5 wpm.

But not in that rule, and it's the only rule controlling Tech access to
Novice HF subbands. 97.301(e) refers apparently to 25.5, which now refers
right back again.

For the General and the Extra the requirement remains at 5 wpm until the
FCC changes it, but that is a separate issue.

>>
>>Can we deem that a Tech who has not "received credit for proficiency in
>>telegraphy" has nevertheless "received credit for proficiency in
>>accordance with the international requirements", i.e. is "in accordance
>>with the international requirements"?
>
> Nope.
>>
>>Granted that s25.5 as revised allows each administration to determine
>>whether a code test is required. That being the case, the FCC does so
>>in respect of Tech HF operation only through 97.301(e) and in no other
>>rule.
>
> Poor verbiage, that's all.

Since when did a poorly written rule not apply?

>
>>If that rule is conditional upon a code test being required by
>>international requirements, then there is nothing therein indicating
>>that the FCC chooses to require a code test for that particular
>>purpose.
>
> Except that's not what it means.
>>
>>To cut a long story short, the argument rests upon whether "in
>>accordance with international requirements" is a necessary condition in
>>the sentence. If it is, then no-code Techs have the Novice HF
>>frequencies*, and if not, then they will have to wait. This is really
>>what I am seeking comment on, although all other observations are
>>welcome.
>>
>>*(Although possibly not until after ratification of the new treaty)
>
> FCC used that verbiage to avoid having to keep the Tech Plus class
> alive. I don't know what their problem with the T+ license is, but they
> have always treated it as a poor relation.

Which is not relevant to what the verbiage means now that s25.5 has been
altered.

>
> What I find most surreal about all this is that even with folks like
> WK3C, K2UNK and K2ASP saying the way it is, folks argue with them and
> question their motivation and qualification.
>
> 73 de Jim, N2EY
>

It is a fallacy of argument to say that someone is an expert, so therefore
they must be right. Their arguments must stand or fall on their own
merits. I do not question anyone's qualifications, as I do not see it as
relevant to whether they are right or wrong.

73 de Alun, N3KIP

3234. Re: radio amateurs et cibistes

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 03:11:00 UTC
From: Dan Finn <djfinn2@bellsouth.net>
Message-ID: <%olVa.11777$IE6.4543@fe02.atl2.webusenet.com>
Source record: 73069

Le non, non, CB n'est pas l�gal pour des contacts de DX, m�me en France.
Vous ne pouvez pas employer 11 m�tres afin de la communication de fond.
Votre ami viole des trait�s internationaux impliquant la bande de 11 m�tres.
Apr�s avoir dit cela, parfois c'est amusement pour casser la loi (� moins
que vous vous faites attraper ; -))

de KR4AJ

"Alun Palmer" <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote in message
news:Xns93C5CEF3339E5elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4...
> "Elmer E Ing" <EIG@noreply.com> wrote in
> news:L5XUa.11844$ff.4541@fed1read01:
>
> >
> > "Marc" <marc.louat@planetis.com> wrote in message
> > news:d98cc179.0307271231.1e8095c1@posting.google.com...
> >> Bonjour
> >> Je connais le radio amateurisme et ses r�gles depuis longtemps et
> >> r�cemment j'ai rencontr� une personne qui fait de la cb dans le monde
> >> entier, qui �change des cartes postales comme les radio amateurs, qui
> >> appartient � un club et qui me dit que c'est l�gal. Qu'en pensez vous?
> >> Moi � mon avis ce sont des pirates.
> >> Marc
> >
> > Using a language Translator -- reads (as best it can)
> > http://babelfish.altavista.com/
> >
> > Hello I know radio operator amateurism and his rules for a long time and
> > recently I met a person who makes cb in the whole world, which exchanges
> > postcards like the radio operator amateurs, which belongs to a club and
> > which says to me that it is legal. What think about it? Me in my opinion
> > they are pirates. Marc
> > No comment from Elmer E Ing
> > Anyone else ??
> > For USA -- FCC page http://wireless.fcc.gov/services/personal/cb/
> >
> >
> >
>
> C'est legal. On n'ait pas besoin d'un licence pour echanger des cartes
> QSL. Excusez moi pour ecriver en mauvais Francais.

3235. Re: Amateur Radio "outside the box"

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 03:13:28 UTC
From: vshah101@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030728231328.18739.00000551@mb-m18.aol.com>
Source record: 73070

From K4YZ:

> I'll just cut to the chase and call you for the idiot that you
> are, Shah. These things have been explained to you over and over and
> over and over...But YOU can't seem to assimilate the finer details of
> what's going on.

I've seen a representative sample firsthand at Hamfests and club meetings, Ham radio magazine articles, Ham's gatherings, etc. Your interpretation of those same events differ.

To anyHam:

If you're in MA/Southern NH, why not point out an event (Hamfest, club meeting, random gathering, etc). You wil see anti-social, non technical, operator focused Hams. Name the event time and place, if you are there we could compare notes.

3236. Re: BAD IDEA for ham radio in general (was Re: Contact the FCC and Tell Them to get rid of CW Test and Requirements)

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 03:26:48 UTC
From: Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93C6EE702B9E0elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>
Source record: 73071

Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net> wrote in
news:3F25E3AF.2030600@adelphia.net:

> Alun Palmer wrote:
>> <Snip> All these
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>>> people
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>> in the USA. Larry has said that he used to be G0L something or other.
>> Of course that doesn't prove he's British, but it's not renounceable,
>> so if he ever was then he's stuck with it, whether or not he's a US
>> citizen.
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> In the conext of my point Alun, some of the countries that will
> apparantly keep the code requirement are not those who we would expect
> to post to this group, are out of the way, and hard to drum up a lot of
> interest for change in the typical reader or ham for that matter.
>

A lot of people thought that Germany would keep the code test, and yet
they look like being number three to get rid of it (that is, they will be,
barring a surprise announcement by some other country before their
effective date)..

> It will be pretty hard to convince a lot of hams here in the USA
> or say
> even the UK that they should join an organization that is trying to get
> ride of the Morse code requirement in say Russia.
>

No doubt

> Nothing meant about your opinions or right to post here.
>
> - Mike KB3EIA -
>
>

I didn't think you did mean that, I was just wondering who you meant

3237. The Morse Code Requirement - Is It Really The Reason People Turn Away?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 03:27:53 UTC
From: ke4jcd@yahoo.com
Message-ID: <460a6f44.0307281927.2ab18bc8@posting.google.com>
Source record: 73072

The Morse Code Requirement
Is It Really The Reason People Turn Away?

Many people feel that the Morse Code requirement is the SOLE reason why many people turn away from Amateur Radio. Well one group dose, No-Code International, an organization dedicated to the abolition of the Morse Code requirement for Amateur Radio licenses.

In this writers opinion, the code is only one of many reasons why people turn away from Amateur Radio. Another, is the people already in the hobby. If you been reviewing my website, you can see how the people, not just the code requirement, can make, or brake a hobby. If the people act no better then CB Agitator, or a show of being better then others, can drive people away.

Let's not forget, many local clubs and members try to drive undesirables away. Who is an undesirable? Well, undesirable are people who have already join the hobby for reason other then local Clubs and their members reasons. It varies from area too area, but it's somewhat the same.

1) If you join the hobby to take advantage of the 2 meter and 70cm bands and don't upgrade to the HF bands. Because, you like to talk to family and friends. You could careless about DXing, filling your walls with QSL cards, and etc.

2) You don't use as many "Q" signals as possible. Yes, I know they were invented solely for CW and are totally inappropriate for bands above 6 meters FM, but they are fun and entertaining. "I'm going to QSY to the phone." Can you really change frequencies to the phone? QSL used to mean, "I am acknowledging receipt", but now it appears to mean, "yes" or "OK". I guess I missed it when the ARRL changed the meaning. It is also best to use "OK" and "QSL" together.

3) Not following local codes of conducts, or rules made up by the local clubs and not the FCC. For example, always giving the calls of yourself and everyone who is (or has been) in the group, whether they are still there or not. While this has been unnecessary for years, it is still a great memory test. You may also use "and the group" if you are an "old timer" or just have a bad memory.

All the above can classify you as an undesirable, and get you a life sentence of ridicule, rude comments intended to make fun of your lack of desire to upgrade, or your unwillingness to follow the leader. For example, say you don't wish to upgrade, then your marked as being to lazy to take the code test, or unable due to a lack of IQ.

If this is their idea of encouragement, well it doesn't seem like it to me, it's down right RUDE, and drives people away. Which is the whole idea, but is that really such a good idea?

If we destroy our own, then how do we expect newcomers to view us? If your trying to buildup a hobby, then you need to deal with diversity, not destroy it. Being difference from what is normal or expected is a good thing. It helps make life, or in the care of amateur radio, a much more divers, interesting and fun filled hobby. It's not the same old thing, different day.

This will help bring new blood to the hobby, thus bring fresh, and new ideas with it.

http://www.ke4jcd.com

3238. Re: Understanding the Possible Legal Loophole of s25.5 and 97.301(e)

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 03:30:59 UTC
From: "D. Stussy" <kd6lvw@bde-arc.ampr.org>
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.56.0307290331580.9509@kd6lvw.ampr.org>
Source record: 73073
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.amateur.misc

On Mon, 28 Jul 2003, Carl R. Stevenson wrote:
> "D. Stussy" <kd6lvw@bde-arc.ampr.org> wrote in message
> news:Pine.LNX.4.56.0307272052370.9313@kd6lvw.ampr.org...
> > On Sun, 27 Jul 2003, Carl R. Stevenson wrote:
> > > FCC rules have NOT changed (yet) ... Techs are STILL not allowed
> > > HF privs unless they have passed, and have documented credit for,
> > > the 5 wpm Morse test ...
> >
> > I disagree - they don't even have that anymore. Techs who have the
> element 1
> > credit in hand CANNOT operate on HF, because 47 CFR 97.301(e) has TWO
> > requirements, the second one being compliance with an international
> regulation
> > that now no longer exists. Since there is no way to be in compliance with
> the
> > rescinded regulation, the second condition can NOT be met, and therefore,
> no
> > "technician plus" licensee (or equivalent) and no novice licensee has any
> HF
> > privileges. By the stated condition, the privilege was rescinded on July
> 5,
> > 2003, when the international regulation effectively disappeared.
>
> That's ridiculous ... the NEW ITU Radio Regs simply give administrations
> the CHOICE as to whether or not to have a Morse test as a requirement
> for licenses that convey privs below 30 MHz ... they do NOT preclude
> any administration from having it either way ... it's their choice.
>
> The regulation was not "rescinded" on July 5, 2003, it was simply
> MODIFIED.

Yes, but modified in a way that the FCC regulation that was directly dependent
on it is affected. It's not the U.S.'s compliance that is in question. The
FCC regulation made it a requirement that certain U.S. licenseholders must meet
an international requirement that now does not exist; therefore, NO ONE can
meet the requirement. That's the problem.

> Thus, there is no issue of "compliance with international requirements".
> Current US FCC Part 97 rules are in compliance with the ITU Radio Regs.
>
> 73,
> Carl - wk3c
>
>

3239. Re: radio amateurs et cibistes

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 03:38:27 UTC
From: Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93C6F0699F64Delektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>
Source record: 73075

"Dan Finn" <djfinn2@bellsouth.net> wrote in
news:%olVa.11777$IE6.4543@fe02.atl2.webusenet.com:

> Le non, non, CB n'est pas l�gal pour des contacts de DX, m�me en
> France. Vous ne pouvez pas employer 11 m�tres afin de la communication
> de fond. Votre ami viole des trait�s internationaux impliquant la bande
> de 11 m�tres. Apr�s avoir dit cela, parfois c'est amusement pour casser
> la loi (� moins que vous vous faites attraper ; -))
>
> de KR4AJ
>
> "Alun Palmer" <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote in message
> news:Xns93C5CEF3339E5elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4...
>> "Elmer E Ing" <EIG@noreply.com> wrote in
>> news:L5XUa.11844$ff.4541@fed1read01:
>>
>> >
>> > "Marc" <marc.louat@planetis.com> wrote in message
>> > news:d98cc179.0307271231.1e8095c1@posting.google.com...
>> >> Bonjour
>> >> Je connais le radio amateurisme et ses r�gles depuis longtemps et
>> >> r�cemment j'ai rencontr� une personne qui fait de la cb dans le
>> >> monde entier, qui �change des cartes postales comme les radio
>> >> amateurs, qui appartient � un club et qui me dit que c'est l�gal.
>> >> Qu'en pensez vous? Moi � mon avis ce sont des pirates.
>> >> Marc
>> >
>> > Using a language Translator -- reads (as best it can)
>> > http://babelfish.altavista.com/
>> >
>> > Hello I know radio operator amateurism and his rules for a long time
>> > and recently I met a person who makes cb in the whole world, which
>> > exchanges postcards like the radio operator amateurs, which belongs
>> > to a club and which says to me that it is legal. What think about
>> > it? Me in my opinion they are pirates. Marc
>> > No comment from Elmer E Ing
>> > Anyone else ??
>> > For USA -- FCC page http://wireless.fcc.gov/services/personal/cb/
>> >
>> >
>> >
>>
>> C'est legal. On n'ait pas besoin d'un licence pour echanger des cartes

>> QSL. Excusez moi pour ecriver en mauvais Francais.
>
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>

Traites internationaux qui concerne le CB n'existe pas. C'est vrai qur les regles Americain limitent le range de CB a 150 miles (environ de 240 km), mais je n'ecoutais jamais des regles semblable dans autre pays.

Ici une groupe des radioavertis, pas des cibistes. Cette question pouvait meilleur poser sur rec.radio.cb.

3240. Re: There is no International Code Requirement and techs can operate HF according to FCC Rules

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 03:41:38 UTC
From: "D. Stussy" <kd6lvw@bde-arc.ampr.org>
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.56.0307290334410.9509@kd6lvw.ampr.org>
Source record: 73076
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb

On Mon, 28 Jul 2003, Phil Kane wrote:
> On 26 Jul 2003 04:49:22 GMT, Alun Palmer wrote:
>
> >OK Phil, read 97.301(e) and let us know how you understand it, parsing
> >each part carefully.
>
> OK - I presume that you mean the following text, not the frequency
> table:
>
> (e) For a station having a control operator who has been
> granted an operator license of Novice Class or Technician Class
>
> This is self-explanatory.
>
> and who has received credit for proficiency in telegraphy in
> accordance with the international requirements.
>
> The key to this discussion is, or course, "what are the
> international requirements".
>
> Up until the 2003 revision of S25.5 of the IRR, each Administration
> was required to determine the proficiency of each applicant for a
> license valid for operation below 30 MHz. In the US, this was done
> by requiring the applicant to pass Element 1.
>
> Upon the 2003 revision of S25.5 of the IRR, the requirement to
> determine proficiency was made optional for each Administration.
>
> That is the only change in the "international requirement" - each
> Administration can now decide by its own rules/regulations whether
> to require a code test. The code test is no longer mandatory for
> each Administration. Each Administration's requirement for code
> testing has not been automatically "dropped" or "eliminated" solely
> by the revision of S25.5.

If it's OPTIONAL (on a country-by-country basis, but that doesn't matter; any
basis will do), then it's NOT A REQUIREMENT. One cannot comply with a
requirement that doesn't exist - and that's the problem.

> Until the FCC changes the rules concering Element 1, the
> requirement in the US remains that Element 1 must be passed.

But that's not the requirement. 47 CFR 97.301(e) made DIRECT REFERENCE to the international requirement, not to "element 1 credit." Certainly, there's no need to cite "element 1 credit" for the novice license!

If it had cited "element 1 credit" as the second requirement for technican licenseholders (novice licenseholders already have it by definition in .501), then I would agree that nothing had changed. But that's not how the FCC wrote .301(e) and you know it! ;-)

> The question of -when- and -how- the FCC Rules will be changed is a
> separate item from -what- the rule requirement is up until they
> -are- changed. Ditto for how the FCC will handle the issue of
> giving -what- privileges to folks who hold a Technician license
> but have never passed the code test.

I don't believe that's the correct question. It's not a matter of no-code technicians now having HF privileges. It's a question of "coded techs" and Novices having their HF privileges STRIPPED on account of one of the two requirements now being untenable.

3241. Re: There is no International Code Requirement and techs can operate HF according to FCC Rules

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 03:42:59 UTC
From: "D. Stussy" <kd6lvw@bde-arc.ampr.org>
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.56.0307290345100.9509@kd6lvw.ampr.org>
Source record: 73077
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.misc

On Sun, 27 Jul 2003, Bill Sohl wrote:
> "Keith" <kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net> wrote in message
> news:bfsdri11m8@enews1.newsguy.com...
> > On 25 Jul 2003 22:56:38 GMT, et472@FreeNet.Carleton.CA (Michael Black)
> wrote:
> >
> > > No, the rules are what counts, not some preamble.
> >
> > The FCC rules are based on that international requirement.
> > Now the FCC could have said you must pass the 5 wpm test to operate on HF
> > frequencies. But they said based on the international proficiency
> requirements
> > a tech can operate on HF.
> >
> > Today there are no international proficiency requirements for morse code.
>
> Actually, the new treaty sez each country can decide for itself.

...And that means that it is an OPTION, not a requirement.

A requirement cannot be bypassed like an option can.

3242. Re: Alternative interpretation of Re: Understanding the Possible Legal Loophole of s25.5 and 97.301(e)

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 03:44:17 UTC
From: "D. Stussy" <kd6lvw@bde-arc.ampr.org>
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.56.0307290346101.9509@kd6lvw.ampr.org>
Source record: 73078
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb

On Mon, 28 Jul 2003, Phil Kane wrote:
> On Sat, 26 Jul 2003 10:16:05 -0500, Kim W5TIT wrote:
> >See?! I knew the argument would get very interesting! I wonder if
> >it will ever get debated in a court of law...man that would be good!
>
> Nah...this will be short-circuited by the FCC changing the Rules
> long before it could ever be brought to trial, and any competent
> regulatory attorney in or out of the government service knows just
> how to thusly delay such things.

But until the FCC acts to remove such a reference, that doesn't mean that it's not operative in the meantime.

How does one comply with a requirement that doesn't exist?

3243. Re: Understanding the Possible Legal Loophole of s25.5 and 97.301(e)

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 03:46:43 UTC
From: "D. Stussy" <kd6lvw@bde-arc.ampr.org>
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.56.0307290347300.9509@kd6lvw.ampr.org>
Source record: 73079
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.misc

On Sun, 27 Jul 2003, JJ wrote:
> D. Stussy wrote:
> > The FCC, as a government agency, is bound by international treaty and law, and
> > here, the international law HAS CHANGED, so any regulation that refers to it
> > CAN (and in this case, HAS) been affected.
> >
> > It's not "element 1 credit" by itself that determines a Technician class
> > licensee's operating privilege on HF. If it were, then I would agree that
> > nothing has changed - but that's simply not the situation here.
>
> Suggest you read Phil Kane's posting on the subject. As he states, the
> law has changed only in respect that each Administration can choose
> themselves about the requirement for a code test. It does not mean that
> the FCC has to abolish a code test. So like Phil says, nothing has
> changed yet.

But if it's an OPTION for each country, it's NOT an international REQUIREMENT.

Words have definitions. These terms are self-evident.

How does one show compliance with a REQUIREMENT that does not exist?

3244. Re: American w/ Disability Act and CW Proficiency Test

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 03:50:15 UTC
From: et472@FreeNet.Carleton.CA
Message-ID: <bg4qtn$21e$1@freenet9.carleton.ca>
Source record: 73080
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.misc

Mike Coslo (mcoslo@adelphia.net) writes:
> C wrote:
>> No I am not doing a memorizing of each dit and dah and converting
>> method. My problem is my brain does not react fast enough to decide what
>> each character is before the next one is sent. I just get further
>> behind. I practice at least 20 to 30 minutes usually twice a day if not
>> more. I use computer programs and ARRL training CDs.
>>
>> I will check "The Art and Skill of Radiotelegraphy". Thanks for the
>> encouragement.
>
>
> Ahh, that training CD! I used it, and failed miserably at it. Turns out
> I memorized the darn thing. You might try a program that sends out
> random groups or even makes up QSO's.
>
> - Mike KB3EIA -
>
With most people having computers, learning CW should be so much easier
nowadays. Not like when I was ten, and bought a telegraph set so I
could learn Morse Code, not realizing that sending is not he same thing
as receiving.

One of the things I've wondered about is whether one could get used
to the sounds of the letters subconciously via a program that
sends the morse letter everytime you press a key on your keyboard.
You wouldn't really being paying attention, but it would be a positive
reinforcement of what sounds go with what letters. I'm not sure
it would be a completely painless method, but it would either help
get someone used to the sounds, or reinforce the learning already done.

But I'm not sure anyone has cooked up such a program.

At the very least, with people spending so much time at their
computers, I'd suggest running a CW practice program, sending
random letters, while you do something else at your computer.
Set the volume relatively low, and don't even bother trying to
copy it; just use it to get used to the sounds.

I suspect some of the problem some people have is that they are
trying way too hard. They see the code as an obstacle, and are
fighting it all the way. "Now I'm going to do my hour of code
practice". In the old days, that would mean going to a code
practice course, or buying one of those records (I had one to

start, and I think it did help), or listening to a receiver
where the code might not be optimal or under the best conditions.
You sit there with your pen and paper, and struggle to get it
all right. But moving it into the background makes it less important,
and perhaps by simply getting used to the sounds before struggling
to get it all, it might all come easier.

Michael VE2BVW

3245. Re: There is no International Code Requirement and techs can operate HF according to FCC Rules

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 04:04:44 UTC
From: "D. Stussy" <kd6lvw@bde-arc.ampr.org>
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.56.0307290350450.9509@kd6lvw.ampr.org>
Source record: 73081
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb

On Mon, 28 Jul 2003, Alun Palmer wrote:
> "Phil Kane" <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop> wrote in
> news:cuvyxnansvbet.hipdwyq.pminews@netnews.comcast.net:
>
> > On 26 Jul 2003 04:49:22 GMT, Alun Palmer wrote:
> >
> >>OK Phil, read 97.301(e) and let us know how you understand it, parsing
> >>each part carefully.
> >
> > OK - I presume that you mean the following text, not the frequency
> > table:
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> > (e) For a station having a control operator who has been
> > granted an operator license of Novice Class or Technician Class
> >
> > This is self-explanatory.
> >
> > and who has received credit for proficiency in telegraphy in
> > accordance with the international requirements.
> >
> > The key to this discussion is, or course, "what are the
> > international requirements".
>
> Agreed
>
> >
> > Up until the 2003 revision of S25.5 of the IRR, each Administration
> > was required to determine the proficiency of each applicant for a
> > license valid for operation below 30 MHz. In the US, this was done
> > by requiring the applicant to pass Element 1.
> >
> > Upon the 2003 revision of S25.5 of the IRR, the requirement to
> > determine proficiency was made optional for each Administration.
> >
> > That is the only change in the "international requirement" - each
> > Administration can now decide by its own rules/regulations whether
> > to require a code test. The code test is no longer mandatory for
> > each Administration. Each Administration's requirement for code
> > testing has not been automatically "dropped" or "eliminated" solely
> > by the revision of S25.5.
> >
>

> So far, so good
>
> > Until the FCC changes the rules concering Element 1, the
> > requirement in the US remains that Element 1 must be passed.
> >
>
> That's not what 301(e) says, though, is it?
>
> The problem I have in your analysis is that 301(e) itself is one of the
> rules concerning element 1. It mentions Element 1 per se nowhere, but
> there is no other rule tying Technician HF privileges to Element 1.
>
> This last statement of yours is indisputable re the General and Extra, in
> that Element 1 is still required to obtain those licences. However, there
> is nowhere in Part 97 any statement that a Technician needs Element 1 for
> anything, instead there is only the wording in 97.301(e).
>
> > The question of -when- and -how- the FCC Rules will be changed is a
> > separate item from -what- the rule requirement is up until they
> > -are- changed.
>
> Agreed
>
> > Ditto for how the FCC will handle the issue of
> > giving -what- privileges to folks who hold a Technician license
> > but have never passed the code test.
> >
> > Does that answer your question?
> >
> > --
> > 73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane
> > ARRL Volunteer Counsel
> >
> > From a Clearing in the Silicon Forest
> > Beaverton (Washington County) Oregon
> >
> >
> >
>
> Not really. The question comes down to the meaning of "and who has
> received credit for proficiency in telegraphy in accordance with the
> international requirements". If there is no international requirement to
> have "received credit for proficiency in telegraphy" for access to any
> frequency, then a person who has not "received credit for proficiency in
> telegraphy" is "in accordance with the international requirements" if they
> operate on those frequencies.
>
> Can we deem that a Tech who has not "received credit for proficiency in
> telegraphy" has nevertheless "received credit for proficiency in
> accordance with the international requirements", i.e. is "in accordance

> with the international requirements"?

I've taken exactly the opposite approach: IF there is no international requirement (it's now OPTIONAL), then how can one show compliance with a requirement that itself no longer exists? My answer is that one CANNOT be in compliance with a non-existant requirement, and thus HF privileges defined in .301(e) have been STRIPPED effective July 5, 2003 from those who previously held them, not granted to those who didn't have them.

> Granted that s25.5 as revised allows each administration to determine
> whether a code test is required. That being the case, the FCC does so in
> respect of Tech HF operation only through 97.301(e) and in no other rule.
> If that rule is conditional upon a code test being required by
> international requirements, then there is nothing therein indicating that
> the FCC chooses to require a code test for that particular purpose.

Having a choice (regardless of whom holds the choice) means that it is an OPTION, and options aren't requirements. A requirement means that there is no choice; no option. These are OPPOSITES.

> To cut a long story short, the argument rests upon whether "in accordance
> with international requirements" is a necessary condition in the sentence.
> If it is, then no-code Techs have the Novice HF frequencies*, and if not,
> then they will have to wait. This is really what I am seeking comment on,
> although all other observations are welcome.

What novice HF bands? Novice licenseholders are likewise affected despite the fact that their licenses DO include element 1 credit, because that credit has no bearing on the ability to use those bands. If element 1 were an important fact, then 47 CFR 97.301(e) would have been written that way instead of making reference to the "international requirement" [that no longer exists.]

> *(Although possibly not until after ratification of the new treaty)

Ratification won't make a difference here. Rejection of the treaty might!

3246. Re: There is no International Code Requirement and techs can operate HF according to FCC Rules

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 04:06:08 UTC
From: "D. Stussy" <kd6lvw@bde-arc.ampr.org>
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.56.0307290408080.9509@kd6lvw.ampr.org>
Source record: 73082
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.misc

On Mon, 28 Jul 2003, Alun Palmer wrote:
> "Bill Sohl" <billsohl@mindspring.com> wrote in
> news:bg1thj$6v9$1@slb4.atl.mindspring.net:
> > "Keith" <kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net> wrote in message
> > news:bfsdri11m8@enews1.newsguy.com...
> >> On 25 Jul 2003 22:56:38 GMT, et472@FreeNet.Carleton.CA (Michael Black)
> >> wrote:
> >>
> >> > No, the rules are what counts, not some preamble.
> >>
> >> The FCC rules are based on that international requirement.
> >> Now the FCC could have said you must pass the 5 wpm test to operate on
> >> HF frequencies. But they said based on the international proficiency
> >> requirements a tech can operate on HF.
> >>
> >> Today there are no international proficiency requirements for morse
> >> code.
> >
> > And before July, there was no specific "code speed"
> > international requirement...yet that didn't allow techs who
> > could do 2 wpm morse on HF...the FCC mandated 5 wpm
> > even though the ITU had no speed minimum.
> >
> > Cheers,
> > Bill K2UNK
>
> The rule includes the words "has received credit", which gives the FCC
> control over what speed they will give credit for.

Receive credit for what? A requirement that no longer exists?

How does one demonstrate compliance with a non-existent requirement?

3247. Re: Understanding the Possible Legal Loophole of s25.5 and 97.301(e)

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 04:07:23 UTC
From: "D. Stussy" <kd6lvw@bde-arc.ampr.org>
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.56.0307290409310.9509@kd6lvw.ampr.org>
Source record: 73083
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.misc

On Mon, 28 Jul 2003, Keith wrote:
> On Sun, 27 Jul 2003 23:29:55 GMT, "D. Stussy" <kd6lvw@bde-arc.ampr.org> wrote:
>
> > It's not "element 1 credit" by itself that determines a Technician class
> > licensee's operating privilege on HF. If it were, then I would agree that
> > nothing has changed - but that's simply not the situation here.
>
> Stop confusing the people with a death grip on their morse code key with the
> facts.

I'm not confusing anyone. Read 47 CFR 97.301(e) for yourself and tell me where
it refers to element 1 credit....

3248. Re: Understanding the Possible Legal Loophole of s25.5 and 97.301(e)

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 04:08:24 UTC
From: "D. Stussy" <kd6lvw@bde-arc.ampr.org>
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.56.0307290410300.9509@kd6lvw.ampr.org>
Source record: 73084
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.misc

On Mon, 28 Jul 2003, Keith wrote:
> On Sun, 27 Jul 2003 16:49:23 GMT, "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> wrote:
> > FCC rules have NOT changed (yet) ... Techs are STILL not allowed
> > HF privs unless they have passed, and have documented credit for,
> > the 5 wpm Morse test ...
>
> That is NOT what 97.301(e) says Carl. Read it.

Even if techs HAVE PASSED element 1 credit, they no longer possess HF
privileges.

3249. Re: Understanding the Possible Legal Loophole of s25.5 and 97.301(e)

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 04:09:36 UTC
From: "D. Stussy" <kd6lvw@bde-arc.ampr.org>
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.56.0307290411310.9509@kd6lvw.ampr.org>
Source record: 73085
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.misc

On Mon, 28 Jul 2003, Keith wrote:
> On Sun, 27 Jul 2003 10:36:26 -0600, JJ <radiobuff0@mailcity.moc> wrote:
> > It does not mean that
> > the FCC has to abolish a code test. So like Phil says, nothing has
> > changed yet.
>
> Phil is not unbiased in this since he is part of the ARRL legal goons that
> want to ram morse code down the throats of Americans so they can pick a
> microphone to talk on HF. Read 97.301(e) it depends on the International
> requirement for morse code proficiency. The requirement for morse code
> proficiency is GONE.

Which means that NO ONE can be compliant with meeting the now non-existent
regulation, and therefore, no technician or novice licensee has any operating
privilege below 30MHz.

3250. Re: Understanding the Possible Legal Loophole of s25.5 and 97.301(e)

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 04:12:20 UTC
From: "D. Stussy" <kd6lvw@bde-arc.ampr.org>
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.56.0307290412440.9509@kd6lvw.ampr.org>
Source record: 73086
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.amateur.misc

On Mon, 28 Jul 2003, Keith wrote:
> On Mon, 28 Jul 2003 00:29:23 GMT, "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> wrote:
> > That's ridiculous ... the NEW ITU Radio Regs simply give administrations
> > the CHOICE as to whether or not to have a Morse test as a requirement
> > for licenses that convey privs below 30 MHz ... they do NOT preclude
> > any administration from having it either way ... it's their choice.
> >
> > The regulation was not "rescinded" on July 5, 2003, it was simply
> > MODIFIED.
>
> And 97.301(e) is dependent on a international requirement for morse code
> proficiency. There is no longer a international requirement for proficiency to
> send and receive morse code.
> The s25.5 regulation says that it is left up to the administration. . The FCC
> rules do not require a morse code proficiency unless the international
> proficiency is required. So the FCC has already written the rules.
> Now the ARRL thought their stupid trick to leave it to the administration
> would help keep more Americans from enjoy the ham radio hobby, but they screwed
> up in my opinion.

For the "brain tumor for breakfast" club:

A choice or option is NOT a requirement.

The WRC-03 attendees may have changed S25.5 - and changed it from a requirement to an option, but that also means that they REMOVED the requirement; i.e. there is NO requirement. It doesn't matter what they put in its place since the FCC regulation dependent on it is dependent on the requirement that no longer exists.

3251. Re: There is no International Code Requirement and techs can operate HF according to FCC Rules

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 04:16:48 UTC
From: "D. Stussy" <kd6lvw@bde-arc.ampr.org>
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.56.0307290416060.9509@kd6lvw.ampr.org>
Source record: 73087
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.misc

On Mon, 28 Jul 2003, Keith wrote:
> On Sun, 27 Jul 2003 21:14:23 -0400, "Bill Sohl" <billsohl@mindspring.com>
> wrote:
>
> > > Today there are no international proficiency requirements for morse code.
> >
> > Actually, the new treaty sez each country can decide for itself.
>
> Exactly and 97.301(e) depends on the international proficiency requirements
> laid out in s25.5. Now that there are no longer any proficiency requirements in
> s25.5 then 97.301(e) is affected.
>
>
> 25.5 Any person seeking a license to operate the apparatus of an amateur
> station shall prove that he is able to send correctly by hand and to receive
> correctly by ear, texts in Morse code signals. The administrations concerned
> may, however, waive this requirement in the case of stations making use
> exclusively of frequencies above 30 MHz.
>
> New Text of Article 25.5 (effective July 05, 2003)
>
> 25.5 §3 1) Administrations shall determine whether or not a person seeking a
> licence to operate an amateur station shall demonstrate the ability to send and
> receive texts in Morse code signals.
>
> s97.301(e)
>
> For a station having a control operator who has been
> granted an operator license of Novice Class or Technician
> Class and who has received credit for proficiency in
> telegraphy in accordance with the international
> requirements.
>
> The US government has no standards for a technician to know morse code. To
> receive a certificate yes, but the only reason a tech could not transmit on HF
> was because of 97.301(e). Now that no code technicians have no requirement in
> international law to know code they should be allowed to transmit on their
> allocated frequency. That doesn't mean they can hop on 20 meters, it means they
> can operate voice/data/cw 28.1-28.5 or even CW on 80, 40 and 15 meters.

Wrong. What it means is that there is a requirement in the FCC regulation that
NO LICENSEE CAN MEET.

The international change does not mean that no-code technicians can use those HF frequency ranges. It does mean that coded-technicians and novices can NO LONGER use them - because none of them can show compliance with a requirement that no longer exists.

> The reason that 97.301(e) was written that way is because the government
> expected s25.5 to be just deleted and techs could then operate HF. The ARRL
> with their fancy footwork is trying to stop the removal of morse code as a
> requirement for a HF license.

It does not mean that at all. It is another perfect example of FCC regulation-writer shortsightedness, just like happened with the April 2000 changes.

> But don't worry it looks like BPL is going to destroy the bands anyway and you
> morse code nuts can keep your death grip on those keyers. The ARRL has done
> nothing but help put ham radio in it's grave.

3252. Re: There is no International Code Requirement and techs can operate HF according to FCC Rules

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 04:23:06 UTC
From: "D. Stussy" <kd6lvw@bde-arc.ampr.org>
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.56.0307290419580.9509@kd6lvw.ampr.org>
Source record: 73088
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb

On Mon, 28 Jul 2003, Keith wrote:
> On Mon, 28 Jul 2003 00:52:54 GMT, "Phil Kane" <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
> wrote:
>
> > Until the FCC changes the rules concering Element 1, the
> > requirement in the US remains that Element 1 must be passed.
>
> That is NOT what 97.301(e) says. 97.301(e) does not require a tech to possess
> element 1, it requires the tech licensee to meet the international standards
> set down in s25.5 to transmit on HF.

I agree with the above as to what 47 CFR 97.301(e) says.

I disagree that what is left means that any Technician or Novice has any HF privilege at all. The FCC rule still says that these licensees must show compliance with a non-existent regulation. Since they CANNOT COMPLY with a non-existent [international] regulation, they LACK the privilege.

> The reason 97.301(e) was written that way is because the FCC expected the
> s25.5 reference to be deleted, but it was changed. The fact that it was
> changed does not mean a tech licensee is not meeting the requirements set
> down in 97.301(e).

I disagree. There is a [U.S.] requirement for these licenseholders to meet the international requirement. Show me how they can do this if the international requirement doesn't exist.... It's impossible for them to demonstrate compliance, and therefore, they cannot meet all of the U.S. requirements (one of which is to meet the non-existent international requirement), and thus have no such privilege.

> It doesn't mean a tech can get on 20 meters, it should mean he can operate on
> HF in the allocated tech bands according to the FCC rules.

What you think it should mean and what it does mean are as clear as night and day.

3253. Re: There is no International Code Requirement and techs can operate HF according to FCC Rules

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 04:24:57 UTC
From: "D. Stussy" <kd6lvw@bde-arc.ampr.org>
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.56.0307290426200.9509@kd6lvw.ampr.org>
Source record: 73089
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.misc

On Mon, 28 Jul 2003, Keith wrote:
> On Sun, 27 Jul 2003 16:47:46 GMT, "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> wrote:
> > All the removal of the international requirement in the ITU Radio
> > Regulations
> > does is to allow each administration to determine on its own whether or not
> > to keep a Morse test.
>
> We are talking about 97.301(e) and it does not require a technician to possess
> element 1. It requires the tech to meet s25.5 which NO longer requires the tech
> to know morse code. The reason 97.301(e) was written that way is because the
> FCC expected s25.5 to be deleted.

S25.5 no longer REQUIRES anything. So how can one show that one has met the
requirement? That's impossible.

> Don't you see the ARRL is trying to pull a fast one? Read 97.301(e) like you
> don't know anything and then read s25.5 to see what we are talking about. Don't
> worry about the test, it has nothing to do with the test.
>
> You can lead a pig to water, but hams are something else.

And even you got it wrong!

3254. Re: There is no International Code Requirement and techs can operate HF according to FCC Rules

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 04:26:45 UTC
From: "D. Stussy" <kd6lvw@bde-arc.ampr.org>
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.56.0307290428110.9509@kd6lvw.ampr.org>
Source record: 73090
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.misc

On Mon, 28 Jul 2003, Keith wrote:
> On Sun, 27 Jul 2003 16:47:46 GMT, "Carl R. Stevenson" <wk3cqth@wk3c.com> wrote:
> > And YES, the FCC *does* have records of which Techs have HF privs, so the
> > writer above is totally wrong.
>
> The FCC does not have information on techs who pass element 1. PERIOD. Only if
> they upgrade to general or extra.

Not totally correct. The FCC doesn't have information on techs who passed
element 1 after April 15, 2000.

However, what does having passed element 1 for technicians have to do with the
.301(e) privileges? I see no such requirement.

3255. Re: Understanding the Possible Legal Loophole of s25.5 and 97.301(e)

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 04:29:08 UTC
From: "D. Stussy" <kd6lvw@bde-arc.ampr.org>
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.56.0307290430500.9509@kd6lvw.ampr.org>
Source record: 73091
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.misc

On Mon, 28 Jul 2003, Spamhater wrote:
> "Keith" <kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net> wrote in message
> news:bg2u9121o9e@enews2.newsguy.com...
> > On Sun, 27 Jul 2003 10:36:26 -0600, JJ <radiobuff0@mailcity.moc> wrote:
> >
> > > It does not mean that
> > > the FCC has to abolish a code test. So like Phil says, nothing has
> > > changed yet.
> >
> > Phil is not unbiased in this since he is part of the ARRL legal goons
> that
> > want to ram morse code down the throats of Americans so they can pick a
> > microphone to talk on HF. Read 97.301(e) it depends on the International
> > requirement for morse code proficiency. The requirement for morse code
> > proficiency is GONE.
> >
> > --
> > The Radio Page Ham, Police Scanner, Shortwave and more.
> > http://www.kilowatt-radio.org/
>
> BUT UNTIL THE AMERICAN LAWS are rewritten, changed, updated (pick your
> term), the CW requirement STILL exists in our Radio Laws.
> You can NOT sidestep laws that exist. A law may be come effective in one
> sense but when it affects so many countries, it takes time in the
> administrative governments to trickle down. As I understand it, there are
> yet, a few countries who will refuse to abide by the International Treaty's
> standards to the letter.
> The International Union decided to drop CW as a requirement, that does NOT
> mean WE have to. IF the other countries are not so willing to go with it
> either, then perhaps the FCC won't be so quick to jump either.

Note: If anyone has a CHOICE, then it's not a REQUIREMENT. A requirement, by definition, means that there is no choice....

3256. Re: There is no Requirement to cross post this dribble to rec.radio.cb

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 04:29:41 UTC
From: Landshark
Message-ID: <VKmVa.525$594.52490302@newssvr21.news.prodigy.com>
Source record: 73092
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.misc

"D. Stussy" <kd6lvw@bde-arc.ampr.org> wrote in message
news:Pine.LNX.4.56.0307290428110.9509@kd6lvw.ampr.org...\

Why don't you people pay attention that
your cross posting this troll fodder?

Landshark

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Try these to learn about newsgroup trolls.

http://www.io.com/~zikzak/troll_thesis.html
http://members.aol.com/intwg/trolls.htm

3257. Re: There is no International Code Requirement and techs can operate HF according to FCC Rules

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 04:30:36 UTC
From: "D. Stussy" <kd6lvw@bde-arc.ampr.org>
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.56.0307290432430.9509@kd6lvw.ampr.org>
Source record: 73093
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb

On Mon, 28 Jul 2003, JJ wrote:
> Alun Palmer wrote:
> > Not really. The question comes down to the meaning of "and who has
> > received credit for proficiency in telegraphy in accordance with the
> > international requirements". If there is no international requirement to
> > have "received credit for proficiency in telegraphy" for access to any
> > frequency, then a person who has not "received credit for proficiency in
> > telegraphy" is "in accordance with the international requirements" if they
> > operate on those frequencies.
>
> There may no longer be an international requirement for Morse code
> proficiency, but there still is an FCC requirement for Morse code
> proficiency, and until the FCC drops that requirement, NOTHING HAS
> CHANGED concerning U.S. Amateur Radio.

And this "FCC morse code proficiency" requirement is stated in 47 CFR 97.301(e)
where?

3258. Re: Tech Licensee USA Morse Code Freedom Day is August 1st

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 04:30:53 UTC
From: 'Doc <w5lz@cwis.net>
Message-ID: <3F25F87D.18FE53E5@cwis.net>
Source record: 73094
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb

Keith wrote:
---- clipped ----

> There is no way the FCC can find it if a tech has passed a morse code test
> since they don't keep any records.

Oh, really? Care to place a small bet on that? What
happens to all those completion certificates that you have
to show that you've successfully completed part of an exam?
Do you really think they just go into the trash? I'm afraid
I have some bad news for you Keith, they aren't thrown away.
So, any other 'loop holes' you want someone to jump through?
'Doc

3259. Re: There is no International Code Requirement and techs can operate HF according to FCC Rules

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 04:31:26 UTC
From: "D. Stussy" <kd6lvw@bde-arc.ampr.org>
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.56.0307290433480.9509@kd6lvw.ampr.org>
Source record: 73095
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb

On Mon, 28 Jul 2003, Jim Hampton wrote:
> Please re-read Phil's reply again. You missed the point as to each
> administration is free to do as they please. So far, the FCC has not seen
> to eliminate the Morse requirement. Period.

If any entity has a choice, then how can it be called a requirement?

3260. Re: There is no International Code Requirement and techs can operate HF accordi

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 04:43:48 UTC
From: "D. Stussy" <kd6lvw@bde-arc.ampr.org>
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.56.0307290435560.9509@kd6lvw.ampr.org>
Source record: 73096

On Tue, 29 Jul 2003, N2EY wrote:
> In article <Xns93C67CE88FE4elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>, Alun Palmer
> <elektros@yahoo.com> writes:
> >The question comes down to the meaning of "and who has
> >received credit for proficiency in telegraphy in accordance with the
> >international requirements". If there is no international requirement to
> >have "received credit for proficiency in telegraphy" for access to any
> >frequency, then a person who has not "received credit for proficiency in
> >telegraphy" is "in accordance with the international requirements" if they
> >operate on those frequencies.
>
> Except that there IS an "international requirement to have "received credit for
> proficiency in telegraphy"". The international requirement is that each country
> shall decide what the requirement is for those it licenses. Switzerland has
> decided that it's 0 wpm. Britain has decided that it's the "Morse assessment"
> of the Foundation license. The US has decided it's 5 wpm.

I say that you're both wrong. If there is no international requirement, then
there is no way to demonstrate compliance with it. If you think I'm wrong,
please identify acceptable proof of compliance. (Not needing any proof means
that there is no requirement, and that's a contradiction of the FCC regulation
itself.)

What WRC-03 did is change the requirement into an option. Since it's not a
requirement anymore, there's no measureability of compliance, so how can one be
compliant?

> >Can we deem that a Tech who has not "received credit for proficiency in
> >telegraphy" has nevertheless "received credit for proficiency in
> >accordance with the international requirements", i.e. is "in accordance
> >with the international requirements"?
>
> Nope.

I go further: One may also assume that a Technician or Novice that does have
proficiency has no right to operate there - because said proficiency is
"measured" in terms of a now non-existent requirement.

> >Granted that s25.5 as revised allows each administration to determine
> >whether a code test is required. That being the case, the FCC does so in
> >respect of Tech HF operation only through 97.301(e) and in no other rule.
>
> Poor verbiage, that's all.

Very poor. If the FCC wanted to do this in a way that didn't depend on an outside body of law, they could have chosen language to indicate dependence on "element 1 credit" and avoid the entire problem.

> >If that rule is conditional upon a code test being required by
> >international requirements, then there is nothing therein indicating that
> >the FCC chooses to require a code test for that particular purpose.
>
> Except that's not what it means.
> >
> >To cut a long story short, the argument rests upon whether "in accordance
> >with international requirements" is a necessary condition in the sentence.
> >If it is, then no-code Techs have the Novice HF frequencies*, and if not,
> >then they will have to wait. This is really what I am seeking comment on,
> >although all other observations are welcome.
> >
> >*(Although possibly not until after ratification of the new treaty)
>
> FCC used that verbiage to avoid having to keep the Tech Plus class alive. I
> don't know what their problem with the T+ license is, but they have always
> treated it as a poor relation.

I fully agree with that. Now that the international requirement has been killed (and replaced with an option), HF privileges for technicians (and novices) have also died. I interpret this as meaning that ANY type of technician is equal to the "no-code" technician (except those pre-87's who have the credit in hand for a general class license but haven't applied yet), and that novices only have the 222Mhz and 23cm bands for operating.

> What I find most surreal about all this is that even with folks like WK3C,
> K2UNK and K2ASP saying the way it is, folks argue with them and question their
> motivation and qualification.

You should see all the defective and less than perfect regulations in the tax code. That's my "home turf."

3261. Re: There is no International Code Requirement and techs can operate HF according to FCC Rules

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 04:50:19 UTC
From: "D. Stussy" <kd6lvw@bde-arc.ampr.org>
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.56.0307290447230.9509@kd6lvw.ampr.org>
Source record: 73097
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb

On Tue, 29 Jul 2003, Alun Palmer wrote:
> "Jim Hampton" <aa2qa@frontiernet.net> wrote in
> news:RmgVa.277$gU7.98@news02.roc.ny:
>
> > Please re-read Phil's reply again. You missed the point as to each
> > administration is free to do as they please. So far, the FCC has not
> > seen to eliminate the Morse requirement. Period.
> >
> > 73 from Rochester, NY
> > Jim
> >
> >
> >
> > ---
> > Outgoing mail is certified Virus Free.
> > Checked by AVG anti-virus system (http://www.grisoft.com).
> > Version: 6.0.504 / Virus Database: 302 - Release Date: 7/24/03
> >
> >
> >
>
> No I am well aware of that point. However, the FCCs implementation of
> requiring a code test is different for Techs than it is for Generals and
> Extras. Generals and Extras are required to pass Element 1, and Techs are
> not. Access for Techs to the Novice HF subbands is __not__ conditioned on
> passing Element 1, but only upon having "received credit for proficiency
> in telegraphy in accordance with the international requirements" (from
> rule 97.301(e)).
>
> Given that s25.5 leaves it open for each administration to determine if a
> code test is required, with no mention of any specific frequencies, the
> only rule the FCC chooses to make for Tech HF access is 97.301(e), which
> in turn includes the words "in accordance with international
> requirements", i.e. in accordance with s25.5.

You did fine up to here. I fully agree.

> So, the FCC rule implies that a code test is required if s25.5 requires
> it, and s25.5 says that a code test is required if the administration (the
> FCC) requires it! This is a circular process, in fact one that could go
> around in ever decreasing circles! Each rule appears to be conditional
> upon the other! Obviously those who drafted the rules did not intend this,
> but the ITU rule has changed in a way that was not anticipated.

If a government can choose NOT to require something, then it is not an international requirement but an option. The FCC regulation is dependent on an international requirement that no longer exists, so how can anyone show compliance with it?

They can't. What this was was a way for the FCC to get rid of the "technician" HF privileges and make the novice license so useless that the latter will either upgrade or die. They dont' have to worry about the "tech plus" class anymore - there isn't one! 47 CFR 97.21(e) [or whatever it is] that designates renewals of technician plus licensees as technician demonstrates the FCC's real intent on this issue.

> It would seem to me that if two rules each require that a specific
> condition must be met only if the other rule requires it, then in fact
> that condition does not have to be met.

I disagree to as what it says.

I state that what the FCC wrote is that the licensee is to meet a requirement that is now impossible to meet because it no longer exists.

3262. Re: Why don't Real Hams you face the facts?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 04:56:03 UTC
From: lenover21@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030729005603.02627.00000371@mb-m02.aol.com>
Source record: 73098

In article <20030728204852.24390.00001422@mb-m19.aol.com>, yodoc@aol.comnospam (Larry Roll K3LT) writes:

>John:
>
>Actually, that's "Go ahead, punk -- make my day!"

Go ahead, plonk, make your night.

You may be "Dirty" but you ain't no Harry Callahan.

LHA

3263. Re: Here We Go Again..Sir Putzalot Is Back In His Stride

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 04:56:03 UTC
From: lenover21@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030729005603.02627.00000370@mb-m02.aol.com>
Source record: 73099

In article <d22b54c3.0307281236.6058c034@posting.google.com>, kelly@dvol.com (Brian Kelly) writes:

>Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu> wrote in message news:<3F251A46.2050500@psu.edu>...

>> You know how much I care about it? Nada, zip. I only mention it in this

>> group because I like to use it as a counterpoint when people talk about
>> the poor deaf people and how awful it is to force them to learn Morse code.
>
>There's the perfect squelch to end all squelches.

Your squelch circuit is WAY out of calibration.

However, in order to set it properly, you have to read the instruction manual
since that circuit is BEHIND the front panel. I don't think you know how to do that.

I don't know why Coslo is so aggressively antagonistic in here...and on both sides. Maybe he wants tea and sympathy for his tinnitus condition?

I have some of that tinnitus and I don't go around mentioning it every other post. Tinnitus has nothing to do with amateur radio or with professional radio (except for sound men). Tuff. Get ON with life.

LHA

3264. Re: With CW gone, can the CW allocations be far behind?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 04:56:04 UTC
From: lenover21@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030729005604.02627.00000372@mb-m02.aol.com>
Source record: 73004

In article <f45722ac.0307281618.504da252@posting.google.com>,
brianburke@juno.com (Brian) writes:

>et472@FreeNet.Carleton.CA (Michael Black) wrote in message
>news:<bg3q90$nk1$1@freenet9.carleton.ca>...
>
>> This reminds me of the time Marconi spanned the Atlantic. I remember
>> he told his assistant "I'm not going to wait until voice modulation
>> is invented, because I want to give morse code favored status".
>>
>> Then twenty years later, when hams spanned the Atlantic with shortwaves,
>> they all said "let's not use that newfangled voice stuff, because
>> we want to give morse code a favored status". Obviously, Howard
>> Armstrong who we have to "blame" for all the receivers we use even
>> today, must have been part of that conspiracy to keep AM in it's place,
>> since he was part of one of the official transmitting sites for
>> the attempt.
>>
>> Of course, there were all those hams in the early days who used
>> only morse code because they wanted to give it favored status.
>> It's a myth that they used it because a cw transmitter was simpler
>> and less expensive.
>>
>>
>> Let's not forgot OSCAR 1, launched in December of 1961. Those
>> guys obviously had it send morse code because they wanted to give
>> the mode favored status.
>>
>> Michael VE2BVW
>
>You forgot the Titanic.

So...the Titanic sank after receiving mode-favored-status...not something
the Kode Klutz Klan wants to put at the top of their list.

LHA

3265. Re: With CW gone, can the CW allocations be far behind?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 04:56:05 UTC
From: lenover21@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030729005605.02627.00000373@mb-m02.aol.com>
Source record: 73001

In article <bg3ka4$lp1$1@slb4.atl.mindspring.net>, "Dan/W4NTI"
<w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com> writes:

>You folks act as if CW has died and is being buried by everyone in the whole
>world. I hate to break it to you but there is a LOT of activity on CW. And
>will continue to be for YEARS.

Of course...the Kode Klutz Klan will see to that...

>Just because the testing has been dropped is no reason think CW is not going
>to be used. I foresee a increase in activity actually. As the phone bands
>pile up with more and more CBisms the only recourse will be digital and/or
>CW. There will continue to be CW contesting, DXCC CW only, County
>hunting...etc..etc.

The world you knew and loved too much is ready to depart. Byeeee.

>And I guarantee you a CW signal is a lot less bothered by phone interference
>than a phone signal is by CW.

"CW gets through when everything else will..."

Yes, we all know that, it is a mantra of the Kode Klutz Klan.

>Just stay up on the high end of the bands, and leave us alone.

So, you Klansmen want government protection? Welfare?

Democracy in action. Up the minority.

If someone doesn't let you play in peace, will you put on your sheets
and assemble to burn a J-38 effigy on their front lawn?

LHA

3266. Re: BAD IDEA for ham radio in general (was Re: Contact the FCC and Tell Them t

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 04:56:05 UTC
From: lenover21@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030729005605.02627.00000374@mb-m02.aol.com>
Source record: 73003

In article <Xns93C6E0C1D8F3Eelektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>, Alun Palmer
<elektros@yahoo.com> writes:

><Snip> All these
>> people
>> yakking here are US citizens with (I think) one exception. <snip>
>
>You probably mean me. I am not a US citizen, I'm British, but I live in
>the USA. Larry has said that he used to be G0L something or other. Of
>course that doesn't prove he's British, but it's not renounceable, so if
>he ever was then he's stuck with it, whether or not he's a US citizen.

Larrah comes from the planet K-Pax.

LHA

3267. Re: BAD IDEA for ham radio in general (was Re: Contact the FCC and Tell Them t

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 04:56:06 UTC
From: lenover21@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030729005606.02627.00000376@mb-m02.aol.com>
Source record: 73002

In article <bg3vv2dag1@slb6.atl.mindspring.net>, "Dan/W4NTI"
<w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com> writes:

>Let me just add this Carl of NCI. If you DONT get your mob of ignorant
>cbers in line then the real hams will start their own little group.

So, it IS true...the Kode Klutz Klan is forming!

All along I thought it was just a funny saying...

>If you
>think we are going to sit by and watch ham radio be turned into a cess pool
>like 11m, you are badly mistaken. Expect FCC action. Expect on the air
>wars.

Expect Steamy with his PARAMILITARY ham radio?!?

>Did you enjoy your part in destroying ham radio?

You certainly did...

LHA

"Ready on the left? Ready on the right? Ready on the firing line?
The flag is up, the flag is waving...you have 20 seconds..."

3268. Re: BAD IDEA for ham radio in general (was Re: Contact the FCC and Tell Them t

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 04:56:06 UTC
From: lenover21@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030729005606.02627.00000375@mb-m02.aol.com>
Source record: 73100

In article <bg4049$3v2$1@slb2.atl.mindspring.net>, "Dan/W4NTI"
<w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com> writes:

>Keith, how can you allege the ARRL is waiting for BPL to take over? The
>ARRL just filed a 14, or was it 16? page brief to the FCC against BPL.

Can you REALLY understand any of the technical details in there?

>How about putting you brain in gear before operating your mouth next time.

How about getting a brain that isn't all emotion?

Keep the faith...keep on with Kode Klutz Klan...

LHA

3269. Re: BAD IDEA for ham radio in general (was Re: Contact the FCC and Tell Them t

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 04:56:07 UTC
From: lenover21@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030729005607.02627.00000377@mb-m02.aol.com>
Source record: 73006

In article <d22b54c3.0307280918.33b8268@posting.google.com>, kelly@dvol.com (Brian Kelly) writes:

>> Newsgroup postings are bad enough, but some are advocating massive
>> spamming and rulebreaking. Is that to be the way of "hams for the 21st
>> century"?
>
>You bet, these are the kinds of "advances into the 21st Century" we
>can expect if/when the free lunch truck gets underway. We can see it
>right here every day.

Hay, old man...just what have YOU "advanced in ham radio" in the past century? The profits of amateur radio stores?

With regards,
LHA

3270. Re: Question for the No coders

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 04:56:08 UTC
From: lenover21@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030729005608.02627.00000378@mb-m02.aol.com>
Source record: 73009

In article <d22b54c3.0307281229.2e5abc74@posting.google.com>, kelly@dvol.com (Brian Kelly) writes:

>Dave Heil <k8mn@earthlink.net> wrote in message
>news:<3F251DEC.3D0FABA7@earthlink.net>...
>> Len Over 21 wrote:
>> >
>> > In article <d22b54c3.0307270050.507fa2f@posting.google.com>,
>kelly@dvol.com
>> > (Brian Kelly) writes:
>> >
>> > >wa8ulx@aol.com (WA8ULX) wrote in message
>> > >news:<20030727014205.02803.00000513@mb-m19.aol.com>...
>> > >> >I was on HF and communicating
>> > >> > before any of the regulars in here and I didn't have to use any
>> > >> > morse code at all.
>> > >>
>> > >> Im sure your right, CB or 11 Meters is considered HF.
>> > >
>> > >He's so fulla shit the whites of his eyes gotta be brown.
>> >
>> > Incorrect. They are blue.
>>
>> That has to be an interesting look you've got there, Leonard. What
>> color are the pupils?
>
>He's been swallowing his blue Listerine. Prolly by the gallon. He
>hasn't read the label yet.

I don't do what you do, Kellie.

>> > >I for one
>> > >was on the HF ham bands in 1951 *with CW* from W3CGS before I got my
>> > >Novice ticket.
>> >
>> > Then you were BOOTLEGGING, old man. ILLEGAL. Tsk, tsk.
>>
>> I think we may see another gap in your knowledge looming.
>
>Dontcha love it? The average nocoode can see it a mile away. But not
>our Putz, yes sir, he knows *everything*.

In 1951 you were all of 14 years old (after 5 March). I'm sure you didn't have the maturity of an adult...certainly not from your tale of later leaving your "hormonal" date on her front porch to go off and

play with your radio now that you finally got a REAL license.

>> > >The only "HF experience" he had in that timeframe was
>> > >as a grunt U.S. Army apprentice RTTY equipment mechanic & babysitter
>> > >1952-53.
>> >
>> > Incorrect AGAIN!
>> >
>> > Microwave Radio Relay Operation and Maintenance Supervisor, (then)
>> > MOS 281.6. Temporarily doing Fixed Station Transmitters operation
>> > and maintenance (supervisor) 1953 to 1956 at US Army radio station
>> > ADA in Tokyo, Japan. 43 transmitters on HF ranging from 1 KW
>> > (BC-339) to 40 KW (AN/FRC-22)...working to Seoul, Pusan,
>> > Okinawa, Manila, Saigon, Anchorage, Seattle, Hawaii, San Francisco
>> > on a 24/7 schedule. Not a single circuit used any morse code.
>>
>> I know you just forgot to mention, "Fifty years ago..."
>>
>> > In 1952 I was in Basic Training and at the Signal School in Fort
>> > Monmouth, NJ.
>>
>> ...and a year later you were an expert.
>
>Zzzzzzz . . .

Poor old man...put you to sleep again, did we? Tsk, tsk, tsk.

You are getting on in years, now at 66.

You've never worked REAL HF communications, old man. You pretend
you have playing with your HF radio in an AMATEUR band.

Now go take a rest and when you wake up, do some number exercises.
Carefully go through the one that says "26 does NOT equal 1."
Not in patents, not in anything.

With regards,
LHA

3271. Re: Question for the No coders

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 04:56:09 UTC
From: lenover21@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030729005609.02627.00000379@mb-m02.aol.com>
Source record: 73007

In article <bg3m9r$8v5$0@208.206.142.86>, "Dick Carroll;" <dixie@townsqr.com>
writes:

>Brian Kelly wrote:
>
>> lenover21@aol.com (Len Over 21) wrote
>
>> > >I for one
>> > >was on the HF ham bands in 1951 *with CW* from W3CGS before I got my
>> > >Novice ticket.
>> >
>> > Then you were BOOTLEGGING, old man. ILLEGAL. Tsk, tsk.
>
>Of course Putzie would have to have some real information on ham radio to
>know how that works, wouldn't he?

US amateur radio is one of the most publicized of electronics-related
hobbies...almost as much as radio-controlled models (there are about
170 thousand members of the Academy of Model Aeronautics and
there are about 170 thousand members of ARRL).

If you ever scan the HAM RADIO Magazine CD ($150 for a 3-disk set
of all 22 years of publication), you can see my articles in there. If the
CDs also include the masthead page you will also find me there for
two years.

> And the liklihood that *HE* has done a large bit of bootlegging is more
>than obvious given his longtime
>'interest' in ham radio and the fact that he has never held a license, no?

I've never done any bootlegging in any radio service, old man. I've held
a commercial license since 1956 and had three years of REAL radio
communications for three years prior to that. You were not able to do
that before age 25. Probably too lazy on your part, ey?

You can't do anything more than throw shit (excuse me, "dung" or
"feces") at others in here...another fine example of the prime of
US amateur radio...and a former VE.

LHA

3272. Re: American w/ Disability Act and CW Proficiency Test

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 04:56:10 UTC
From: lenover21@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030729005610.02627.00000381@mb-m02.aol.com>
Source record: 73005

In article <20030728204855.24390.00001425@mb-m19.aol.com>, yodoc@aol.comnospam (Larry Roll K3LT) writes:

>Don't look now, but it would seem to me that all of the above have quite
>a LOT do do with people. However, then again, as I've always suspected,
>you're probably writing from another planet.

For 14 years now a lot of folks have known that you were from K-Pax.

LHA

I really doubt that anyone in here attends motion pictures released later than 20 years ago. They won't know what I referred to. No problem...so few can be expected to have any sense of humor or knowledge of the modern world or entertainment beyond Archie comic strips.

3273. Re: How Ugly Can One Creep Be?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 04:56:10 UTC
From: lenover21@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030729005610.02627.00000380@mb-m02.aol.com>
Source record: 73008

In article <20030726234640.02222.00001000@mb-m16.aol.com>, yodoc@aol.comnospam (Larry Roll K3LT) writes:

>Sorry, I misspelled "Kï¿½mmelweck." If you use the umlaut over the "u,"
>the "e" is thereby implied, and is unnecessary.

You had too many western umlauts.

Move your vowels every day or you will become consonated.

LHA

3274. Re: American w/ Disability Act and CW Proficiency Test

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 05:05:22 UTC
From: Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
Message-ID: <cuvyxnansvbet.hirhwts.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 73011
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb

On Mon, 28 Jul 2003 12:13:20 -0700, Keith wrote:

>On Mon, 28 Jul 2003 17:53:45 GMT, "Phil Kane" <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
>wrote:
>
>> You must really enjoy playing wannabe lawyer --- and missing the
>> target. The issue of code and the ADA was hashed out by the FCC
>> several years ago. Nothing changed.

> Phil from now on I will refer to you as Prince Jr.

Better me as "Prince Jr." than you as "The Little King" or are you
too young to remember that comic strip ?

Call me anything that you want but don't call me late for dinner or
a juicy pile-up on 20m.

> Listen Prince Jr., I can discuss anything regarding US law and express my
>opinions.

And if you do it often enough even more people will realize that
you are off-base.

>Just because you are ARRL lawyer

Even though I am an ARRL Life Member I do not work for them other
than to volunteer my service - for free - to advise ARRL members in
what the law is and how it applies to them, just like I did at the
County Free Legal Clinic several years ago. I am, in fact, the
engineering manager and regulatory counsel of one of the largest
communications consulting engineering firms in the country,
specializing in public safety clients.

>trying to force morse code down the
>throats of the disabled and helped destroy Amateur radio by keeping it
>a elite club doesn't mean I shouldn't voice my opinion.

A real bozo you are. Did you read my filing with the FCC in the
Restructuring Docket where I came out clearly in favor of dropping
all code testing requirements as soon as possible? And I haven't
changed my mind since then, either.

Wanna talk "disabled", bozo? I am disabled, both of my brothers are
disabled, mu wife is disabled, and my son is disabled. All of us
are respected professionals in highly technical fields, three of us
are hams and none of us has ever asked for one iota of "special
treatment" along the way. e all feel that it is immoral and

downright obscene to use our disabilities as a weapon,

Where do you come off spouting about "the disabled" ??

>I have never said I was a lawyer or even a wannabe lawyer.

Then why are you spouting off as if you were one?

>good god I bet you are proud of your pals that
>are going after ten year old children trading muppet songs on the Internet.

Don't get me started on that. Among other things, my wife lives off
of copyright royalties from stuff she creates and gets published....

>The reason disability recognition didn't change was because there was a
>international agreement that stopped the disabled who could not receive code
>from being exempt.

The reason that disability recognition didn't change was that the
FCC showed that it was making the accommodations required by the ADA.

>Now that the international regulation has been changed to
>delete mandatory morse code proficiency the disabled should be provided a
>exemption promptly. (That is my opinion,

I feel that the FCC should delete all code test requirements for
-everybody- promptly. I've said it before, several times, right here
on your screen, and I'll say it again. Did you not pay attention?

> Is it ok if I express my opinion Prince Jr? Or are you like the
>morons sending me carbon copies of complaints they are sending to
>Hollingsworth AKA "Prince" for daring to tell the FCC and the ARRL
>they are bone heads that have destroyed Amateur radio for selfish
>reasons.

Calm down, take your meds, and sleep it off.

> Thanks for sharing Prince Jr. I hope it was OK for this ham radio
>operator of twenty years

Do you have twenty years of experience or one year's experience
twenty times? You don't have ten minutes' worth of insight,
though.

>to express his opinion. Should I include a legal disclaimer on all my
>post from now on?

What legal disclaimer - you are not a lawyer. Don't flatter
yourself.

>I hope you will not report me to the Oregon Bar Association.

How about the Oregon Mental Health Association ?

--
73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane

From a Clearing in the Silicon Forest
Beaverton (Washington County) Oregon

3275. Re: ATTN: Tech Licensee USA Morse Code Freedom Day is August 1st

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 05:05:23 UTC
From: Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
Message-ID: <cuvyxnansvbet.hiripvt.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 73010
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb

On Mon, 28 Jul 2003 21:15:47 GMT, Jim Hampton wrote:

>Phil,
>
>So how's retirement going :)

What "retirement"?

I have less "sitting around" time now than when I was working full time. I work out at the gym three times a week which I never could when I had a "real job" (tm). Ditto for hamming.

Pro bono legal and engineering consulting is more fun than I thought it would be.

--
73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane

From a Clearing in the Silicon Forest
Beaverton (Washington County) Oregon

3276. Re: BPL pollution - file reply comments by August 6

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 05:19:27 UTC
From: "Ryan, KC8PMX" <kc8pmx@diamondcs.net>
Message-ID: <bg5un2$kilmh$3@ID-189073.news.uni-berlin.de>
Source record: 73042
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.shortwave,rec.radio.cb

Don't know if anyone has considered this, but if the BPL lines are going to radiate intereference, would it not stand to reason that the lines would be (not by choice) accepting outside RFI sources???

Just a thought on the issue,

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Ryan, KC8PMX
FF1-FF2-MFR-(pending NREMT-B!)
--. --- -.. ... .- -. --. . .-.. ... .- .-. . ..-. .. .-. . ..-.
.. --. .... - . .-. ...
"Scott Unit 69" <scott_unit_69@yahoo.moc> wrote in message
news:3F20639E.610EFE55@yahoo.moc...
> > > For anyone that wants to save their radio waves from an RF intrusion
> > > of the greedy type, read on.
> > >
> > > This is much more important then the CW issue.
> > > This is a real problem in the making for ALL RADIO USERS!!!
> >
> > Talk about irony... if BPL goes through, there's a good chance that only
CW
> > will be able to punch through it... : |
>
>
> Just make sure to key your elements on their carrier frequencies.

3277. Re: radio amateurs et cibistes

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 05:24:20 UTC
From: Robert Casey <wa2ise@ix.netcom.com>
Message-ID: <3F260501.9000802@ix.netcom.com>
Source record: 73012

Dan Finn wrote:

>Le non, non, CB n'est pas lï¿½gal pour des contacts de DX, mï¿½me en France.
>Vous ne pouvez pas employer 11 mï¿½tres afin de la communication de fond.
>Votre ami viole des traitï¿½s internationaux impliquant la bande de 11 mï¿½tres.
>Aprï¿½s avoir dit cela, parfois c'est amusement pour casser la loi (ï¿½ moins
>que vous vous faites attraper ; -))
>
>
>

Bablefish translates this to:

Not, not, CB is not legal for contacts of DX, even in France. You cannot
employ 11 meters in order to it basic communication. Your friend
violates international treaties implying the band of 11 meters. After
having said that, sometimes it is recreation to break the law (unless
you get caught
And it is likely that they are outside the CB band, in what they call
the "freeband".
Once the solar max is over, bye bye DX. They should swear off
"freebanding" and
get a ham license and operate legally on ham freqs for DX.

3278. Re: There is no International Code Requirement and techs can operateHF accordi

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 05:32:39 UTC
From: "Dick Carroll;" <dixie@townsqr.com>
Message-ID: <bg50tnotn0@208.206.142.85>
Source record: 73013

"D. Stussy" wrote:

> On Tue, 29 Jul 2003, N2EY wrote:
> > In article <Xns93C67CE88FE4elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>, Alun Palmer
> > <elektros@yahoo.com> writes:
> > >The question comes down to the meaning of "and who has
> > >received credit for proficiency in telegraphy in accordance with the
> > >international requirements". If there is no international requirement to
> > >have "received credit for proficiency in telegraphy" for access to any
> > >frequency, then a person who has not "received credit for proficiency in
> > >telegraphy" is "in accordance with the international requirements" if they
> > >operate on those frequencies.
> >
> > Except that there IS an "international requirement to have "received credit for
> > proficiency in telegraphy"". The international requirement is that each country
> > shall decide what the requirement is for those it licenses. Switzerland has
> > decided that it's 0 wpm. Britain has decided that it's the "Morse assessment"
> > of the Foundation license. The US has decided it's 5 wpm.
>
> I say that you're both wrong. If there is no international requirement, then
> there is no way to demonstrate compliance with it. If you think I'm wrong,
> please identify acceptable proof of compliance. (Not needing any proof means
> that there is no requirement, and that's a contradiction of the FCC regulation
> itself.)
>
> What WRC-03 did is change the requirement into an option. Since it's not a
> requirement anymore, there's no measureability of compliance, so how can one be
> compliant?
>
> > >Can we deem that a Tech who has not "received credit for proficiency in
> > >telegraphy" has nevertheless "received credit for proficiency in
> > >accordance with the international requirements", i.e. is "in accordance
> > >with the international requirements"?
> >
> > Nope.
>
> I go further: One may also assume that a Technician or Novice that does have
> proficiency has no right to operate there - because said proficiency is
> "measured" in terms of a now non-existent requirement.
>
> > >Granted that s25.5 as revised allows each administration to determine
> > >whether a code test is required. That being the case, the FCC does so in
> > >respect of Tech HF operation only through 97.301(e) and in no other rule.

> >
> > Poor verbiage, that's all.
>
> Very poor. If the FCC wanted to do this in a way that didn't depend on an
> outside body of law, they could have chosen language to indicate dependence on
> "element 1 credit" and avoid the entire problem.
>
> > >If that rule is conditional upon a code test being required by
> > >international requirements, then there is nothing therein indicating that
> > >the FCC chooses to require a code test for that particular purpose.
> >
> > Except that's not what it means.
> > >
> > >To cut a long story short, the argument rests upon whether "in accordance
> > >with international requirements" is a necessary condition in the sentence.
> > >If it is, then no-code Techs have the Novice HF frequencies*, and if not,
> > >then they will have to wait. This is really what I am seeking comment on,
> > >although all other observations are welcome.
> > >
> > >*(Although possibly not until after ratification of the new treaty)
> >
> > FCC used that verbiage to avoid having to keep the Tech Plus class alive. I
> > don't know what their problem with the T+ license is, but they have always
> > treated it as a poor relation.
>
> I fully agree with that. Now that the international requirement has been
> killed (and replaced with an option), HF privileges for technicians (and
> novices) have also died. I interpret this as meaning that ANY type of
> technician is equal to the "no-code" technician (except those pre-87's who have
> the credit in hand for a general class license but haven't applied yet), and
> that novices only have the 222Mhz and 23cm bands for operating.
>
> > What I find most surreal about all this is that even with folks like WK3C,
> > K2UNK and K2ASP saying the way it is, folks argue with them and question their
> > motivation and qualification.
>
> You should see all the defective and less than perfect regulations in the tax
> code. That's my "home turf."

Uh, yeah, we've already seen them, annually, thankyew anyway!

You're surely aware of the fact that an existing law/rule/regulation is effective
during any period of time required to change or othewise update it to comply
with prevailing changes which effect its meaning. Any scheme othewise would
invite the very sort of chaos these people are planning.

Does the FCC see it thusly? You can bet on it.

Dick

3279. Re: The Morse Code Requirement - Is It Really The Reason People Turn Away?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 05:33:54 UTC
From: lenover21@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030729013354.04207.00001914@mb-m01.aol.com>
Source record: 73015

In article <460a6f44.0307281927.2ab18bc8@posting.google.com>, ke4jcd@yahoo.com (Robert Hartung) writes:

>The Morse Code Requirement
> Is It Really The Reason People Turn Away?
>
>Many people feel that the Morse Code requirement is the SOLE reason
>why many people turn away from Amateur Radio. Well one group dose,
>No-Code International, an organization dedicated to the abolition of
>the Morse Code requirement for Amateur Radio licenses.
>
>In this writers opinion, the code is only one of many reasons why
>people turn away from Amateur Radio. Another, is the people already in
>the hobby. If you been reviewing my website, you can see how the
>people, not just the code requirement, can make, or brake a hobby. If
>the people act no better then CB Agitator, or a show of being better
>then others, can drive people away.
>
>Let's not forget, many local clubs and members try to drive
>undesirables away. Who is an undesirable? Well, undesirable are people
>who have already join the hobby for reason other then local Clubs and
>their members reasons. It varies from area too area, but it's somewhat
>the same.
>
>1) If you join the hobby to take advantage of the 2 meter and 70cm
>bands and don't upgrade to the HF bands. Because, you like to talk to
>family and friends. You could careless about DXing, filling your walls
>with QSL cards, and etc.
>
>2) You don't use as many "Q" signals as possible. Yes, I know they
>were invented solely for CW and are totally inappropriate for bands
>above 6 meters FM, but they are fun and entertaining. "I'm going to
>QSY to the phone." Can you really change frequencies to the phone? QSL
>used to mean, "I am acknowledging receipt", but now it appears to
>mean, "yes" or "OK". I guess I missed it when the ARRL changed the
>meaning. It is also best to use "OK" and "QSL" together.
>
>3) Not following local codes of conducts, or rules made up by the
>local clubs and not the FCC. For example, always giving the calls of
>yourself and everyone who is (or has been) in the group, whether they
>are still there or not. While this has been unnecessary for years, it
>is still a great memory test. You may also use "and the group" if you
>are an "old timer" or just have a bad memory.

>
>All the above can classify you as an undesirable, and get you a life
>sentence of ridicule, rude comments intended to make fun of your lack
>of desire to upgrade, or your unwillingness to follow the leader. For
>example, say you don't wish to upgrade, then your marked as being to
>lazy to take the code test, or unable due to a lack of IQ.
>
>If this is their idea of encouragement, well it doesn't seem like it
>to me, it's down right RUDE, and drives people away. Which is the
>whole idea, but is that really such a good idea?
>
>If we destroy our own, then how do we expect newcomers to view us? If
>your trying to buildup a hobby, then you need to deal with diversity,
>not destroy it. Being difference from what is normal or expected is a
>good thing. It helps make life, or in the care of amateur radio, a
>much more divers, interesting and fun filled hobby. It's not the same
>old thing, different day.
>
>This will help bring new blood to the hobby, thus bring fresh, and new
>ideas with it.

Robert, that's a fresher new look to the subject. I would agree with it.

Problem is, you will be villified in here, in this newsgroup by the
Kode Klutz Klan regulars. Their whole "amateur radio" experience
seems to be lurking and jumping all over any NCTA, throwing as
much garbage and filth as they can ON the person.

May the force be with you, and may the farce not stay your way.

Best Regards,
LHA

3280. Re: American w/ Disability Act and CW Proficiency Test

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 05:33:55 UTC
From: lenover21@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030729013355.04207.00001915@mb-m01.aol.com>
Source record: 73014

In article <bg4qtn$21e$1@freenet9.carleton.ca>, et472@FreeNet.Carleton.CA
(Michael Black) writes:

>Mike Coslo (mcoslo@adelphia.net) writes:
>> C wrote:
>>> No I am not doing a memorizing of each dit and dah and converting
>>> method. My problem is my brain does not react fast enough to decide what
>>> each character is before the next one is sent. I just get further
>>> behind. I practice at least 20 to 30 minutes usually twice a day if not
>>> more. I use computer programs and ARRL training CDs.
>>>
>>> I will check "The Art and Skill of Radiotelegraphy". Thanks for the
>>> encouragement.
>>
>>
>> Ahh, that training CD! I used it, and failed miserably at it. Turns out

>> I memorized the darn thing. You might try a program that sends out
>> random groups or even makes up QSO's.
>>
>> - Mike KB3EIA -
>>
>With most people having computers, learning CW should be so much easier
>nowadays. Not like when I was ten, and bought a telegraph set so I
>could learn Morse Code, not realizing that sending is not he same thing
>as receiving.
>
>One of the things I've wondered about is whether one could get used
>to the sounds of the letters subconciously via a program that
>sends the morse letter everytime you press a key on your keyboard.
>You wouldn't really being paying attention, but it would be a positive
>reinforcement of what sounds go with what letters. I'm not sure
>it would be a completely painless method, but it would either help
>get someone used to the sounds, or reinforce the learning already done.
>
>But I'm not sure anyone has cooked up such a program.

At the Military Intelligence School at Fort Huachuca, their ONLY
morse code cognition machinery is computers running two morse
code generation programs. One of them is available over the
Internet for free.

Fort Huachuca is the only center for any morse code training in the
USA, including civilian government employees. They teach morse
code only for the needs of a few electronic intelligence tasks, solely

concerned with interception, not communications.

>At the very least, with people spending so much time at their
>computers, I'd suggest running a CW practice program, sending
>random letters, while you do something else at your computer.
>Set the volume relatively low, and don't even bother trying to
>copy it; just use it to get used to the sounds.

I would suggest using the personal computer on-line as an education
resource, learning more about radio and electronics.

The future in amateur radio is technology, not the constant emulation
of a 159 year old primitive alphanumeric substitution system.

>I suspect some of the problem some people have is that they are
>trying way too hard. They see the code as an obstacle, and are
>fighting it all the way. "Now I'm going to do my hour of code
>practice". In the old days, that would mean going to a code
>practice course, or buying one of those records (I had one to
>start, and I think it did help), or listening to a receiver
>where the code might not be optimal or under the best conditions.
>You sit there with your pen and paper, and struggle to get it
>all right. But moving it into the background makes it less important,
>and perhaps by simply getting used to the sounds before struggling
>to get it all, it might all come easier.

Archaic Radiotelegraphy Service. Has a ring to it. [tinnitus]

LHA

3281. Re: CW Gone ?? It Ain't Over Til It Is Over!

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 05:37:02 UTC
From: "Ryan, KC8PMX" <kc8pmx@diamondcs.net>
Message-ID: <bg5un4$kilmh$4@ID-189073.news.uni-berlin.de>
Source record: 73043

Yep, they sit back and wait for some big brother/mafioso protectionism
organization to do all the work!

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Ryan, KC8PMX
FF1-FF2-MFR-(pending NREMT-B!)
--. --- -.. ... .- -. --. . .-.. ... .- .-. . ..-. .. .-. . ..-.
.. --. .... - . .-. ...
>
> Simple the same people too lazy to learn the code are too lazy to become
> politically active. They want to achieve their results simply by whining
> about it and getting someone else to do the work.
>
> Dee D. Flint, N8UZE
>

3282. Re: BAD IDEA for ham radio in general (was Re: Contact the FCC and Tell Them t

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 05:39:47 UTC
From: "Dick Carroll;" <dixie@townsqr.com>
Message-ID: <bg51b3psd0@208.206.142.85>
Source record: 73016

Len Over 21 wrote:

> In article <d22b54c3.0307280918.33b8268@posting.google.com>, kelly@dvol.com
> (Brian Kelly) writes:
>
> >> Newsgroup postings are bad enough, but some are advocating massive
> >> spamming and rulebreaking. Is that to be the way of "hams for the 21st
> >> century"?
> >
> >You bet, these are the kinds of "advances into the 21st Century" we
> >can expect if/when the free lunch truck gets underway. We can see it
> >right here every day.
>
> Hay, old man...just what have YOU "advanced in ham radio" in the
> past century? The profits of amateur radio stores?
>
> With regards,
> LHA

Hey dipsctick, you claim to be a "Former associate editor of Ham Radio magazine", but as a charter subscriber c. 1968, I never saw your monikor anywhere on or in the publication, up to the date it went belly up many years later..

I dunno about the thundering herd, but I believe you're a total phoney, not just half-vast. Not to mention a simpleton troll.

3283. Re: The Morse Code Requirement - Is It Really The Reason People Turn Away?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 05:40:46 UTC
From: Robert Casey <wa2ise@ix.netcom.com>
Message-ID: <3F2608DA.2060602@ix.netcom.com>
Source record: 73017

Robert Hartung wrote:

>The Morse Code Requirement
> Is It Really The Reason People Turn Away?
>
>Many people feel that the Morse Code requirement is the SOLE reason
>why many people turn away from Amateur Radio. Well one group dose,
>No-Code International, an organization dedicated to the abolition of
>the Morse Code requirement for Amateur Radio licenses.
>
>In this writers opinion, the code is only one of many reasons why
>people turn away from Amateur Radio. Another, is the people already in
>the hobby. If you been reviewing my website, you can see how the
>people, not just the code requirement, can make, or brake a hobby. If
>the people act no better then CB Agitator, or a show of being better
>then others, can drive people away.
>
>Let's not forget, many local clubs and members try to drive
>undesirables away. Who is an undesirable? Well, undesirable are people
>who have already join the hobby for reason other then local Clubs and
>their members reasons. It varies from area too area, but it's somewhat
>the same.
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>
>If we destroy our own, then how do we expect newcomers to view us? If
>your trying to buildup a hobby, then you need to deal with diversity,
>not destroy it. Being difference from what is normal or expected is a
>good thing. It helps make life, or in the care of amateur radio, a
>much more divers, interesting and fun filled hobby. It's not the same
>old thing, different day.
>
>This will help bring new blood to the hobby, thus bring fresh, and new
>ideas with it.
>
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>
This sort of thing is true in many hobby clubs, be it ham radio, model
railroading, amateur
astronomy, general aviation, or anything else one needs to learn some
amount of
material about.

I remember in high school in 1971 wanting to get a tech license.
Learned some code, and
my father and I visited an "extra" (who happened to be an FCC field
engineer for
the NYC area). The guy was of the opinion that getting the "tech" would
be the
ruin of my potential ham radio future, and I should get the novice or
learn 13 to
get a general. Anyway, I try the code test, and he does it "Farnsworth"
style
(high speed characters spaced at 5wpm) and having used only the radio shack
code practice records failed badly.... Anything to keep a kid from
getting the
bad ol' tech license.....

3284. Re: Ham Radio In The Post-Code Testing Era

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 05:44:19 UTC
From: "Ryan, KC8PMX" <kc8pmx@diamondcs.net>
Message-ID: <bg5un6$kilmh$5@ID-189073.news.uni-berlin.de>
Source record: 73044

Larry:

OMG! Another thing we agree on..... damn, this is getting scary! My mouth is watering and my finger getting ready to dial the pizza place after reading this post!

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Ryan, KC8PMX
FF1-FF2-MFR-(pending NREMT-B!)
--. --- -.. ... .- -. --. . .-.. ... .- .-. . ..-. .. .-. . ..-.
.. --. .... - . .-. ...
> Jim:
>
> Actually, an Hawaiian Pizza is best when the "ham" is actually Canadian
> Bacon, and the pineapple is fresh, not canned. They have to be scattered
> over the pizza BEFORE baking, not after. The ham (bacon) has to be
> crisp, and the pineapple well caramelized. A properly prepared Hawaiian
> Pizza is, as Martha would say, a very good thing!
>
> 73 de Larry, K3LT
>

3285. Re: Ham Radio In The Post-Code Testing Era

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 05:49:01 UTC
From: "Ryan, KC8PMX" <kc8pmx@diamondcs.net>
Message-ID: <bg5un9$kilmh$6@ID-189073.news.uni-berlin.de>
Source record: 73045

Larry:

Now I see amateur radio communications a little different. Obviously in MY life, the emergency or public service oriented communications take precedence, but when I have the time-luxury of "chatting" I personally enjoy taking the time to learn about another person. Learning such things as their likes/dislikes; what they are passionate in life about. Unfortunately my schedule allows me an average of about 5 minutes a day (max.) for that right now, but things will change in the future.

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Ryan, KC8PMX
FF1-FF2-MFR-(pending NREMT-B!)
--. --- -.. ... .- -. --. . .-.. ... .- .-. . ..-. .. .-. . ..-.
.. --. .... - . .-. ...
> Brian:
>
> I'm in just about the same place as you are. I don't "love" CW
whatsoever.
> I really "like"it, but I'm not one of the nostalgic FISTS geezers that
write
> poems about it and can head-copy a 60+ WPM data stream of CW while
> drinking a cup of coffee, talking with someone in the shack, petting the
> dog, and keeping their pipe lit! My CW operation is purely call/name/QTH/
> Nice to meet you/QSL via burro/TNX ex 73 de K3LT QRZ? I may toss
> in a few additional comments, but for me, ANY QSO in ANY mode that
> lasts more than 10 minutes just isn't my style. I do have a tendency to
> go on a bit longer in PSK-31 when I have a good connection, but I type
> like a legal secretary, and that isn't any work for me.
>
> 73 de Larry, K3LT
>

3286. Re: Ham Radio In The Post-Code Testing Era

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 05:49:29 UTC
From: "Ryan, KC8PMX" <kc8pmx@diamondcs.net>
Message-ID: <bg5una$kilmh$7@ID-189073.news.uni-berlin.de>
Source record: 73046

Were they hams too??

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Ryan, KC8PMX
FF1-FF2-MFR-(pending NREMT-B!)
--. --- -.. ... .- -. --. . .-.. ... .- .-. . ..-. .. .-. . ..-.
.. --. .... - . .-. ...
"Larry Roll K3LT" <yodoc@aol.comnospam> wrote in message
news:20030725223949.10078.00001010@mb-m26.aol.com...
> In article <hb6uhvshckmt34cbegpo197t7iqdhv6428@4ax.com>, Radio Amateur
KC2HMZ
> <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net> writes:
>
> >Funny, though, I have yet to meet anyone who's told me they wish their
> >parents had made them learn Morse. <shrug>
>
> John:
>
> I wish my parents had made me learn the Morse code.
>
> 73 de Larry, K3LT
>

3287. Re: How Ugly Can One Creep Be?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 05:57:21 UTC
From: "Ryan, KC8PMX" <kc8pmx@diamondcs.net>
Message-ID: <bg5und$kilmh$8@ID-189073.news.uni-berlin.de>
Source record: 73047

And there is nothing stopping you from enjoying the hobby of photography either! I routinely spend time each week driving around for those perfect shots. There are other ways to earn money in photography as well. Try surviellance photography. Try crime/arson scene photography/documentation. Those are two different ways that I make a little extra income on the side that definitely helps! And they are definitely fun, and you see some amazing stuff!

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Ryan, KC8PMX
FF1-FF2-MFR-(pending NREMT-B!)
--. --- -.. ... .- -. --. . .-.. ... .- .-. . ..-. .. .-. . ..-.
.. --. .... - . .-. ...
> Brian:
>
> Pity. A degree in Photography from Rochester Tech could have meant
> that your nephew could have got something most "photographers" out
> there can only dream of: A job as a photographer that pays real money!
>
> I did the "I wanna be a photographer" bit myself for many years -- in fact,
> they were the 14 years when I was whining about code testing requirements
> in the ARS. I even had the requisite rubber stamp for the back of my
> prints that said, "Lawrence J. Roll, Photographer." I actually did a bit of
> paying work, shooting weddings and high school yearbook headshots for
> a studio. I won various prizes in photo contests in my own college and
> others in the WNY area. After joining the Air Force, I did 100% of the
> photos for my squadron yearbook during my tour in Korea, and later got
> to make some actual offical USAF photos when I was stationed at
> Andrews. One of my all time favorites is a shot of Pope John Paul II
> on his arrival at Andrews for his 1979 visit; he is holding the infant son
> of a young Sergeant on the base and his XYL who were there to greet
> His Holiness that day. This photo was sent to Rome and I received
> a letter of acknowledgement stating that it was placed on display on
> some wall somewhere in the Vatican. I also have some amazing
> photos of President and Mrs. Reagan on the Andrews flightline as they
> walked from the Marine One helicopter to Air Force One prior to
> departure on one of their many trips I "worked" as a Special Air Missions
> Coordinator. I've got to get those photos copyrighted; they could be
> worth a few bucks someday!
>
> 73 de Larry, K3LT

>

3288. Re: Survey? Was: Re: With CW gone, can the CW allocations be far behind?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 06:06:04 UTC
From: "Ryan, KC8PMX" <kc8pmx@diamondcs.net>
Message-ID: <bg5unf$kilmh$9@ID-189073.news.uni-berlin.de>
Source record: 73048

Exactly. As well as writing to their elected officials as well.

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Ryan, KC8PMX
FF1-FF2-MFR-(pending NREMT-B!)
--. --- -.. ... .- -. --. . .-.. ... .- .-. . ..-. .. .-. . ..-.
.. --. .... - . .-. ...
> Though I've been a member of the ARRL longer than I've been a ham, I
> often find that it is wiser to represent myself than let the ARRL do
> it. We often have differing viewpoints.
>
> Those who are not ARRL members can simply represent themselves to the
> FCC.
>
> Brian

3289. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 06:28:11 UTC
From: "Ryan, KC8PMX" <kc8pmx@diamondcs.net>
Message-ID: <bg5ung$kilmh$10@ID-189073.news.uni-berlin.de>
Source record: 73050

"Larry Roll K3LT" <yodoc@aol.comnospam> wrote in message
news:20030724234308.02197.00001559@mb-m12.aol.com...
> In article <bfpetd$gqsk8$3@ID-189073.news.uni-berlin.de>, "Ryan, KC8PMX"
> <kc8pmx@diamondcs.net> writes:
>
> >Okay, thanks Larry, just wanted to clarify that.
> >
> >One last other question, define "whining." Is that anything that you
just
> >don't want to hear, or ?? Again, I am asking this actually seriously, not
> >fecetiously (sp.?) At least I am attempting to see your side of
> >it.....
> >
> >One could view anything that they don't wanna hear as whining, and if
thats
> >the case I hear thousands of "whining words" on a daily basis.
>
> Ryan:
>
> I would define "whining" as "shrill, uncontrolled complaint, usually made
on
> a topic of concern to the individual making the complaint, but without any
> particular basis for objection other than the subject in question is a
matter
> which the individual feels powerless to control, or chooses not to control
> by virtue of the personal effort or expense involved. The "whining" is
usually
> directed at a person or organization the "whiner" considers to be
responsible
> for the situation to which the "whiner" objects.

Message Recieved.

>
> I will admit that most mature, hard-working, industrious and ingenious
people
> definitely "don't want to hear" whining. For example, I certainly didn't
> appreciate being accused of being like Hitler, and in favor of things like
> "ethnic cleansing" because I supported the concept of code testing in the
ARS.
> I truly could have done without hearing that, to be sure! For one thing,
it
> quite possibly could have spared me the time I've spent on Usenet in the
> last 14 years.
>

Well, I can say this at least, as part of "maturing" in Usenet over the past 2-3 years, I am now taking the time to verify, and learn more about an individual than before or that other people in these newsgroups. If I "investigate/learn about" a person and still find out they are an a$$hole, then at least I am knowing that from learning about them as opposed to blindly commenting. The same applies for the non-a$$hole types as well (the nice people) It's a matter of taking the time to learn a person.

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Ryan, KC8PMX
FF1-FF2-MFR-(pending NREMT-B!)
--. --- -.. ... .- -. --. . .-.. ... .- .-. . ..-. .. .-. . ..-.
.. --. .... - . .-. ...

3290. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 06:30:11 UTC
From: "Ryan, KC8PMX" <kc8pmx@diamondcs.net>
Message-ID: <bg5uni$kilmh$11@ID-189073.news.uni-berlin.de>
Source record: 73049

Ahhh... ya caught it!! :) Yep, at least the police as they are "cousins"
in the Brotherhood.

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Ryan, KC8PMX
FF1-FF2-MFR-(pending NREMT-B!)
--. --- -.. ... .- -. --. . .-.. ... .- .-. . ..-. .. .-. . ..-.
.. --. .... - . .-. ...
"Larry Roll K3LT" <yodoc@aol.comnospam> wrote in message
news:20030723232802.01315.00001106@mb-m18.aol.com...
> In article <bfjac2$f5ot3$6@ID-189073.news.uni-berlin.de>, "Ryan, KC8PMX"
> <kc8pmx@diamondcs.net> writes:
>
> >Ryan, KC8PMX
> >FF1-FF2-MFR-(pending NREMT-B!)
> >--. --- -.. ... .- -. --. . .-.. ... .- .-. . ..-. .. .-. . ..-.
> >.. --. .... - . .-. ...
>
> Ryan:
>
> What about police and the military? Aren't they also doing God's work?
>
> 73 de Larry, K3LT
> --. --- -.. ... .- -. --. . .-.. ... .- .-. . .--. .- .-. .- - .-. .- -.
...
> .. - -.. .-. .. ...- . .-. ...
>

3291. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 06:36:37 UTC
From: "Ryan, KC8PMX" <kc8pmx@diamondcs.net>
Message-ID: <bg5unj$kilmh$12@ID-189073.news.uni-berlin.de>
Source record: 73251

"Dan/W4NTI" <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com> wrote in message
news:bfsb1t$u8i$1@slb6.atl.mindspring.net...
>
> "Vshah101" <vshah101@aol.com> wrote in message
> news:20030724214902.14602.00000514@mb-m02.aol.com...
> > From: "Dan/W4NTI"
> >
> > >> Wierdness always attracts attention. That's why at the circus, the
> > >> line to get in and see the three-legged lady is longer than the line
> > >> to get in and see the dancing girls.
> > >>
> > >> 73 DE John, KC2HMZ
> > >>
> > >
> > >I always prefered a good looking girl to a three legged freak myself.
> > >
> > You will not likely see a good looking girl if you spend too much time
in
> Ham
> > radio. You definately won't hear/see one if you operate CW.
>
> You have no concept of reality at all do you Vboy? I have met some stone
> fox knock outs at hamfests, on the air, married and single.
>
> I really enjoy meeting XYL's or YLs on the radio. It is a true pleasure
> hearing a female voice on the air.

And a pleasant surprise as well.....

>
> As for females on CW ... wrong again. I know several serious female CW
ops.
> Im not going to put out calls here, because I really dont want to see
them
> insulted by gutless male pigs.
>

I (in my area) have only seen mostly married female hams, which are not
"available" and the few single ones I have seen couldn't get laid in men's
prison with a fistful of pardons and an ample supply of brown paper sacks.
This only applies to the ones I have met, the single ones at least.... all 3
or 4 of them. The overall overwhelming majority of the ham licensed women I
have met are married, and some of them attractive.

Definitely not a "babe" market. I definiteley spend my time looking
elsewhere.

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Ryan, KC8PMX
FF1-FF2-MFR-(pending NREMT-B!)
--. --- -.. ... .- -. --. . .-.. ... .- .-. . ..-. .. .-. . ..-.
.. --. .... - . .-. ...

3292. Re: With CW gone, can the CW allocations be far behind?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 06:42:03 UTC
From: "Ryan, KC8PMX" <kc8pmx@diamondcs.net>
Message-ID: <bg5unl$kilmh$13@ID-189073.news.uni-berlin.de>
Source record: 73252

That wasn't directed at your survey for the most part, more of a general statement..... Again, I still stand by my statement as that is at least what was learned a statistics class in high school.

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Ryan, KC8PMX
FF1-FF2-MFR-(pending NREMT-B!)
--. --- -.. ... .- -. --. . .-.. ... .- .-. . ..-. .. .-. . ..-.
.. --. .... - . .-. ...
"N2EY" <n2ey@aol.com> wrote in message
news:20030725082149.23406.00001015@mb-m27.aol.com...
> In article <bfpete$gqsk8$4@ID-189073.news.uni-berlin.de>, "Ryan, KC8PMX"
> <kc8pmx@diamondcs.net> writes:
>
> >Show me a truly impartial survey and I might actually consider joining
the
> >Anti-Radio Relay League. ALL surveys are slanted in some direction or
> >another, as to prove some point or theory.
> >
> Was my survey slanted? If so, how?
>
> 73 de Jim, N2EY

3293. Re: Question for the No coders

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 06:44:48 UTC
From: "Dick Carroll;" <dixie@townsqr.com>
Message-ID: <bg5550$2fu$0@208.206.142.84>
Source record: 73020

Len Over 21 wrote:

> In article <bg3m9r$8v5$0@208.206.142.86>, "Dick Carroll;" <dixie@townsqr.com>
> writes:
>
> >Brian Kelly wrote:
> >
> >> lenover21@aol.com (Len Over 21) wrote
> >
> >> > >I for one
> >> > >was on the HF ham bands in 1951 *with CW* from W3CGS before I got my
> >> > >Novice ticket.
> >> >
> >> > Then you were BOOTLEGGING, old man. ILLEGAL. Tsk, tsk.
> >
> >Of course Putzie would have to have some real information on ham radio to
> >know how that works, wouldn't he?
>
> US amateur radio is one of the most publicized of electronics-related
> hobbies..

So you've read about ham radio and now you're an expert on it, you got it all mastered. Yep, that's about your speed, all right. Again and as usual, no surprises here.
So how was it you're still so uninformed that you never heard of an unlicensed (or underlicensed) operator working a ham radio station under the supervision of a control operator who has the appropriate license? Hmmmm?
So your reading didn't really teach you all that much about ham radio?
Whatta surprise!

>
>
> If you ever scan the HAM RADIO Magazine CD ($150 for a 3-disk set
> of all 22 years of publication), you can see my articles in there.

Don't bother with the CD nonsense, I was a charter 1968 subscriber, and I still have all the magazines save a few that were loaned out and didn't make it home. It sure is funny that I never noticed your byline, nor even any mention of you or your name in any of them. Of course I could get them out and do a manual search just to see how much of a liar you really are, but naw, you're a phoney from the get-go and that'd be a waste of my time. Whatever (if anything) you may have contributed was too inconsequential to be of note.
Hey, That's the way things work in the publishing world. The heavyweights are well remembered while the featherweights just float away, off into well deserved oblivion.....

> .
>
> > And the liklihood that *HE* has done a large bit of bootlegging is more
> >than obvious given his longtime
> >'interest' in ham radio and the fact that he has never held a license, no?
>
> I've never done any bootlegging in any radio service, old man.

So you now say, but you've said numerous things here that have shown
to be inaccurate at best, downright lies at worst. Maybe your NCI buddies
will believe you.

> I've held
> a commercial license since 1956 and had three years of REAL radio
> communications for three years prior to that.

A tisket, a tasket, you lost your yellow basket! So you babysat the fuse panel
at some obscure transmitter site outside Hiroshima or some such. How impressive!
Maybe it was the leftovers from Fat Boy that got to you.

> You were not able to do
> that before age 25. Probably too lazy on your part, ey?

The lazy occured on your shift when you forgot to learn how to count.
I took my discharge from the Army at age 23 after five years service, and had the
First phone the last three years of that time. Maybe your mailorder pschyo'ed
bride will loan you a digital calculator?

>
>
> You can't do anything more than throw shit (excuse me, "dung" or
> "feces") at others in here...another fine example of the prime of
> US amateur radio...and a former VE.
>
>

Lessee, just what was it *you're* good at now, besides slinging dung
at licensed hams?
Babysitting circuitbreakers at a transmitter site
in the backwoods on some Oriental island 50 years ago?

Claiming authorship/editorshit of a ham radio magazine many years ago, altho you
never were licensed, when no one WITH a ham radio license ever heard
of you?

I dunno, Len, I terminated my career nearly ten years ago with an attractive
retirement. Since then I've done whatever I felt like doing, in radio and outside
it. I don't need some 50 year old crutch to prop me up, again within ham radio or
outside it. Clearly your needs hang out there on your sleeve for all to see.
Whatta shame.

And once again-- I **KNOW** I've done more real radio work, work on
heavy hardware -radio transmitting- iron than you ever dreamed of, and
I don't mean just in ham radio, either, though I've done my share of that, too.

Live with it.

OBTW, I was in your backyard again last week. I visited Yaesu USA Center at the Vertex Standard building in Cypress, and we toured around the
region a bit just looking things over.
Can't say I envy you living there.The place leaves a bad taste in one's mouth. Literally. You don't know what clean air is.

3294. Re: Survey? Was: Re: With CW gone, can the CW allocations be far behind?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 07:17:24 UTC
From: "Ryan, KC8PMX" <kc8pmx@diamondcs.net>
Message-ID: <bg5unm$kilmh$14@ID-189073.news.uni-berlin.de>
Source record: 73253

"Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net> wrote in message
news:6bZTa.12581$Vx2.6166676@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com...
>
> "Ryan, KC8PMX" <kc8pmx@diamondcs.net> wrote in message
> news:bfpetg$gqsk8$5@ID-189073.news.uni-berlin.de...
> >> 14. The ARRL leadership should take the following role in the code
> > > test issue:
> >
> > E. Stay the hell out of it until they truly represent all of the amateur
> > radio community.
>
> Right now they are the only organization who represents us at all. If you
> want to control their policies, become a member and climb the political
> structure.
>

No... they only represent their membership. (as that has been dictated to
me time and time again.) There in lies the real root of the problem, it is
a "political" organization, i.e. bureaucracy.

> Those who are not members of the ARRL have chosen to remain unrepresented
> since they have done nothing to form a lobyy to take the place of the
ARRL.

I can self-represent for the time being. It's better that what the has been
done to amateur radio since my involvement since 1988. I write letters on a
regular basis to not only the FCC, as well as the elected officials from my
area that serve in congress and the senate. Not only do issues come up that
they might have an opportunity to vote on, they "have friends" in other
parts of the goverment as well I am sure.

Instead of lazily waiting for the arrl to act on matters, I can just imagine
the response if at least 20-30 wrote letters on a regular basis to there
congress and senator persons. Our districts for each up north here contain
at least 1,000 hams a piece.

That was another question I also had.....WHO are the arrl lobbyists? WHAT
exactly are they doing? WHO exactly are they talking to? WHAT is their
budgets?? I have asked this before but with no response. If it is not for
the magazine subscription (QST is actually a fairly decent magazine even
though content is forever dwindling over the years due stuff being pushed to
the website) then the other argument by some is for some type of
protectionist/mafioso scheme as to why to join the arrl.

I do not consider the arrl the equivalent of christianity, nor will I be
brainwashed to think that arrl can do no wrong or preach/recite some

mantra's.

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Ryan, KC8PMX
FF1-FF2-MFR-(pending NREMT-B!)
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.. --. .... - . .-. ...

3295. Re: American w/ Disability Act and CW Proficiency Test

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 07:46:25 UTC
From: Dwight Stewart <stewart@say.net>
Message-ID: <BB4B9E90.1FA7E%stewart@say.net>
Source record: 73021

"Kim W5TIT" wrote:
>
> Well, now see? I can understand that. BUT, I am not
> sure that someone *using* the handicapped as an excuse
> is something that we should all applaud--*if* that is
> what Keith is doing. Maybe he really *does* know
> someone he's taking up for. But, I haven't heard him
> mention anyone.

Since I'm still having problems reading your messages, I'll end with these comments. Those who cheat when it comes to the ADA are causing problems for the truly disabled. The general stereotype is that everyone claiming a disability is faking it. My wife was recently hurt while working for the military and now has a disability (her body is 30 percent disabled). Even though her disability is very real, many people immediately assume she is faking it because the injuries are not outwardly visible (no wheelchair).

As a result, my wife has to constantly deal with an impression she cheating some insurance company out of money using a fake disability. In reality, the military and VA decided she was disabled, and assigned the percentage of disability, based on their own x-rays, surgeries, and follow-up treatment. The VA is now sending her to college for vocational rehabilitation and she gets a small disability check each month ($510).

Trust me when I say she would gladly give all that back in trade for no disability to live with for the rest of her life and no pain at night from each day's activities.

Dwight Stewart (W5NET)

http://www.qsl.net/w5net/

3296. Re: ATTN: Tech Licensee USA Morse Code Freedom Day is August 1st

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 08:00:26 UTC
From: Dwight Stewart <stewart@say.net>
Message-ID: <BB4BA1D9.1FA80%stewart@say.net>
Source record: 73022

"Phil Kane" wrote:

> That's called an "Administration" in ITU-speak.

Phil, why can't lawyers like yourself use everyday, plain, English?
Reading the Code of Federal Regulations or US Code (or whatever) is like
reading something written in another language. I think it's a conspiracy to
confuse everyone else in an effort to insure work for lawyers. ;)

Dwight Stewart (W5NET)

http://www.qsl.net/w5net/

3297. Re: ATTN: Tech Licensee USA Morse Code Freedom Day is August 1st

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 08:14:38 UTC
From: Dwight Stewart <stewart@say.net>
Message-ID: <BB4BA52D.1FA82%stewart@say.net>
Source record: 73023

"Len Over 21" wrote:

> (snip) Nowhere in the Constitution of the United
> States is there any mention of radio, morse code,
> the United Nations, nor the Federal Communications
> Commission. [that includes Amendments which were
> ratified by the states much later than the original
> Constitution acceptance-ratification. (snip)

Len, I'm not going to sit here and argue with you as you try to twist what I've said. The Constitution gives Congress the power to ratify international treaties. That ratification process you want explained has be established for over two hundred years and can easily be researched yourself if you really want to know something about it. The United States is not, and has never been, automatically subject to any treaty change by either the UN or ITU. Any change in a treaty requires action by our government before it becomes the law of this land. When it comes to code testing, our government will have to take steps before any change takes place in this country. Until you offer something which disputes any of this, nothing further needs to be said.

Dwight Stewart (W5NET)

http://www.qsl.net/w5net/

3298. Re: Question for the No coders

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 09:09:08 UTC
From: Dwight Stewart <stewart@say.net>
Message-ID: <BB4BB1F3.1FA84%stewart@say.net>
Source record: 73024

"Brian Kelly" wrote:
>
> (snip) I'll cheerfully give up thumping for
> code tests when the writtens get much stiffer
> than they are now. As the situation stands
> now everywhere I look the service is being
> dumbed down.

In case you haven't noticed, the entire country is being "dumbed" down. So what are you going to do about it - continue to excluded more and more people from Ham Radio as you wait for someone to do something about it?

I don't like what is going on in this country either. But I don't see how we can sit here and insist Ham Radio is only for "smart" people as we exclude more and more in a growing country while our own numbers barely remain stable. Especially when I see darn few 'rocket scientists' in our existing numbers - in any license class.

In my opinion, the existing license exams serve their purpose well. Therefore, I see no reason to demand that future prospective Hams know more than new Hams today, twenty years ago, or fifty years ago.

Of course, you're perfectly free to continue "thumping for code tests" as much as you want. The same with the "stiffer" written tests. However, since code tests serve no purpose other than to exclude today and stiffer written tests would do the same, you certainly won't get any support from me.

Dwight Stewart (W5NET)

http://www.qsl.net/w5net/

3299. Re: American w/ Disability Act and CW Proficiency Test

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 10:22:41 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030729062241.21428.00001357@mb-m23.aol.com>
Source record: 73025

In article <cpierce-14BE0B.17203228072003@news03.west.earthlink.net>, C
<cpierce@uit.net> writes:

>My only gripe with the code is the testing. It is stated as a 5 word
>per minute test. When I challenged the test a few weeks ago I found that
>it is actually anywhere from 13 to 18 words per minute, not 5 words per
>minute. The 5 words per minute is a lie....

The standard test is 5 wpm "Farnsworth spaced" Morse. The characters are sent
fast (~15 wpm) but extra space is inserted between each character so the result
is 25 per minute. Which is 5 wpm.

IOW, "Farnsworth" sounds like this:

dahdah.....................................dahdidahdah.....................
.......dahdit..............

instead of

daaaaahdaaaaah...................daaaaahdiidaaaaahdaaaaaah......daaaaadiit
....

However, if you would prefer the latter, it can be arranged as an accomodation.
>
>Why not tell it like it is....

They do.

>Those giving the test do not want to make
>it easy for anyone who has a learning disability or not. I have never
>been able to memorize anything easily when in school, and was accused of
>being from lazy to stupid. My father told me that I was ignorant because
>I was partly colorblind. I do not want sympathy, just after studying for
>almost a year to pass the 5 word per minute test for what it is suppose
>to be not what someone who is more proficient with the code wants it to
>be.....

You can ask for accomodations such as non-Farnsworth Morse, different tones,
headphones instead of speaker, etc. But you have to contact the VEC ahead of
time and arrange for it, in most cases.

Look for the G4FON free software and download it. Does a better job for most
people than records or CDs.

Quote from a satisfied user (WA2SI):

"Here is the link to download G4FON's
'Koch Method CW Trainer' as well as KB2TQX's 'KochRX.'

http://www.qsl.net/g4fon/CW%20Trainer.htm

Lemme tell you, this makes learning and practicing CW really fun, almost like a PC game. Download and install both into the same directory and then start off with two characters. KochRX allows you to enter the sent Morse character on your keyboard and at the end of the session (You can vary the time and speed.) it'll compare actual sent vs. what you've typed and grade it."

Also please visit:

http://www.9bit.qc.ca/ve2crd/cours/CW_course.html

Good luck.

73 de Jim, N2EY

3300. Re: There is no International Code Requirement and techs can operate

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 10:22:43 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030729062243.21428.00001358@mb-m23.aol.com>
Source record: 73026

In article <Pine.LNX.4.56.0307290435560.9509@kd6lvw.ampr.org>, "D. Stussy"
<kd6lvw@bde-arc.ampr.org> writes:

>On Tue, 29 Jul 2003, N2EY wrote:
>> In article <Xns93C67CE88FE4elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>, Alun Palmer
>> <elektros@yahoo.com> writes:
>> >The question comes down to the meaning of "and who has
>> >received credit for proficiency in telegraphy in accordance with the
>> >international requirements". If there is no international requirement to
>> >have "received credit for proficiency in telegraphy" for access to any
>> >frequency, then a person who has not "received credit for proficiency in
>> >telegraphy" is "in accordance with the international requirements" if they
>> >operate on those frequencies.
>>
>> Except that there IS an "international requirement to have "received credit
>for
>> proficiency in telegraphy"". The international requirement is that each
>country
>> shall decide what the requirement is for those it licenses. Switzerland has
>> decided that it's 0 wpm. Britain has decided that it's the "Morse
>assessment"
>> of the Foundation license. The US has decided it's 5 wpm.
>
>I say that you're both wrong.

Well, there you have it.

>If there is no international requirement, then
>there is no way to demonstrate compliance with it.

That's an "if-then" statement. There IS an international requirement, though.

>If you think I'm wrong,
>please identify acceptable proof of compliance. (Not needing any proof means
>that there is no requirement, and that's a contradiction of the FCC
>regulation itself.)

Not at all. S25.5 still exists, it's just been modified. It says now that each
country shall decide.
>
>What WRC-03 did is change the requirement into an option.

No. It simply allows each country to set its own requirements. Right now the
USA sets the requirement at 5 wpm.

> Since it's not a
>requirement anymore, there's no measureability of compliance, so how can one

>be compliant?
>
>> >Can we deem that a Tech who has not "received credit for proficiency in
>> >telegraphy" has nevertheless "received credit for proficiency in
>> >accordance with the international requirements", i.e. is "in accordance
>> >with the international requirements"?
>>
>> Nope.
>
>I go further: One may also assume that a Technician or Novice that does have
>proficiency has no right to operate there - because said proficiency is
>"measured" in terms of a now non-existent requirement.

False circular logic.
>
>> >Granted that s25.5 as revised allows each administration to determine
>> >whether a code test is required. That being the case, the FCC does so in
>> >respect of Tech HF operation only through 97.301(e) and in no other rule.
>>
>> Poor verbiage, that's all.
>
>Very poor. If the FCC wanted to do this in a way that didn't depend on an
>outside body of law, they could have chosen language to indicate dependence
>on "element 1 credit" and avoid the entire problem.

Maybe. I think FCC wanted to avoid mentioning Element 1 so they wouldn't give
the impression that you could get a new Novice or Tech Plus.
>
>> >If that rule is conditional upon a code test being required by
>> >international requirements, then there is nothing therein indicating that
>> >the FCC chooses to require a code test for that particular purpose.
>>
>> Except that's not what it means.
>> >
>> >To cut a long story short, the argument rests upon whether "in accordance
>> >with international requirements" is a necessary condition in the sentence.
>> >If it is, then no-code Techs have the Novice HF frequencies*, and if not,
>> >then they will have to wait. This is really what I am seeking comment on,
>> >although all other observations are welcome.
>> >
>> >*(Although possibly not until after ratification of the new treaty)
>>
>> FCC used that verbiage to avoid having to keep the Tech Plus class alive. I
>> don't know what their problem with the T+ license is, but they have always
>> treated it as a poor relation.
>
>I fully agree with that. Now that the international requirement has been
>killed (and replaced with an option), HF privileges for technicians (and
>novices) have also died. I interpret this as meaning that ANY type of
>technician is equal to the "no-code" technician (except those pre-87's who
>have

>the credit in hand for a general class license but haven't applied yet), and
>that novices only have the 222Mhz and 23cm bands for operating.

Sorry, that doesn't make any sense at all.
>
>> What I find most surreal about all this is that even with folks like WK3C,
>> K2UNK and K2ASP saying the way it is, folks argue with them and question
>> their motivation and qualification.
>
>You should see all the defective and less than perfect regulations in the tax
>code. That's my "home turf."

And these regs are K2ASP's "home turf". Do you think W3KC or K2UNK haven't been over that bit of Part 97 a few times?

73 de Jim, N2EY

>

3301. Re: Understanding the Possible Legal Loophole of s25.5 and 97.301(e)

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 11:14:45 UTC
From: Lou <nospam@nospam.com>
Message-ID: <NGsVa.643$603.32896@iad-read.news.verio.net>
Source record: 73027
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.misc

"Keith" <kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net> wrote in message
news:bg3ss921kaa@enews4.newsguy.com...
> On Mon, 28 Jul 2003 13:41:24 -0400, "Spamhater" <nospam@nospam.com> wrote:
>
> > Get off your lazy ass and learn 5 WPM CW.
>
> Pal I can receive CW at 18 WPM and I even have a fancy certificate from
the US
> government to prove it.
>
> --
> The Radio Page Ham, Police Scanner, Shortwave and more.
> http://www.kilowatt-radio.org/

Well then, you should know that 5 WPM isn't that difficult to learn... And I
TOO have a 20 WPM Extra. I have NO problem with the FCC keeping the 5 WPM
code element.

I've seen some situations in my life time where code was able to be used
aside from radio. Not a bad idea to keep it in tact at LEAST at 5 WPM.

JMS

3302. Re: There is no International Code Requirement and techs can operate HF according to FCC Rules

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 11:19:24 UTC
From: "Dick Carroll;" <dixie@townsqr.com>
Message-ID: <bg5l7s$5ov$0@208.206.142.84>
Source record: 73028
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb

YOU are the troll!!!!! You've got all those screen names in a macro.
Go away and don't come back!!!!!!

GM wrote:

> On Tue, 29 Jul 2003 04:50:19 GMT, D. Stussy <kd6lvw@bde-arc.ampr.org> wrote:
> > I disagree to as what it says.
> >
> > I state that what the FCC wrote is that the licensee is to meet a requirement
> > that is now impossible to meet because it no longer exists.
>
> You are a troll. You post from ampr.org and easynews.com. You
> aren't fooling anyone. We are taking this newsgroup back and nothing
> you can do will stop that.
>
> These are the handles you have used in the past couple of months
> including but not limited to--
>
> D. Stussy kd6lvw@bde-arc.ampr.org
> 666 Beetleguice@Anon.com
> Anon Anon@anonxmanho.com
> Anon Anon@invaliddomain.com
> Anus On Line You've_Got_Mail@anon.com
> Aunt Bea Opie@Anoned.com
> Barabbas KingMe@##666.com
> BARF BARFnuts@barfpsychos.net
> Big Al BigAl@grupposietemet.net
> Bob Badblood Trash@Trashradionut.com
> Bubba Tootlhless@YoMammaz.com
> Bojangles Anon@noisp.com
> Claude Anon@anon.com
> Dave Allan Denny@kenallasaws.com
> David Oregon_Mariages@jCorckSuckers.cm
> DimmyDimwitt Crybaby@anon.com
> Dobbie Potter@anon.com
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> Firebottle dafirebottle@comnos.pam
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> Fwankie FwankieBARF@BARFfwankie.net
> Goodfellows Rule ByeByeBARF@BARFisGone.org
> Goodie Two Shoes Jiabao@anon.com
> Groan! Nobody@anon.com
> Guffaw!!! Gdarnn@anon.com
> Harley1200 DemocratsLie@anon.com
> Henry henry@wsimconews.org
> Herb Herb@qrmkingallbands.org
> Ho Ho DoDoSmith@aspaal.com
> Howie 14285kHz@howiemantraffic.net
> Itell On4zzabc 4zzabc@netkops.com
> Itell OnU snivel@netkops.com
> I Zorg zorg@netkops.com
> Joe Partlan How_Shocked!@anon.com
> King Creole Louisiana@jBuggOff.com
> Lloyd HiramBubbas@Anon.coz
> Lloyd Lloyd@duhhhhswl.com
> Lloyd/AB4NW Lloyd@no.spammmmm
> Llyod Lloyd@no.spammmmm
> L Rod Hubbard LRod@removethispart.com
> Mark Mansfield mmansfield@serepcoordsinc.org
> Miami Bob MiamiBob@medcasternet.org
> Momma Moron Anonr@nodomainz.com
> nookie nookie@yuo345.com
> Nutcase Bobby TrashRadio@BobbyTheNut.com
> Onxyzzy xyzzy@netkops.com
> Pabst Smear Nomamma@Fu.com
> Pappy Anon@anon.com
> Pat Carter PCarter@ncvillage.net
> Patrick C Carter_P@ncvillage.net
> PCarter Carter@ncvillage.net
> Petey Arnett News@ele.ven
> Poo Bear Anon@anon.com
> Q Q@Q.everywhere
> QRM Billy QRM@BillyBARFgone.net
> QRP Anon@anon.com
> Queenie Queenie@barfqueeniehq.net
> Randy Thomas TP@pradirandco.org
> Rasheed USCitizen@nospam.com
> Ray Dude GoFigure@nospam.com
> Reactance 24Volt@anon.com
> Richard W Sigs@nononnetanon.net
> Rob Homie@anon.com
> Roger Anon@anon.com
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> Stu Parker sparkr@pavillage.net
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> Timmie TwoShoes Anon@nospam.com
> Trash Radio TrashRadio@BARFtrashradio.net
> Troll Anon@ianonz.com
> Virgil Anon@Anon.com
> Voila! Fuzzy@Anon.com
> What A HOOT!!! Rastus@anon.com
> Wrong Way Whoop;assy@noemail.com
> Zippo Flame@nospam.com
> zzabc zabc@netkops.com

3303. Re: There is no International Code Requirement and techs can operate HF according to FCC Rules

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 12:16:44 UTC
From: Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93C7541FF9C13elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>
Source record: 73029
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb

"D. Stussy" <kd6lvw@bde-arc.ampr.org> wrote in
news:Pine.LNX.4.56.0307290419580.9509@kd6lvw.ampr.org:

> On Mon, 28 Jul 2003, Keith wrote:
>> On Mon, 28 Jul 2003 00:52:54 GMT, "Phil Kane"
>> <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop> wrote:
>>
>> > Until the FCC changes the rules concering Element 1, the requirement
>> > in the US remains that Element 1 must be passed.
>>
>> That is NOT what 97.301(e) says. 97.301(e) does not require a tech to
>> possess
>> element 1, it requires the tech licensee to meet the international
>> standards set down in s25.5 to transmit on HF.
>
> I agree with the above as to what 47 CFR 97.301(e) says.
>
> I disagree that what is left means that any Technician or Novice has
> any HF privilege at all. The FCC rule still says that these licensees
> must show compliance with a non-existent regulation. Since they CANNOT
> COMPLY with a non-existent [international] regulation, they LACK the
> privilege.
>
>> The reason 97.301(e) was written that way is because the FCC expected
>> the s25.5 reference to be deleted, but it was changed. The fact that
>> it was changed does not mean a tech licensee is not meeting the
>> requirements set down in 97.301(e).
>
> I disagree. There is a [U.S.] requirement for these licenseholders to
> meet the international requirement. Show me how they can do this if
> the international requirement doesn't exist.... It's impossible for
> them to demonstrate compliance, and therefore, they cannot meet all of
> the U.S. requirements (one of which is to meet the non-existent
> international requirement), and thus have no such privilege.
>

You have posted this in lots of places, so I will reply only once. The
international requirement is that code testing is optional, hence it can
be met either with or without passing a code test, i.e. veryone meets it
all the time.

>> It doesn't mean a tech can get on 20 meters, it should mean he can
>> operate on

>> HF in the allocated tech bands according to the FCC rules.
>
> What you think it should mean and what it does mean are as clear as
> night and day.
>

3304. Re: There is no Requirement to cross post this dribble to rec.radio.cb

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 12:18:27 UTC
From: Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93C7546AA2336elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>
Source record: 73030
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.misc

"Landshark" <S3Buell@SBCGlobal.Net.> wrote in
news:VKmVa.525$594.52490302@newssvr21.news.prodigy.com:

>
> "D. Stussy" <kd6lvw@bde-arc.ampr.org> wrote in message
> news:Pine.LNX.4.56.0307290428110.9509@kd6lvw.ampr.org...\
>
> Why don't you people pay attention that
> your cross posting this troll fodder?
>
> Landshark
>
>

I beleive that the word you are searching for is drivel, not dribble

3305. Re: American w/ Disability Act and CW Proficiency Test

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 12:25:48 UTC
From: Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93C755A993E95elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>
Source record: 73031
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb

<snip>
>
> Call me anything that you want but don't call me late for dinner or
> a juicy pile-up on 20m.
>

<snip>

That's what my grandad always said (without the bit about 20m)!

3306. Re: radio amateurs et cibistes

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 12:26:36 UTC
From: Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93C755CC27375elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>
Source record: 73032

nospam@any.time wrote in news:bktbivk2cog9v1p68i80tedd3jt3anjefd@4ax.com:

> On 29 Jul 2003 03:38:27 GMT, Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote:
>
>
>>Traites internationaux qui concerne le CB n'existe pas. C'est vrai qur
>>les regles Americain limitent le range de CB a 150 miles...
>
> Es 155.3 exectamundo!
>
>

No habla Espanol

3307. Re: American w/ Disability Act and CW Proficiency Test

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 12:31:04 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu>
Message-ID: <3F266908.5090404@psu.edu>
Source record: 73033
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.misc

Michael Black wrote:
> Mike Coslo (mcoslo@adelphia.net) writes:
>
>>C wrote:
>>
>>>No I am not doing a memorizing of each dit and dah and converting
>>>method. My problem is my brain does not react fast enough to decide what
>>>each character is before the next one is sent. I just get further
>>>behind. I practice at least 20 to 30 minutes usually twice a day if not
>>>more. I use computer programs and ARRL training CDs.
>>>
>>>I will check "The Art and Skill of Radiotelegraphy". Thanks for the
>>>encouragement.
>>
>>
>> Ahh, that training CD! I used it, and failed miserably at it. Turns out
>>I memorized the darn thing. You might try a program that sends out
>>random groups or even makes up QSO's.
>>
>> - Mike KB3EIA -
>>
>
> With most people having computers, learning CW should be so much easier
> nowadays. Not like when I was ten, and bought a telegraph set so I
> could learn Morse Code, not realizing that sending is not he same thing
> as receiving.

Big time! I can send at twice the speed I can recieve at.

> One of the things I've wondered about is whether one could get used
> to the sounds of the letters subconciously via a program that
> sends the morse letter everytime you press a key on your keyboard.
> You wouldn't really being paying attention, but it would be a positive
> reinforcement of what sounds go with what letters. I'm not sure
> it would be a completely painless method, but it would either help
> get someone used to the sounds, or reinforce the learning already done.
>
> But I'm not sure anyone has cooked up such a program.

That would be interesting to have running in the background while
typing int the newsgroups. 8^)

> I suspect some of the problem some people have is that they are
> trying way too hard. They see the code as an obstacle, and are

> fighting it all the way. "Now I'm going to do my hour of code
> practice". In the old days, that would mean going to a code
> practice course, or buying one of those records (I had one to
> start, and I think it did help), or listening to a receiver
> where the code might not be optimal or under the best conditions.
> You sit there with your pen and paper, and struggle to get it
> all right. But moving it into the background makes it less important,
> and perhaps by simply getting used to the sounds before struggling
> to get it all, it might all come easier.

My bigget problem was missing a letter, and getting hung up on it. By
then 3 or 4 more letters would go by, and then the real frustration
would set in. It ended up that I needed to just relax and let the
mistakes roll by. Then the mistakes went away.

- mike KB3EIA -

3308. Re: Tech Licensee USA Morse Code Freedom Day is August 1st

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 12:43:48 UTC
From: "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net>
Message-ID: <8_tVa.14332$Vx2.7036487@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com>
Source record: 73034
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb

"'Doc" <w5lz@cwis.net> wrote in message news:3F25F87D.18FE53E5@cwis.net...
>
>
> Keith wrote:
> ---- clipped ----
>
> > There is no way the FCC can find it if a tech has passed a morse code
test
> > since they don't keep any records.
>
>
> Oh, really? Care to place a small bet on that? What
> happens to all those completion certificates that you have
> to show that you've successfully completed part of an exam?
> Do you really think they just go into the trash? I'm afraid
> I have some bad news for you Keith, they aren't thrown away.
> So, any other 'loop holes' you want someone to jump through?
> 'Doc

Let's hope people remember that little statement from the study guides about keeping that certificate to prove that they've earned the credit. I'm sure that some will not unfortunately.

Dee D. Flint, N8UZE

3309. Re: American w/ Disability Act and CW Proficiency Test

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 12:45:53 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307290445.5e73cf3c@posting.google.com>
Source record: 73035
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.misc

C <cpierce@uit.net> wrote in message
news:<cpierce-14BE0B.17203228072003@news03.west.earthlink.net>...
> My only gripe with the code is the testing. It is stated as a 5 word
> per minute test. When I challenged the test a few weeks ago I found that
> it is actually anywhere from 13 to 18 words per minute, not 5 words per
> minute. The 5 words per minute is a lie....

You are correct, sir.

The exam administered by the various VEC's is called Farnsworth. If
you look at Part 97, you will see that it specifies Morse. Farnsworth
is mentioned nowhere in Part 97. Furthermore, the specification of
Morse Code is defined nowhere in Part 97, nor in all of Title 47. We
on RRAP have been down this road before.

Basically, if you are a Pro-Code Test Agenda type, you agree to allow
the VEC's to break the law, even encourage it because the examinee may
eventually want to actually use Code at a higher speed.

But if you can read, you see that Morse is specified, not Farnsworth.

If you happen to know enough about all this to ask for the real Morse
Exam at a test session, then the VE must accomodate you. But the
aren't likely to mention it unless you do. If you've been studying
the Morse training tapes, you are likely to fail the Farnsworth exam.

Farnsworth is fairly well agreed to be the better METHOD to learning
faster code. By the time one gets to about 20WPM, there is supposed
to be no difference between Farnsworth and Morse, but with the various
code tutor programs, anything is possible.

Anyway, the VEC's are administering a code exam not specified in Part
97.

Hopefully it will all be over with soon.

Good luck, Brian

3310. Re: American w/ Disability Act and CW Proficiency Test

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 13:00:12 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307290500.c7b8213@posting.google.com>
Source record: 73036
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.misc

"Dan/W4NTI" <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com> wrote in message
news:<bg4ae2$ak9$1@slb2.atl.mindspring.net>...
> "C" <cpierce@uit.net> wrote in message
> news:cpierce-14BE0B.17203228072003@news03.west.earthlink.net...
> >
> > My only gripe with the code is the testing. It is stated as a 5 word
> > per minute test. When I challenged the test a few weeks ago I found that
> > it is actually anywhere from 13 to 18 words per minute, not 5 words per
> > minute. The 5 words per minute is a lie....

snip

> Not trying to be a smart ass here...but...how do you know it was 13 if you
> say you can't copy 13???. Could it be he was sending the characters fast
> and making the spacing long. I.E. Farnsworth method, which is the
> recomended way to conduct a test?
>
> If you want to quit. Thats your choice. I would suggest you go to a
> different test place with different folks instead.
>
> Dan/W4NTI

Dan, he probably finished failing the exam again and said to one of
the VE's, "Sheesh, that code seemed awfully fast." Whereas the VE
replied, "Sure, we're sending it at 13-18wpm with long spaces in
between. It all evens out in the end. By the way, we are denying you
access to HF."

That's what happens to people who study Morse Code tapes at 5wpm then
take the Farnsworth exam.

If they don't have a high level understanding of all of this, then
they are just as likely to get a hold of real Morse study material as
opposed to Farnsworth study material.

Brian

3311. Re: There is no Requirement to cross post this dribble to rec.radio.cb

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 13:22:47 UTC
From: Hugo <hmm..@yeahright.kom>
Message-ID: <vict8ej8esnpa8@corp.supernews.com>
Source record: 73037
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.amateur.misc

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Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote in message
news:Xns93C7546AA2336elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4...
> "Landshark" <S3Buell@SBCGlobal.Net.> wrote in
> news:VKmVa.525$594.52490302@newssvr21.news.prodigy.com:
>
> >
> > "D. Stussy" <kd6lvw@bde-arc.ampr.org> wrote in message
> > news:Pine.LNX.4.56.0307290428110.9509@kd6lvw.ampr.org...\
> >
> > Why don't you people pay attention that
> > your cross posting this troll fodder?
> >
> > Landshark
> >
> >
>
> I beleive that the word you are searching for is drivel, not dribble

"beleive"? (I before E, except after C) remember..?
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3312. Re: There is no Requirement to cross post this dribble to rec.radio.cb

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 13:29:27 UTC
From: gw@webhideout.com
Message-ID: <235a74db.0307290529.5ad78129@posting.google.com>
Source record: 73038
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.misc

"Landshark" <S3Buell@SBCGlobal.Net.> wrote in message
news:<VKmVa.525$594.52490302@newssvr21.news.prodigy.com>...
> "D. Stussy" <kd6lvw@bde-arc.ampr.org> wrote in message
> news:Pine.LNX.4.56.0307290428110.9509@kd6lvw.ampr.org...\
>
> Why don't you people pay attention that
> your cross posting this troll fodder?
>
> Landshark

shark, can you imagine what would happen if the shoe was on the other foot.??

3313. Re: radio-amateur and CB

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 13:30:42 UTC
From: Louat Marc <marc.louat@edf.fr>
Message-ID: <3F267702.FB9EAF29@edf.fr>
Source record: 73041

I live in France. What you say is not surprising.

David Robbins a ï¿½crit :

> depends on your country's rules, but in the United States and many other
> countries it is not legal.
>
> "Louat Marc" <marc.louat@edf.fr> wrote in message
> news:3F250F74.C47F5674@edf.fr...
> > Hello
> > I have known radio-amateurism and its rules for years and I have
> > recently met someone who claims to be a cibist and communicate all
> > around the world, send and recieve postcards, talks about any subject,
> > belongs to a club and says it is new CB and it is legal. In my opinion
> > it is not. Is it?
> > Marc Louat
> >

3314. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 13:32:25 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307290532.2581c9eb@posting.google.com>
Source record: 73039

yodoc@aol.comnospam (Larry Roll K3LT) wrote in message
news:<20030728204853.24390.00001423@mb-m19.aol.com>...
> In article <2tj5iv4ks84hdt5m1porjmlv7jrfsfrsgg@4ax.com>, Radio Amateur KC2HMZ
> <kc2hmz@aa-mail.net> writes:

> >...such as the fact that Morse code testing in the ARS is likely to go
> >away, sooner or later?
>
> John:
>
> Yes, that's right. And the reason it's "going away" is because of all
> the "whining" done by the NCTA over the years.

No. The reason its going away is that the PCTA couldn't present a
sound argument to the FCC for its retention.

Brian

3315. Re: There is no International Code Requirement and techs can operate

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 13:36:27 UTC
From: kelly@dvol.com
Message-ID: <d22b54c3.0307290536.3d274090@posting.google.com>
Source record: 73040

n2ey@aol.com (N2EY) wrote in message
news:<20030729062243.21428.00001358@mb-m23.aol.com>...
> In article <Pine.LNX.4.56.0307290435560.9509@kd6lvw.ampr.org>, "D. Stussy"
> <kd6lvw@bde-arc.ampr.org> writes:

> >If there is no international requirement, then
> >there is no way to demonstrate compliance with it.
>
> That's an "if-then" statement. There IS an international requirement, though.
>
> >If you think I'm wrong,
> >please identify acceptable proof of compliance. (Not needing any proof means
> >that there is no requirement, and that's a contradiction of the FCC
> >regulation itself.)

Gawd I dunno where they come from . . The modification of S25.5 has
allowed the national GOVERNMENTS to take options, it does NOT empower
the CITIZENS of the various countries to take any options. The U.S.
government has NOT yet stated what options it will take therefore the
rules we have been living under have NOT changed one bit and will NOT
change until THE U.S. FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION SEZ SO.

> >I go further: One may also assume that a Technician or Novice that does have
> >proficiency has no right to operate there - because said proficiency is
> >"measured" in terms of a now non-existent requirement.
>
> False circular logic.

Amazing.

Welcome to the kinds of thinking which will "take ham radio into the
21st Century". I just cain't frigging wait . . .

W3RV

>
> 73 de Jim, N2EY
>
> >

3316. Re: Question for the No coders

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 14:21:05 UTC
From: kelly@dvol.com
Message-ID: <d22b54c3.0307290621.6b3c62c8@posting.google.com>
Source record: 73254

Dwight Stewart <stewart@say.net> wrote in message news:<BB4BB1F3.1FA84%stewart@say.net>...
> "Brian Kelly" wrote:
> >
> > (snip) I'll cheerfully give up thumping for
> > code tests when the writtens get much stiffer
> > than they are now. As the situation stands
> > now everywhere I look the service is being
> > dumbed down.
>
>
> In case you haven't noticed, the entire country is being "dumbed" down. So
> what are you going to do about it -

Stand up and draw some lines in the sand. Do a Harry Truman, "The buck
stops here."

> continue to excluded more and more
> people from Ham Radio as you wait for someone to do something about it?

Your position then is that it's OK to dumb down ham radio because
everything else is getting dumbed down? That's how the dunbing down
got started.

> I don't like what is going on in this country either. But I don't see how
> we can sit here and insist Ham Radio is only for "smart" people as we
> exclude more and more in a growing country

What do you mean "exclude more and more people from ham radio"?? The
nocode ticket was introduced in 1991. A couple years ago the 13 & 20
wpm code tests were eliminated. Take it much further and ham licenses
will come in boxes of Cheerios. Would that satisfy you?

> while our own numbers barely
> remain stable. Especially when I see darn few 'rocket scientists' in our
> existing numbers - in any license class.

Nonsense. Just look around this NG for high-end techincal talent. Ed
Hare, Jim Miccolis, Cecil Moore, Carl Stevenson, Dick Carroll, Phil
Kane. There are others. There's buckets more RF comms expertise just
in this non-technical NG than I had access to when I got into ham
radio, I only wished. Notice that they all passed code tests and the
Extra writtens. Yes I think there's messages in that.

> In my opinion, the existing license exams serve their purpose well.

I agree, we should retain the 5 wpm test for broad HF access.

> Therefore, I see no reason to demand that future prospective Hams know more
> than new Hams today, twenty years ago, or fifty years ago.

I should live long enough to see the day when the average nocode has
to know more than the average Novice had to know to get on the air 50
yers ago.

> Of course, you're perfectly free to continue "thumping for code tests" as
> much as you want. The same with the "stiffer" written tests. However, since
> code tests serve no purpose other than to exclude today and stiffer written
> tests would do the same, you certainly won't get any support from me.

Aw shucks, I was really hoping . . .

> Dwight Stewart (W5NET)
>
> http://www.qsl.net/w5net/

w3rv

3317. Re: Survey? Was: Re: With CW gone, can the CW allocations be far behind?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 14:45:05 UTC
From: "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net>
Message-ID: <RLvVa.14343$Vx2.7049158@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com>
Source record: 73255

"Ryan, KC8PMX" <kc8pmx@diamondcs.net> wrote in message
news:bg5unm$kilmh$14@ID-189073.news.uni-berlin.de...
>
> "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net> wrote in message
> news:6bZTa.12581$Vx2.6166676@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com...
> >
> > "Ryan, KC8PMX" <kc8pmx@diamondcs.net> wrote in message
> > news:bfpetg$gqsk8$5@ID-189073.news.uni-berlin.de...
> > >> 14. The ARRL leadership should take the following role in the code
> > > > test issue:
> > >
> > > E. Stay the hell out of it until they truly represent all of the
amateur
> > > radio community.
> >
> > Right now they are the only organization who represents us at all. If
you
> > want to control their policies, become a member and climb the political
> > structure.
> >
>
> No... they only represent their membership. (as that has been dictated to
> me time and time again.) There in lies the real root of the problem, it
is
> a "political" organization, i.e. bureaucracy.
>
>
> > Those who are not members of the ARRL have chosen to remain
unrepresented
> > since they have done nothing to form a lobyy to take the place of the
> ARRL.
>
> I can self-represent for the time being. It's better that what the has
been
> done to amateur radio since my involvement since 1988. I write letters on
a
> regular basis to not only the FCC, as well as the elected officials from
my
> area that serve in congress and the senate. Not only do issues come up
that
> they might have an opportunity to vote on, they "have friends" in other
> parts of the goverment as well I am sure.
>
> Instead of lazily waiting for the arrl to act on matters, I can just

imagine
> the response if at least 20-30 wrote letters on a regular basis to there
> congress and senator persons. Our districts for each up north here
contain
> *at least* 1,000 hams a piece.
>
> That was another question I also had.....WHO are the arrl lobbyists? WHAT
> exactly are they doing? WHO exactly are they talking to? WHAT is their
> budgets?? I have asked this before but with no response. If it is not
for
> the magazine subscription (QST is actually a fairly decent magazine even
> though content is forever dwindling over the years due stuff being pushed
to
> the website) then the other argument by some is for some type of
> protectionist/mafioso scheme as to why to join the arrl.
>
> I do not consider the arrl the equivalent of christianity, nor will I be
> brainwashed to think that arrl can do no wrong or preach/recite some
> mantra's.

I do not consider the ARRL end all and be all either. But a strong, organized group is more successful than random individuals writing to elected and appointed officials. That is a political fact of life. Those who do not care to admit that to themselves will have very limited success in achieving their objectives.

Now as far as who the ARRL represents. Yes it is their members. These members are a cross section of the ham community. The policy is based on what the members want. If you wish the ARRL to change direction, then join it and get a sufficient number of people with your views behind you and get more people to join that have your views so that you have the support to become an official and a policy maker. Those hams who say that they won't join the ARRL because they have a different viewpoint than the current membership of the ARRL are choosing to be less effective in getting their viewpoints across to the ham community and the FCC.

The ARRL isn't some magic entity that exists out there that hams join. It is the result of hams banding together. The views represented by the ARRL will be those of the people who have decided to become active and push those views.

While I do agree that individuals should write their elected officials and so on, that does not negate the need for having an organized body to push for changes.

The most effective way to change the system is to work from within not from without.

Dee D. Flint, N8UZE

3318. Re: How Ugly Can One Creep Be?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 15:23:27 UTC
From: k4yz@aol.com
Message-ID: <5c01b95b.0307290723.4e34faa3@posting.google.com>
Source record: 73256

lenover21@aol.com (Len Over 21) wrote in message
news:<20030729005610.02627.00000380@mb-m02.aol.com>...
> In article <20030726234640.02222.00001000@mb-m16.aol.com>, yodoc@aol.comnospam
> (Larry Roll K3LT) writes:
>
> >Sorry, I misspelled "Kï¿½mmelweck." If you use the umlaut over the "u,"
> >the "e" is thereby implied, and is unnecessary.
>
> You had too many western umlauts.
>
> Move your vowels every day or you will become consonated.

Now THAT was funny, Len! ROFLMAO ! !

73

Steve, K4YZ

3319. Re: BAD IDEA for ham radio in general (was Re: Contact the FCC and Tell Them t

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 15:36:55 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030729113655.02627.00000386@mb-m02.aol.com>
Source record: 73257

In article <Xns93C6E0C1D8F3Eelektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>, Alun Palmer
<elektros@yahoo.com> writes:

>
><Snip> All these
>> people
>> yakking here are US citizens with (I think) one exception. <snip>
>
>You probably mean me. I am not a US citizen, I'm British, but I live in
>the USA. Larry has said that he used to be G0L something or other. Of
>course that doesn't prove he's British, but it's not renounceable, so if
>he ever was then he's stuck with it, whether or not he's a US citizen.

Alun:

I am a U.S. citizen by birth. I lived in the U.K. for two years while serving
in the U.S. Air Force. I was stationed at RAF Mildenhall, and held the call
sign G0LYW. That was from 1989 to 1991. I had a great time there.

73 de Larry, K3LT

3320. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 15:37:02 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030729113702.02627.00000387@mb-m02.aol.com>
Source record: 73258

In article <f45722ac.0307290532.2581c9eb@posting.google.com>,
brianburke@juno.com (Brian) writes:

>> John:
>>
>> Yes, that's right. And the reason it's "going away" is because of all
>> the "whining" done by the NCTA over the years.
>
>No. The reason its going away is that the PCTA couldn't present a
>sound argument to the FCC for its retention.
>
>Brian

Brian:

The PCTA didn't present "a" sound argument to the FCC for the retention of code testing -- they presented hundreds of them! The trouble is, the FCC already had it's mind made up. Amateur Radio in general represents an administrative burden to the FCC, and deregulating it down to the bare bones is in their organizational interest. Also, as a government agency, the FCC had to respond to a lot of political and social issues, and one of the trickiest and most time consuming in the ARS was the concept of medical waivers for code testing. So, dumbing-down to a single 5-WPM code test was pretty much a no-brainer for them. Therefore, it wasn't because of a lack of valid arguments on the PCTA side. Nothing we said could have made them retain the status quo in code testing, because they wanted to eliminate that particular administrative burden. As usual, it's all about money.

73 de Larry, K3LT

3321. Re: Ham Radio Rescue in California Press

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 15:39:07 UTC
From: kf6vyh@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030729113907.23869.00000724@mb-m27.aol.com>
Source record: 73259

Why bring up the CW debate, Th e story had nothing to due with the pros or cons of CW . I have not been reading these news groups for a while for just this reason. All any of you can talk or fight about is CW. If you Kim are so concered with CW just start another CW thread. You are like a two year old fighting for the shovle in a sand box. Give it a rest.

3322. Re: Here We Go Again..Sir Putzalot Is Back In His Stride

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 15:41:00 UTC
From: k4yz@aol.com
Message-ID: <5c01b95b.0307290741.39ac19f4@posting.google.com>
Source record: 73260

lenover21@aol.com (Len Over 21) wrote in message
news:<20030728220849.23307.00001793@mb-m29.aol.com>...
> In article <5c01b95b.0307271959.53fcbd08@posting.google.com>, k4yz@aol.com
> (Steve Robeson, K4CAP) writes:
>
> >lenover21@aol.com (Len Over 21) wrote in message
> >news:<20030727143827.14837.00001750@mb-m03.aol.com>...
> >
> >> >Deaf people have used Morse Code in ham radio.
> >>
> >> Of course...the transcendental supernaturality of morse gets through
> >> when nothing else will.
> >>
> >> I interviewed four deaf radio amateurs for HAM RADIO magazine and had
> >> material on three others.Six of them were still active and NONE of them
> >> (including a dentist) used OOK CW keying or any morse codes. All of
> >> them were code tested BEFORE they became legally deaf. All of the
> >> active hams used RTTY.
> >
> > Sure you did. Names? Callsigns? Thier status today?
>
> That material was in the archives of HAM RADIO magazine. It was
> not published, therefore you have NO RIGHT to any such information.
> See the "freedom of the press" in the Constitution of the United States.

Uh huh...I am always amazed at how it seems your "references" to
such things are "confidential".

> >> >Also, many deaf people have some limited hearing. It is not unusual for
> them
> >> >to be able to hear single tones but not undersatand speech.
> >>
> >> Sigh...another amateur audiologist side of the knowitall procode
> >> newsgroupie.
> >
> > Shall I break out actual citations from JAMA now, Lennie, or
> >would you care to just shut up and admit that someone BESIDES you is
> >able to read..?!?!
>
> BWAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAH
> AHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHA!!
> !!!!!!!!!!!!!
>
> Nursie gonna "cite" the Journal of the American Medical Association?!?!?
>

> Since when did nursie achieve an M.D.?

"Nursie" doesn't have to.

Nursie has liberal access to numerous professional journals,
including JAMA, ENA, ANA, etc etc etc. Also, these publications are
in the our facilities professional text library.

> > (You were a "nice guy" for a couple days...what heppened? Mrs
> >Putz go on a seperate vacation and you invited in some "hired help" to
> >keep you distracted for a few days?)
>
> Awww...poor baby. You get your PARAMILITARY handset yet,
> Sojer in da woods?

Nope. You get an Amateur License yet, Sir Putzalot?

> Geez, boy, your psychosis is really going strong. You couldn't use a
> simple search engine on AOL?
>
> Three minutes, boy, that's all it took to find a seller of PARAMILITARY
> handsets. Fair Radio Sales. Long-time surplus business, been doing
> business for at least 40 years...since before you were 8 years old.
>
> I've saved you over $307 compared to what you would have paid SGC.

Yep. You did. And I said thanks in a very sincere and civil
reply. If you want homage too you'll have to do better than $307.

> You ungrateful WRETCH...demanding SERVICE...but can't do it
> yourself.

Hmmmmmm....I'd ask you to please cite the post where I demanded
ANYTHING, least of all from you, but we'll just heap that on the pile
of other requests for proof of your many misdirecting posts.

> Well, did your TN backwoods militia do any illegal PARAMILITARY
> radio ops lately, huh? Well, did you, PUNK?

Welp...I wouldn't know what "backwoods militia" you are refring
to, Lennie, since I don't belong to any militia. And I do posses the
appropriate authorizations to operate on every frequency I do operate
on.

Unlike you, I have the papers in hand. Callsigns included.

> >> >Hams have been using Baudot RTTY for almost 60 years....
> >>
> >> "Baudot?" Most of those old SURPLUS TTYs had the name
> >> "Teletype" on them.
> >
> > Typical Putz reply.
>
> Poor baby...so brain dead you can't see a little sardonic HUMOR.

The only thing "funny" here, Lennie (your umlaut post being one
of the extremely few exceptions) is that you continue to make such a
fool of yourself, then dive in for more.

> No problem. You don't know squat about teleprinters in either radio
> or wired communications. Teletype Corporation had a virtual
> monopoly on teleprinters for most of the past century.

What you think I know/don't know about anything is probably
inverse of the truth, Your Lyingness.

> >> >Yet the various advocacy groups for handicapped people have never protested
> >> >the amateur radio test regulations. Indeed, the group "Handi-Hams" was
> AGAINST
> >> >the medical waiver rule change back in 1990, as I recall.
> >>
> >> They were? What specific "advocacy groups for handicapped people" have
> >> YOU ever had personal contact with other than Handi-Hams?
> >>
> >> Please let us know, grand champion crusader for the rights of the
> >> handicapped.
> >
> > And while we are waiting for HIS reply, Lennie, let's hear what
> >advocacy groups YOU have had contact or interaction with.....
>
> You haven't any "right" to know that.

Answer: Zero. "We" already knew that. Your non-answer was
expected.

> The association I am involved with has nothing to do with ham, only
> with PEOPLE. If I gave their name you would just demonstrate your
> psychotic syndorme of heaping abuse on them...because I was
> associated with them. They don't deserve such treatment and
> certainly not the PEOPLE they help.

A bit on the paranoid side, aren't ya, Putzy?

> > Now...The answers to the above questions, Sir Putzalot?
>
> Ask all the questions you want, you psychotic little braindead
> dung-thrower and garbage-tosser. Enjoy yourself. Show yourself
> as a prime representative of the amateur radio service acts to the
> general public. Be proud of your inability to get along with others.

Lennie, when will you ever learn that it's "answers" like this
that prove MY assertions as to your character EVERY TIME...?!?!

YOU make demands all the time...BLATANT demands. You think YOU
have "rights" that no one else has. No problem. Your two-facedness,
your lies, your trolling and antagonistic rhetoric is your undoing.

Sucks to be you, Lennie. You're your own worst enemy, and you
prove it every day. Thanks.

Steve, K4YZ

3323. Re: CORRECTION!!!

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 15:49:10 UTC
From: k4yz@aol.com
Message-ID: <5c01b95b.0307290749.e3cd378@posting.google.com>
Source record: 73261

lenover21@aol.com (Len Over 21) wrote in message
news:<20030728220858.23307.00001804@mb-m29.aol.com>...
> In article <5c01b95b.0307280133.63627720@posting.google.com>, k4yz@aol.com
> (Steve Robeson, K4CAP) writes:
>
> >lenover21@aol.com (Len Over 21) wrote in message
> >news:<20030727152355.12501.00001201@mb-m04.aol.com>...
> >
> >> I think he needed the military handset he wanted for "high noise level
> >> environments" because of all his own shouting and hollering in front of
> >> a computer.
> >
> > Ummmm...close...Laughing at you, Lennie. I often have to check it
> >to keep from waking the rest of the household.
>
> Nobody has to know the exact nature of the "high noise enivornment"
> to understand that the "noise" is gunfire and ordinance going off.

Gunfire? Ordinance? Where in the Blue Blazes are you coming up
with this, Lennie?

> The reference to the Paramilitary page of the SGC website was quite
> enough to show that. The word PARAMILITARY is self-explanatory.

Thier words...not mine.

> You want to put on a military uniform again and be a "Sojer in da
> woods" to achieve some apparent loss of self prestige. Many do
> that around the country as a way of working out their frustration at
> not being able to cope with civilized society.

Sorry, Lennie, I have no "loss of prestige". And if YOU are
evidence of "civilized society", that in and of itself would be reason
enough to ask for orders to Iraq.

> The search for an H-33 handset took all of about 3 minutes, mostly
> to navigate the Fair Radio Sales website (large, not optimally
> arranged). You could have done exactly the same thing, but didn't
> and asked for help.

And your efforts were sincerely and civilly acknowledged.

> You couldn't be expected to understand...(SNIP)

Thanks for the psychoanalysis, Lennie. Guess you read Mrs
Lennie's correspondence texts after she was done with 'em, huh?

> Well, when you know so little of what once had been your military
> career, you have to keep putting down others to raise your self-
> esteem. We all know that too and can see it whenever you get on-
> line to throw garbage at others.

The "others" that catch flak in this forum do so as a result of
thier own silly behaviour. At present, of all the posters herein,
that means you, Brain and Vippy.

Some company you keep.

And the "garbage" that get's thrown in here was dumped by someone
other than me...I just pick up the pieces and make a fool of the guy
who did it.

Steve, K4YZ

3324. Re: Amateur Radio "outside the box"

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 15:53:52 UTC
From: k4yz@aol.com
Message-ID: <5c01b95b.0307290753.21982233@posting.google.com>
Source record: 73262

vshah101@aol.com (Vshah101) wrote in message
news:<20030728231328.18739.00000551@mb-m18.aol.com>...
> If you're in MA/Southern NH, why not point out an event (Hamfest, club meeting,
> random gathering, etc). You wil see anti-social, non technical, operator
> focused Hams. Name the event time and place, if you are there we could compare
> notes.

HAM RADIO IS ABOUT >>>OPERATING<<< RADIOS, GOOFBALL!

Sheesh...

Steve, K4YZ

3325. Re: American w/ Disability Act and CW Proficiency Test

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 15:59:15 UTC
From: k4yz@aol.com
Message-ID: <5c01b95b.0307290759.23256c66@posting.google.com>
Source record: 73263

lenover21@aol.com (Len Over 21) wrote in message
news:<20030728220901.23307.00001807@mb-m29.aol.com>...

> All I want to do is see the morse code test eliminated.

Why? Of what possible interest or affect does it have on you
other than you are incapable of passing it at ANY speed?

> >I'm sure you'll get that "Extra right out of the box" as soon as you
> >figure out how to open the box.
>
> Couldn't do that. The FDA pulled all the boxes from the shelves.
> Inspectors found it contained tainted ham and the remains of a
> code key. They are tracing the key remnants now and suspect
> it may have your fingerprints on it.

In other words: "I lied and now I can't shake off those who
repeatedly prove that I am a liar".

No problem, Lennie. We know you're a liar. No need to make
excuses.

Steve, K4YZ

3326. Re: BAD IDEA for ham radio in general (was Re: Contact the FCC and Tell Them t

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 16:24:14 UTC
From: N2EY@AOL.COM
Message-ID: <c2356669.0307290824.3361ed19@posting.google.com>
Source record: 73264

Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net> wrote in message news:<3F25E1F7.8040902@adelphia.net>...
> N2EY wrote:
> > In article <3F2564C1.3020608@psu.edu>, Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu> writes:
> <some snippage>
> >
> >> And of course there is the big question of.....WHY!

(snip)
>
> I understand all that, but it seems a little strange to join a group
> that is facing extinction soon.

Not if you want to help that cause along.

> >>All these people
> >>yakking here are US citizens with (I think) one exception. What is the
> >>purpose of joining an organization that has accomplished it's apparent
> >>sole purpose in this country?

> > That goal has not yet been accomplished! Element 1 or equivalent credit is
> > still required for all classes of US ham license with HF privileges. FCC
> > hasn't
> > changed those rules yet. Heck, FCC hasn't even gotten a proposal to do so
> > yet.
>
> TRue, but even if it takes that two years I speak of, it doesn't seem
> worth joining. Plus it seems their only goal is to eliminnate the code
> test, not the transition from one state to the other.

All in the mind of the joiner, doncha think? For some, two years is
not a long time, for others it's a very long time.

> >>>>NCI's Board of Directors is working the strategy for how to
> >>>>best approach the FCC on this matter and we will keep the
> >>>>membership informed when we have finalized those discussions.

> >>>In other words, "join our organization and trust us to do what's best,
> >>>don't go running off half-cocked and make all of us look bad". That's
> >>>what the ARRL has been saying for decades...

> >> NCI knows better than the rest of us.

> > While I don't agree with that, their BoD certainly knows more about dealing
> > with the FCC than those who advocate breaking the rules.

> Heheh, that's true

Would that some folks would at least listen to reason on what the
rules actually mean.....
> >
> >>>>Join No Code International! Hams for the 21st Century.

> >>>Will these "hams for the 21st Century" listen to you and toe the party
> >>>line?

> >> They don't seem to be so far do they?

> > We're only talking about a vociferous few, Mike. So far. It will be
> > interesting to see what happens on Aug 1.

> >>>>Help assure the survival and prosperity of ham radio.

> >>>I think we can agree that annoying the Commissioners, breaking the
> >>>rules, and acting like we don't know how the system works isn't going
> >>>to help the survival and prosperity of ham radio.

> >> But that doesn't mean it isn't going to happen.

> > Hopefully saner heads will prevail.
> >
> >>>There's one thing about all this that puzzles me, though. The FCC made
> >>>their opinions clear back in 1999 and again in 2000. The agenda for
> >>>WRC 2003 was known more than a year in advance and the outcome for
> >>>S25.5 correctly predicted by you (Carl) as a "slam dunk". Yet your
> >>>organization is still figuring out what to do next wrt FCC?

> >> I myself have no idea why there isn't a whole sequence of events
> >>marked out for an orderly transition.

> > You mean by FCC? They don't work that way. Look how long the last
> > restructuring took.
>
> Nope, I mean the NCI. Why they don't have things mapped out and know
> exactly the steps that must be taken to achieve their stated purpose on
> this earth. Surely THEY knew that it takes more than just changing the
> treaty?

Of course they do. But there's a number of issues. For example:

Does FCC need to wait until the treaty is ratified or not?

Might FCC just dump Element 1 by MO&O, or is a complete NOI/NPRM cycle
needed?

Will submitting a proposal now cause FCC to act faster or slower? (If
FCC thinks they need to wait till ratification, and they plan to just
dump Element 1 by MO&O, submitting a proposal could upset the apple
cart and cause an NPRM cycle that delays things years!)

What about proposals that are already on the docket?

Might FCC tack code test elimination onto an existing proposal such as
the one "refarming the Novice bands"?

Should the anticodetest folks go for a single issue (dump Element 1)
or something more comprehensive?

Of course all of this may already have been worked out. Or maybe not.

> >> Like who becomes what in the hierarchy of licenses.
> >>
> >> Do Novices lose their licenses? Aside from CW, their test is so
> >>rudimentary?
> >>
> >> Tech pluses?
> >>
> >> Lots of stuff that will become apparent as time goes on.

> > Nobody should lose their license. Nobody should lose operating privileges
> > UNLESS they are compensated for by new privileges.
>
> Right. But I think there should be some sort of remedial program for the
> novices.

Why?

> After all, I would expect their final priveliges to be
> equivalent to a tech plus, which of course doesn't exist anymore, at
> least for testing.

That was suggested back in '98 and shot down by FCC. (ARRL wanted
instant grandfathering of Novices and Tech Pluses to General).
>
> > Consider this: There's a whole bunch of stuff that my 1967-70 era tests didn't
> > cover (like PSK-31). But FCC trusts that since I have a clean record I have
> > kept up with the rules and regs. So why should a Novice or Tech be any
> > different?

Well?

> >> And yes, I worry about those people. I have great concern for the
> >>people who think that a Technician can now pick and choose where to
> >>transmit, who think that all ya gotta do to change the rules is have
> >>everyone email the head people at the FCC, and whatever these good folk
> >>dream up next.
> >>
> >
> > The oddest thing is that even when someone as knowledgeable as Carl, Bill or
> > Phil, who are "on their side" tells them they're wrong, they argue.
>
> Right. I could be of help, but when I point out to them what to me is
> obvious, and turning out to be true, I get that. And it isn't even a
> personal condemnation.

"Brave new world, that has such people in it"

> > N0BK would call it surreal. He's gone, so I'll have to do the honors.
>

> It's surreal......
>
"If it happens, it must be possible".

73 de Jim, N2EY

3327. Re: There is no International Code Requirement and techs can operate

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 16:39:45 UTC
From: N2EY@AOL.COM
Message-ID: <c2356669.0307290839.3c273bdb@posting.google.com>
Source record: 73265

kelly@dvol.com (Brian Kelly) wrote in message
news:<d22b54c3.0307290536.3d274090@posting.google.com>...
> n2ey@aol.com (N2EY) wrote in message
news:<20030729062243.21428.00001358@mb-m23.aol.com>...
> > In article <Pine.LNX.4.56.0307290435560.9509@kd6lvw.ampr.org>, "D. Stussy"
> > <kd6lvw@bde-arc.ampr.org> writes:
>
> > >If there is no international requirement, then
> > >there is no way to demonstrate compliance with it.
> >
> > That's an "if-then" statement. There IS an international requirement, though.
> >
> > >If you think I'm wrong,
> > >please identify acceptable proof of compliance. (Not needing any proof means
> > >that there is no requirement, and that's a contradiction of the FCC
> > >regulation itself.)
>
> Gawd I dunno where they come from . . The modification of S25.5 has
> allowed the national GOVERNMENTS to take options, it does NOT empower
> the CITIZENS of the various countries to take any options. The U.S.
> government has NOT yet stated what options it will take therefore the
> rules we have been living under have NOT changed one bit and will NOT
> change until THE U.S. FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION SEZ SO.
>
> > >I go further: One may also assume that a Technician or Novice that does have
> > >proficiency has no right to operate there - because said proficiency is
> > >"measured" in terms of a now non-existent requirement.
> >
> > False circular logic.
>
> Amazing.

Surreal.
>
> Welcome to the kinds of thinking which will "take ham radio into the
> 21st Century".

Yep.

> I just cain't frigging wait . . .

"Don't bother - they're here...."

73 de Jim, N2EY

3328. Re: Question for the No coders

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 16:53:20 UTC
From: N2EY@AOL.COM
Message-ID: <c2356669.0307290853.117ae511@posting.google.com>
Source record: 73266

Dwight Stewart <stewart@say.net> wrote in message news:<BB4BB1F3.1FA84%stewart@say.net>...
> "Brian Kelly" wrote:
> >
> > (snip) I'll cheerfully give up thumping for
> > code tests when the writtens get much stiffer
> > than they are now. As the situation stands
> > now everywhere I look the service is being
> > dumbed down.
>
>
> In case you haven't noticed, the entire country is being "dumbed" down.

I disagree! There are lots of things that are not being "dumbed down".
For example, I don't see TAC making the marathon one inch shorter.

> So
> what are you going to do about it - continue to excluded more and more
> people from Ham Radio as you wait for someone to do something about it?

Who is being excluded? The requirements are what the FCC says they
are. Meet those requirements and the license is granted.

> I don't like what is going on in this country either. But I don't see how
> we can sit here and insist Ham Radio is only for "smart" people as we
> exclude more and more in a growing country while our own numbers barely
> remain stable.

You might want to check those numbers.

> Especially when I see darn few 'rocket scientists' in our
> existing numbers - in any license class.

Note that reducing the license requirements has NOT brought on
significantly more growth nor attracted the "rocket scientists".
Compare the growth of US ham radio from 1980 to 1990 (no medical
waivers, all hams code tested, Techs had same written as General until
'87) with the growth from 1990 to 2000. Sure there were short term
surges but not long term.

Since 2000 the total growth has been maybe 12,000 even though both
written and code testing were reduced.

Or look at what has happened in Japan since 1995...
>
> In my opinion, the existing license exams serve their purpose well.

All depends what that purpose is. Looking at the FCC enforcement logs,
it seems that they don't ensure some hams know enough about how to
behave on the air.

> Therefore, I see no reason to demand that future prospective Hams know more
> than new Hams today, twenty years ago, or fifty years ago.

The problem is that as the technology "advances", the knowledge seems
to drop. Read rec.radio.amateur.antenna for a while and see how long
it takes before somebody starts yet another round on the T2FD....
>
> Of course, you're perfectly free to continue "thumping for code tests" as
> much as you want. The same with the "stiffer" written tests. However, since
> code tests serve no purpose other than to exclude today and stiffer written
> tests would do the same, you certainly won't get any support from me.

The purpose of tests is not to exclude but to guarantee a certain
minimum level of knowledge. What that knowledge should be is purely a
matter of opinion.

73 de Jim, N2EY

3329. Re: With CW gone, can the CW allocations be far behind?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 17:21:40 UTC
From: "Dick Carroll;" <dixie@townsqr.com>
Message-ID: <bg6af4cik0@208.207.71.159>
Source record: 73267
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy

Not only are you a troll, you're a dimwit! Do you really think no one reading here can see what you're doing???

GM wrote:

> On 28 Jul 2003 19:13:08 GMT, "Dick Carroll;" <dixie@townsqr.com> wrote:
>
> >
> >
> >Michael Black wrote:
> >
> >> Floyd Davidson (floyd@barrow.com) writes:
> >> > sparkr@pavillage.net (Stu Parker) wrote:
> >> >
> >> >>Don't believe that CW has had a long tradition of having favored
> >> >>status? Then reread the history of amateur radio. From being the
> >> >>mode favored by international treaty, to being the only mode that US
> >> >>hams were allowed to use on 40 meters until 1952, amateur radio
> >> >>history is full of examples of CW's most favored status.
> >> >
> >> > You are once again mixing the apples with the oranges.
> >> >
> >> This reminds me of the time Marconi spanned the Atlantic. I remember
> >> he told his assistant "I'm not going to wait until voice modulation
> >> is invented, because I want to give morse code favored status".
> >>
> >> Then twenty years later, when hams spanned the Atlantic with shortwaves,
> >> they all said "let's not use that newfangled voice stuff, because
> >> we want to give morse code a favored status". Obviously, Howard
> >> Armstrong who we have to "blame" for all the receivers we use even
> >> today, must have been part of that conspiracy to keep AM in it's place,
> >> since he was part of one of the official transmitting sites for
> >> the attempt.
> >>
> >> Of course, there were all those hams in the early days who used
> >> only morse code because they wanted to give it favored status.
> >> It's a myth that they used it because a cw transmitter was simpler
> >> and less expensive.
> >>
> >> Let's not forgot OSCAR 1, launched in December of 1961. Those
> >> guys obviously had it send morse code because they wanted to give
> >> the mode favored status.
> >>
> >> Michael VE2BVW

> >
> >Dang, Michael, I was about to write you off as just another nut, but I read
> >it all
> >again and found your tounge firmly embedded in cheek! Neat!
> >
> >Dick
>
> You are a troll. You post from alt.net and usenetserver.com. You
> aren't fooling anyone. We are taking this newsgroup back and nothing
> you can do will stop that.
>
> These are the handles you have used in the past couple of months
> including but not limited to--
>
> 666 Beetleguice@Anon.com
> Abdullah Mutlag Naser Mussaed Hawran Shbeib Al-Mutairi AMNaser@islamicwv.net
> Abdullah Mutlag Naser Mussaed Hawran Shbeib Al-Mutairi AMNaser@muslimvillage.net
> Anon Anon@anonxmanho.com
> Anon Anon@invaliddomain.com
> Anus On Line You've_Got_Mail@anon.com
> Aunt Bea Opie@Anoned.com
> Barabbas KingMe@##666.com
> BARF BARFnuts@barfpsychos.net
> Big Al BigAl@grupposietemet.net
> Bob netman@newersplacenet.com
> Bob Badblood Trash@Trashradionut.com
> Bubba Tootlhless@YoMammaz.com
> Bojangles Anon@noisp.com
> Claude Anon@anon.com
> Dave Allan Denny@kenallasaws.com
> David Oregon_Mariages@jCorckSuckers.cm
> Dick Carroll dixie@townsqr.com
> DimmyDimwitt Crybaby@anon.com
> Dobbie Potter@anon.com
> Don Souter dsouter@-remove-bellsouth.net
> Doug Martin martind231@nospam.ncvillage.net
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> Firebottle dafirebottle@comnos.pam
> Floppy Disk Nobody@anon.com
> Fwankie FwankieBARF@BARFfwankie.net
> Goodfellows Rule ByeByeBARF@BARFisGone.org
> Goodie Two Shoes Jiabao@anon.com
> Groan! Nobody@anon.com
> Guffaw!!! Gdarnn@anon.com
> Harley1200 DemocratsLie@anon.com
> Henry henry@wsimconews.org
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> Ho Ho DoDoSmith@aspaal.com
> Howie 14285kHz@howiemantraffic.net
> Itell On4zzabc 4zzabc@netkops.com
> Itell OnU snivel@netkops.com
> I Zorg zorg@netkops.com
> Joe Partlan How_Shocked!@anon.com
> King Creole Louisiana@jBuggOff.com
> Lloyd HiramBubbas@Anon.coz
> Lloyd Lloyd@duhhhhswl.com
> Lloyd/AB4NW Lloyd@no.spammmmm
> Llyod Lloyd@no.spammmmm
> L Rod Hubbard LRod@removethispart.com
> Mark Mansfield mmansfield@serepcoordsinc.org
> Miami Bob MiamiBob@medcasternet.org
> Momma Moron Anonr@nodomainz.com
> nookie nookie@yuo345.com
> Nutcase Bobby TrashRadio@BobbyTheNut.com
> Onxyzzy xyzzy@netkops.com
> Pabst Smear Nomamma@Fu.com
> Pappy Anon@anon.com
> Pat Carter PCarter@ncvillage.net
> Patrick C Carter_P@ncvillage.net
> PCarter Carter@ncvillage.net
> Petey Arnett News@ele.ven
> Poo Bear Anon@anon.com
> Q Q@Q.everywhere
> QRM Billy QRM@BillyBARFgone.net
> QRP Anon@anon.com
> Queenie Queenie@barfqueeniehq.net
> Randy Thomas TP@pradirandco.org
> Rasheed USCitizen@nospam.com
> Ray Dude GoFigure@nospam.com
> Reactance 24Volt@anon.com
> Richard W Sigs@nononnetanon.net
> Rob Homie@anon.com
> Roger Anon@anon.com
> Roger Anon@noisp.com
> Ron \"Stompin\" James stomp@kenisbestersyo.org
> Sadiq Akhbar SadiqLTD@consulsadiq.org
> Sammie Adams Anon@iNobodyYouKNow.comz
> Sammy Davis Sr. Anonr@nodominz.com
> Savant SmarterThanYou@anon.com
> Scammer Spoof@anon.com
> SLee StaggerLee@houston-hunks.com
> Stagger Lee SLee@houston-hunks.com
> Stu Parker sparkr@pavillage.net
> The Moron List _x@x.net_
> Timmie TwoShoes Anon@nospam.com
> Trash Radio TrashRadio@BARFtrashradio.net
> Troll Anon@ianonz.com

> Virgil Anon@Anon.com
> Voila! Fuzzy@Anon.com
> What A HOOT!!! Rastus@anon.com
> Wrong Way Whoop;assy@noemail.com
> Zippo Flame@nospam.com
> zzabc zabc@netkops.com

3330. Re: American w/ Disability Act and CW Proficiency Test

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 17:27:25 UTC
From: "Dick Carroll;" <dixie@townsqr.com>
Message-ID: <bg6aptcik1@208.207.71.159>
Source record: 73268
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.misc

Brian wrote:

> "Dan/W4NTI" <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com> wrote in message
news:<bg4ae2$ak9$1@slb2.atl.mindspring.net>...
> > "C" <cpierce@uit.net> wrote in message
> > news:cpierce-14BE0B.17203228072003@news03.west.earthlink.net...
> > >
> > > My only gripe with the code is the testing. It is stated as a 5 word
> > > per minute test. When I challenged the test a few weeks ago I found that
> > > it is actually anywhere from 13 to 18 words per minute, not 5 words per
> > > minute. The 5 words per minute is a lie....
>
> snip
>
> > Not trying to be a smart ass here...but...how do you know it was 13 if you
> > say you can't copy 13???. Could it be he was sending the characters fast
> > and making the spacing long. I.E. Farnsworth method, which is the
> > recomended way to conduct a test?
> >
> > If you want to quit. Thats your choice. I would suggest you go to a
> > different test place with different folks instead.
> >
> > Dan/W4NTI
>
> Dan, he probably finished failing the exam again and said to one of
> the VE's, "Sheesh, that code seemed awfully fast." Whereas the VE
> replied, "Sure, we're sending it at 13-18wpm with long spaces in
> between. It all evens out in the end. By the way, we are denying you
> access to HF."
>
> That's what happens to people who study Morse Code tapes at 5wpm then
> take the Farnsworth exam.
>
> If they don't have a high level understanding of all of this, then
> they are just as likely to get a hold of real Morse study material as
> opposed to Farnsworth study material.

If they don't pay any more attention than you, that is likely. And a part of the learning process that you have always missed.

3331. Re: BAD IDEA for ham radio in general (was Re: Contact the FCC and Tell Them t

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 17:43:54 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu>
Message-ID: <3F26B25A.8060604@psu.edu>
Source record: 73271

N2EY wrote:
> Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net> wrote in message
news:<3F25E1F7.8040902@adelphia.net>...
>
<snippage>

>> TRue, but even if it takes that two years I speak of, it doesn't seem
>>worth joining. Plus it seems their only goal is to eliminnate the code
>>test, not the transition from one state to the other.
>
>
> All in the mind of the joiner, doncha think? For some, two years is
> not a long time, for others it's a very long time.

Well, if they want to, I guess Maybe Carl or Bill can give us some
numbers of joinees since the beginning of July. Seems wierd to me, but
then again so much does.

>>>>>>NCI's Board of Directors is working the strategy for how to
>>>>>>best approach the FCC on this matter and we will keep the
>>>>>>membership informed when we have finalized those discussions.
>>>>>
>
>
>>>>>In other words, "join our organization and trust us to do what's best,
>>>>>don't go running off half-cocked and make all of us look bad". That's
>>>>>what the ARRL has been saying for decades...
>>>>
>
>
>>>> NCI knows better than the rest of us.
>>>
>
>
>>>While I don't agree with that, their BoD certainly knows more about dealing
>>>with the FCC than those who advocate breaking the rules.
>>
>
>
>> Heheh, that's true
>
>
> Would that some folks would at least listen to reason on what the
> rules actually mean.....

The preponderence of evidence would suggest otherwise for some.

<more snippage>

>>>> I myself have no idea why there isn't a whole sequence of events
>>>>marked out for an orderly transition.
>>>
>
>
>>>You mean by FCC? They don't work that way. Look how long the last
>>>restructuring took.
>>
>> Nope, I mean the NCI. Why they don't have things mapped out and know
>>exactly the steps that must be taken to achieve their stated purpose on
>>this earth. Surely THEY knew that it takes more than just changing the
>>treaty?
>
>
> Of course they do. But there's a number of issues. For example:
>
> Does FCC need to wait until the treaty is ratified or not?
>
> Might FCC just dump Element 1 by MO&O, or is a complete NOI/NPRM cycle
> needed?
>
> Will submitting a proposal now cause FCC to act faster or slower? (If
> FCC thinks they need to wait till ratification, and they plan to just
> dump Element 1 by MO&O, submitting a proposal could upset the apple
> cart and cause an NPRM cycle that delays things years!)
>
> What about proposals that are already on the docket?
>
> Might FCC tack code test elimination onto an existing proposal such as
> the one "refarming the Novice bands"?
>
> Should the anticodetest folks go for a single issue (dump Element 1)
> or something more comprehensive?
>
> Of course all of this may already have been worked out. Or maybe not.

What *looks* like happened, IMO, is that there really wasn't much
planning for a transition after the fall. I could be wrong, but the
leaders seemed rather surprised by the "looting behavior" of some
people. Any time that a vacuum is created, *something* will fill it.

>>>> Like who becomes what in the hierarchy of licenses.
>>>>
>>>> Do Novices lose their licenses? Aside from CW, their test is so
>>>>rudimentary?
>>>>
>>>> Tech pluses?
>>>>

>>>> Lots of stuff that will become apparent as time goes on.
>>>
>
>
>>>Nobody should lose their license. Nobody should lose operating privileges
>>>UNLESS they are compensated for by new privileges.
>>
>>Right. But I think there should be some sort of remedial program for the
>>novices.
>
>
> Why?

Many people are annoyed at the likes of myself and other "Extra Lites".
I can only imagine that novices, who have taken an extremely rudimentary
test, will likewise be thought of as not worthy of the privelige.

>
>>After all, I would expect their final priveliges to be
>>equivalent to a tech plus, which of course doesn't exist anymore, at
>>least for testing.
>
>
> That was suggested back in '98 and shot down by FCC. (ARRL wanted
> instant grandfathering of Novices and Tech Pluses to General).

But now imagine that. That would be tantamount to saying that "The
Morse Code makes the Ham". A tech plus is not that far from a General,
but certainly in a world that requires no code test, the Novice is
further away from a General than a Technician is. Awkward paragraph, I know.

>>>Consider this: There's a whole bunch of stuff that my 1967-70 era
tests didn't
>>>cover (like PSK-31). But FCC trusts that since I have a clean record I have
>>>kept up with the rules and regs. So why should a Novice or Tech be any
>>>different?
>>
>
> Well?

See above.

>
>>>> And yes, I worry about those people. I have great concern for the
>>>>people who think that a Technician can now pick and choose where to
>>>>transmit, who think that all ya gotta do to change the rules is have
>>>>everyone email the head people at the FCC, and whatever these good folk
>>>>dream up next.
>>>>
>>>
>>>The oddest thing is that even when someone as knowledgeable as Carl, Bill or
>>>Phil, who are "on their side" tells them they're wrong, they argue.

>>
>> Right. I could be of help, but when I point out to them what to me is
>>obvious, and turning out to be true, I get that. And it isn't even a
>>personal condemnation.
>
>
> "Brave new world, that has such people in it"

Such people indeed!

- Mike KB3EIA -

3332. Re: There is no International Code Requirement and techs can operate

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 17:47:28 UTC
From: "Dick Carroll;" <dixie@townsqr.com>
Message-ID: <bg6bvg$f3u$0@208.207.71.159>
Source record: 73269

N2EY wrote:

>
> "Don't bother - they're here...."
>

Straight from "Send in the Clowns". And as usual you're right on target.

3333. Good bye CODE!

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 17:48:43 UTC
From: LD <LD@timelord.org.co>
Message-ID: <3f26b3a9@shknews01>
Source record: 73270

I'm wating for the day of reconking!

I'm gonna get you all!

I have tried for many years to learn code! Cannot learn it!

Now that the International law has declared it old, it will not be long till the FCC give us no-coders the "green light" - then our takeover will begin.

Hello good-buddy!

3334. Re: With CW gone, can the CW allocations be far behind?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 18:22:51 UTC
From: Fritz Wuehler <fritz@rodent.frell.eu.org>
Message-ID: <0bdc32488745c412670c5d47dd2ec7dd@remailer.frell.eu.org>
Source record: 73272

In article <3F251FC3.B9DA0D19@earthlink.net>
Dave Heil <k8mn@earthlink.net> wrote:
>
>
> Len Over 21 wrote:
>
> > The pro-coder regulars in here have been sorely wounded by the
> > WRC-03 decision on S25 and they are vengeful, looking for blood
> > regardless of manner in which it is spilled. Are you one of those?
>
> What is any of this to you, Leonard? You aren't involved in amateur
> radio in any way. You aren't a ham. You aren't a regulator. You
> aren't a budding neophyte. You're a guy who delights in pointing out
> his past accomplishments in military and commercial radio.

Shut the fuck up, ASSHOLE.

3335. Re: radio amateurs et cibistes

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 18:54:31 UTC
From: kelly@dvol.com
Message-ID: <d22b54c3.0307291054.34d418a8@posting.google.com>
Source record: 73273

Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote in message
news:<Xns93C755CC27375elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>...
> nospam@any.time wrote in news:bktbivk2cog9v1p68i80tedd3jt3anjefd@4ax.com:
>
> > On 29 Jul 2003 03:38:27 GMT, Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote:
> >
> >
> >>Traites internationaux qui concerne le CB n'existe pas. C'est vrai qur
> >>les regles Americain limitent le range de CB a 150 miles...
> >
> > Es 155.3 exectamundo!
> >
> >
>
> No habla Espanol

Hablo.

w3rv

3336. Colonel Klunk Blows Goats!!!!!

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 19:00:31 UTC
From: Anonymous-Remailer@See.Comment.Header
Message-ID: <YSWRU2U337831.6253587963@anonymous.poster>
Source record: 73274

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In article <3F1CB427.B526B4DF@earthlink.net>
Dave Heil <k8mn@earthlink.net> wrote:
>
>
> Vshah101 wrote:
> >
> > From: Dave Heil k8mn
> >
> > >I thought you told us that hams don't homebrew gear.
> >
> > I guess VHF/UHF/Microwave or QRP clubs do.
>
> Then why do you persist in spreading the falsehood that hams don't
> homebrew equipment?
>
> > >What would you expect hams to talk about a ham radio club meeting?
> >
> > It was an operating event, not a club meeting.
>
> For purposes of our discussion, it matters not. What would you expect
> hams to talk about at a ham radio operating event? Did you find the
> question difficult?
>
> >
> > I did not expect them to be similar to other clubs.
>
> Your life seems full of dashed expectations and false assumptions.

While yours is one of mediocrity, Lackland press-release boy.

> > When I asked different
> > people about their setup, he seemed busy and not wanting to talk about it. If
> > it was me, I would happily explain what I made, brag about it, show interested
> > people schematics, share technical info, etc.
>
> The more you go on with these tales, the more I suspect that you
> fabricate portions so as to promote your agenda.

Awww, do you need a crying towel?

> > >However, the technical person
> > >> would feel out of place there.
> > >
> > >You mean around the homebrew microwave gear?
> >
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> > Yes, once they were setup, they were much the same as the non-homebrewing Ham.
>
> Another case of unmet expectations on your part. Don't forget, there
> are few women too. You might want to take up flower arranging. There'd
> be plenty of women. An offer of a steak dinner and a couple of drinks
> might might persuade one of them to socialize with you.

Didn't work for you, you couldn't get an American woman to marry you....

> > >Are you telling us that they sat around conversing with each other by
> > >using their homebrew microwave gear while at the meeting?
> >
> > They contacted other Hams, not the same hams that were at the gathering, of
> > course.
>
> Great. I'll assume that they spoke to one another at this event. That's
> part of socializing.

Speaking about what you cannot do again, and find some right guard so you can socialize,
fuckstick.

> > >> What is is about Ham radio that makes you want to eat
> > >> alot?
> > >
> > >Oh, you believe that amateur radio causes overeating. Ever hang around
> > >a Burger King?
> >
> > Okay, it was not a random group (they were a VHF/UHF/Microwave club), but it
> > was still Hams. And this trend occurs at several Ham radio events. Such events
> > require little physical activity. Also, people often eat unhealthy food at
> > these events. This could be a good reason for the tendency to weigh more.
>
> Mowing my lawn takes a couple of hours with a riding mower. That
> doesn't require much physical activity and I normally don't socialize
> while mowing my yard.

That's because your neighbors say you're an ASSHOLE.

> On occasion, I'll eat some unhealthy food
> afterward. You'd be disappointed if you came to visit when I was mowing
> my yard.

Not if you want to see a big fat slob on a rusted lawnmower mowing around a cheap trailer.

> > >> Most do not like the
> > >> technical aspect, either. You'll find that at any random Ham Radio
> gathering or
> > >> event.
> > >
> > >You don't know anything about what most do.
> >
> > Sure, I have not taken a poll.
>

> Then you have no factual evidence.

Talking out of your fatass is your specialty.

> > But isn't it foolish to believe otherwise when
> > you always encounter is anti-social, non technical people?
>
> I've suspected for a couple of months that the problem isn't all of
> them. It seems to be the one of you.

Just like you seem to be a fucking asshole.
And you live up to any expectations....

> > I "let" my club membership expire.
>
> That'll show them!

Sort of how you stalked other hams, eh?

> > If I am missing a segment that fits what I am looking for, I
> > would like to know about it and I would join that type of club.
>
> On with your quest.

Fuck off, ASSHOLE.

3337. Re: BPL pollution - file reply comments by August 6

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 20:35:16 UTC
From: dplatt@radagast.org
Message-ID: <vidmk426a8a225@corp.supernews.com>
Source record: 73275
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.shortwave,rec.radio.cb

In article <bg5un2$kilmh$3@ID-189073.news.uni-berlin.de>,
Ryan, KC8PMX <kc8pmx@diamondcs.net> wrote:

>Don't know if anyone has considered this, but if the BPL lines are going to
>radiate intereference, would it not stand to reason that the lines would be
>(not by choice) accepting outside RFI sources???

Correct... and there have been some very pithy statements concerning
this issue submitted to the FCC.

A few I've seen (from the ARRL and others):

- The FCC recently turned down the request for an amateur very-low-
frequency band, on the basis of concerns voiced by the power
companies. The power companies asserted that their existing
power-line-control equipment (which uses VLF signals on the lines)
would not be able to tolerate even the level of EMI induced by an
amateur transmitter running just a few watts of power, on
frequencies where neither the amateur antennas or the power lines
are likely to be acting as efficient radiators/acceptors.

Now, BPL is being proposed... and its proponents are asserting (or
assuming) that BPL can operate effectively even in the presence of
much higher HF interference levels, generated by amateur
transmitters running at legal-maximum power, on frequencies where
the antennas and power lines will be much more efficient.

As the ARRL comment put it, "You can't have it both ways."

- Voltage levels induced by amateur-radio and other licensed
transmitters will likely be high enough to saturate the RF front
end circuitry, and the digitzers, used in BPL modems built to
typical consumer-electronics standards. This could very easily
result in loss of BPL connectivity over a fairly significant area
around each licensed transmitter station, whenever the transmitter
keyed up.

- Getting the BPL signals through, or around, the existing low-pass
filtration created by powerline transformers will require
installing high-pass bypass circuitry. This circuitry will
necessarily couple RF noise on the lines just as efficiently as BPL
signals, and will allow RF noise (e.g. triac switching noise, motor
commutator noise, etc.) to travel on the lines quite a bit further
than it does today.

--
Dave Platt <dplatt@radagast.org> AE6EO
Hosting the Jade Warrior home page: http://www.radagast.org/jade-warrior
I do _not_ wish to receive unsolicited commercial email, and I will
boycott any company which has the gall to send me such ads!

3338. Re: Colonel Klunk Blows Goats!!!!!

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 20:46:38 UTC
From: BoB the Almighty <flatuspa4e3@yagoo.com>
Message-ID: <1059511697.666793@newshost03.voicenet.com>
Source record: 73276

I had no idea about the thread of topic, but
I must admit that when I read the title/subject
like of the message ("C-K-B-G") I laughed
so darn hard that the Pepst I was drinkin at
the time went straight from mouth thru the nose....

3339. Re: BAD IDEA for ham radio in general (was Re: Contact the FCC and Tell

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 21:02:04 UTC
From: lenover21@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030729170204.23406.00001119@mb-m27.aol.com>
Source record: 73277

In article <bg51b3psd0@208.206.142.85>, "Dick Carroll;" <dixie@townsqr.com>
writes:

> Hey dipsctick, you claim to be a "Former associate editor of Ham Radio
>magazine", but as a charter subscriber c. 1968, I never saw your monikor
>anywhere on or in the publication, up to the date it went belly up many years
>later..

Tsk, tsk, tsk. Been out behind the barn sippin some shine, old timer?

You already gabbled out the same thing in a previous message.

I can't help your reading incomprehension, drunk or sober.

Look again. Over 800,000 printed issues contained my bylines.
About the same number carried my Associate Editor title in the
masthead later.

HAM RADIO Magazine ceased publication a bit over a decade ago,
the parent company Communications Technology, Inc., selling to
CQ Communications. The founding editor, Jim Fisk, had died some
years past and publisher Skip Tenney wanted to retire. HAM RADIO
magazine was published monthly for 22 years.

CQ formed a quarterly magazine to handle items of TECHNOLOGICAL
content called, appropriately, Communications Quarterly...from the
available manuscript material now the property of CQ.

Interest in TECHNOLOGY in US amateur radio has been steadily
declining, enough to make profit on such ham magazines very
difficult. Eventually, Communications Quarterly "folded" and was
somewhat picked up as a part of QEX.

> I dunno about the thundering herd, but I believe you're a total phoney,
>not just half-vast. Not to mention a simpleton troll.

And you got drunk and started in garbage-mouthing certain folks.

:-)

LHA

3340. Re: Here We Go Again..Sir Putzalot Is Back In His Stride

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 21:02:06 UTC
From: lenover21@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030729170206.23406.00001120@mb-m27.aol.com>
Source record: 73282

In article <5c01b95b.0307290741.39ac19f4@posting.google.com>, k4yz@aol.com
(Steve Robeson, K4CAP) writes:

>lenover21@aol.com (Len Over 21) wrote in message
>news:<20030728220849.23307.00001793@mb-m29.aol.com>...
>> In article <5c01b95b.0307271959.53fcbd08@posting.google.com>, k4yz@aol.com
>> (Steve Robeson, K4CAP) writes:
>>
>> >lenover21@aol.com (Len Over 21) wrote in message
>> >news:<20030727143827.14837.00001750@mb-m03.aol.com>...
>> >
>> >> >Deaf people have used Morse Code in ham radio.
>> >>
>> >> Of course...the transcendental supernaturality of morse gets through
>> >> when nothing else will.
>> >>
>> >> I interviewed four deaf radio amateurs for HAM RADIO magazine and had
>> >> material on three others.Six of them were still active and NONE of
>them
>> >> (including a dentist) used OOK CW keying or any morse codes. All of
>> >> them were code tested BEFORE they became legally deaf. All of the
>> >> active hams used RTTY.
>> >
>> > Sure you did. Names? Callsigns? Thier status today?
>>
>> That material was in the archives of HAM RADIO magazine. It was
>> not published, therefore you have NO RIGHT to any such information.
>> See the "freedom of the press" in the Constitution of the United States.
>
> Uh huh...I am always amazed at how it seems your "references" to
>such things are "confidential".
>
>> >> >Also, many deaf people have some limited hearing. It is not unusual for
>> >them
>> >> >to be able to hear single tones but not undersatand speech.
>> >>
>> >> Sigh...another amateur audiologist side of the knowitall procode
>> >> newsgroupie.
>> >
>> > Shall I break out actual citations from JAMA now, Lennie, or
>> >would you care to just shut up and admit that someone BESIDES you is
>> >able to read..?!?!
>>
>> BWAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAH

>> AHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHA!!
>> !!!!!!!!!!!!!
>>
>> Nursie gonna "cite" the Journal of the American Medical Association?!?!?
>>
>> Since when did nursie achieve an M.D.?
>
> "Nursie" doesn't have to.
>
> Nursie has liberal access to numerous professional journals,
>including JAMA, ENA, ANA, etc etc etc. Also, these publications are
>in the our facilities professional text library.

BWAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAH
AHAHAHAHAHAHAHA!!!

>> > (You were a "nice guy" for a couple days...what heppened? Mrs
>> >Putz go on a seperate vacation and you invited in some "hired help" to
>> >keep you distracted for a few days?)
>>
>> Awww...poor baby. You get your PARAMILITARY handset yet,
>> Sojer in da woods?
>
> Nope. You get an Amateur License yet, Sir Putzalot?
>
>> Geez, boy, your psychosis is really going strong. You couldn't use a
>> simple search engine on AOL?
>>
>> Three minutes, boy, that's all it took to find a seller of PARAMILITARY
>> handsets. Fair Radio Sales. Long-time surplus business, been doing
>> business for at least 40 years...since before you were 8 years old.
>>
>> I've saved you over $307 compared to what you would have paid SGC.
>
> Yep. You did. And I said thanks in a very sincere and civil
>reply. If you want homage too you'll have to do better than $307.

BWAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHA
HAHAHAHAHAHAH!!
!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

> Hmmmmmm....I'd ask you to please cite the post where I demanded
>ANYTHING, least of all from you, but we'll just heap that on the pile
>of other requests for proof of your many misdirecting posts.

BWAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHA
HAHAHAHAHA!!

>> Well, did your TN backwoods militia do any illegal PARAMILITARY
>> radio ops lately, huh? Well, did you, PUNK?
>
> Welp...I wouldn't know what "backwoods militia" you are refring

>to, Lennie, since I don't belong to any militia. And I do posses the
>appropriate authorizations to operate on every frequency I do operate
>on.

BWAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAH
!!!

> The only thing "funny" here, Lennie (your umlaut post being one
>of the extremely few exceptions) is that you continue to make such a
>fool of yourself, then dive in for more.

BWAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHA
HAHAHAHA!!!

> What you think I know/don't know about anything is probably
>inverse of the truth, Your Lyingness.

BWAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAH
AHAHAHAHAHAHAHA!!!

> Answer: Zero. "We" already knew that. Your non-answer was
>expected.

BWAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAH
AHAHAHAHAHAHAHA!!!

> A bit on the paranoid side, aren't ya, Putzy?

BWAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAH
AHAHAHAHAHAHAHA!!!

> Lennie, when will you ever learn that it's "answers" like this
>that prove MY assertions as to your character EVERY TIME...?!?!

BWAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAH
AHAHAHAHAHAHAHA!!!

> YOU make demands all the time...BLATANT demands. You think YOU
>have "rights" that no one else has. No problem. Your two-facedness,
>your lies, your trolling and antagonistic rhetoric is your undoing.

BWAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAH
AHAHAHAHAHAHAHA!!!

LHA

3341. Re: Amateur Radio "outside the box"

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 21:02:07 UTC
From: lenover21@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030729170207.23406.00001121@mb-m27.aol.com>
Source record: 73283

In article <5c01b95b.0307290753.21982233@posting.google.com>, k4yz@aol.com (Steve Robeson, K4CAP) writes:

>vshah101@aol.com (Vshah101) wrote in message
>news:<20030728231328.18739.00000551@mb-m18.aol.com>...
>> If you're in MA/Southern NH, why not point out an event (Hamfest, club
>meeting,
>> random gathering, etc). You wil see anti-social, non technical, operator
>> focused Hams. Name the event time and place, if you are there we could
>compare
>> notes.
>
> HAM RADIO IS ABOUT >>>OPERATING<<< RADIOS, GOOFBALL!
>
> Sheesh...
>
>Steve, K4YZ

Tsk, tsk, tsk. More evidence of braindeadedness caused by psychosis.

"ONLY OPERATING."

That describes early CB licensing. :-)

LHA

3342. Re: ATTN: Tech Licensee USA Morse Code Freedom Day is August 1st

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 21:02:08 UTC
From: lenover21@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030729170208.23406.00001122@mb-m27.aol.com>
Source record: 73284

In article <BB4BA52D.1FA82%stewart@say.net>, Dwight Stewart <stewart@say.net>
writes:

>"Len Over 21" wrote:
>
>> (snip) Nowhere in the Constitution of the United
>> States is there any mention of radio, morse code,
>> the United Nations, nor the Federal Communications
>> Commission. [that includes Amendments which were
>> ratified by the states much later than the original
>> Constitution acceptance-ratification. (snip)
>
> Len, I'm not going to sit here and argue with you as you try to twist what
>I've said. The Constitution gives Congress the power to ratify international
>treaties. That ratification process you want explained has be established
>for over two hundred years and can easily be researched yourself if you
>really want to know something about it.

Well, long ago I found out that the United States of America was
signatory to the creation of the United Nations, thus making us and
all the other signatories a part of that "treaty."

I haven't bothered to look up the EXACT details of the "treaty" in
which the USA "signed" onto the ITU and away from the CCITT.
That happened several years ago.

The point should be obvious that the USA is ALREADY involved
with an existing treaty to be a part of the UN and also to be a part
of the ITU.

>The United States is not, and has
>never been, automatically subject to any treaty change by either the UN or
>ITU. Any change in a treaty requires action by our government before it
>becomes the law of this land.

Was some kind of Congressional "action" required to send US
administration delegates to the World Radio Conference in June?

Was there some kind of Congressional "action" required by the
FCC International Bureau to do a number of changes and adjustments
in international tariffs with the ITU-T? Or regarding communications
satellite use uplink/downlink frequencies internationally?

WHERE is there evidence of "ratification" actions taken by Congress
or the states of the US on any of the above?

I don't think that all the "ratification" exists except in the minds of a
few amateurs who want to elevate amateur radio OVER & ABOVE
all other radio services in importance.

The US Congress DELEGATED AUTHORITY for civil radio regulation
to the FCC and government communications regulation to the NTIA.

>When it comes to code testing, our government
>will have to take steps before any change takes place in this country. Until
>you offer something which disputes any of this, nothing further needs to be
>said.

So, you are unable to explain the "ratification" process of our government
insofar as morse code testing for radio amateur licensing.

Maybe someone else (admitted to a legal bar, not a neighborhood one)
can explain the "ratification" details?

LHA

3343. Re: Question for the No coders

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 21:02:11 UTC
From: lenover21@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030729170211.23406.00001123@mb-m27.aol.com>
Source record: 73278

In article <bg5550$2fu$0@208.206.142.84>, "Dick Carroll;" <dixie@townsqr.com>
writes:

>Len Over 21 wrote:
>
>> In article <bg3m9r$8v5$0@208.206.142.86>, "Dick Carroll;"
><dixie@townsqr.com>
>> writes:
>>
>> >Brian Kelly wrote:
>> >
>> >> lenover21@aol.com (Len Over 21) wrote
>> >
>> >> > >I for one
>> >> > >was on the HF ham bands in 1951 *with CW* from W3CGS before I got my
>> >> > >Novice ticket.
>> >> >
>> >> > Then you were BOOTLEGGING, old man. ILLEGAL. Tsk, tsk.
>> >
>> >Of course Putzie would have to have some real information on ham radio to
>> >know how that works, wouldn't he?
>>
>> US amateur radio is one of the most publicized of electronics-related
>> hobbies..
>
> So you've read about ham radio and now you're an expert on it, you got it
>all mastered. Yep, that's about your speed, all right. Again and as usual,
>no surprises here.

I've never claimed to be an "expert" on amateur radio or any part
of radio. I've enjoyed a reasonably well-paying career in radio-
electronics engineering, something influenced by doing three
years of large-scale military communications before 1956.

> So how was it you're still so uninformed that you never heard of an
unlicensed
>(or underlicensed) operator working a ham radio station under the supervision
>of a control operator who has the appropriate license? Hmmmm?
>So your reading didn't really teach you all that much about ham radio?
>Whatta surprise!

Kellie was describing what he did 52 years ago at age 14,
BEFORE HE WAS LICENSED.

Kellie previously claimed "26 patents" as a mighty inventor and a
search of patent records showed only ONE.

Kellie previously stated a number of old radio "facts" which were
proven false by others in here. [see "28 V jeeps" as one]

Kellie gets his "Irish" up every now and then and does a great deal
of BS scribbling.

Now YOU PROVE - beyond a shadow of a doubt - that Kellie was
telling the ABSOLUTE TRUTH back then.

>> If you ever scan the HAM RADIO Magazine CD ($150 for a 3-disk set
>> of all 22 years of publication), you can see my articles in there.
>
> Don't bother with the CD nonsense, I was a charter 1968 subscriber, and I
still
>have all the magazines save a few that were loaned out and didn't make it
home.
> It sure is funny that I never noticed your byline, nor even any mention of
you
>or your name in any of them.

I can't help your obvious reading DISABILITY, old man. My bylines are
still there and my mailing address is still the same. You WILL find my
name on HR's masthead, too.

There's a website with a complete listing of HAM RADIO Magazine
articles...taken from HR's annual listings, probably. I don't have the
bookmark but you can find it through a search.

>Of course I could get them out and do a manual
>search just to see how much of a liar you really are, but naw, you're a
phoney
>from the get-go and that'd be a waste of my time.

I wouldn't want your fantasy shattered. Keep believing your own lies.
You will find peace, happiness, and serentity in Nirvana of fantasy.

>Whatever (if anything)
>you may have contributed was too inconsequential to be of note.

How would you know? :-)

You never understood Shannon's Law according to your exchanges
with Cecil Moore in here.

It took you a year to understand how to operate an outboard DSP
audio filter by your own public statements...and then you got rid of
it.

I doubt you have bothered to understand basic principles of radio and
electronics beyond Ohm's Law!

>Hey, That's the way things work in the publishing world.

Again HOW WOULD YOU KNOW?

Have YOU ever sold any work to a publisher?

I've sold work to five publishers of electronics interest, all of it without once meeting the editors face to face. The work sold itself.

It was a FUN thing to do as a sideline, never intended to be of "heavyweight" calibre.

>The heavyweights are
>well remembered while the featherweights just float away, off into well
>deserved oblivion.....

DICK, you've been forgotten before you were known...

>> I've never done any bootlegging in any radio service, old man.
>
> So you now say, but you've said numerous things here that have shown
>to be inaccurate at best, downright lies at worst. Maybe your NCI buddies
>will believe you.

Tsk, tsk, tsk...another RAGE sufferer.

Feel free to spend weeks in the FCC Reading room, looking for all those "bootlegging violations." You won't find any. I've never bootlegged in radio or anything else under the ATF. :-)

I once had two pair of boots. Wore them on my feet, not the legs.

>> I've held
>> a commercial license since 1956 and had three years of REAL radio
>> communications for three years prior to that.
>
> A tisket, a tasket, you lost your yellow basket! So you babysat the fuse panel
>at some obscure transmitter site outside Hiroshima or some such. How impressive!
>Maybe it was the leftovers from Fat Boy that got to you.

Tsk, tsk, tsk. YOUR problem might be radiation effects from your own RF...or too much monotonic beeping.

Army radio station ADA was hardly "obscure." It was in and near Tokyo in central Honshu, rather farther up north from Hiroshima or Nagasaki.

Radiating ~150 KW RF (old site) to ~250 KW RF (new site), all on HF, it was most certainly "noticed" by anyone within several miles. :-)

43 transmitters with RF output ranging from 1 to 40 KW takes up about 200 feet of interior space if arranged in two lines. The antenna field required a 1 x 2 mile former airfield to hold them all.

I realize that isn't near as impressive as a Yaecomwood ham shack in Missouri. :-)

>> You were not able to do
>> that before age 25. Probably too lazy on your part, ey?
>
> The lazy occured on your shift when you forgot to learn how to count.

>I took my discharge from the Army at age 23 after five years service, and had
the
>First phone the last three years of that time. Maybe your mailorder
>pschyo'ed bride will loan you a digital calculator?

You got a "discharge" after 5 years? Interesting. Weren't the terms
of service EIGHT years back then, old timer?

It's not nice to insult my wife...who is NOT "mailorder" and NOT under
any psychosis, nor did she ever get her degrees from any
"correspondence school."

> Lessee, just what was it *you're* good at now, besides slinging dung
>at licensed hams?

I'm not involved in any dung, DICK.

Your federal merit badge is NOT an automatic exemption to allow
yourself being an asshole.

> Babysitting circuitbreakers at a transmitter site
>in the backwoods on some Oriental island 50 years ago?

Tsk, tsk, tsk. If you are so emotionally braindead that you think
operation and maintenance of 43 HF transmitters, 16 VHF-UHF
radio relay sets, and 9 24-channel microwave radio relay sets is
just "babysitting circuitbreakers" then your own ham shack can
be described as a crystal set good for listening to AM BC from as
far away as 20 miles. :-)

> Claiming authorship/editorshit of a ham radio magazine many years ago, altho
you
>never were licensed, when no one WITH a ham radio license ever heard of you?

N2JTV not only "heard of me," he served with me in the same time,
same job, on another team (we had four). Gene and I have since
talked long distance and exchanged mail. He lives in Long Island, NY,
but his radio activity is mostly with radio-controlled model aircraft.

As to "claims," it ain't braggin if ya done it. I did it.

> I dunno, Len, I terminated my career nearly ten years ago with an attractive
>retirement. Since then I've done whatever I felt like doing, in radio and
outside
>it. I don't need some 50 year old crutch to prop me up, again within ham radio
or
>outside it. Clearly your needs hang out there on your sleeve for all to see.
>Whatta shame.

Actually 55-year-old statement of fact. The US Army and US Air Force
GAVE UP on morse code modes for HF primary communications way
back in 1948. I was lucky to be assigned to work in one such station
five years later.

> And once again-- I **KNOW** I've done more real radio work, work on
>heavy hardware -radio transmitting- iron than you ever dreamed of, and
>I don't mean just in ham radio, either, though I've done my share of that,
>too.

OF COURSE YOU DID. You KNOW things that other folks DON'T.

Wow! Heavyweight FANTASY material, old timer.

Yes, we all KNOW that Missouri is a Mecca of "heavy hardware
radio transmitting iron." Yup, you've told us. :-) :-) :-)

>Live with it.

You live with your FANTASY, I'll live with my REALITY.

> OBTW, I was in your backyard again last week. I visited Yaesu USA Center at
the
>Vertex Standard building in Cypress, and we toured around the
>region a bit just looking things over.
> Can't say I envy you living there.The place leaves a bad taste in one's
mouth.
>Literally. You don't know what clean air is.

Cypress is NOT even close to being in "my backyard." :-)

California became the most populated state in the USA many years
ago. Many, many, many folks moved here because THEY liked it.

Tsk, tsk, why isn't Yaesu USA located in Missouri? :-)

LHA

3344. Re: CORRECTION!!!

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 21:02:13 UTC
From: lenover21@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030729170213.23406.00001124@mb-m27.aol.com>
Source record: 73281

In article <5c01b95b.0307290749.e3cd378@posting.google.com>, k4yz@aol.com
(Steve Robeson, K4CAP) writes:

>lenover21@aol.com (Len Over 21) wrote in message
>news:<20030728220858.23307.00001804@mb-m29.aol.com>...
>> In article <5c01b95b.0307280133.63627720@posting.google.com>, k4yz@aol.com
>> (Steve Robeson, K4CAP) writes:
>>
>> >lenover21@aol.com (Len Over 21) wrote in message
>> >news:<20030727152355.12501.00001201@mb-m04.aol.com>...
>> >
>> >> I think he needed the military handset he wanted for "high noise
>level
>> >> environments" because of all his own shouting and hollering in front
>of
>> >> a computer.
>> >
>> > Ummmm...close...Laughing at you, Lennie. I often have to check it
>> >to keep from waking the rest of the household.
>>
>> Nobody has to know the exact nature of the "high noise enivornment"
>> to understand that the "noise" is gunfire and ordinance going off.
>
> Gunfire? Ordinance? Where in the Blue Blazes are you coming up
>with this, Lennie?

You have a longing to wear a UNIFORM.

Every photograph of yourself on the net is IN UNIFORM of some sort.

Unsmiling face, stern, supposedly some kind of heroic pose...in
Tennessee STATE Guard cammies, in greens/scrubs, in an "official"
flight jump suit.

You seem desperate to GET INTO UNIFORM.

Mention of the "Paramilitary" page on the SGC site is a clue as to
motivation. [I didn't know the SGC was into sales in that area, had to
look for myself]

PARAMILITARY equates with the "militia," the unauthorized
vigilantes who also hunger for the military order of things so that they
can someday overcome the evils of established civil order by force of
arms...and make THEMSELVES chiefs and rulers over everything.

Those who favor the paramilitary aren't exactly into the chaos of
anarchy...they are just wanna-be barbarians who want to rule over

others. The ultimate perverse side of testosterone fantasies.

Amateur radio AS IT WAS comes close to the MILITARY. The use of
"service" as if it were some kind of military or national service...instead
of knowing that regulations use that as a regulartory term. By stating
that ham radio is a SERVICE gives the comfort of BELONGING TO A
FORCE. Fantasies of greatness and glory. Not reality.

You LIKE DESTRUCTION of all who oppose you. That is evident in
all your posts of the last five years. Destruction by any means
possible. Mentions of DEATH to those who oppose you...totally at
odds with being in a life-preserving caregiving profession. Perversity
of emotion when fantasies overrule reality. That is barbarian thinking.

>> The reference to the Paramilitary page of the SGC website was quite
>> enough to show that. The word PARAMILITARY is self-explanatory.
>
> Thier words...not mine.

"Their." Typical syndrome of RAGE. Typographical errors abound in
your postings when you let emotion once again rule over thinking.

>> You want to put on a military uniform again and be a "Sojer in da
>> woods" to achieve some apparent loss of self prestige. Many do
>> that around the country as a way of working out their frustration at
>> not being able to cope with civilized society.
>
> Sorry, Lennie, I have no "loss of prestige". And if YOU are
>evidence of "civilized society", that in and of itself would be reason
>enough to ask for orders to Iraq.

Yes, YOU have LOST PRESTIGE. You've lost your military career.
You are getting older. You've never really learned much of the theory
side of radio or electronics. You've never been IN any kind of
electronics engineering nor have you ever done any real communicating
IN the military.

You RESENT anyone who has done any of the above and vent your
frustrations by a constant bombardment of personal attacks on anyone
who opposes YOUR ideas.

NOBODY will give serious thoughts to "ordering you to Iraq" or anyplace
else. You are TOO OLD for military service. YOU are NOT in the
military nor are you in any form of administrative work valuable to the
nation in Iraq.

Quit playing the FANTASY game of military greatness.

Amateur radio is a HOBBY, a RECREATIONAL pursuit enjoyed by
thousands. It is NOT a military service substitute.

> Thanks for the psychoanalysis, Lennie. Guess you read Mrs
>Lennie's correspondence texts after she was done with 'em, huh?

You CONSTANTLY want to mention my wife, hoping to get some
kind of backhanded slap at both myself and her.

You want to INSULT the entire University of Illinois by calling it a
"correspondence school."

My wife has TWO Masters Degrees awarded by the U of I. How
many degrees do YOU have? How many does YOUR wife have?

Your mind has become unplugged from reality by emotional RAGE
at not being "honored" for your "greatness in radio."

>> Well, when you know so little of what once had been your military
>> career, you have to keep putting down others to raise your self-
>> esteem. We all know that too and can see it whenever you get on-
>> line to throw garbage at others.
>
> The "others" that catch flak in this forum do so as a result of
>thier own silly behaviour. At present, of all the posters herein,
>that means you, Brain and Vippy.

Tsk, tsk, tsk. "Their" and "behavior." Typos from RAGE again.

You are NOT a Brit. Supposedly you went to public school in the USA.
The USA public schools teach correct spelling. Did you FAIL in that?

YOU are localized on three in here. All of them have opposing views
to yours...so naturally you want to ATTACK their PERSON.

YOU must think the three of us are "weak," easy targets. FAR FROM
THE TRUTH.

Your little cannonades are pop-gun farts, not Flueger Abwehr Kanonen.

All you have done for "debate" in here has been a pitiful set of attempts
at personal insult and a sort of ethnic cleansing...to attempt getting rid
of all those who don't go for your established order in mighty amateur
radio force where you still imagine yourself a high-ranking NCO.

You aren't. Ham radio is a hobby, a recreational pursuit, not a military
service.

> Some company you keep.

Fine by me. OPEN DEBATE is one of the cherished rights we Americans
have, guaranteed by our Constitution.

YOU will have NONE of that. YOU want to CONTROL things in YOUR
way, to explicitly follow the amateur orders handed down by ARRL, and
worship your beliefs in greatness and glory. YOU even went so far as
to try to influence the FCC into NOT listening to my comments on
FCC 98-143. That's public record. The FCC rightly figured you to be
some kind of little penny-ante nutcase and IGNORED your demand
that I be silenced.

I don't know Vipul Shah or Brian Burke personally. I would be pleased to know them and talk with them...or any other rational person who has a genuine interest in radio, any part of radio.

I would NOT be interested in knowing some control-freak or fantasy believer or religious nut who portray themselves are "chiefs" or "knowitalls" who demand everyone behave as THEY do. Met others like them before, they were nothings, and dismissed. As I said, I'm only interested in knowing RATIONAL people. You aren't rational.

> And the "garbage" that get's thrown in here was dumped by someone
>other than me...I just pick up the pieces and make a fool of the guy
>who did it.

The only FOOL in here is yourself by your own messages.

NOW TAKE YOUR MEDICATIONS. QUIT WASTING EVERYONE'S
TIME!

LHA

3345. Re: American w/ Disability Act and CW Proficiency Test

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 21:02:14 UTC
From: lenover21@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030729170214.23406.00001125@mb-m27.aol.com>
Source record: 73280

In article <5c01b95b.0307290759.23256c66@posting.google.com>, k4yz@aol.com (Steve Robeson, K4CAP) writes:

>lenover21@aol.com (Len Over 21) wrote in message
>news:<20030728220901.23307.00001807@mb-m29.aol.com>...
>
>> All I want to do is see the morse code test eliminated.
>
> Why? Of what possible interest or affect does it have on you
>other than you are incapable of passing it at ANY speed?

Who in the hell made YOU the "monitor" of what is right and wrong?

YOU are so far gone into psychosis you can't distinguish right from wrong except that anyone doing it the same way YOU did is "right" and everyone else is "wrong."

You've acted like some wanna-be Attila the Ham and you have FAILED, sonny.

>> >I'm sure you'll get that "Extra right out of the box" as soon as you
>> >figure out how to open the box.
>>
>> Couldn't do that. The FDA pulled all the boxes from the shelves.
>> Inspectors found it contained tainted ham and the remains of a
>> code key. They are tracing the key remnants now and suspect
>> it may have your fingerprints on it.
>
> In other words: "I lied and now I can't shake off those who
>repeatedly prove that I am a liar".

YOU have an extreme psychological problem with the word "LYING."

That could be due to childhood trauma suffered by being whipped or beaten when YOU were caught lying. Or, it could be that you developed into such a bullshit artist (amateur standing) that you cannot understand truth from fiction.

I CAN pass the written elements of a US amateur extra without any problem. Today, yesterday, a week past last Tuesday, years ago.

The point is that I don't care to achieve "the greatness of an amateur radio license."

YOU can't possibly understand that. All that YOU are interested in is so wrapped up in YOUR own personal psyche that YOU CANNOT debate ANY subject without becoming outraged when opposite

opinions are expressed.

YOUR debate on subjects consists of nothing more than personal attacks on those who don't share YOUR lifestyle beliefs in the honor, glory, and all other fantasies you have about amateur radio.

> No problem, Lennie. We know you're a liar. No need to make
>excuses.

You are still off your medications.

Sad. Someone who is in the caregiving work category who just doesn't care about anyone but himself.

LHA

3346. Re: Ham Radio Rescue in California Press

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 21:02:15 UTC
From: lenover21@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030729170215.23406.00001126@mb-m27.aol.com>
Source record: 73279

In article <20030729113907.23869.00000724@mb-m27.aol.com>, kf6vyh@aol.com (Kf6vyh) writes:

>Why bring up the CW debate, Th e story had nothing to due with the pros or cons
>of CW . I have not been reading these news groups for a while for just this
>reason. All any of you can talk or fight about is CW. If you Kim are so
>concered with CW just start another CW thread. You are like a two year old
>fighting for the shovle in a sand box. Give it a rest.

Whether or not YOU don't like it, this newsgroup BEGAN EXISTANCE
to discuss the code test issue. :-)

LHA

3347. Re: There is no Requirement to cross post this dribble to rec.radio.cb

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 21:12:13 UTC
From: Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93C7AEEEA4AAFelektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>
Source record: 73285
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.amateur.misc

"Hugo" <hmm..@yeahright.kom> wrote in
news:vict8ej8esnpa8@corp.supernews.com:

>
> Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote in message
> news:Xns93C7546AA2336elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4...
>> "Landshark" <S3Buell@SBCGlobal.Net.> wrote in
>> news:VKmVa.525$594.52490302@newssvr21.news.prodigy.com:
>>
>> >
>> > "D. Stussy" <kd6lvw@bde-arc.ampr.org> wrote in message
>> > news:Pine.LNX.4.56.0307290428110.9509@kd6lvw.ampr.org...\
>> >
>> > Why don't you people pay attention that
>> > your cross posting this troll fodder?
>> >
>> > Landshark
>> >
>> >
>>
>> I beleive that the word you are searching for is drivel, not dribble
>
>
> "beleive"? (I before E, except after C) remember..?
>
>
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>
>

I have no spell checker here, but at least I don't confuse things by using
the wrong word

3348. Re: radio amateurs et cibistes

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 21:19:20 UTC
From: Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93C7B022EFBB1elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>
Source record: 73286

kelly@dvol.com (Brian Kelly) wrote in
news:d22b54c3.0307291054.34d418a8@posting.google.com:

> Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote in message
> news:<Xns93C755CC27375elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>...
>> nospam@any.time wrote in
>> news:bktbivk2cog9v1p68i80tedd3jt3anjefd@4ax.com:
>>
>> > On 29 Jul 2003 03:38:27 GMT, Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote:
>> >
>> >
>> >>Traites internationaux qui concerne le CB n'existe pas. C'est vrai
>> >>qur les regles Americain limitent le range de CB a 150 miles...
>> >
>> > Es 155.3 exectamundo!
>> >
>> >
>>
>> No habla Espanol
>
> Hablo.
>
> w3rv
>

Well, since I don't speak it, you could hardly expect me to get it right,
could you?

3349. Re: American w/ Disability Act and CW Proficiency Test

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 21:45:58 UTC
From: Dan/W4NTI <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com>
Message-ID: <bg6pu6$9qa$1@slb9.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 73287
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.misc

Not being a medical expert...but...it sounds to me like a happening when one is trying to bust through a certain word per minute barrier. Where you must learn to copy BEHIND.

Try this. Listen at a rate of sending that you ARE NOT COMFORTABLE with. In this case TEN or 13 WPM.

ONLY RIGHT DOWN a character that you copy. Forget about ALL the others. Keep doing this. Do not drop down to the 5 wpm at all. Forget that is the goal.

As time goes on you will start getting more and more of the characters. This technique forces the brain to copy BEHIND. This should allow you that split second of time needed.

It works for getting the speed up.

Like I said, it may be what will help you.

Just a thought.

Dan/W4NTI

"C" <cpierce@uit.net> wrote in message
news:cpierce-DBD09A.20273228072003@news03.west.earthlink.net...
>
> No I am not doing a memorizing of each dit and dah and converting
> method. My problem is my brain does not react fast enough to decide what
> each character is before the next one is sent. I just get further
> behind. I practice at least 20 to 30 minutes usually twice a day if not
> more. I use computer programs and ARRL training CDs.
>
> I will check "The Art and Skill of Radiotelegraphy". Thanks for the
> encouragement.
>
> C.
>
>
>
> In article <OniVa.14117$Vx2.6934318@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com>,
> "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net> wrote:
>
> > If you were memorizing the code, that was the problem. That's not the
right
> > way to learn it. There's quite a bit of material out there on the
internet

> > on the right way to learn code. For starters, work towards a reflex
> > reaction. i.e. Hear the sound, write the letter. Don't think about the
> > dots and dashes. Practice every day for 30 mintues per day EVERY day or
> > almost everyday. There are lots of computer programs out there you can
> > download from the internet and every person has their favorite. Set it
for
> > an 18wpm character speed but 5wpm word speed. Try the G4FON program.
It's
> > available for free on the internet. I apologize for not posting the
website
> > but I don't happen to have it anymore.
> >
> > Practicing once or twice a week won't get it. You fall too far
backwards
> > between sessions. Memorizing dots and dashes and then trying to write
the
> > letter slows you down so that you can't keep up.
> >
> > Read "The Art and Skill of Radiotelegraphy". It's available for free on
the
> > internet. The author did extensive research on how code should be
studied.
> > The biggest problem is that too many people are told to use study
methods
> > that hold a person back rather than move them forward. Another problem
is
> > unrealistic expections. They see the whiz kids get it in a week and
think
> > they should be able to do the same. They're the exception not the rule.
> >
> > The code is far easier than most things that you have learned in life if
you
> > find the correct way to study it and put in the amount of time needed.
> >
> >
> > > If my General CSCE expires again (this will be #2) I will never take
it
> > > again and will have lost desire in a hobby that I grew up working in
for
> > > the last 39 years.......
> > >
> > > C.
> >
> > Don't give up. Work with modern training methods and you can do it.
> >
> > Dee D. Flint, N8UZE
> >

3350. Re: American w/ Disability Act and CW Proficiency Test

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 21:47:39 UTC
From: Dan/W4NTI <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com>
Message-ID: <bg6q1b$70i$1@slb2.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 73288
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.misc

"Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net> wrote in message
news:z1lVa.14145$Vx2.6964837@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com...
>
> "C" <cpierce@uit.net> wrote in message
> news:cpierce-DBD09A.20273228072003@news03.west.earthlink.net...
> >
> > No I am not doing a memorizing of each dit and dah and converting
> > method. My problem is my brain does not react fast enough to decide what
> > each character is before the next one is sent. I just get further
> > behind. I practice at least 20 to 30 minutes usually twice a day if not
> > more. I use computer programs and ARRL training CDs.
> >
> > I will check "The Art and Skill of Radiotelegraphy". Thanks for the
> > encouragement.
> >
> > C.
>
> None of us could react fast enough at first. You are not alone. When you
> are copying and miss a letter, just skip it and catch the next one. If
you
> let your mind focus on what you missed, you will then miss several others
> that come after. DON'T TRY TO GET THE MISSED LETTER AT THAT TIME. Just
> write an underscore and go on so that you don't miss following letters.
> This takes a little practice by the way as we all want to be perfect so we
> sit there and try to figure it out while falling further behind. If you
get
> a lot of blanks at first, that's OK. Just keep working on it.
>
> When you take the test, you are allowed time to go back over your paper
and
> fill in what you think the missing material might be. Here is an example
> (using an underscore for characters that you miss on the copy).
>
> What you originally copied: NAM_ IS JO_N.
> Now if you look back over your copy, fill in what you believe the missing
> letters should be. In this case, the text sent was most likely: NAME IS
> JOHN.
> Then on the test questions, you will probably be asked the name and there
> you have it right there on your paper.
>
> When I took my extra code test (20wpm), I had a lot of underscores on my
> paper but despite that I was able to successfully answer the country
> question (it was Switzerland) even though I only had about half the

letters
> copied on my sheet.
>
> Dee D. Flint, N8UZE
>

Yeah its tough now Dee. When I took mine is was solid copy at 20 wpm for one solid minute out of five. Oh well.

Dan/W4NTI

3351. Re: American w/ Disability Act and CW Proficiency Test

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 21:50:40 UTC
From: Dan/W4NTI <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com>
Message-ID: <bg6qak$1fh$1@slb5.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 73289
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.misc

"Michael Black" <et472@FreeNet.Carleton.CA> wrote in message
news:bg4qtn$21e$1@freenet9.carleton.ca...
> Mike Coslo (mcoslo@adelphia.net) writes:
> > C wrote:
> >> No I am not doing a memorizing of each dit and dah and converting
> >> method. My problem is my brain does not react fast enough to decide
what
> >> each character is before the next one is sent. I just get further
> >> behind. I practice at least 20 to 30 minutes usually twice a day if not
> >> more. I use computer programs and ARRL training CDs.
> >>
> >> I will check "The Art and Skill of Radiotelegraphy". Thanks for the
> >> encouragement.
> >
> >
> > Ahh, that training CD! I used it, and failed miserably at it. Turns out
> > I memorized the darn thing. You might try a program that sends out
> > random groups or even makes up QSO's.
> >
> > - Mike KB3EIA -
> >
> With most people having computers, learning CW should be so much easier
> nowadays. Not like when I was ten, and bought a telegraph set so I
> could learn Morse Code, not realizing that sending is not he same thing
> as receiving.
>
> One of the things I've wondered about is whether one could get used
> to the sounds of the letters subconciously via a program that
> sends the morse letter everytime you press a key on your keyboard.
> You wouldn't really being paying attention, but it would be a positive
> reinforcement of what sounds go with what letters. I'm not sure
> it would be a completely painless method, but it would either help
> get someone used to the sounds, or reinforce the learning already done.
>
> But I'm not sure anyone has cooked up such a program.
>
> At the very least, with people spending so much time at their
> computers, I'd suggest running a CW practice program, sending
> random letters, while you do something else at your computer.
> Set the volume relatively low, and don't even bother trying to
> copy it; just use it to get used to the sounds.
>
> I suspect some of the problem some people have is that they are

> trying way too hard. They see the code as an obstacle, and are
> fighting it all the way. "Now I'm going to do my hour of code
> practice". In the old days, that would mean going to a code
> practice course, or buying one of those records (I had one to
> start, and I think it did help), or listening to a receiver
> where the code might not be optimal or under the best conditions.
> You sit there with your pen and paper, and struggle to get it
> all right. But moving it into the background makes it less important,
> and perhaps by simply getting used to the sounds before struggling
> to get it all, it might all come easier.
>
> Michael VE2BVW
>
>

I like that..sounds plausable. Oh....when I was learning it and I was
riding in the car with mom I would sound out the Morse on all the roadsigns
I could see. Drove mom nuts, but it helped. Not dot dash.....di dah.

Dan/W4NTI

3352. Re: BAD IDEA for ham radio in general (was Re: Contact the FCC and Tell Them to get rid of CW Test and Requirements)

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 22:01:19 UTC
From: Dan/W4NTI <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com>
Message-ID: <bg6qqu$4fp$1@slb9.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 73290

"Keith" <kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net> wrote in message
news:bg4cph029f7@enews4.newsguy.com...
> On Mon, 28 Jul 2003 15:13:13 -0500, "Dan/W4NTI"
<w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com>
> wrote:
>
> > Keith, how can you allege the ARRL is waiting for BPL to take over?
The
> > ARRL just filed a 14, or was it 16? page brief to the FCC against BPL.
>
> Too little to late. Millions of consumers and businesses will benefit
from
> BPL, we can not as a nation let 100,000 morse code diehards prevent
progress.
> The ARRL might as well as filed that brief in the FCC garbage bin. Besides
the
> Commissioners think it is great technology. There isn't anyone standing up
for
> ham radio and talking about morse code as the leading technology.
>
> --
> The Radio Page Ham, Police Scanner, Shortwave and more.
> http://www.kilowatt-radio.org/

THATS RIGHT WORLD....MY NAME IS KEITH. I KNOW IT ALL. AND STOP CONFUSING
ME WITH THE FACTS. I KNOW WHAT THE TRUTH IS.

That ladies and gentlemen is a .wav file of Keith thinking again.

Dan/W4NTI

3353. Re: Alternative interpretation of Re: Understanding the Possible Legal Loophole of s25.5 and 97.301(e)

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 22:43:29 UTC
From: Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
Message-ID: <cuvyxnansvbet.hissw42.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 73291
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb

On Tue, 29 Jul 2003 03:44:17 GMT, D. Stussy wrote:

>But until the FCC acts to remove such a reference, that doesn't mean that it's
>not operative in the meantime.
>
>How does one comply with a requirement that doesn't exist?

Carefully..... <ggg>

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73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane

3354. Re: American w/ Disability Act and CW Proficiency Test

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 22:43:30 UTC
From: Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
Message-ID: <cuvyxnansvbet.hist4q3.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 73292

On Tue, 29 Jul 2003 03:46:25 -0400, Dwight Stewart wrote:

> Trust me when I say she would gladly give all that back in trade for no
>disability to live with for the rest of her life and no pain at night from
>each day's activities.

I get the same flak from folks who say "why should the disabled be
allowed to park at a meter without paying and without a time limit"
(per state law).

I would gladly trade my Disabled Parking Permit to get my full mobility
and eyesight back....

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73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane

3355. Re: ATTN: Tech Licensee USA Morse Code Freedom Day is August 1st

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 22:43:30 UTC
From: Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
Message-ID: <cuvyxnansvbet.hisugd4.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 73293

On Tue, 29 Jul 2003 04:00:26 -0400, Dwight Stewart wrote:

>"Phil Kane" wrote:
>
>> That's called an "Administration" in ITU-speak.
>
>
> Phil, why can't lawyers like yourself use everyday, plain, English?
>Reading the Code of Federal Regulations or US Code (or whatever) is like
>reading something written in another language. I think it's a conspiracy to
>confuse everyone else in an effort to insure work for lawyers. ;)

The famous story about Arturo Toscanini, at the time the conductor
of the New York Philharmonic Orchestra:

Most professional orchestras make certain changes and cuts in
traditional (i.e. "warhorse") compositions and thusly use scores
which have lots of hand-written "modifications" for that purpose.

The tale is told of a member of the orchestra who went to The
Maestro and said "Mister Toscanini, my score for Beethoven's Eighth
Symphony is so marked up I can't read it. I have purchased a brand
new score - can you show me EXACTLY what changes and cuts you want
in it?" Toscanini replied: "let me see the old score". He looked at
it and said: "there's nothing wrong with this one except that you
need to add another cut -here- and make a change -there-".

(With thanks to the late Meredeth Willson as told in his book
"And There I Stood With My Piccolo")

There's nothing wrong with the language of the USC or CFR if (1) one
has a good command of American English and (2) one has a good
command of law and (3) one understands what the statute/regulation
was intended for in the first place.

The same thing is true of the writings of any technical profession.
I have always felt that an understanding of FCC regulations is as
important to ham radio as an understanding of the technology being
used by the ham.

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73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane

3356. Re: There is no International Code Requirement and techs can operate HF according to FCC Rules

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 22:43:31 UTC
From: Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
Message-ID: <cuvyxnansvbet.hiswf37.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 73294
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy

On Tue, 29 Jul 2003 D. Stussy wrote:

>It does not mean that at all. It is another perfect example of FCC
>regulation-writer shortsightedness, just like happened with the April 2000
>changes.

Yeah. Monty DePont (and the rest of us who were craftsmen in rule
and affidavit and opinion writing) retired before that time and it's
so difficult to get "good help nowadays"......

>I disagree. There is a [U.S.] requirement for these licenseholders
>to meet the international requirement. Show me how they can do this
>if the international requirement doesn't exist....

Sure it exists. It requires each Administration to determine if a
code test is necessary. It's not an "option" - each Administration
MUST determine if a code test is necessary or not. If the
Administration determines that it is, then any test that is ordered
complies with "international requirements".

>S25.5 no longer REQUIRES anything. So how can one show that one has
>met the requirement? That's impossible.

>Having a choice (regardless of whom holds the choice) means that it
>is an OPTION, and options aren't requirements. A requirement means
>that there is no choice; no option. These are OPPOSITES.

The "international requirement" (inflexible rule) is that the
decision on code proficiency is now up to each Administration. This
isn't an "option" - this is a fixed rule = "requirement".

"Meeting the international requirement" means meeting the rule set
by the FCC. The FCC cannot remove an operating privilege for an
entire class of licensee without a formal rule change unless it is a
temporary or emergency measure. There has not been any formal rule
change, so the situation remains as is.

Whether or not the IRS and the Tax Court works that way, that's how
the FCC works.

Dieter, you've been dealing with the IRS too much to think clearly
on this matter.....

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73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane

3357. Re: Colonel Klunk Blows Goats!!!!!

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 23:01:42 UTC
From: Unclaimed Mysteries <k4doh@mindspring.com>
Message-ID: <q1DVa.2721$%S6.1857@newsread1.news.atl.earthlink.net>
Source record: 73295

BoB the Almighty wrote:
> I had no idea about the thread of topic,

I'm not sure either. I think Dave Heil was dissed somewhere in there. Image that, someone insulted on USENET. But in the end, it's all about OutSTANDING Transmit Audio (TM). Nothing is more important to to the future of ham radio than enabling QSOs where the participants are able to vocalize about their prostate problems with a, uh, full, rich bottom end, tingling midrange, and soaring highs.

> but
> I must admit that when I read the title/subject
> like of the message ("C-K-B-G")

I think he's got this "Colonel Klunk" confused with Steve Spurrier. But that's neither here nor there.

> I laughed
> so darn hard that the Pepst I was drinkin at
> the time went straight from mouth thru the nose....

Perhaps you vould like to drink your pepsi in a little coooler climate ... LIKE ZE RUSSIAN FRONT!!!!!

Gen. Burkhalter lives!
See http://www.askin.at/. An amazing story.

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It Came From C. L. Smith's Unclaimed Mysteries.
http://www.unclaimedmysteries.net

3358. Re: Alternative interpretation of Re: Understanding the Possible Legal Loophole of s25.5 and 97.301(e)

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 23:02:31 UTC
From: "D. Stussy" <kd6lvw@bde-arc.ampr.org>
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.56.0307292300010.9640@kd6lvw.ampr.org>
Source record: 73296
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy

On Tue, 29 Jul 2003, Phil Kane wrote:
> On Tue, 29 Jul 2003 03:44:17 GMT, D. Stussy wrote:
> >But until the FCC acts to remove such a reference, that doesn't mean that it's
> >not operative in the meantime.
> >
> >How does one comply with a requirement that doesn't exist?
>
> Carefully..... <ggg>

Sarcasm aside, I do believe that I ask a legitimate question.

The operating privileges described in 47 CFR 97.301(e) are based on several requirements, ALL which must be met. One of those is the "international requirement" - which is no longer a requirement but an option (chosen by each government). How can an individual show compliance with a requirement that no longer exists?

I'm certain you've read this and several threads on this point. What is your view on whether .301(e)? Does it still convey privileges, or because no one can meet the requirement, does it convey NOTHING? My view is that since one of its requirements (i.e. to meet the international requirement) cannot be met, it conveys nothing, and thus no novice or technician licenseholder has any [HF] privilege (under this subsection).

3359. Re: Tech Licensee USA Morse Code Freedom Day is August 1st

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 23:04:29 UTC
From: "D. Stussy" <kd6lvw@bde-arc.ampr.org>
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.56.0307292306360.9640@kd6lvw.ampr.org>
Source record: 73297
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb

On Mon, 28 Jul 2003, 'Doc wrote:
> Keith wrote:
> ---- clipped ----
> > There is no way the FCC can find it if a tech has passed a morse code test
> > since they don't keep any records.
>
>
> Oh, really? Care to place a small bet on that? What
> happens to all those completion certificates that you have
> to show that you've successfully completed part of an exam?
> Do you really think they just go into the trash? I'm afraid
> I have some bad news for you Keith, they aren't thrown away.
> So, any other 'loop holes' you want someone to jump through?

The CSCEs are held by the VECs. They do not go to the FCC - and therefore, the
FCC itself doesn't know.

3360. Re: American w/ Disability Act and CW Proficiency Test

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 23:08:39 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307291508.1ab74632@posting.google.com>
Source record: 73298
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.misc

"Dick Carroll;" <dixie@townsqr.com> wrote in message news:<bg6aptcik1@208.207.71.159>...
> Brian wrote:
>
> > "Dan/W4NTI" <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com> wrote in message
news:<bg4ae2$ak9$1@slb2.atl.mindspring.net>...
> > > "C" <cpierce@uit.net> wrote in message
> > > news:cpierce-14BE0B.17203228072003@news03.west.earthlink.net...
> > > >
> > > > My only gripe with the code is the testing. It is stated as a 5 word
> > > > per minute test. When I challenged the test a few weeks ago I found that
> > > > it is actually anywhere from 13 to 18 words per minute, not 5 words per
> > > > minute. The 5 words per minute is a lie....
> > >
> > > snip
> > >
> > > Not trying to be a smart ass here...but...how do you know it was 13 if you
> > > say you can't copy 13???. Could it be he was sending the characters fast
> > > and making the spacing long. I.E. Farnsworth method, which is the
> > > recomended way to conduct a test?
> > >
> > > If you want to quit. Thats your choice. I would suggest you go to a
> > > different test place with different folks instead.
> > >
> > > Dan/W4NTI
> >
> > Dan, he probably finished failing the exam again and said to one of
> > the VE's, "Sheesh, that code seemed awfully fast." Whereas the VE
> > replied, "Sure, we're sending it at 13-18wpm with long spaces in
> > between. It all evens out in the end. By the way, we are denying you
> > access to HF."
> >
> > That's what happens to people who study Morse Code tapes at 5wpm then
> > take the Farnsworth exam.
> >
> > If they don't have a high level understanding of all of this, then
> > they are just as likely to get a hold of real Morse study material as
> > opposed to Farnsworth study material.
>
> If they don't pay any more attention than you, that is likely. And a part of the
> learning process that you have always missed.

DICK, I pay attention to what the FCC has published in Part 97. It
tends to be the guide book of amateur radio. Your petty little jabs,

half-baked thoughts and incomplete sentences don't rule the ARS. They merely distract and annoy.

3361. Re: CORRECTION!!!

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 23:16:49 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307291516.319b327@posting.google.com>
Source record: 73299

k4yz@aol.com (Steve Robeson, K4CAP) wrote in message
news:<5c01b95b.0307290749.e3cd378@posting.google.com>...

> And the "garbage" that get's thrown in here was dumped by someone
> other than me...I just pick up the pieces and make a fool of the guy
> who did it.
>
> Steve, K4YZ

Oh geez. You vomit last night's booze on here on an almost daily
basis and make a fool of only yourself.

3362. Re: There is no International Code Requirement and techs can operate

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 23:24:07 UTC
From: "D. Stussy" <kd6lvw@bde-arc.ampr.org>
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.56.0307292309000.9640@kd6lvw.ampr.org>
Source record: 73300

On Tue, 29 Jul 2003, N2EY wrote:
> In article <Pine.LNX.4.56.0307290435560.9509@kd6lvw.ampr.org>, "D. Stussy"
> <kd6lvw@bde-arc.ampr.org> writes:
> >On Tue, 29 Jul 2003, N2EY wrote:
> >> In article <Xns93C67CE88FE4elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>, Alun Palmer
> >> <elektros@yahoo.com> writes:
> >> >The question comes down to the meaning of "and who has
> >> >received credit for proficiency in telegraphy in accordance with the
> >> >international requirements". If there is no international requirement to
> >> >have "received credit for proficiency in telegraphy" for access to any
> >> >frequency, then a person who has not "received credit for proficiency in
> >> >telegraphy" is "in accordance with the international requirements" if they
> >> >operate on those frequencies.
> >>
> >> Except that there IS an "international requirement to have "received credit
> >for
> >> proficiency in telegraphy"". The international requirement is that each
> >country
> >> shall decide what the requirement is for those it licenses. Switzerland has
> >> decided that it's 0 wpm. Britain has decided that it's the "Morse
> >assessment"
> >> of the Foundation license. The US has decided it's 5 wpm.
> >>
> >I say that you're both wrong.
>
> Well, there you have it.
>
> >If there is no international requirement, then
> >there is no way to demonstrate compliance with it.
>
> That's an "if-then" statement. There IS an international requirement, though.

You are correct that it's an "if-then" statement.

You are wrong - there is no INTERNATIONAL requirement. There is NOW a national
OPTION in an international agreement, but since parties to the agreement can
OPT-OUT, it is not a requirement.

A requirement is something that must be met - i.e. there is no choice or
discretion. It is NOT OPTIONAL.

> >If you think I'm wrong,
> >please identify acceptable proof of compliance. (Not needing any proof means
> >that there is no requirement, and that's a contradiction of the FCC
> >regulation itself.)

>
> Not at all. S25.5 still exists, it's just been modified. It says now that each
> country shall decide.

Which means that it is NOT a requirement but a choice.

> >What WRC-03 did is change the requirement into an option.
>
> No. It simply allows each country to set its own requirements. Right now the
> USA sets the requirement at 5 wpm.

Every country is free to set its own laws anyway. However, that's not what 47
CFR 97.301(e) is based on - it's based on a REQUIREMENT that was revoked and
replaced with something else.

> > Since it's not a
> >requirement anymore, there's no measureability of compliance, so how can one
> >be compliant?
> >
> >> >Can we deem that a Tech who has not "received credit for proficiency in
> >> >telegraphy" has nevertheless "received credit for proficiency in
> >> >accordance with the international requirements", i.e. is "in accordance
> >> >with the international requirements"?
> >>
> >> Nope.
> >
> >I go further: One may also assume that a Technician or Novice that does have
> >proficiency has no right to operate there - because said proficiency is
> >"measured" in terms of a now non-existent requirement.
>
> False circular logic.

Prove the falsehood.

> >> >Granted that s25.5 as revised allows each administration to determine
> >> >whether a code test is required. That being the case, the FCC does so in
> >> >respect of Tech HF operation only through 97.301(e) and in no other rule.
> >>
> >> Poor verbiage, that's all.
> >
> >Very poor. If the FCC wanted to do this in a way that didn't depend on an
> >outside body of law, they could have chosen language to indicate dependence
> >on "element 1 credit" and avoid the entire problem.
>
> Maybe. I think FCC wanted to avoid mentioning Element 1 so they wouldn't give
> the impression that you could get a new Novice or Tech Plus.

As long as we're speculating about FCC intent, they equally could have chosen
that verbage so as to eliminate the last remnant of the "technician plus"
license class from the rules when the international requirement is revoked.
Note that this section applies to former license classes that aren't being
issued.

> >> >If that rule is conditional upon a code test being required by
> >> >international requirements, then there is nothing therein indicating that
> >> >the FCC chooses to require a code test for that particular purpose.
> >>
> >> Except that's not what it means.
> >> >
> >> >To cut a long story short, the argument rests upon whether "in accordance
> >> >with international requirements" is a necessary condition in the sentence.
> >> >If it is, then no-code Techs have the Novice HF frequencies*, and if not,
> >> >then they will have to wait. This is really what I am seeking comment on,
> >> >although all other observations are welcome.
> >> >
> >> >*(Although possibly not until after ratification of the new treaty)
> >>
> >> FCC used that verbiage to avoid having to keep the Tech Plus class alive. I
> >> don't know what their problem with the T+ license is, but they have always
> >> treated it as a poor relation.
> >
> >I fully agree with that. Now that the international requirement has been
> >killed (and replaced with an option), HF privileges for technicians (and
> >novices) have also died. I interpret this as meaning that ANY type of
> >technician is equal to the "no-code" technician (except those pre-87's who
> >have
> >the credit in hand for a general class license but haven't applied yet), and
> >that novices only have the 222Mhz and 23cm bands for operating.
>
> Sorry, that doesn't make any sense at all.

Look at sections .301(a), .301(f), and .501. It makes perfect sense.

Stripping HF privileges from coded-technicians (which renew indistinguishable from no-code-technicians per 97.21(a)(3)) and those with element credit in hand leaves them identical to the no-code version, which is a current license class under issue. This means that the FCC doesn't even have to worry which technician licenseholders have code-credit and which don't - it doesn't matter anymore. Stripping HF privileges from Novice licenseholders leaves them with only two bands - as indicated in .301(f); an almost worthless license in comparison to other classes.

Simply put, it looks as if the FCC intent is to do away with these "renewal-only" (and for technician, not really even so) license classes, which they almost did with the April 2000 changes. This was simply the next step.

> >> What I find most surreal about all this is that even with folks like WK3C,
> >> K2UNK and K2ASP saying the way it is, folks argue with them and question
> >> their motivation and qualification.
> >
> >You should see all the defective and less than perfect regulations in the tax
> >code. That's my "home turf."
>
> And these regs are K2ASP's "home turf". Do you think W3KC or K2UNK haven't been
> over that bit of Part 97 a few times?

Just because they haven't thought of this interpretation doesn't mean that it's wrong and theirs is correct.

3363. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 23:28:30 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307291528.100bc2ed@posting.google.com>
Source record: 73151

yodoc@aol.comnospam (Larry Roll K3LT) wrote in message
news:<20030729113702.02627.00000387@mb-m02.aol.com>...
> In article <f45722ac.0307290532.2581c9eb@posting.google.com>,
> brianburke@juno.com (Brian) writes:
>
> >> John:
> >>
> >> Yes, that's right. And the reason it's "going away" is because of all
> >> the "whining" done by the NCTA over the years.
> > >
> > >No. The reason its going away is that the PCTA couldn't present a
> > >sound argument to the FCC for its retention.
> > >
> > >Brian
>
> Brian:
>
> The PCTA didn't present "a" sound argument to the FCC for the retention
> of code testing -- they presented hundreds of them!

'Fraid not. Aaron Jones was keeping a list of all of those busted
Myths. The FCC must have subscribed to Aaron's List.

The trouble is, the FCC
> already had it's mind made up. Amateur Radio in general represents an
> administrative burden to the FCC, and deregulating it down to the bare
> bones is in their organizational interest.

That should be the goal of all regulatory agencies to use the minimum
amount of "force" necessary.

Also, as a government agency,
> the FCC had to respond to a lot of political and social issues, and one of
> the trickiest and most time consuming in the ARS was the concept of
> medical waivers for code testing.

Naw, as code testing is completely unnecessary, keeping track of code
testing was a monumental waste of time.

So, dumbing-down to a single 5-WPM
> code test was pretty much a no-brainer for them. Therefore, it wasn't because
> of a lack of valid arguments on the PCTA side.

Wrong. The FCC and NCI came to the same conclusion long ago:

Code Testing is completely unnecessary. Only the whining and crying
and the ITU kept it alive as long as it did.

Nothing we said could have
> made them retain the status quo in code testing, because they wanted to
> eliminate that particular administrative burden. As usual, it's all about
> money.
>
> 73 de Larry, K3LT

As usual, it was about common sense. We finally got past the
emotional outbursts and the ITU requirement.

3364. Re: There is no International Code Requirement and techs can operate

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 23:29:09 UTC
From: "D. Stussy" <kd6lvw@bde-arc.ampr.org>
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.56.0307292327350.9640@kd6lvw.ampr.org>
Source record: 73152

On Tue, 29 Jul 2003, Brian Kelly wrote:
> n2ey@aol.com (N2EY) wrote in message
news:<20030729062243.21428.00001358@mb-m23.aol.com>...
> > In article <Pine.LNX.4.56.0307290435560.9509@kd6lvw.ampr.org>, "D. Stussy"
> > <kd6lvw@bde-arc.ampr.org> writes:
>
> > >If there is no international requirement, then
> > >there is no way to demonstrate compliance with it.
> >
> > That's an "if-then" statement. There IS an international requirement, though.
> >
> > >If you think I'm wrong,
> > >please identify acceptable proof of compliance. (Not needing any proof means
> > >that there is no requirement, and that's a contradiction of the FCC
> > >regulation itself.)
>
> Gawd I dunno where they come from . . The modification of S25.5 has
> allowed the national GOVERNMENTS to take options, it does NOT empower
> the CITIZENS of the various countries to take any options. The U.S.
> government has NOT yet stated what options it will take therefore the
> rules we have been living under have NOT changed one bit and will NOT
> change until THE U.S. FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION SEZ SO.

Exactly: Each country has the OPTION. That means that it is NOT AN
INTERNATIONAL REQUIREMENT (but may continue to be a national one). However, 47
CFR 97.301(e) is written in terms of an international requirement that now no
longer exists.

It doesn't matter whether or not the U.S. Government chooses to take or ignore
the option. The operating privilege in .301(e) isn't based on the national
choice - it's based on the existence of an international requirement which no
longer exists.

> > >I go further: One may also assume that a Technician or Novice that does have
> > >proficiency has no right to operate there - because said proficiency is
> > >"measured" in terms of a now non-existent requirement.
> >
> > False circular logic.
>
> Amazing.
>
> Welcome to the kinds of thinking which will "take ham radio into the
> 21st Century". I just cain't frigging wait . . .

If you're so smart, then indicate exactly what proof is acceptable for the "international requirement" cited in 47 CFR 97.301(e). Obviously, you will have to also IDENTIFY that requirement to demonstrate the acceptability of the proof....

3365. Re: There is no International Code Requirement and techs can operate HF according to FCC Rules

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 23:32:45 UTC
From: "D. Stussy" <kd6lvw@bde-arc.ampr.org>
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.56.0307292333040.9640@kd6lvw.ampr.org>
Source record: 73153
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb

On Mon, 28 Jul 2003, JJ wrote:
> D. Stussy wrote:
> > I disagree that what is left means that any Technician or Novice has any HF
> > privilege at all. The FCC rule still says that these licensees must show
> > compliance with a non-existent regulation. Since they CANNOT COMPLY with a
> > non-existent [international] regulation, they LACK the privilege.
>
> The compliance was met when it was required by international regulation
> (and it is still required by FCC regulations). According to your logic
> then no license class has any HF privileges since we met the compliance
> of an international regulation that no longer exists. So all license
> classes that took a code test are now non-compliant, so looks like we
> are all off HF until the FCC changes the rules.
> GEEEEESSSSHHHH!!

Wrong with respect to the General, Advanced, and Extra license classes. Their ability to operate on HF is dictated SOLELY by license class, and for these classes, 47 CFR 97.501 indicates the credits (including element 1). These classes have NO REFERENCE to any international requirement as necessary to be met.

You need to re-read the operating frequency privilege rules in 47 CFR 97.301.

3366. Re: There is no International Code Requirement and techs can operate HF according to FCC Rules

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 23:35:44 UTC
From: "D. Stussy" <kd6lvw@bde-arc.ampr.org>
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.56.0307292336130.9640@kd6lvw.ampr.org>
Source record: 73154
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb

On Mon, 28 Jul 2003, JJ wrote:
> D. Stussy wrote:
> > On Mon, 28 Jul 2003, Jim Hampton wrote:
> >
> >>Please re-read Phil's reply again. You missed the point as to each
> >>administration is free to do as they please. So far, the FCC has not seen
> >>to eliminate the Morse requirement. Period.
> >
> >
> > If any entity has a choice, then how can it be called a requirement?
>
> The international requirement meant that all entities had to require a
> code test for HF privileges. Now the international requirement has been
> dropped, now each entity can decided for itself if it wants to require a
> code test for HF privileges, and until the FCC changes the rules, it is
> still required for U.S. hams. What is so hard to understand about that?

That means that there is no international requirement (in your words, "has been dropped").

I agree exactly: "Until the FCC changes the rules, it is still required ...."

How do you show compliance with a non-existent requirement?
Please demonstrate your proof.

3367. Re: There is no International Code Requirement and techs can operate HF according to FCC Rules

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 23:42:07 UTC
From: "D. Stussy" <kd6lvw@bde-arc.ampr.org>
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.56.0307292339060.9640@kd6lvw.ampr.org>
Source record: 73155
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb

On Tue, 29 Jul 2003, GM wrote:
> On Tue, 29 Jul 2003 04:50:19 GMT, D. Stussy <kd6lvw@bde-arc.ampr.org> wrote:
> > I disagree to as what it says.
> >
> > I state that what the FCC wrote is that the licensee is to meet a requirement
> > that is now impossible to meet because it no longer exists.
>
> You are a troll. You post from ampr.org and easynews.com. You
> aren't fooling anyone. We are taking this newsgroup back and nothing
> you can do will stop that.

1) I am not a troll, nor have I ever posted from easynews.com. I don't even have an account at easynews.com.

2) I have asked a legitimate question. 47 CFR 97.301(e) bases the HF operating privileges for the novice and technician license classes on a requirement that now no longer exists, but the FCC hasn't removed the requirement for those licensees to comply with the external requirement. How are these licensees to show compliance with a[n international] requirement that no longer exists?

If they can't demonstrate compliance, then they don't have the privilege. Is that beyond your comprehension?

> These are the handles you have used in the past couple of months
> including but not limited to--
>
> D. Stussy kd6lvw@bde-arc.ampr.org

This top one is NOT a handle but my name. So what if it's an "ampr.org" address. It's one of the few that actually WORKS because I know what I'm doing.

None of the rest are mine nor under my control. Most I've never even seen before.

> 666 Beetleguice@Anon.com
> Anon Anon@anonxmanho.com
> Anon Anon@invaliddomain.com
> Anus On Line You've_Got_Mail@anon.com
> Aunt Bea Opie@Anoned.com
> Barabbas KingMe@##666.com
> BARF BARFnuts@barfpsychos.net
> Big Al BigAl@grupposietemet.net

> Bob Badblood Trash@Trashradionut.com
> Bubba Tootlhless@YoMammaz.com
> Bojangles Anon@noisp.com
> Claude Anon@anon.com
> Dave Allan Denny@kenallasaws.com
> David Oregon_Mariages@jCorckSuckers.cm
> DimmyDimwitt Crybaby@anon.com
> Dobbie Potter@anon.com
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> Doug Martin martind231@nospam.ncvillage.net
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> Ed Norton haaaynorton@comnos.pam
> Enrique Sanchez esanchez@harborapsearch.net
> Erasmo Hernandez HTV@buenoispsvcs.org
> Firebottle dafirebottle@comnos.pam
> Floppy Disk Nobody@anon.com
> Fwankie FwankieBARF@BARFfwankie.net
> Goodfellows Rule ByeByeBARF@BARFisGone.org
> Goodie Two Shoes Jiabao@anon.com
> Groan! Nobody@anon.com
> Guffaw!!! Gdarnn@anon.com
> Harley1200 DemocratsLie@anon.com
> Henry henry@wsimconews.org
> Herb Herb@qrmkingallbands.org
> Ho Ho DoDoSmith@aspaal.com
> Howie 14285kHz@howiemantraffic.net
> Itell On4zzabc 4zzabc@netkops.com
> Itell OnU snivel@netkops.com
> I Zorg zorg@netkops.com
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> Pappy Anon@anon.com
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> Sammie Adams Anon@iNobodyYouKNow.comz
> Sammy Davis Sr. Anonr@nodominz.com
> Savant SmarterThanYou@anon.com
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> SLee StaggerLee@houston-hunks.com
> Stagger Lee SLee@houston-hunks.com
> Stu Parker sparkr@pavillage.net
> The Moron List _x@x.net_
> Timmie TwoShoes Anon@nospam.com
> Trash Radio TrashRadio@BARFtrashradio.net
> Troll Anon@ianonz.com
> Virgil Anon@Anon.com
> Voila! Fuzzy@Anon.com
> What A HOOT!!! Rastus@anon.com
> Wrong Way Whoop;assy@noemail.com
> Zippo Flame@nospam.com
> zzabc zabc@netkops.com

3368. Re: There is no International Code Requirement and techs can operate HF according to FCC Rules

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 23:48:08 UTC
From: "D. Stussy" <kd6lvw@bde-arc.ampr.org>
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.56.0307292346340.9640@kd6lvw.ampr.org>
Source record: 73156
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On Tue, 29 Jul 2003, Alun Palmer wrote:
> "D. Stussy" <kd6lvw@bde-arc.ampr.org> wrote in
> news:Pine.LNX.4.56.0307290419580.9509@kd6lvw.ampr.org:
> > On Mon, 28 Jul 2003, Keith wrote:
> >> On Mon, 28 Jul 2003 00:52:54 GMT, "Phil Kane"
> >> <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop> wrote:
> >>
> >> > Until the FCC changes the rules concering Element 1, the requirement
> >> > in the US remains that Element 1 must be passed.
> >>
> >> That is NOT what 97.301(e) says. 97.301(e) does not require a tech to
> >> possess
> >> element 1, it requires the tech licensee to meet the international
> >> standards set down in s25.5 to transmit on HF.
> >
> > I agree with the above as to what 47 CFR 97.301(e) says.
> >
> > I disagree that what is left means that any Technician or Novice has
> > any HF privilege at all. The FCC rule still says that these licensees
> > must show compliance with a non-existent regulation. Since they CANNOT
> > COMPLY with a non-existent [international] regulation, they LACK the
> > privilege.
> >
> >> The reason 97.301(e) was written that way is because the FCC expected
> >> the s25.5 reference to be deleted, but it was changed. The fact that
> >> it was changed does not mean a tech licensee is not meeting the
> >> requirements set down in 97.301(e).
> >
> > I disagree. There is a [U.S.] requirement for these licenseholders to
> > meet the international requirement. Show me how they can do this if
> > the international requirement doesn't exist.... It's impossible for
> > them to demonstrate compliance, and therefore, they cannot meet all of
> > the U.S. requirements (one of which is to meet the non-existent
> > international requirement), and thus have no such privilege.
> >
>
> You have posted this in lots of places, so I will reply only once. The
> international requirement is that code testing is optional, hence it can
> be met either with or without passing a code test, i.e. veryone meets it
> all the time.

Please define "optional requirement."
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If it's optional, it's not a requirement. If it's required, it's not an option.

47 CFR 97.301(e) is defined in terms of a requirement. That requirement, having been turned into an option, no longer exists - but the appropriate licenseholders, in order to execute the privilege, still must demonstrate compliance with the non-existent requirement. How do they do this? If they can't, then they don't have the privilege. I say that demonstrating compliance with a non-existent requirement is an impossible act.

> >> It doesn't mean a tech can get on 20 meters, it should mean he can
> >> operate on
> >> HF in the allocated tech bands according to the FCC rules.
> >
> > What you think it should mean and what it does mean are as clear as
> > night and day.

3369. Re: radio-amateur and CB

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-29 23:58:50 UTC
From: shephed <smokey@twist1up.com>
Message-ID: <_SDVa.34886$ib2.9755660@twister.neo.rr.com>
Source record: 73157

He is someone who has gotten a Ham license in the past 3 years. :-)

"Louat Marc" <marc.louat@edf.fr> wrote in message
news:3F250F74.C47F5674@edf.fr...
> Hello
> I have known radio-amateurism and its rules for years and I have
> recently met someone who claims to be a cibist and communicate all
> around the world, send and recieve postcards, talks about any subject,
> belongs to a club and says it is new CB and it is legal. In my opinion
> it is not. Is it?
> Marc Louat
>

3370. Re: There is no International Code Requirement and techs can operate HF according to FCC Rules

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-30 00:01:07 UTC
From: "D. Stussy" <kd6lvw@bde-arc.ampr.org>
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.56.0307292357180.9640@kd6lvw.ampr.org>
Source record: 73158
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On Tue, 29 Jul 2003, Phil Kane wrote:
> On Tue, 29 Jul 2003 D. Stussy wrote:
> >It does not mean that at all. It is another perfect example of FCC
> >regulation-writer shortsightedness, just like happened with the April 2000
> >changes.
>
> Yeah. Monty DePont (and the rest of us who were craftsmen in rule
> and affidavit and opinion writing) retired before that time and it's
> so difficult to get "good help nowadays"......
>
> >I disagree. There is a [U.S.] requirement for these licenseholders
> >to meet the international requirement. Show me how they can do this
> >if the international requirement doesn't exist....
>
> Sure it exists. It requires each Administration to determine if a
> code test is necessary. It's not an "option" - each Administration
> MUST determine if a code test is necessary or not. If the
> Administration determines that it is, then any test that is ordered
> complies with "international requirements".

If each government has a choice, then it's not an "international requirement."
A requirement means that there is no choice. The replacement S25.5 means that
each country has a choice to impose a NATIONAL REQUIREMENT on its
licenseholders (something they could have done anyway). How does that become
an international requirement when some member country to the agreement can opt
out?

> >S25.5 no longer REQUIRES anything. So how can one show that one has
> >met the requirement? That's impossible.
>
> >Having a choice (regardless of whom holds the choice) means that it
> >is an OPTION, and options aren't requirements. A requirement means
> >that there is no choice; no option. These are OPPOSITES.
>
> The "international requirement" (inflexible rule) is that the
> decision on code proficiency is now up to each Administration. This
> isn't an "option" - this is a fixed rule = "requirement".

That statement focuses on "requirement," forgetting about "international."

> "Meeting the international requirement" means meeting the rule set
> by the FCC. The FCC cannot remove an operating privilege for an
> entire class of licensee without a formal rule change unless it is a

> temporary or emergency measure. There has not been any formal rule
> change, so the situation remains as is.

Yes, there has. Treaties and international agreements supersede national laws.

> Whether or not the IRS and the Tax Court works that way, that's how
> the FCC works.
>
> Dieter, you've been dealing with the IRS too much to think clearly
> on this matter.....

Perhaps so, but you will find that interpretation of rules and regulations was one of my strongest points when I worked for them. Thinking can be taxing! :-)

3371. Re: There is no International Code Requirement and techs can operateHF accordi

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-30 00:09:53 UTC
From: "D. Stussy" <kd6lvw@bde-arc.ampr.org>
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.56.0307300006390.9640@kd6lvw.ampr.org>
Source record: 73159

On Tue, 29 Jul 2003, Dick Carroll; wrote:
> ...
> You're surely aware of the fact that an existing law/rule/regulation is
> effective during any period of time required to change or othewise update it
> to comply with prevailing changes which effect its meaning. Any scheme
> othewise would invite the very sort of chaos these people are planning.
>
> Does the FCC see it thusly? You can bet on it.

1) That does not give them an unlimited amount of time to act on the change.

2) That does not justify applicability of the dependent regulation beyond the time of the change of regulation it depends on. It becomes a regulation that cannot be relied upon as authority (after the date of the underlying change).

3) That implies that the regulation supersedes international agreements and treaties. Actually, treaties and international agreements supersede the laws of the countries party to the agreement or treaty.

3372. Re: The Morse Code Requirement - Is It Really The Reason People Turn Away?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-30 00:12:16 UTC
From: Jim Hampton <aa2qa@frontiernet.net>
Message-ID: <A3EVa.5403$193.2506@news02.roc.ny>
Source record: 73160

Robert,

A lot of folks have been portraying this 'doom and gloom', yet amateur radio keeps growing. While I don't think Morse is a valid requirement, I don't see the wisdom of lowering technical requirements. I read (was it last year, or the year before?) where a newly minted tech was killed putting up a tower. A 150 watts of rf is modest power, but what kind of voltage exists? Sure, you have a 50 ohm feed point and you can calculate voltage and current .... but that is at the 50 ohm feed point. The far ends of a dipole exhibit around 1000 ohms impedance. That inverted V just might have some very dangerous rf voltage at the ends. Should they be fairly close to the ground .... not good for humans or animals.

Also, there have been lawsuits filed over cell phones causing brain cancer. Some research shows inconclusive results; others show modulated rf does affect cells. Guess what group sponsors the research showing inconclusive results? Remember the tobacco companies? Also, most of the legal limit amps are still vacuum tubes. These are running thousands of volts. Questions concerning bleeder resistors and why they are there and what to do to ensure they did their job before grabbing hold of items within the enclosure are very legitimate questions. Questions as to what modes and where (frequencies) are certainly appropriate. NCI may well be good, but I don't think NTI (No Test International) would be a good idea; of course, if we had no tests, many bands would be rendered as useful as 11 meters - but the good side is that we might have a lot of folks remove their genes from the human gene pool. For information on that, please visit: http://www.darwinawards.com/

73 from Rochester, NY
Jim AA2QA

"Robert Hartung" <ke4jcd@yahoo.com> wrote in message news:460a6f44.0307281927.2ab18bc8@posting.google.com...
> The Morse Code Requirement
> Is It Really The Reason People Turn Away?
>
> Many people feel that the Morse Code requirement is the SOLE reason
> why many people turn away from Amateur Radio. Well one group dose,
> No-Code International, an organization dedicated to the abolition of
> the Morse Code requirement for Amateur Radio licenses.
>
> In this writers opinion, the code is only one of many reasons why
> people turn away from Amateur Radio. Another, is the people already in
> the hobby. If you been reviewing my website, you can see how the

> people, not just the code requirement, can make, or brake a hobby. If
> the people act no better then CB Agitator, or a show of being better
> then others, can drive people away.
>
> Let's not forget, many local clubs and members try to drive
> undesirables away. Who is an undesirable? Well, undesirable are people
> who have already join the hobby for reason other then local Clubs and
> their members reasons. It varies from area too area, but it's somewhat
> the same.
>
> 1) If you join the hobby to take advantage of the 2 meter and 70cm
> bands and don't upgrade to the HF bands. Because, you like to talk to
> family and friends. You could careless about DXing, filling your walls
> with QSL cards, and etc.
>
> 2) You don't use as many "Q" signals as possible. Yes, I know they
> were invented solely for CW and are totally inappropriate for bands
> above 6 meters FM, but they are fun and entertaining. "I'm going to
> QSY to the phone." Can you really change frequencies to the phone? QSL
> used to mean, "I am acknowledging receipt", but now it appears to
> mean, "yes" or "OK". I guess I missed it when the ARRL changed the
> meaning. It is also best to use "OK" and "QSL" together.
>
> 3) Not following local codes of conducts, or rules made up by the
> local clubs and not the FCC. For example, always giving the calls of
> yourself and everyone who is (or has been) in the group, whether they
> are still there or not. While this has been unnecessary for years, it
> is still a great memory test. You may also use "and the group" if you
> are an "old timer" or just have a bad memory.
>
> All the above can classify you as an undesirable, and get you a life
> sentence of ridicule, rude comments intended to make fun of your lack
> of desire to upgrade, or your unwillingness to follow the leader. For
> example, say you don't wish to upgrade, then your marked as being to
> lazy to take the code test, or unable due to a lack of IQ.
>
> If this is their idea of encouragement, well it doesn't seem like it
> to me, it's down right RUDE, and drives people away. Which is the
> whole idea, but is that really such a good idea?
>
> If we destroy our own, then how do we expect newcomers to view us? If
> your trying to buildup a hobby, then you need to deal with diversity,
> not destroy it. Being difference from what is normal or expected is a
> good thing. It helps make life, or in the care of amateur radio, a
> much more divers, interesting and fun filled hobby. It's not the same
> old thing, different day.
>
> This will help bring new blood to the hobby, thus bring fresh, and new
> ideas with it.
>

> http://www.ke4jcd.com

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3373. Re: There is no Requirement to cross post this dribble to rec.radio.cb

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-30 00:12:30 UTC
From: "D. Stussy" <kd6lvw@bde-arc.ampr.org>
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.56.0307300013450.9640@kd6lvw.ampr.org>
Source record: 73161
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.amateur.misc

On Tue, 29 Jul 2003, Alun Palmer wrote:
> "Hugo" <hmm..@yeahright.kom> wrote in
> news:vict8ej8esnpa8@corp.supernews.com:
> > Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote in message
> > news:Xns93C7546AA2336elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4...
> >> "Landshark" <S3Buell@SBCGlobal.Net.> wrote in
> >> news:VKmVa.525$594.52490302@newssvr21.news.prodigy.com:
> >> > "D. Stussy" <kd6lvw@bde-arc.ampr.org> wrote in message
> >> > news:Pine.LNX.4.56.0307290428110.9509@kd6lvw.ampr.org...\
> >> >
> >> > Why don't you people pay attention that
> >> > your cross posting this troll fodder?
> >> >
> >> > Landshark

Why are you blaming me for this? The original thread was crossposted. Blame the person who started it all.

You should note that where I have noted an inapproprate group, I have killed the cross-posting in my responses. I don't always note that, nor do I really care. I'm not a mind reader of the originator of any thread, myself excluded.

3374. Re: Good bye CODE!

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-30 00:42:03 UTC
From: Dan/W4NTI <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com>
Message-ID: <bg7489dps1@slb6.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 73162

Hi troll idiot....hope ur not in a hurry. The PCTAs are gonna put you on hold for another decade at least.

Dan/W4NTI

"LD" <LD@timelord.org.co> wrote in message news:3f26b3a9@shknews01...
> I'm wating for the day of reconking!
>
> I'm gonna get you all!
>
> I have tried for many years to learn code! Cannot learn it!
>
> Now that the International law has declared it old, it will not be long till
> the FCC give us no-coders the "green light" - then our takeover will begin.
>
> Hello good-buddy!
>
>
>

3375. Re: radio amateurs et cibistes

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-30 00:49:31 UTC
From: kelly@dvol.com
Message-ID: <d22b54c3.0307291649.13da5b33@posting.google.com>
Source record: 73163

Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote in message
news:<Xns93C7B022EFBB1elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>...
> kelly@dvol.com (Brian Kelly) wrote in
> news:d22b54c3.0307291054.34d418a8@posting.google.com:
>
> > Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote in message
> > news:<Xns93C755CC27375elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>...
> >> nospam@any.time wrote in
> >> news:bktbivk2cog9v1p68i80tedd3jt3anjefd@4ax.com:
> >>
> >> > On 29 Jul 2003 03:38:27 GMT, Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote:
> >> >
> >> >
> >> >>Traites internationaux qui concerne le CB n'existe pas. C'est vrai
> >> >>qur les regles Americain limitent le range de CB a 150 miles...
> >> >
> >> > Es 155.3 exectamundo!
> >> >
> >> >
> >>
> >> No habla Espanol
> >
> > Hablo.
> >
> > w3rv
> >
>
> Well, since I don't speak it, you could hardly expect me to get it right,
> could you?

Sorry Alun, the devil made me do it . . heh.

w3rv

3376. Re: BPL pollution - file reply comments by August 6

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-30 00:57:41 UTC
From: Dave Shrader <david.shrader@comcast.net>
Message-ID: <9KEVa.8930$cF.2319@rwcrnsc53>
Source record: 73164
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.shortwave

One of the technologies we have ignored in the BPL discussion is the use of coherent detection in the BPL circuitry. It provides very high common mode rejection. For example, high rejection to amateur and commercial HF/VHF transmissions, and high signal to noise integrity on the desired frequencies.

Coherent detection can very easily pull a signal out from under the noise level. For example, I have used systems where the signal can be 20 dB below the noise and still be recovered.

It may just be possible that interference TO the BPL system will not be severe, but interference FROM the BPL system ... well that has been discussed.

Deacon Dave, W1MCE
+ + +

Dave Platt wrote:

> In article <bg5un2$kilmh$3@ID-189073.news.uni-berlin.de>,
> Ryan, KC8PMX <kc8pmx@diamondcs.net> wrote:
>
>
>>Don't know if anyone has considered this, but if the BPL lines are going to
>>radiate intereference, would it not stand to reason that the lines would be
>>(not by choice) accepting outside RFI sources???
>
>
> Correct... and there have been some very pithy statements concerning
> this issue submitted to the FCC.
>
[SNIPPED}

3377. Re: ATTN: Tech Licensee USA Morse Code Freedom Day is August 1st

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-30 01:10:26 UTC
From: Floyd Davidson <floyd@barrow.com>
Message-ID: <87n0ewg6pp.fld@barrow.com>
Source record: 73165

"Phil Kane" <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop> wrote:
> in it?" Toscanini replied: "let me see the old score". He looked at
> it and said: "there's nothing wrong with this one except that you
> need to add another cut -here- and make a change -there-".
>
> (With thanks to the late Meredeth Willson as told in his book
> "And There I Stood With My Piccolo")
>
> There's nothing wrong with the language of the USC or CFR if (1) one
> has a good command of American English and (2) one has a good
> command of law and (3) one understands what the statute/regulation
> was intended for in the first place.
>
> The same thing is true of the writings of any technical profession.
> I have always felt that an understanding of FCC regulations is as
> important to ham radio as an understanding of the technology being
> used by the ham.

Isn't it ironic that here we have a thread asking why law isn't
done in "plain English", while we also have other threads going
where several people are twisting the meaning of a regulation
into a pretzel that only a lawyer could appreciate.

With apologies to Toscanini, "there's nothing wrong with this
one except that you need to add another" comment about item 2
"and make a" further comment about item 3.

Item (2) includes finding out what the courts have said the
language means. Dictionary meanings, what the neighbor means,
or what we read on Usenet are all wonderful, but useless if a
court has already decided what it really means.

Item (3) seems to be what everyone is missing in the threads
about whether a now optional requirement exists, because the
question is not whether, with the mind set of a twelve year
old, one can distort the language to get what one wants, but
simply a matter of what the regulation was *intended* to do.

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Floyd L. Davidson <http://web.newsguy.com/floyd_davidson>
Ukpeagvik (Barrow, Alaska) floyd@barrow.com

3378. Re: BPL pollution - file reply comments by August 6

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-30 01:23:07 UTC
From: dplatt@radagast.org
Message-ID: <vie7fri744n43e@corp.supernews.com>
Source record: 73166
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.shortwave

In article <9KEVa.8930$cF.2319@rwcrnsc53>,
Dave Shrader <david.shrader@comcast.net> wrote:

>One of the technologies we have ignored in the BPL discussion is the use
>of coherent detection in the BPL circuitry. It provides very high common
>mode rejection. For example, high rejection to amateur and commercial
>HF/VHF transmissions, and high signal to noise integrity on the desired
>frequencies.

My understanding is that the BPL systems being proposed, use various spread-spectrum techniques - I believe they're based on discrete-multitone / orthogonal frequency division multiplexing modulations, similar to what's used for most ADSL systems these days. There won't be a single carrier frequency... there will be dozens or hundreds in use in any given transmission.

That's how they can get a lot of bandwidth over the wires, provide some resistance to narrow-band interference, and still manage to keep the radiated energy in any given band-slice to within the FCC emissions limits.

>Coherent detection can very easily pull a signal out from under the
>noise level. For example, I have used systems where the signal can be 20
>dB below the noise and still be recovered.

That works nicely with narrowband signals, and at low data rates.

Doesn't seem to me that it will work at all well with wideband multi-carrier systems such as DMT, operating at high data rates.

Also, achieving high common-mode rejection is nice, but since power lines are a long way from being electrically-balanced at HF/VHF frequencies, there's going to be a whole howling lot of differential-mode signal on the lines any time a licensed transmitter keys up in the neighborhood.

Also, getting good common-mode rejection (for coherent detection or otherwise) requires that you have adequate dynamic range and resolution in your front-end electronics... if the interference saturates the receiver chain at any point _before_ the common-mode portion of the signal is eliminated, you're screwed. That's one of the problems one commenter discussed on the FCC page.

--
Dave Platt <dplatt@radagast.org> AE6EO
Hosting the Jade Warrior home page: http://www.radagast.org/jade-warrior

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boycott any company which has the gall to send me such ads!

3379. Re: BPL pollution - file reply comments by August 6

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-30 02:10:03 UTC
From: W5DXP <Cecil.A.Moore@ieee.org>
Message-ID: <3f272a1c_1@corp.newsgroups.com>
Source record: 73167
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.shortwave

Dave Shrader wrote:
> Coherent detection can very easily pull a signal out from under the
> noise level. For example, I have used systems where the signal can be 20
> dB below the noise and still be recovered.

Let's bring back coherent CW.
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73, Cecil http://www.qsl.net/w5dxp

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3380. Re: There is no Requirement to cross post this dribble to rec.radio.cb

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-30 02:15:54 UTC
From: "D. Stussy" <kd6lvw@bde-arc.ampr.org>
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.56.0307300217550.9698@kd6lvw.ampr.org>
Source record: 73168
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.amateur.misc

If I were a troll, then why aren't I hiding behind some name that isn't resolvable to my true identity?

We've heard your drivel before. No matter how many times you repeat it will not make it true.

On Wed, 30 Jul 2003, GM wrote:
> On Wed, 30 Jul 2003 00:12:30 GMT, D. Stussy <kd6lvw@bde-arc.ampr.org> wrote:
> >
> > Why are you blaming me for this? The original thread was crossposted. Blame
> > the person who started it all.
>
> You are a troll. You post from ampr.org and easynews.com. You
> aren't fooling anyone. We are taking this newsgroup back and nothing
> you can do will stop that.
>
> These are the handles you have used in the past couple of months
> including but not limited to--
>
> D. Stussy kd6lvw@bde-arc.ampr.org
> R274C r274c@aol.com
> Anon Anon@anonxmanho.com
> Anon Anon@invaliddomain.com
> Anus On Line You've_Got_Mail@anon.com
> Aunt Bea Opie@Anoned.com
> Barabbas KingMe@###666.com
> BARF BARFnuts@barfpsychos.net
> Big Al BigAl@grupposietemet.net
> Bob Badblood Trash@Trashradionut.com
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> David Oregon_Mariages@jCorckSuckers.cm
> DimmyDimwitt Crybaby@anon.com
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> Ed Norton haaaynorton@comnos.pam
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> Goodie Two Shoes Jiabao@anon.com
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> Guffaw!!! Gdarnn@anon.com
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> Henry henry@wsimconews.org
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> Ho Ho DoDoSmith@aspaal.com
> Howie 14285kHz@howiemantraffic.net
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> Itell OnU snivel@netkops.com
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> King Creole Louisiana@jBuggOff.com
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> Lloyd Lloyd@duhhhhswl.com
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> Onxyzzy xyzzy@netkops.com
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> Pappy Anon@anon.com
> Pat Carter PCarter@ncvillage.net
> Patrick C Carter_P@ncvillage.net
> PCarter Carter@ncvillage.net
> Petey Arnett News@ele.ven
> Poo Bear Anon@anon.com
> Q Q@Q.everywhere
> QRM Billy QRM@BillyBARFgone.net
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3381. Re: The Morse Code Requirement - Is It Really The Reason People Turn Away?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-30 02:31:05 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030729223105.20198.00001063@mb-m14.aol.com>
Source record: 73174

In article <460a6f44.0307281927.2ab18bc8@posting.google.com>, ke4jcd@yahoo.com (Robert Hartung) writes:

>
>If we destroy our own, then how do we expect newcomers to view us? If
>your trying to buildup a hobby, then you need to deal with diversity,
>not destroy it. Being difference from what is normal or expected is a
>good thing. It helps make life, or in the care of amateur radio, a
>much more divers, interesting and fun filled hobby. It's not the same
>old thing, different day.
>
>This will help bring new blood to the hobby, thus bring fresh, and new
>ideas with it.

Robert:

We eliminated code testing for the Technician-class license in 1991, in order to bring "new blood" and "fresh new ideas" to the hobby. We completely "restructured" the licensing system in 2000 for the same reason. After all those changes, where are the "fresh new ideas?" What are we doing now that is radically different from what we were doing 12 years ago, or 3 years ago? Where is all the fantastic new high-speed digital communications technology we were promised? About the only new modes to come into widespread use since then is PSK-31, but that wasn't invented by U.S. No-Code Technicians or 5-WPM General/Extras. Packet radio is pretty much gone from the U.S. amateur radio landscape, and never even saw widespread use at 9600-baud while it was still "popular." The Internet has pretty much cancelled out every prospect of creating a high-speed wireless infrastructure on amateur radio frequencies, save for a few isolated enclaves with a high population of hams who work as professionals in the communications technology field.

For the most part, the "newcomers" to ham radio are just doing what they have always done -- yakking on the local repeaters, whining about the code, and doing just about anything BUT educating themselves in high-tech digital modes and experimenting with them. And they come pre-loaded with all of the traditional excuses for serious involvement, such as no time due to work and family commitments, no money, etc. etc. etc…
I think you need to face the plain truth -- ham radio is dying because the same newcomers who are expected to save it are simply incapable of doing so!

73 de Larry, K3LT

3382. Re: Good bye CODE!

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-30 02:31:06 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030729223106.20198.00001064@mb-m14.aol.com>
Source record: 73171

In article <bg7489dps1@slb6.atl.mindspring.net>, "Dan/W4NTI"
<w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com> writes:

>
>Hi troll idiot....hope ur not in a hurry. The PCTAs are gonna put you on
>hold for another decade at least.
>
>Dan/W4NTI

Dan:

Good point. And the PCTA's may not need to lift a finger. After all,
the FCC just went to a great deal of time and expense to restructure
the U.S. amateur radio licensing system, and may not be all that
motivated to go through that process again in such short order. Since
they felt that the 5 WPM test requirement was acceptable to those
who would have burdened them with medical waiver requests had they
kept a higher speed code test, they will not likely see any need to
start the whole NPRM comment/reply ball rolling again very soon.
I could be wrong, of course, but time will tell.

73 de Larry, K3LT

3383. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-30 02:31:08 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030729223108.20198.00001065@mb-m14.aol.com>
Source record: 73172

In article <f45722ac.0307291528.100bc2ed@posting.google.com>,
brianburke@juno.com (Brian) writes:

> Also, as a government agency,
>> the FCC had to respond to a lot of political and social issues, and one of
>> the trickiest and most time consuming in the ARS was the concept of
>> medical waivers for code testing.
>
>Naw, as code testing is completely unnecessary, keeping track of code
>testing was a monumental waste of time.

Brian:

(Yawn!) Don't look now, but that's what I meant!

> So, dumbing-down to a single 5-WPM
>> code test was pretty much a no-brainer for them. Therefore, it wasn't
>because
>> of a lack of valid arguments on the PCTA side.
>
>Wrong. The FCC and NCI came to the same conclusion long ago:
>
>Code Testing is completely unnecessary. Only the whining and crying
>and the ITU kept it alive as long as it did.

I don't recall any "whining and crying" from the ITU. Through their
World Radiocommunication Conferences, they have a democratic process
for changing International Treaty radio regulations, with the member
administrations representing their own unique interests. Until WRC-03,
they had not seen fit to eliminate the S25.5 Morse code testing
requirement. Now, they have. No whining, no crying, just the usual
democratic process, applied fairly. I accept their decision, even though
I don't agree with it.

> Nothing we said could have
>> made them retain the status quo in code testing, because they wanted to
>> eliminate that particular administrative burden. As usual, it's all about
>> money.
>>
>> 73 de Larry, K3LT

>As usual, it was about common sense. We finally got past the
>emotional outbursts and the ITU requirement.

My recollection is that the "emotional outbursts" have been on the
NCTA side. The PCTA's always posed the logical, "common sense"
arguments. Get it right for once, please!

73 de Larry, K3LT

3384. Re: Challenge to Kim

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-30 02:31:11 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030729223111.20198.00001067@mb-m14.aol.com>
Source record: 73170

In article <bg4j4s$b6u$1@adenine.netfront.net>, "Kim W5TIT"
<fahgedit@nomail.net> writes:

>
>No, again, Larry. Geesh will you learn a useful communication skill,
>puhleeze!? I didn't imply a thing about your failure to meet challenges or
>skeds. I simply stated that I had never seen anything indicating that you
>met one. Now, have you?

Kim:

That's irrelevant. Where do you get off speculating that I haven't?

>If so, all you have to do is say you did.

Why should I say that in response to your speculative allegation that
I haven't? Why don't you just simply PROVE that I have not met any
schedules, or simply apologize for starting this in the first place?

>But no....!!! You chose to just get all upset...

You're the one worked up about this, Kim, not me. All I want to do is
make a simple PSK-31 sked with you!

73 de Larry, K3LT

3385. Re: Challenge to Kim

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-30 02:31:11 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030729223111.20198.00001066@mb-m14.aol.com>
Source record: 73173

In article <bg4ikq$ar5$1@adenine.netfront.net>, "Kim W5TIT"
<fahgedit@nomail.net> writes:

>> So, what's the problem? I can get my station set back up in 10 minutes.
>> However, for your convenience, I'll leave my challenge open indefinitely.
>>
>> 73 de Larry, K3LT
>>
>
>No, you scroll up. I said, "I'm not sure I've ever seen that Larry has met
>a chall....sched yet." That means that when you have been challenged to
>meet a sched, I have not seen evidence that you have ever met one. I did
>not challenge you, never have challenged you.

Kim:

No, all you did was make a speculative comment that I have failed to
meet challenges or schedules with my fellow hams and rrap participants.
Now, you obviously felt a need to make that comment, so please share
with us, what was the reason? After all, you implied something
negative about me, so there MUST be some reason for you to do that.

>*Have you ever met a sched that was offered here?*
>
>Now, if you want to turn that around to making it look like I am challenging
>you, that's fine.

I haven't turned anything around, Kim. All I did was offer you a challenge
to a PSK-31 sked. After all, you apparently had no faith in my ability to
meet the challenge/sked, so I am now offering you the "proof" you seem
to require. If you don't want to take me up on my challenge, then that
means that you think that you can accuse me of never doing so, but then
not permit me to offer evidence to the contrary. I must assume, then, that
you are backing off of your allegation, and are now going to offer your
apology for having made it. Ahem…feel free to proceed.

73 de Larry, K3LT

3386. Re: Ham Radio Rescue in California Press

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-30 02:31:12 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030729223112.20198.00001068@mb-m14.aol.com>
Source record: 73169

In article <bg4iua$b49$1@adenine.netfront.net>, "Kim W5TIT"
<fahgedit@nomail.net> writes:

>> >Answer the damn question, Larry. What do *YOU* think my point about CW
>is?
>>
>> The standard NCTA bullet points, Kim. I've never seen you come up with
>> anything original.
>>
>> 73 de Larry, K3LT
>>
>
>That is a cop-out of an answer, Larry.

Kim:

Except for the fact that it is the TRUTH. Of course, you would never
recognize that, particularly when it is in reference to yourself.

73 de Larry, K3LT

3387. Re: American w/ Disability Act and CW Proficiency Test

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-30 02:35:51 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307291835.20ae53bf@posting.google.com>
Source record: 73175
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.misc

"Dan/W4NTI" <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com> wrote in message
news:<bg6q1b$70i$1@slb2.atl.mindspring.net>...

> Yeah its tough now Dee. When I took mine is was solid copy at 20 wpm for
> one solid minute out of five. Oh well.
>
> Dan/W4NTI

And uphill both ways in 6 foot of snow...

3388. Re: BPL pollution - file reply comments by August 6

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-30 02:48:22 UTC
From: "H. Adam Stevens" <solo@totalaccess.net>
Message-ID: <viechp8ufd4kd2@corp.supernews.com>
Source record: 73176
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.shortwave

It's decades too late for coherent thought.

"W5DXP" <Cecil.A.Moore@ieee.org> wrote in message
news:3f272a1c_1@corp.newsgroups.com...
> Dave Shrader wrote:
> > Coherent detection can very easily pull a signal out from under the
> > noise level. For example, I have used systems where the signal can be 20
> > dB below the noise and still be recovered.
>
> Let's bring back coherent CW.
> --
> 73, Cecil http://www.qsl.net/w5dxp
>
>
>
> -----= Posted via Newsfeeds.Com, Uncensored Usenet News =-----
> http://www.newsfeeds.com - The #1 Newsgroup Service in the World!
> ------== Over 80,000 Newsgroups - 16 Different Servers! =-----

3389. Re: N8WWM, rain reported again.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-30 02:56:15 UTC
From: Duh <MyDixieWrecked@uranus.com>
Message-ID: <jtGVa.119311$hV.8630047@twister.austin.rr.com>
Source record: 73177
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.policy

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<Moparholic@hotmailnospam.com> wrote in message
news:20030729220819.335$7t_-_@newsreader.com...
> Moparholic@hotmailnospam.com wrote:
> > Moparholic@hotmailnospam.com wrote:
> > > Moparholic@hotmailnospam.com wrote:
> > > > Moparholic@hotmailnospam.com wrote:
> > > > > avoobner2002@yahoo.com (Aaron H. Voobner) wrote:
> > > > > Riley H. has a good track record of
> > > > > > following up on such complaints, check the Rain Report if you
> > > > > > wish confirmation of this.
> > > > > >
> > > > > Is that the same rain report n8wwm was busted out on?
> > > > >
> > > > Did you leave again, Aaron?
> > > >
> > > I see you're still here,Aaron. What's your opinion of doug adair
> > > n8wwm getting ratted out on the rain report?
> > >
> >
> I know you're jumping up and down about no CW, jackass.
>
> --
> GO# 40
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Well, we all knew Doug would return with his usual demented rants, but who knew he'd stoop so low again?

3390. Re: Ham Radio Rescue in California Press

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-30 03:04:51 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307291904.6b608a4a@posting.google.com>
Source record: 73178

kf6vyh@aol.com (Kf6vyh) wrote in message
news:<20030729113907.23869.00000724@mb-m27.aol.com>...
> Why bring up the CW debate, Th e story had nothing to due with the pros or cons
> of CW . I have not been reading these news groups for a while for just this
> reason. All any of you can talk or fight about is CW. If you Kim are so
> concered with CW just start another CW thread. You are like a two year old
> fighting for the shovle in a sand box. Give it a rest.

There is no rest. This is a Morse/CW debate newsgroup. I could
suggest alt.survival if you want rescue stories.

Brian

3391. Re: The Morse Code Requirement - Is It Really The Reason People Turn Away?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-30 03:06:18 UTC
From: vshah101@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030729230618.27544.00000691@mb-m23.aol.com>
Source record: 73179

From: yodoc@aol.comnospam (Larry Roll K3LT)

>After all
>those changes, where are the "fresh new ideas?" What are we doing now

Simple, the old-timers are not interested in new ideas. One example would be holding on to Morse code and pressuring new Hams to learn Morse code and excluding those that don't want to learn Morse code. Another example is most old timers want to just make random contacts and are not interested in the technical aspects of the hobby.

I have proposed new ideas, projects, etc. I didn't say I just want others to do those projects for me. I would help with those projects - if there were interest. I have asked to volunteer for those types of activities on several occasions. The old-timers in the club are NOT interested in those types of activities. However, they will put extra effort into teaching code classes to get people to operate Morse code.

Don't blame the newcomers - its the old-timers that want to keep things as they are.

3392. Re: With CW gone, can the CW allocations be far behind?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-30 03:19:39 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307291919.5ca1e6fa@posting.google.com>
Source record: 73180

lenover21@aol.com (Len Over 21) wrote in message
news:<20030729005604.02627.00000372@mb-m02.aol.com>...
> In article <f45722ac.0307281618.504da252@posting.google.com>,
> brianburke@juno.com (Brian) writes:
>
> >et472@FreeNet.Carleton.CA (Michael Black) wrote in message
> >news:<bg3q90$nk1$1@freenet9.carleton.ca>...
> >
> >> This reminds me of the time Marconi spanned the Atlantic. I remember
> >> he told his assistant "I'm not going to wait until voice modulation
> >> is invented, because I want to give morse code favored status".
> >>
> >> Then twenty years later, when hams spanned the Atlantic with shortwaves,
> >> they all said "let's not use that newfangled voice stuff, because
> >> we want to give morse code a favored status". Obviously, Howard
> >> Armstrong who we have to "blame" for all the receivers we use even
> >> today, must have been part of that conspiracy to keep AM in it's place,
> >> since he was part of one of the official transmitting sites for
> >> the attempt.
> >>
> >> Of course, there were all those hams in the early days who used
> >> only morse code because they wanted to give it favored status.
> >> It's a myth that they used it because a cw transmitter was simpler
> >> and less expensive.
> >>
> >>
> >> Let's not forgot OSCAR 1, launched in December of 1961. Those
> >> guys obviously had it send morse code because they wanted to give
> >> the mode favored status.
> >>
> >> Michael VE2BVW
> >
> >You forgot the Titanic.
>
> So...the Titanic sank after receiving mode-favored-status...not something
> the Kode Klutz Klan wants to put at the top of their list.
>
> LHA

Len, I didn't say anything about the Titanic's sinking, so lets keep
this positive. But being probably the most famous vessel ever, I
thought it would be prudent to include it on the above Morse-users
list. And now there's a pump-key being marketed called the "Titanic."
Something to be proud to own. I'd put it in the bottom of a

salt-water aquarium to give it that correct historical look.

Brian

3393. Re: BAD IDEA for ham radio in general (was Re: Contact the FCC and Tell Them t

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-30 03:39:46 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307291939.66f98689@posting.google.com>
Source record: 73181

Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu> wrote in message news:<3F26B25A.8060604@psu.edu>...
> N2EY wrote:

> > Would that some folks would at least listen to reason on what the
> > rules actually mean.....
>
> The preponderence of evidence would suggest otherwise for some.

For example, the FCC specifies in Part 97 that a -Morse Code- exam
will be given at five (5) WPM. The VECs gathered and decided to
administer a Farnsworth Exam at 13-15 WPM instead.

> What *looks* like happened, IMO, is that there really wasn't much
> planning for a transition after the fall.

Extra DICK says he foresaw this twenty (20) years ago. Extra Jim and
his bunions have surmised for the last 3+ years that the FCC has no
choice but to dump the code.

So what have you'se guys developed in all this time? Aren't you the
forward thinker on the ARS? You usually have all the answers. Are
you sitting this one out?

I could be wrong, but the
> leaders seemed rather surprised by the "looting behavior" of some
> people. Any time that a vacuum is created, *something* will fill it.

I especially liked Extra Bruce's comments on helping Kim to destroy
the ARS. He appears to be the only know-it-all Extra here who is
pro-active on anything.

Hmmm.

Is Bruce all you'se guys got?

3394. Re: BAD IDEA for ham radio in general (was Re: Contact the FCC and Tell Them t

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-30 03:42:51 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307291942.2276f658@posting.google.com>
Source record: 73182

lenover21@aol.com (Len Over 21) wrote in message
news:<20030729005606.02627.00000375@mb-m02.aol.com>...
> In article <bg4049$3v2$1@slb2.atl.mindspring.net>, "Dan/W4NTI"
> <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com> writes:
>
> >Keith, how can you allege the ARRL is waiting for BPL to take over? The
> >ARRL just filed a 14, or was it 16? page brief to the FCC against BPL.
>
> Can you REALLY understand any of the technical details in there?
>
>
> >How about putting you brain in gear before operating your mouth next time.
>
> How about getting a brain that isn't all emotion?
>
> Keep the faith...keep on with Kode Klutz Klan...
>
> LHA

Len, I dunno. Someone who can't determine if a brief is 14 or 16 pages?

I'll vote for him as some kind of ARRL manager!

3395. Re: BAD IDEA for ham radio in general (was Re: Contact the FCC and Tell Them t

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-30 03:45:35 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307291945.50362d9d@posting.google.com>
Source record: 73183

lenover21@aol.com (Len Over 21) wrote in message
news:<20030729005605.02627.00000374@mb-m02.aol.com>...
> In article <Xns93C6E0C1D8F3Eelektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>, Alun Palmer
> <elektros@yahoo.com> writes:
>
> ><Snip> All these
> >> people
> >> yakking here are US citizens with (I think) one exception. <snip>
> >
> >You probably mean me. I am not a US citizen, I'm British, but I live in
> >the USA. Larry has said that he used to be G0L something or other. Of
> >course that doesn't prove he's British, but it's not renounceable, so if
> >he ever was then he's stuck with it, whether or not he's a US citizen.
>
> Larrah comes from the planet K-Pax.
>
> LHA

Hmmm. Larrah could lose his military pension if he becomes a citizen
of another planet.

3396. Re: BAD IDEA for ham radio in general (was Re: Contact the FCC and Tell Them t

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-30 03:52:12 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307291952.53644407@posting.google.com>
Source record: 73184

lenover21@aol.com (Len Over 21) wrote in message
news:<20030729005606.02627.00000376@mb-m02.aol.com>...
> In article <bg3vv2dag1@slb6.atl.mindspring.net>, "Dan/W4NTI"
> <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com> writes:
>
> >Let me just add this Carl of NCI. If you DONT get your mob of ignorant
> >cbers in line then the real hams will start their own little group.
>
> So, it IS true...the Kode Klutz Klan is forming!
>
> All along I thought it was just a funny saying...
>
> >If you
> >think we are going to sit by and watch ham radio be turned into a cess pool
> >like 11m, you are badly mistaken. Expect FCC action. Expect on the air
> >wars.
>
> Expect Steamy with his PARAMILITARY ham radio?!?
>
> >Did you enjoy your part in destroying ham radio?
>
> You certainly did...
>
> LHA
>
> "Ready on the left? Ready on the right? Ready on the firing line?
> The flag is up, the flag is waving...you have 20 seconds..."

I always figured Dan and Bruce to be 3.950 and 14.313 kind of guys.

"I own Amateur Radio and I'll destroy it before I let you have a sliver of it!"

I expect DICK, Dan, and Bruce to be among the first that Riley tickets.

bb

3397. Re: BAD IDEA for ham radio in general (was Re: Contact the FCC and Tell

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-30 03:52:41 UTC
From: Dave Heil <k8mn@earthlink.net>
Message-ID: <3F274109.A3702EC4@earthlink.net>
Source record: 73185

Len Over 21 wrote:

> I can't help your reading incomprehension, drunk or sober.

It's so difficult to read for comprehension when that which is written
is so full of errors. Let's take the few lines below as an example.

> Look again. Over 800,000 printed issues contained my bylines.
> About the same number carried my Associate Editor title in the
> masthead later.

"Ham Radio" magazine didn't publish 800,000 issues. Perhaps you meant
800,000 *copies*.

Hope you bought lots of souvenir copies for your "I love me" wall.

Dave K8MN

3398. Re: Good bye CODE!

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-30 03:54:39 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307291954.a1ddde0@posting.google.com>
Source record: 73186

"LD" <LD@timelord.org.co> wrote in message news:<3f26b3a9@shknews01>...
> I'm wating for the day of reconking!
>
> I'm gonna get you all!
>
> I have tried for many years to learn code! Cannot learn it!
>
> Now that the International law has declared it old, it will not be long till
> the FCC give us no-coders the "green light" - then our takeover will begin.
>
> Hello good-buddy!

Relax. Get along. Have a good time. Stay away from 3.950 and 14.313.

Let the pigs wallow there.

3399. Re: There is no International Code Requirement and techs can operate

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-30 03:56:19 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307291956.193f14ff@posting.google.com>
Source record: 73187

"Dick Carroll;" <dixie@townsqr.com> wrote in message news:<bg6bvg$f3u$0@208.207.71.159>...
> N2EY wrote:
>
> >
> > "Don't bother - they're here...."
> >
>
> Straight from "Send in the Clowns". And as usual you're right on target.

Yep, DICK is here. Bruce is here. Dan is here...

All the usual suspects.

3400. Re: Question for the No coders

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-30 04:19:39 UTC
From: Dave Heil <k8mn@earthlink.net>
Message-ID: <3F27475A.1B14D769@earthlink.net>
Source record: 73188

Len Over 21 wrote:
>
> In article <d22b54c3.0307281229.2e5abc74@posting.google.com>, kelly@dvol.com
> (Brian Kelly) writes:

> >Zzzzzzz . . .
>
> Poor old man...put you to sleep again, did we? Tsk, tsk, tsk.

You've been putting folks to sleep here for quite sometime, Leonardo.
Reference any of your material beginning, "Fifty years ago I was..."

> You've never worked REAL HF communications, old man. You pretend
> you have playing with your HF radio in an AMATEUR band.

Let's go over a few basics for your benefit, Len.

1. HF amateur radio is REAL HF communications.

2. The newsgroup deals with amateur radio.

3. You aren't remotely involved in amateur radio.

> Now go take a rest and when you wake up, do some number exercises.
> Carefully go through the one that says "26 does NOT equal 1."
> Not in patents, not in anything.

Did you ever figure out the one about 0 amateur radio licenses not
equaling 1 minute on the ham bands?

Dave K8MN

3401. Re: BAD IDEA for ham radio in general (was Re: Contact the FCC and Tell Them t

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-30 04:24:12 UTC
From: Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93C84042AEACelektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>
Source record: 73189

brianburke@juno.com (Brian) wrote in
news:f45722ac.0307291952.53644407@posting.google.com:

> lenover21@aol.com (Len Over 21) wrote in message
> news:<20030729005606.02627.00000376@mb-m02.aol.com>...
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>
> bb
>

I killfiled Dan for making xenophobic comments on alt.ham-radio.hf - I don't know if he does that kind of thing on the air, though

3402. Re: BPL pollution - file reply comments by August 6

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-30 04:25:43 UTC
From: CW <clinton.magers@comcast.net>
Message-ID: <bNHVa.9728$cF.4409@rwcrnsc53>
Source record: 73190
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.shortwave

Hey, I am coherent.

CW
KC7NOD

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>
> Let's bring back coherent CW.
> --
> 73, Cecil http://www.qsl.net/w5dxp
>
>
>
> -----= Posted via Newsfeeds.Com, Uncensored Usenet News =-----
> http://www.newsfeeds.com - The #1 Newsgroup Service in the World!
> -----== Over 80,000 Newsgroups - 16 Different Servers! =-----

3403. Re: The Plan

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-30 04:26:57 UTC
From: Dave Heil <k8mn@earthlink.net>
Message-ID: <3F274910.42022CE8@earthlink.net>
Source record: 73191

Vshah101 wrote:

> Amateur radio could be more than an operator's hobby.

...and it is though your license only provides permission to operate.

> Some Hams seem to forget that there could be much more to amateur > radio than glorified CB.

Amateur radio has nothing to do with CB. You seem to be one radio amateur who has yet to figure out exactly what it is.

Dave K8MN

3404. Re: American w/ Disability Act and CW Proficiency Test

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-30 04:32:23 UTC
From: Dave Heil <k8mn@earthlink.net>
Message-ID: <3F274A56.447A24B4@earthlink.net>
Source record: 73192

Len Over 21 wrote:
>
> In article <3F251F22.F0257528@earthlink.net>, Dave Heil <k8mn@earthlink.net>
> writes:
>
> >Len Over 21 wrote:
> >
> >> Whine, whine, whine...spiteful statements from someone who insists that
> >> all must do as he did because he is so magnificent.
> >
> >Not all must or can do what Steve did.
>
> Which "Steve" are you talking about, colonel?

Which "colonel" are you talking about, Leonardo?

> >The test standards are not now the same.
>
> NO KIDDING?!? Why do you state the obvious, colonel?

You seem to be in need of assistance in comprehending judging from your
comments. All of this has been pointed out to you on any number of
occasions.

> >You, on the other hand, can continue to do what you've been
> >doing toward obtaining an amateur radio license--zip, nada, zilch,
> >nuttin'.
>
> It was not a "requirement" anywhere that I GET an amateur radio
> license...anywhere but in your mind.

You told us all, bold as cuffy that you were going for an "Extra right
out of the box". A number of years has passed since that statement.
You've done squat.

> All I want to do is see the morse code test eliminated.

Even if that statement didn't differ from your earlier declaration, it'd
still be a peculiar comment from one not involved.

> >I'm sure you'll get that "Extra right out of the box" as soon as you
> >figure out how to open the box.
>
> Couldn't do that.

We know but perhaps you'll master it in time.

> The FDA pulled all the boxes from the shelves.
> Inspectors found it contained tainted ham and the remains of a
> code key. They are tracing the key remnants now and suspect
> it may have your fingerprints on it.

I can make no sense of your babbling, Len.

> Wear gloves next time, Una.

I'll bet you tell your proctologist that too.

Dave K8MN

3405. Re: American w/ Disability Act and CW Proficiency Test

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-30 04:37:42 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307292037.4839c2f4@posting.google.com>
Source record: 73193
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb

Floyd Davidson <floyd@barrow.com> wrote in message news:<877k62jola.fld@barrow.com>...
>
> "Pal I can receive CW at 18 WPM and I even have a
> fancy certificate from the US government to prove it."
> Keith <kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net>
>
> Case dismissed, with prejudice.
>
> He's just another idiot, and a code test didn't keep him or you out
> of ham radio, and is unnecessary (indeed ineffective) as a filter.

Ah, yes. The "Code as a Filter" myth. I think that was #19 on the
Aaron Jones Morse Myths list.

bb

"Code gets thru when everything else will."

3406. Re: Question for the No coders

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-30 04:43:15 UTC
From: Dave Heil <k8mn@earthlink.net>
Message-ID: <3F274CE2.D27F2561@earthlink.net>
Source record: 73194

Len Over 21 wrote:
>
> In article <3F251DEC.3D0FABA7@earthlink.net>, Dave Heil <k8mn@earthlink.net>
> writes:
>
> >Len Over 21 wrote:
> >>
> >> In article <d22b54c3.0307270050.507fa2f@posting.google.com>, kelly@dvol.com
> >> (Brian Kelly) writes:
> >>
> >> >wa8ulx@aol.com (WA8ULX) wrote in message
> >> >news:<20030727014205.02803.00000513@mb-m19.aol.com>...
> >> >> >I was on HF and communicating
> >> >> > before any of the regulars in here and I didn't have to use any
> >> >> > morse code at all.
> >> >>
> >> >> Im sure your right, CB or 11 Meters is considered HF.
> >> >
> >> >He's so fulla shit the whites of his eyes gotta be brown.
> >>
> >> Incorrect. They are blue.
> >
> >That has to be an interesting look you've got there, Leonard. What
> >color are the pupils?
>
> Why do you ask about my former class?

I didn't know you had any class.

> Those pupils were
> representative of nearly all races.

Again, that'd be an interesting pair of eyes.

> >> >I for one
> >> >was on the HF ham bands in 1951 *with CW* from W3CGS before I got my
> >> >Novice ticket.
> >>
> >> Then you were BOOTLEGGING, old man. ILLEGAL. Tsk, tsk.
> >
> >I think we may see another gap in your knowledge looming.
>
> All indications are that Kellie was BOOTLEGGING despite claims
> (which will surface) that there was a "control operator" there.

I don't think there are any indications which point to that. Can you
provide confirmation of even one such indication?

> No
> way to ascertain if that control operator was there...except by
> his word.

And?

> Since you cannot accept anyone's word (if their opinion on a subject
> is different than yours), you cannot corroborate anything Kellie said
> or did 52 years ago.

> You are overextending your self-professed task
> of being the newsgroup kop in here.

You may be right about my not being able to accept your word, especially
since your opinion (not backed by any experience in amateur radio) is
different from mine. Can you point to an occasion when I've stated that
I'm a "newsgroup kop"? If not, I'll have to doubt your word.

> >> >The only "HF experience" he had in that timeframe was
> >> >as a grunt U.S. Army apprentice RTTY equipment mechanic & babysitter
> >> >1952-53.
> >>
> >> Incorrect AGAIN!
> >>
> >> Microwave Radio Relay Operation and Maintenance Supervisor, (then)
> >> MOS 281.6. Temporarily doing Fixed Station Transmitters operation
> >> and maintenance (supervisor) 1953 to 1956 at US Army radio station
> >> ADA in Tokyo, Japan. 43 transmitters on HF ranging from 1 KW
> >> (BC-339) to 40 KW (AN/FRC-22)...working to Seoul, Pusan,
> >> Okinawa, Manila, Saigon, Anchorage, Seattle, Hawaii, San Francisco
> >> on a 24/7 schedule. Not a single circuit used any morse code.
> >
> >I know you just forgot to mention, "Fifty years ago..."
> >
> >> In 1952 I was in Basic Training and at the Signal School in Fort
> >> Monmouth, NJ.
> >
> >...and a year later you were an expert.
>
> INCORRECT. I've never stated I was "expert" in HF communications.

Maybe some of us misunderstood. You've often brought up the subject of
your past military days in an effort to give yourself some credentials
here.

> A half century ago the US Army did NOT use morse code for long-
> haul HF communications. I am a direct witness to that.

Actually, you aren't. You can only vouch for what didn't happen where
you put in your time.

> So is N2JTV.

I don't recall N2JTV showing up here.

> THAT was my point which you will never ever concede due
> to your peculiar need to be some sort of radio guru and traffic kop.

THAT "point" is completely irrelevant to amateur radio operation.

> After three years at Army station ADA and its 43 HF transmitters,
> doing both operations and maintenance, I can claim some
> experience in HF radio long ago.

...at one place and not in amateur radio.

> "It ain't braggin' if ya done it." I did it.

Just what was it that you did?

Dave K8MN

3407. Re: Amateur Radio "outside the box"

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-30 05:04:27 UTC
From: Dave Heil <k8mn@earthlink.net>
Message-ID: <3F2751D9.E3429A7E@earthlink.net>
Source record: 73195

Vshah101 wrote:
>
> From: Radio Amateur KC2HMZ
>
> >Naturally. What would *you* give them on the basis of?
>
> Instead of the number of contacts worked, how about station setup time

That happens in Field Day, Vipul.

> or distance.

This one is also done.

> How about awarding for getting through under less ideal conditions.
> This may require a signal report.

Try working Europe or Africa on 160m for less than ideal conditions.

The CQ WW DX Contest requires a signal report. Most of them are "59" or
"599".

> As, you can see, there are many possibilities for awards, other than what
> exists right now.

...or other than those which are known to you.

> >>This is a competitive activity. Hams compete to obtain the best contest
> >score,
> >
> >...which should come as no surprise to anyone who has ever looked up
> >the word "contest" in the dictionary.
>
> It does not match the dictionary. I could have a contest for radio direction
> finding, but that's not what "contest" means in Ham radio.

There already are contests for radio direction finding within amateur
radio. Yes, those competitions are defined as contests.

> Ham radio redefines
> the word contesting to only mean the number of contacts worked.

That isn't correct. *Some* contesting involves making as many contacts
as possible but also includes working multipliers on various
bands/modes.

> >Maybe not in your area. That doesn't mean it's the same everywhere
> >else.

>
> Not at any club in MA. Its not practical for me to move out of my state.

Massachusetts is a little, tiny state bordered by a number of other
states. After you've exhausted your search within your state, start
working on the others. It'll fill your empty hours.

> >Sounds to me like you want someone else to do everything for you
> >instead of getting off your duff and doing it yourself.
>
> No, I would put in the effort in organizing, doing the actual project
> construction and setup, etc. IF any other Ham in the club was interested in
> those activities.

Sounds like you need to go ahead with the organizing, project
construction, setup, etc. and see if anyone is interested. If they are
not, nothing precludes your dropping of your group acitivities fetish
and going solo.

> >You wanna play with SMT, fine
>
> I've built circuits with SMT components.

Then you must have nothing left to learn about them :)

> >We have one or two guys in our club who build and fly
> >radio controlled model aircraft.
>
> I don't understand what you are trying to say.

That much is evident.

> How does this relate to amateur
> radio?

You need to read up on the use of 6m for radio controlled models.

> >* Radar is not a valid transmission mode in the ARS as far as I know.
>
> Someone interested in Amateur radio *should* be interested in other rf areas
> also, if its a technical hobby. Many Hams lose interest if the application is
> not connected to their radio. My first intro to rf was through "radio" (not CB
> radio). However, I found that I enjoy any rf related application, (such as
> radar) not just "radio".

You'll just love the study of microwave ovens.

> >APRS is, a map
> >showing active locations.
> <snipped some stuff>
> >Also, somebody's
> >got to pay for the extra gear.
>
> The thing is my local club has an amazing shack with a field day setup all

> year. They have parts cabinets, cables, soldering iron, test equipment - a
> complete setup. The club even has a Network Analyzer.
>
> The issue is not cost. They have more than enough resources to make it a
> technical club. The issue is that the resources are being used for
> "traditional" Ham activities, not for technical aspects. The club members want
> to contest, and do Morse code. They dislike doing homebrewing, or APRS, radio
> direction finding, or other technical activities.

...and you're honked because you want the club members to stop doing
what interests them and to do what interests you. Sounds pretty selfish
on your part.

> >All too often people buy a book, learn
> >to pass the test, pass the test, get the license, and don't know
> >squat, and don't want to hear it when somebody tries to explain it to
> >them either.
>
> There is no interest in the technical areas. I would help in organizing such
> activities, but when I propose them, no Hams are interested in technical
> activities.

So let it drop and allow other hams to do what interests them. YOU do
what interests you.

> >THEY went on a DXpedition - and they had one. YOU on the other
> >hand wanted a vacation.
>
> They accomplished their DXpedition objectives when they operated radios all
> day.

You didn't go on a DXpedition.

> I worked several modes during the day also. They did not have to operate
> radios all night.

...but they wanted to and they did. You likely thought they should drop
what they wanted to do in favor of what you wanted to do. Sounds pretty
selfish on your part.

> I went to a vacation spot, so yes I wanted a vacation. I also wanted to operate
> radios. I did that. I got some vacation activities. I went to the beach even
> though others didn't.

So what are you complaining about?

> I wish I did some more vacation activities there.

Blame yourself.

> >But we've already seen that work is not quite
> >up your alley
>
> I've helped with antenna setups and takedowns, so I have done some projects.

Didn't you tell us earlier that you didn't participate in taking down
antennas because it was boring?

> I
> have proposed technical projects and no Hams show any interest. I would do the
> work required, if anyone was interested.

They STILL won't stop doing what they want in favor of doing what YOU
want. Any of this sinking in yet?

> >And, apparently there *was* a need to work
> >that location for 8+ hours, because they were still making contacts,
> >meaning there were still stations that wanted to work them
>
> The other Hams that wanted to work them (and there were many, including some on
> ATV), also worked them on Sat night. It just shows that there were other
> anti-social Hams at other locations.

...along with at least one who has no idea of the purpose of the trip or
the operating activity.

Dave K8MN

3408. Re: The FACTS about the Morse Code and the FCC.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-30 05:20:53 UTC
From: Rod Anderson <roda@dimensional.com>
Message-ID: <31ieivo9og5h3h2tsph59258l16a3nnilk@4ax.com>
Source record: 73196

On Sat, 26 Jul 2003 17:42:09 -0500, The ignorant moron "Dan/W4NTI"
<w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com> spewed hate by saying:

>Does this give ANY of you No Coder types something to think about??? Please
>read it over and maybe, just perhaps something will sink in. This is the
>way it is....end of discussion.
>
>From the ARRL letter, Vol 22. No 29
>
>
>Dan/W4NTI
>
>==>WHAT TO DO ABOUT THE MORSE REQUIREMENT POST-WRC-03?
>
>World Radiocommunication Conference 2003 (WRC-03) made optional the
>requirement to prove the ability to send and receive Morse code to operate
>below 30 MHz. While Morse exam elements remain on the books in the US,
>Canada and elsewhere, Switzerland and the United Kingdom have apparently
>become the first countries to delete their Morse requirements for HF
>operation. In the US, however, the FCC is unlikely to act on its own
>motion to simply make the Morse testing requirement go away.

Sorry Dan you and the ARRL forgot to consider the affect of Americans
with Disabilities law, The only reason that the courts have not
thrown out the code requirement is the international treaty required
it, the treaty overuled US laws. Shortly after the US ratifies the
new treaty which no longer requires the ability to send and receive
code the US courts will throw out the FCC's code requirement. The
courts take a dim view of irrelevant requiremnts, you are going to
have a a hard time convincing the courts that ability to receive code
at 5 wpm is necessary requirement to "talk over the radio".

Morse has much in common with the use of the sliderule. 40 years ago
when I was in school engineers spent several weeks of class studying
the use of the sliderule and logarithms to simplify calculations. Now
the electronic calculator is the tool and the sliderule and log tables
are just relics of a bygone era. Back in the early years Morse was the
only was the only real way for the ham to communicate and the better
your morse abilities the better ham you were now Morse is one of many
methods to communicate. It suffers from being a analog system which
limits its effectiveness, when compared to pure digital systems, as a
weak signal mode. .

Rod Anderson W0RCA
I have better ways to spend my time than studying Morse code but I

still can find the power of a number using a log log slide rule

>
>"There isn't an exception in the Administrative Procedures Act that I am
>aware of that would permit the Commission to issue an administrative fiat
>changing the license structure or exam-requirement rules," said an FCC
>staffer who's closely involved with Amateur Service rules. Other countries
>can do this because they have different laws and procedures, the FCC staff
>member observed, adding that even if it could be done here, "that still
>leaves unanswered the fundamental question: What do you want the new rules
>to be?"
>
>In its December 1999 Report and Order restructuring Amateur Radio
>licensing, the FCC stopped short of revising the rules to sunset the Morse
>requirement automatically if WRC-03 deleted Morse proficiency from the
>international Radio Regulations. The FCC also acknowledged "a clear
>dichotomy of viewpoints" on the Morse code issue within the amateur
>community.
>
>The ARRL's policy for several years has been that Morse should be retained
>as a testing element in the US. At its July 18-19 meeting in Connecticut,
>however, the Board said it would solicit and review input from members on
>the Morse testing requirement and other possible revisions to Part 97
>arising from WRC-03.
>
>The first move on the Morse code question in the US is for someone to file
>a Petition for Rule Making with the FCC seeking a rule change. No Code
>International (NCI) <http://www.nocode.org/> has spearheaded the battle to
>eliminate the Morse requirement and would be a likely organization to file
>such a petition. NCI Executive Director Carl Stevenson, WK3C, said late
>last week that NCI was still studying the matter and had not yet made a
>final decision on a plan of action. An ARRL member, Stevenson says he
>hopes personally that the League would join NCI in actively encouraging
>the FCC to eliminate the Morse exam element as soon as possible.
>
>Hopes for a quick resolution to the Morse question could be wishful
>thinking, however. Once a petition to drop the Morse exam element is
>filed, the FCC will put it on "public notice" by assigning an RM number
>and soliciting comments. If more than one such petition is filed, the FCC
>is obliged to invite comments on each. When that process is completed, the
>FCC may determine that a Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM) is in
>order. The Commission at that point could incorporate all Morse-related
>rule making petitions into a single proceeding. The NPRM would get a
>docket number, and the comment process would begin anew.
>
>Further complicating and extending the process, the FCC most likely would
>incorporate other pending Amateur Radio-related issues into the same NPRM.
>At the end of the comment and reply comment periods, the FCC would issue a
>Report and Order (R&O) that includes its decision on the Morse code
>requirement and any other issues incorporated into the proceeding. The

>whole process could take a couple of years, perhaps longer.
>
>Ratification of the WRC-03 Final Acts by the US Senate does not appear to
>be necessary before the FCC can act or begin the rule making process.
>Following World Administrative Conference 1979 (WARC-79) which resulted in
>three new HF amateur bands, the FCC acted in 1982, prior to Senate
>ratification of the conference's Final Acts, not only to initiate the rule
>making process but to give amateurs limited access to 30 meters.
>
>Radio Amateurs of Canada has advised hams in that country that the Morse
>qualification requirement remains in effect for operation below 30 MHz,
>"pending a review by Industry Canada of the impact of the WRC-2003
>regulatory changes on the Canadian radio regulations, policies and
>procedures."
>

3409. Re: American w/ Disability Act and CW Proficiency Test

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-30 06:00:49 UTC
From: Dwight Stewart <stewart@say.net>
Message-ID: <BB4CD751.1FB4B%stewart@say.net>
Source record: 73197

"Phil Kane" wrote:
>
> I would gladly trade my Disabled Parking Permit
> to get my full mobility and eyesight back....

I think almost all with a disability would agree with that.

Dwight Stewart (W5NET)

http://www.qsl.net/w5net/

3410. Re: ATTN: Tech Licensee USA Morse Code Freedom Day is August 1st

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-30 06:16:05 UTC
From: Dwight Stewart <stewart@say.net>
Message-ID: <BB4CDAE5.1FB4D%stewart@say.net>
Source record: 73198

"Phil Kane" wrote:
>
> (snip) There's nothing wrong with the language
> of the USC or CFR if (1) one has a good command
> of American English and (2) one has a good
> command of law and (3) one understands what the
> statute/regulation was intended for in the
> first place. (snip)

You forgot to add in (4) a lot of time. As in time to look through the various subsections to find related material. For example, when reading that certification is required, one has to hunt elsewhere to find details about that certification and even elsewhere to find how one can obtain it.

Dwight Stewart (W5NET)

http://www.qsl.net/w5net/

3411. WRC 2003 Condems Twistedhed

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-30 06:21:29 UTC
From: twistyisanidiot@yahoo.com
Message-ID: <b87bc0bd.0307292221.6a81ef7f@posting.google.com>
Source record: 73199
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.policy

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/antitwistedhed

3412. Re: Question for the No coders

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-30 07:00:07 UTC
From: Dwight Stewart <stewart@say.net>
Message-ID: <BB4CE536.1FB4F%stewart@say.net>
Source record: 73200

"Brian Kelly" wrote:
>
> Stand up and draw some lines in the sand. Do
> a Harry Truman, "The buck stops here."

However, the buck doesn't stop here. Ham Radio belongs to the American public. When we set out to exclude that public with unnecessary requirements (excessively stiff written tests or even code), we're simply asking for trouble.

> Your position then is that it's OK to dumb down
> ham radio because everything else is getting
> dumbed down? That's how the dunbing down got
> started.

No, I'm saying it is not okay to exclude people using unnecessary requirements. Nobody here is arguing against reasonable requirements. Instead, we're addressing your argument for stiffer written tests and/or code testing to keep out those you object to. That attitude reeks of discrimination.

> What do you mean "exclude more and more people
> from ham radio"?? The nocode ticket was
> introduced in 1991. A couple years ago the 13 &
> 20 wpm code tests were eliminated. Take it much
> further and ham licenses will come in boxes of
> Cheerios. Would that satisfy you?

Don't change the subject, Brian. You're arguing for something entirely different then the current requirements. Neither you or I have said the current requirements exclude people. What I have said is that the change you're seeking would exclude people - and you yourself even said that is the ultimate goal of those changes.

> (snip) There's buckets more RF comms expertise just
> in this non-technical NG than I had access to when
> I got into ham radio, I only wished. Notice that
> they all passed code tests and the Extra writtens.
> Yes I think there's messages in that.

Yes, the people you carefully selected to include in your list have passed the code test. Are you saying that all those without code skills lack technical expertise? If so, I'd say that says more about your own judgment than it says about anything else.

Dwight Stewart (W5NET)

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3413. Re: Question for the No coders

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-30 07:20:05 UTC
From: kelly@dvol.com
Message-ID: <d22b54c3.0307292320.7f37aaa1@posting.google.com>
Source record: 73201

lenover21@aol.com (Len Over 21) wrote in message
news:<20030729005609.02627.00000379@mb-m02.aol.com>...
> In article <bg3m9r$8v5$0@208.206.142.86>, "Dick Carroll;" <dixie@townsqr.com>
> writes:
>
> >Brian Kelly wrote:
> >
> >> lenover21@aol.com (Len Over 21) wrote
>
> >> > >I for one
> >> > >was on the HF ham bands in 1951 *with CW* from W3CGS before I got my
> >> > >Novice ticket.
> >> >
> >> > Then you were BOOTLEGGING, old man. ILLEGAL. Tsk, tsk.
> >
> >Of course Putzie would have to have some real information on ham radio to
> >know how that works, wouldn't he?

Ayup. And it's Nocode 101 "stuff". He dunno.

> US amateur radio is one of the most publicized of electronics-related
> hobbies...almost as much as radio-controlled models (there are about
> 170 thousand members of the Academy of Model Aeronautics and
> there are about 170 thousand members of ARRL) . . blah, blah, blah another off-topic heap
. .

Yo Dick, notice how he once again tried to go off on an irrelevant
tangent in order to duck the question?

w3rv

3414. Re: Question for the No coders

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-30 07:23:41 UTC
From: Dwight Stewart <stewart@say.net>
Message-ID: <BB4CEABC.1FB51%stewart@say.net>
Source record: 73202

"N2EY" wrote:
>
> Who is being excluded? The requirements are what
> the FCC says they are. Meet those requirements
> and the license is granted.

Jim, please read the thread before replying. Brian is arguing for stiffer written tests and/or code to exclude those he doesn't like. My comments addressed the concept of using excess requirements to exclude others.

> Note that reducing the license requirements has
> NOT brought on significantly more growth nor
> attracted the "rocket scientists".

I didn't say it did, Jim. The 'rocket scientists' point was made to address Brian's argument for stiffer requirements to keep "dumb-downed" people out. My comments about growth had to do with what I suspect would happen if Brian were successful in his efforts to exclude others with changes in the requirements.

> (snip) The purpose of tests is not to exclude
> but to guarantee a certain minimum level of
> knowledge. (snip)

Again, I didn't say the purpose was to exclude. Again, my comments had to do with the changes Brian is seeking, not the existing requirements.

Dwight Stewart (W5NET)

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3415. Re: American w/ Disability Act and CW Proficiency Test

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-30 08:11:22 UTC
From: kelly@dvol.com
Message-ID: <d22b54c3.0307300011.5df7f89b@posting.google.com>
Source record: 73203
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.misc

et472@FreeNet.Carleton.CA (Michael Black) wrote in message
news:<bg4qtn$21e$1@freenet9.carleton.ca>...
> Mike Coslo (mcoslo@adelphia.net) writes:
> > C wrote:
> >> No I am not doing a memorizing of each dit and dah and converting
> >> method. My problem is my brain does not react fast enough to decide what
> >> each character is before the next one is sent. I just get further
> >> behind. I practice at least 20 to 30 minutes usually twice a day if not
> >> more. I use computer programs and ARRL training CDs.
> >>
> >> I will check "The Art and Skill of Radiotelegraphy". Thanks for the
> >> encouragement.
> >
> >
> > Ahh, that training CD! I used it, and failed miserably at it. Turns out
> > I memorized the darn thing. You might try a program that sends out
> > random groups or even makes up QSO's.
> >
> > - Mike KB3EIA -
> >
> With most people having computers, learning CW should be so much easier
> nowadays. Not like when I was ten, and bought a telegraph set so I
> could learn Morse Code, not realizing that sending is not he same thing
> as receiving.
>
> One of the things I've wondered about is whether one could get used
> to the sounds of the letters subconciously via a program that
> sends the morse letter everytime you press a key on your keyboard.
> You wouldn't really being paying attention, but it would be a positive
> reinforcement of what sounds go with what letters. I'm not sure
> it would be a completely painless method, but it would either help
> get someone used to the sounds, or reinforce the learning already done.

That would drive me batty!

> But I'm not sure anyone has cooked up such a program.
>
> At the very least, with people spending so much time at their
> computers, I'd suggest running a CW practice program, sending
> random letters, while you do something else at your computer.
> Set the volume relatively low, and don't even bother trying to
> copy it; just use it to get used to the sounds.
>
> I suspect some of the problem some people have is that they are

> trying way too hard. They see the code as an obstacle, and are
> fighting it all the way. "Now I'm going to do my hour of code
> practice".

That's a bad idea, an hour straight is 'way too long for learning
purposes.

> In the old days, that would mean going to a code
> practice course, or buying one of those records (I had one to
> start, and I think it did help), or listening to a receiver
> where the code might not be optimal or under the best conditions.

When I studied for my earliest tests there were no consumer-level
recording methods let alone computers. My only options for practicing
Morse were having somebody hand-send it or copying it off the air.
Which, as a practical matter, meant copying it with a rcvr or forget
it. I'm still a very strong supporter of learning Morse via the W1AW
code practice sessions. Today they transmit computer-generated code
and back then I believe they used tape-generated code so it has always
been quite precise. I'll concede that I'm only around 150 miles from
the station so they boom here on 80M and QRM wasn't/isn't a problem.
Might be more difficult from the west coasts but I don't know.

I still recommend W1AW over any of the "canned" aids. Two downsides of
course are that W1AW does not send Farnsworth and one needs a
half-decent HF rcvr.

http://www.arrl.org/w1aw.html#w1awsked

> You sit there with your pen and paper, and struggle to get it
> all right. But moving it into the background makes it less important,
> and perhaps by simply getting used to the sounds before struggling
> to get it all, it might all come easier.

w3rv

> Michael VE2BVW

3416. Re: American w/ Disability Act and CW Proficiency Test

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-30 08:15:16 UTC
From: kelly@dvol.com
Message-ID: <d22b54c3.0307300015.6c0a0a6@posting.google.com>
Source record: 73204
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.misc

brianburke@juno.com (Brian) wrote in message
news:<f45722ac.0307291835.20ae53bf@posting.google.com>...
> "Dan/W4NTI" <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com> wrote in message
news:<bg6q1b$70i$1@slb2.atl.mindspring.net>...
>
> > Yeah its tough now Dee. When I took mine is was solid copy at 20 wpm for
> > one solid minute out of five. Oh well.
> >
> > Dan/W4NTI
>
> And uphill both ways in 6 foot of snow...

And you couldn't pass it in Miami even if the VE provided you with a limo both ways.

w3rv

3417. Re: There is no International Code Requirement and techs can operate

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-30 10:07:12 UTC
From: kelly@dvol.com
Message-ID: <d22b54c3.0307300207.241d6a31@posting.google.com>
Source record: 73205

"D. Stussy" <kd6lvw@bde-arc.ampr.org> wrote in message
news:<Pine.LNX.4.56.0307292327350.9640@kd6lvw.ampr.org>...
> On Tue, 29 Jul 2003, Brian Kelly wrote:

> > >
> > > False circular logic.
> >
> > Amazing.
> >
> > Welcome to the kinds of thinking which will "take ham radio into the
> > 21st Century". I just cain't frigging wait . . .
>
> If you're so smart, then indicate exactly what proof is acceptable for the
> "international requirement" cited in 47 CFR 97.301(e). Obviously, you will
> have to also IDENTIFY that requirement to demonstrate the acceptability of the
> proof....

97.301(e): "For a station having a control operator who has been
granted an operator license of Novice Class or Technician Class *AND*
who has recieved credit for proficiency in telegraphy in accordance
with international requirements."

The FCC sets the license requirements and grants the licenses and the
FCC *STILL* requires a a 5wpm code test for HF access specific class
of license completely aside. Yes? Of course. That's U.S federal law
until such times as the FCC changes the regs regarding Element 1.
Which they have not done.

The "AND" in 97.301(e) is *not* translatable into an "OR"which is what
you're obviously trying to twist it into to suit your own agenda.

It's a brick wall. If ya don't meet the current existing FCC
requirements for passing the Element 1 test the rest of 97.301(e) is
automatically rendered completely moot PERIOD.

No rocket science required, just takes a bit common sense.

w3rv

3418. Re: BAD IDEA for ham radio in general (was Re: Contact the FCC and Tell Them t

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-30 10:54:09 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307300254.442c01d5@posting.google.com>
Source record: 73206

Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote in message
news:<Xns93C84042AEACelektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>...
> brianburke@juno.com (Brian) wrote in
> news:f45722ac.0307291952.53644407@posting.google.com:

> > I always figured Dan and Bruce to be 3.950 and 14.313 kind of guys.
> >
> > "I own Amateur Radio and I'll destroy it before I let you have a sliver
> > of it!"
> >
> > I expect DICK, Dan, and Bruce to be among the first that Riley tickets.
> >
> > bb
> >
>
> I killfiled Dan for making xenophobic comments on alt.ham-radio.hf - I
> don't know if he does that kind of thing on the air, though

I'd like to give him the benefit of doubt, but ...

3419. Re: Two years?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-30 11:11:09 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307300311.5448ca67@posting.google.com>
Source record: 73207

yodoc@aol.comnospam (Larry Roll K3LT) wrote in message
news:<20030729223108.20198.00001065@mb-m14.aol.com>...
> In article <f45722ac.0307291528.100bc2ed@posting.google.com>,
> brianburke@juno.com (Brian) writes:
>
> > Also, as a government agency,
> >> the FCC had to respond to a lot of political and social issues, and one of
> >> the trickiest and most time consuming in the ARS was the concept of
> >> medical waivers for code testing.
> >
> >Naw, as code testing is completely unnecessary, keeping track of code
> >testing was a monumental waste of time.
>
> Brian:
>
> (Yawn!) Don't look now, but that's what I meant!

Then you should have said so.

>
> > So, dumbing-down to a single 5-WPM
> >> code test was pretty much a no-brainer for them. Therefore, it wasn't
> because
> >> of a lack of valid arguments on the PCTA side.
> >
> >Wrong. The FCC and NCI came to the same conclusion long ago:
> >
> >Code Testing is completely unnecessary. Only the whining and crying
> >and the ITU kept it alive as long as it did.
>
> I don't recall any "whining and crying" from the ITU. Through their
> World Radiocommunication Conferences, they have a democratic process
> for changing International Treaty radio regulations, with the member
> administrations representing their own unique interests. Until WRC-03,
> they had not seen fit to eliminate the S25.5 Morse code testing
> requirement. Now, they have. No whining, no crying, just the usual
> democratic process, applied fairly. I accept their decision, even though
> I don't agree with it.

The whining and crying was done here by hams and to the FCC w/o ITU involvement.

> > Nothing we said could have
> >> made them retain the status quo in code testing, because they wanted to
> >> eliminate that particular administrative burden. As usual, it's all about
> >> money.

> >>
> >> 73 de Larry, K3LT
>
> >As usual, it was about common sense. We finally got past the
> >emotional outbursts and the ITU requirement.
>
> My recollection is that the "emotional outbursts" have been on the
> NCTA side.

Strange. I recall the oposite.

The PCTA's always posed the logical, "common sense"
> arguments. Get it right for once, please!

Keeping unnecessary "requirements?" That's just not logical.

3420. Re: BAD IDEA for ham radio in general (was Re: Contact the FCC and Tell Them t

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-30 12:21:16 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030730082116.23745.00001463@mb-m22.aol.com>
Source record: 73209

In article <bg4cph029f7@enews4.newsguy.com>, Keith
<kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net> writes:

>On Mon, 28 Jul 2003 15:13:13 -0500, "Dan/W4NTI" <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com>
>wrote:
>
>> Keith, how can you allege the ARRL is waiting for BPL to take over? The
>> ARRL just filed a 14, or was it 16? page brief to the FCC against BPL.
>
> Too little to late. Millions of consumers and businesses will benefit from
>BPL,

Actually, it's doubtful that many people will benefit. The denser neighborhoods
already have DSL and/or cable. Will BPL be faster or cheaper? No!

Yesterday I got a flyer from an outfit offering unlimited DSL, long distance
and local calling for under $90/month. Can BPL beat that?

3421. Re: There is no International Code Requirement and techs can operate HF accordi

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-30 12:21:17 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030730082117.23745.00001465@mb-m22.aol.com>
Source record: 73210

In article <bg4csl$6b2$1@adenine.netfront.net>, "Kim W5TIT"
<fahgedit@nomail.net> writes:

>Tell ya what, Keith. You do something to back up what your saying you
>believe. Write a public letter to the FCC, post it here even so we can all
>see it. Let them know that you intend to being operating on _________
>frequency (you fill in the blank). Let them know when you will be operating
>on the frequency, OK?
>
>Now, I'm serious here. Either put the f*** up or shut the f*** up. Let us
>all know when you'll be operating.
>
WELL SAID, KIM!

73 de Jim, N2EY

3422. Re: BAD IDEA for ham radio in general (was Re: Contact the FCC and Tell Them t

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-30 12:21:17 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030730082117.23745.00001464@mb-m22.aol.com>
Source record: 73211

In article <bg4aim$45s$1@slb6.atl.mindspring.net>, "Dan/W4NTI"
<w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com> writes:

>"N2EY" <n2ey@aol.com> wrote in message
>news:20030728182233.15462.00001888@mb-m06.aol.com...
>> In article <bg4049$3v2$1@slb2.atl.mindspring.net>, "Dan/W4NTI"
>> <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com> writes:
>>
>> >Keith, how can you allege the ARRL is waiting for BPL to take over? The
>> >ARRL just filed a 14, or was it 16? page brief to the FCC against BPL.
>> >
>> 121 pages, much of it engineering analysis showing how much interference
>could
>> be expected in a typical amateur situation.
>>
>> 73 de Jim, N2EY
>>
>
>Roger that Jim. Looks like the 'useless league' is doing a good thing.

Yup. Do you know any other amateur radio organization that could or would put
together an engineering analysis of that level in such a short time? I don't.

73 de Jim, N2EY

3423. Re: The Plan

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-30 12:21:18 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030730082118.23745.00001466@mb-m22.aol.com>
Source record: 73208

In article <20030728230333.18739.00000550@mb-m18.aol.com>, vshah101@aol.com (Vshah101) writes:

>From: "Jim Hampton" aa2qa
>
>> neither your CB (and I'm sure this is where the looser is
>>from), nor your cell phone, nor the interne
>
>Amateur radio could be more than an operator's hobby.

It IS more.

>Some Hams seem to forget that there could be much more to amateur radio >than glorified CB.
>
There is lots more. But you refuse to see it or pursue it.

3424. Re: There is no International Code Requirement and techs can operate

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-30 12:21:19 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030730082119.23745.00001467@mb-m22.aol.com>
Source record: 73212

In article <Pine.LNX.4.56.0307292309000.9640@kd6lvw.ampr.org>, "D. Stussy"
<kd6lvw@bde-arc.ampr.org> writes:

>> That's an "if-then" statement. There IS an international requirement,
>though.
>
>You are correct that it's an "if-then" statement.
>
>You are wrong - there is no INTERNATIONAL requirement.

Yes, there is. The international requirement is that each country sets its own
standard. That's why the section wasn't simply eliminated at WRC 2003.

It's within the international requirement for a country to set the Morse code
requirement at 20 wpm, 10 wpm, 5 wpm, or 0 wpm. FCC has set 5 wpm for now. That
is expected to change.

>There is NOW a national
>OPTION in an international agreement, but since parties to the agreement can
>OPT-OUT, it is not a requirement.

Incorrect. Each country MUST set a Morse requirement. 0 wpm/no test is one of
the requirements that meets the treaty requirement.

Look at the UK - do they still require "Morse assessment" for all Foundation
licenses? And isn't the Foundation" the first license of all new UK hams?
>
>A requirement is something that must be met - i.e. there is no choice or
>discretion. It is NOT OPTIONAL.

Exactly! Each country MUST set a Morse code requirement of some kind. The USA
has 5 wpm - for now.

You can argue this all you want but the end result of it is that FCC still
requires Element 1 credit for all HF ham licenses. Don't believe me? Ask 'em.

73 de Jim, N2EY

3425. Re: There is no International Code Requirement and techs can operate

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-30 12:24:11 UTC
From: Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93C85561E5F38elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>
Source record: 73213

kelly@dvol.com (Brian Kelly) wrote in
news:d22b54c3.0307300207.241d6a31@posting.google.com:

> "D. Stussy" <kd6lvw@bde-arc.ampr.org> wrote in message
> news:<Pine.LNX.4.56.0307292327350.9640@kd6lvw.ampr.org>...
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>> the "international requirement" cited in 47 CFR 97.301(e). Obviously,
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> until such times as the FCC changes the regs regarding Element 1.
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> you're obviously trying to twist it into to suit your own agenda.
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> It's a brick wall. If ya don't meet the current existing FCC
> requirements for passing the Element 1 test the rest of 97.301(e) is
> automatically rendered completely moot PERIOD.
>
> No rocket science required, just takes a bit common sense.
>
> w3rv
>

You don't get it, do you? Nobody has ever implied it says OR, and it certainly never mentions Element 1.

What it does say is:

"who has recieved credit for proficiency in telegraphy _in_accordance_with_international_requirements_"

(_emphasis_added_).

The phrase "international requirements" is a clear reference to s25.5, which now makes code testing optional for each administration, such as the FCC. The code requirement for access to Novice/Tech HF frequencies appears nowhere except in rule 301(e), which in turn only refers back to the optional language in s25.5. If the FCC refer to the international regulations for the code requirement, and it says there that it is optional, then where is the determination from the FCC as required under s25.5 that code is required? Nowhere, that's where!

Although my interpretation of the rule is that no-code Techs do have access to Novice/Tech HF frequencies, I hesitate to recommend that they do this without some kind of interpretation from the FCC, which it seems could be almost as time consuming to obtain as a clarifying change in the rule. OTOH, in light of the lack of any FCC records as to which Tech is what, I seriously doubt that they care.

3426. Re: Amateur Radio "outside the box"

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-30 12:52:02 UTC
From: k4yz@aol.com
Message-ID: <5c01b95b.0307300452.181389a6@posting.google.com>
Source record: 73214

lenover21@aol.com (Len Over 21) wrote in message news:<20030729170207.23406.00001121@mb-m27.aol.com>...

> Tsk, tsk, tsk. More evidence of braindeadedness caused by psychosis.

I'm sorry Lennie...Please remind me from which school of psychiatry you graduated and in which state you are licensed to practice...?!?!

Or was this more pro bono consultation from Mrs Correspondence School..?!?!

Steve, K4YZ

3427. Re: Question for the No coders

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-30 12:55:10 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu>
Message-ID: <3F27C02E.6090607@psu.edu>
Source record: 73215

Dwight Stewart wrote:
> "Brian Kelly" wrote:
>
>>Stand up and draw some lines in the sand. Do
>>a Harry Truman, "The buck stops here."
>
>
>
> However, the buck doesn't stop here. Ham Radio belongs to the American
> public. When we set out to exclude that public with unnecessary requirements
> (excessively stiff written tests or even code), we're simply asking for
> trouble.

You're right. I think that all should be issued Amateur radio licenses at birth. The testing requirements should be changed to "Utilization Encounters" that no longer have test questions, but rather non-competitive non-graded sessions designed to enhance the self esteem of the Amateur Radio operator. The different grading of the tickets would no longer be based on knowledge, but on how good the licensee feels about themselves.

>>Your position then is that it's OK to dumb down
>>ham radio because everything else is getting
>>dumbed down? That's how the dunbing down got
>>started.
>
>
>
> No, I'm saying it is not okay to exclude people using unnecessary
> requirements. Nobody here is arguing against reasonable requirements.
> Instead, we're addressing your argument for stiffer written tests and/or
> code testing to keep out those you object to. That attitude reeks of
> discrimination.

Dwight, it all depends on what you mean by unnecessary. CB'ers are on the air on HF. Many run power, illegal or not. And no one has taken a test to do that.

This proves that * you don't need any test at all* to successfully run a station at HF frequencies.

And reasonable requirements can be anything from a difficult test to no test at all. just depends on who is doing the reasoning.

The ARS can be what we make of it. All is arbitrary, and we have to start with an idea of how adroit we want the typical member to be and go

from there. From EE to CB.

- Mike KB3EIA -

3428. Re: The Morse Code Requirement - Is It Really The Reason People Turn Away?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-30 12:57:18 UTC
From: k4yz@aol.com
Message-ID: <5c01b95b.0307300457.69c8167b@posting.google.com>
Source record: 73216

lenover21@aol.com (Len Over 21) wrote in message
news:<20030729013354.04207.00001914@mb-m01.aol.com>...
> In article <460a6f44.0307281927.2ab18bc8@posting.google.com>, ke4jcd@yahoo.com
> (Robert Hartung) writes:

> >This will help bring new blood to the hobby, thus bring fresh, and new
> >ideas with it.
>
> Robert, that's a fresher new look to the subject. I would agree with it.
>
> Problem is, you will be villified in here, in this newsgroup by the
> Kode Klutz Klan regulars. Their whole "amateur radio" experience
> seems to be lurking and jumping all over any NCTA, throwing as
> much garbage and filth as they can ON the person.

Actually, you are, once again, wrong.

While I disagree with some of his observations and comments, he
has very professionally and sincerely stated them.

You, on the otherhand, are the villifier. Of everything. Liars
must do that in order to defend themselves and their mistruths.

> May the force be with you, and may the farce not stay your way.

The "farce" already tried, but I bet he can see his way through
you...Just like we did...

Steve, K4YZ

3429. Re: The Morse Code Requirement - Is It Really The Reason People Turn Away?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-30 13:01:29 UTC
From: k4yz@aol.com
Message-ID: <5c01b95b.0307300501.40d9c10e@posting.google.com>
Source record: 73217

vshah101@aol.com (Vshah101) wrote in message
news:<20030729230618.27544.00000691@mb-m23.aol.com>...
> From: yodoc@aol.comnospam (Larry Roll K3LT)
>
> >After all
> >those changes, where are the "fresh new ideas?" What are we doing now
>
> Simple, the old-timers are not interested in new ideas.

You are assimilating Lennie's tactic of not telling the truth,
Vippy.

> One example would be
> holding on to Morse code and pressuring new Hams to learn Morse code and
> excluding those that don't want to learn Morse code. Another example is most
> old timers want to just make random contacts and are not interested in the
> technical aspects of the hobby.

I have yet to meet ANYone who has been "pressured" into ANY
aspect of Amateur Radio.

> I have proposed new ideas, projects, etc. I didn't say I just want others to do
> those projects for me. I would help with those projects - if there were
> interest. I have asked to volunteer for those types of activities on several
> occasions. The old-timers in the club are NOT interested in those types of
> activities.

I still say they are just not interested in YOU, Vippy. You have
that acidic quality about you.

> However, they will put extra effort into teaching code classes to
> get people to operate Morse code.

Because it's related to RADIO OPERATING. That's what Amateurs do,
Vippy.

> Don't blame the newcomers - its the old-timers that want to keep things as they
> are.

No one's blaming "new comers" for anything.

Sheesh.

Steve, K4YZ

3430. Re: There is no International Code Requirement and techs can operate HF according to FCC Rules

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-30 14:21:26 UTC
From: see sea oh ecks at you aitch see dot comm <spammers@bugger.off.invalid>
Message-ID: <bg8k96hrm1@gabriel.uhc.com>
Source record: 73218
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb

You know, perhaps Technician class amateurs DO have HF privileges due to the reference to the old International requirement. However, where in the Schedule are the specific frequency bands allocated.

I would need to reread Pt97, but, my guess is that they either have NO specific allocated frequency bands, or, they would be the same as the Novice class licence.

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Chris Cox, N0UK/G4JEC NIC Handle: CC345
UnitedHealthGroup, Inc., MN10-W116, UNIX Services & Consulting
6300 Olson Memorial Highway, Golden Valley, MN 55427
email: ccox@uhc.com (work) chrisc@chris.org (home)

3431. Re: Charter of this newsgroup (Was Ham Radio Rescue in California Press)

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-30 14:37:39 UTC
From: Elmer E Ing <EEI@tutor.com>
Message-ID: <TKQVa.16115$ff.8006@fed1read01>
Source record: 73219

Well the guide to Amateur Radio newsgroups at URL:

http://faqs.jmas.co.jp/FAQs/radio/personal-intro
Sez

The group rec.radio.amateur.policy was created as a place for all the discussions that seem to drag on interminably about the many rules, regulations, legalities, and policies that surround amateur radio, both existing and proposed. Recent changes to the Amateur Radio Rules (FCC Part 97) have finally laid to rest the Great Usenet Pizza Autopatch Debate - it's now legal to order a pizza on the autopatch, if you're not in the pizza business - as well as complaints about now-preempted local scanner laws hostile to amateurs, but plenty of discussion about what a bunch of rotten no-goodniks the local frequency coordinating body is, as well as the neverending no-code debate, may still be found here.

Some of you have turned it into "a Morse/CW debate newsgroup" exclusively.

Hiker rescue has legal issues as a ham in california found out when he called in on an Authority frequency with a modified HT.
Rescue was performed, but his HT was confiscated!

"Brian" <brianburke@juno.com> wrote in message
news:f45722ac.0307291904.6b608a4a@posting.google.com...
> kf6vyh@aol.com (Kf6vyh) wrote in message
news:<20030729113907.23869.00000724@mb-m27.aol.com>...
> > Why bring up the CW debate, Th e story had nothing to due with the pros
or cons
> > of CW . I have not been reading these news groups for a while for just
this
> > reason. All any of you can talk or fight about is CW. If you Kim are so
> > concered with CW just start another CW thread. You are like a two year
old
> > fighting for the shovle in a sand box. Give it a rest.
>
> There is no rest. This is a Morse/CW debate newsgroup. I could
> suggest alt.survival if you want rescue stories.
>
> Brian

3432. Re: CORRECTION!!!

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-30 14:45:11 UTC
From: k4yz@aol.com
Message-ID: <5c01b95b.0307300645.2f918185@posting.google.com>
Source record: 73220

lenover21@aol.com (Len Over 21) wrote in message
news:<20030729170213.23406.00001124@mb-m27.aol.com>...
> In article <5c01b95b.0307290749.e3cd378@posting.google.com>, k4yz@aol.com
> (Steve Robeson, K4CAP) writes:

> > Gunfire? Ordinance? Where in the Blue Blazes are you coming up
> >with this, Lennie?
>
> You have a longing to wear a UNIFORM.

You still have not answered the question, where did you come up
with this assertion about ordnance and gunfire?

> Every photograph of yourself on the net is IN UNIFORM of some sort.

Hmmmmmm....I guess you cold consider slacks and a polo shirt a
uniform of sorts. Remove the name tag and it's just another guy in
slacks and a polo shirt.

> Unsmiling face, stern, supposedly some kind of heroic pose...in
> Tennessee STATE Guard cammies, in greens/scrubs, in an "official"
> flight jump suit.

Hmmmmmmmmm....There's not a single picture of me in a Tennessee
State Guard uniform ANYwhere on the net.

Nor is there one of me in scrubs on the net.

And yes, there's one of me in a flight suit. That was more or
less for YOUR benefit, Sir Anderscum, since you insisted I was "a
pudgy punk" in one post. Yet another opportunity to prove you a liar.
Or at least a fool, and that wasn't too hard to do.

> You seem desperate to GET INTO UNIFORM.

Hmmmmmmm....I'm in my late 40's and still working in a profession
that dictates the wear of certain apparel. yeah...I guess you could
call it a "uniform".

Of course I am sure that while you were doing day-to-day
"engineering" (pardon me for a sec while I coke back this
guffaw......) that your employer specified a certain "dress code".
Had you shown up for work in a pair of Bermuda shorts, Hawaiian shirt
and flip/flops, you would have been asked to leave (save for that
occassional "dress-down day")

So see, Lennie..we ALL wear "uniforms" of some sort. Even you.

> Mention of the "Paramilitary" page on the SGC site is a clue as to
> motivation. [I didn't know the SGC was into sales in that area, had to
> look for myself]
>
> PARAMILITARY equates with the "militia," the unauthorized
> vigilantes who also hunger for the military order of things so that they
> can someday overcome the evils of established civil order by force of
> arms...and make THEMSELVES chiefs and rulers over everything.

Hmmmm...(again)...Yes, there are persons in the United States who call themselves "militia". SOME of those groups are illegal or have dubious intent at best.

Having acknowledged that, I will give you yet another opportunity to provide SOME "proof" that any organization I am now or ever was affiliated with has anything other than the complete approval and saction of law.

The United States Marine Corps was created by a decree of Congress on the 10th of November 1775. I assume you accept the authority of the Congress to so establish that force then and into it's present organization today?

CAP came into formal existence on 01 December 1941. Several subsequent Acts of Congress have updated CAP's status as the United States Air Force Auxiliary. I again assume you have no problem with the authority of the Congress of the United States to create that organization?

The Tennessee State Guard is an entity of the Military Department of the State of Tennessee. I ASSUME that you recognize the Consent and Approval of the Legislature of the State of Tennessee as being duly lawful, said Legislature having been recognized by the same aforementioned Congress of the United States as being duly elected and therefore authorized to do so?

That having been said, I will give you an opportunity to justify the following "wanna-be barbarians" comment, in as much as ALL of those organizations to which I belong or have belonged are legally sanctioned entities and continue to ENJOY the staus as legally sanctioned entities...

> Those who favor the paramilitary aren't exactly into the chaos of
> anarchy...they are just wanna-be barbarians who want to rule over
> others. The ultimate perverse side of testosterone fantasies.

The "perverse testosterone fantas(y)" is yours, Lennie, in thinking that you've been of any importance or impact to the history or development of radio, the use of radio, or the operation of radios.

You haven't.

> Amateur radio AS IT WAS comes close to the MILITARY.

An opinion from someone who's never been in Amateur Radio.
Hillarious in the extreme.

> The use of
> "service" as if it were some kind of military or national service...instead
> of knowing that regulations use that as a regulartory term. By stating
> that ham radio is a SERVICE gives the comfort of BELONGING TO A
> FORCE. Fantasies of greatness and glory. Not reality.

You keep telling yourself this, Lennie. I am sure it gives you
some sort of satisfaction.

> You LIKE DESTRUCTION of all who oppose you.

I'd ask you to "prove" that too, but that will be yet another
request heaped on the "Awaiting An Answer From Lennie" pile.

As for any "destruction" you may suffer, it comes at your own
hands. Every time you lay hands on the keyboard and try to "outwit" me
or anyone who dares to "oppose" YOU, you make a fool out of yourself.
You do this by making more and more outlandish claims that are proven
for the silliness they are without effort.

It's all about you, Lennie.

> That is evident in
> all your posts of the last five years. Destruction by any means
> possible. Mentions of DEATH to those who oppose you...totally at
> odds with being in a life-preserving caregiving profession. Perversity
> of emotion when fantasies overrule reality. That is barbarian thinking.

Lennie, you are the very manifestation of "barbarian". You enter
a forum where you don't belong, insult people whom you claim to
respect but call "elitists", "nazis" and the other usual ahjectives,
and sling your profanity-studded club hoping to hit "something" in the
fray.

There's a "barbarian" here, but it's not me.

> >> The reference to the Paramilitary page of the SGC website was quite
> >> enough to show that. The word PARAMILITARY is self-explanatory.
> >
> > Thier words...not mine.
>
> "Their." Typical syndrome of RAGE. Typographical errors abound in
> your postings when you let emotion once again rule over thinking.

BBBWWWHAHAHA

BBBBWWWHAHAHA

Yet another opportunity for you to provide some "evidence" of
your assertions.

> Amateur radio is a HOBBY, a RECREATIONAL pursuit enjoyed by
> thousands. It is NOT a military service substitute.

WHERE are you getting this stuff, Your Putziness...?!?!

> > Thanks for the psychoanalysis, Lennie. Guess you read Mrs
> >Lennie's correspondence texts after she was done with 'em, huh?
>
> You CONSTANTLY want to mention my wife, hoping to get some
> kind of backhanded slap at both myself and her.

Nope. No "backhanded slap." Just a casual observation that you
conduct yourself contrary to responsible adult conduct, then often
make mention of your WIFE'S credentials as if YOU accomplished it
yourself.

However this is not unusual behaviour...You DO have a record of
using the deeds and sacrifices of others in order to "promote"
yourself as something you aren't.

> You want to INSULT the entire University of Illinois by calling it a
> "correspondence school."

They do have courses by correspondence, Lennie. They also accept
certain ACT-PEP and DANTE's course which are essentially
tests-for-credit of life-experience in lieu of resident courses.

> My wife has TWO Masters Degrees awarded by the U of I. How
> many degrees do YOU have? How many does YOUR wife have?

One and none. Your point?

> Your mind has become unplugged from reality by emotional RAGE
> at not being "honored" for your "greatness in radio."

Yet another opportunity for you to present your evidence, Lennie.

> >> Well, when you know so little of what once had been your military
> >> career, you have to keep putting down others to raise your self-
> >> esteem. We all know that too and can see it whenever you get on-
> >> line to throw garbage at others.
> >
> > The "others" that catch flak in this forum do so as a result of
> >thier own silly behaviour. At present, of all the posters herein,
> >that means you, Brain and Vippy.
>
> Tsk, tsk, tsk. "Their" and "behavior." Typos from RAGE again.

I am sure you think so, Lennie. Laughter, if anything.

Yes Lennie, WE are laughing AT you.

> You are NOT a Brit. Supposedly you went to public school in the USA.
> The USA public schools teach correct spelling. Did you FAIL in that?

Sorry, Lennie...Either spelling (bahaviour/behavior) is in
Webster's. Sorry you don't care for it.

> YOU are localized on three in here. All of them have opposing views
> to yours...so naturally you want to ATTACK their PERSON.

Well. Let's see here.

Yes, you are on the "opposing" side. However you are also
profane, vile, chronically without validation of many of your
assertions, and generally unable to sustain an argument without
reverting to analogies of nazism or assertions of mental health
dysfunctions.

Your "facts" about Amatuer Radio tend to be sterile opinions, not
supported by practical experience or valid reference.

Brain, although licensed and a bit less profane and less prone to
any analogies of the Nazi party still demonstrates a lack of
understanding of many of the threads into which he delves. I can't
help it if he wants to wave his lack of experience in public and then
not take the flogging he deserves over his inaccuracies.

Lastly Vippy. While I cannot ever remember him using a profanity,
he incessantly insults, demeans and otherwise denigrates persons who
participate in Amateur Radio as a direct result of HIS inability to
assimilate into local Amatuer Radio organizations.

Furthermore, he steadfastly ignores the subtle and not so subtle
hints given to him when he goes off on one of his triades, witness his
recent "Outside the Box" thread. Each and every "point" he made has
been dispoven to him over and over, yet he goes on.

> YOU must think the three of us are "weak," easy targets. FAR FROM
> THE TRUTH.

You ARE weak, Lennie. Pathological liars are weak in thier very
nature. Lying is how they compensate for whatever it is they perceive
threatens them or stands as a comparison to them

> Your little cannonades are pop-gun farts, not Flueger Abwehr Kanonen.

Obiously not. You're still ducking.

> All you have done for "debate" in here has been a pitiful set of attempts
> at personal insult and a sort of ethnic cleansing...to attempt getting rid
> of all those who don't go for your established order in mighty amateur
> radio force where you still imagine yourself a high-ranking NCO.

"High ranking NCO(s)" are Sergeants with more than 24 months
time-in-grade. I was not an "NCO" when I retired. I suggest that you
familiarize yourself with the Marine Corps enlisted grades before you
try to insult them.

> You aren't. Ham radio is a hobby, a recreational pursuit, not a military
> service.

I have never said that Amateur Radio IS a military service.

Yes, Amatuer Radio MAY be persued as a hobby and for the most
part is.

For many is is solely a recreation.

However the FACT of the matter is that the Amateur Radio Service
DOES provide a service, both to it's own licensees and to the public
at large. This is a fact documented in the Federal Register.

You are welcome to try and prove otherwise.

> > Some company you keep.
>
> Fine by me. OPEN DEBATE is one of the cherished rights we Americans
> have, guaranteed by our Constitution.

You have not engaged in ANY "debate", Lennie. This is an
assertion you like to try and use to defend your conduct herein.

And so is your frequent citing of the Constitution used to defend
your childish and often profane rantings. Yes, your insults and lies
are "protected" by the Bill of Rights. Still does not make them any
less childish, insulting and inappropriate.

> YOU will have NONE of that. YOU want to CONTROL things in YOUR
> way, to explicitly follow the amateur orders handed down by ARRL, and
> worship your beliefs in greatness and glory. YOU even went so far as
> to try to influence the FCC into NOT listening to my comments on
> FCC 98-143. That's public record. The FCC rightly figured you to be
> some kind of little penny-ante nutcase and IGNORED your demand
> that I be silenced.

YOUR comments were an attempt to do the exact same thing to Mike
Deignan.

> I don't know Vipul Shah or Brian Burke personally. I would be pleased
> to know them and talk with them...or any other rational person who has
> a genuine interest in radio, any part of radio.

I doubt it, Lennie. You've had decades of opportunities to
engage in that kind of mutual participation with radio enthusiasts,
yet you find excuse after excuse to NOT be a part of THE largest
fraternity of radio operators in teh world.

Indeed, your conduct in this forum is an overt effort by you to
further alienate yourself from them.

Your problem...Not ours. Amateur Radio and indeed ALL radio goes
on without Leonard H. Anderson...and I dare say if goes on a bit
brighter and more fun WITHOUT you!

> I would NOT be interested in knowing some control-freak or fantasy
> believer or religious nut who portray themselves are "chiefs" or
> "knowitalls" who demand everyone behave as THEY do. Met others
> like them before, they were nothings, and dismissed. As I said, I'm
> only interested in knowing RATIONAL people.

Then I dare say you'd not like yourself very much. I know "we"
don't.

>You aren't rational.

Because I don't tolerate profane pathological liars, Lennie? Or
because I don't kneel before YOU and YOUR "infinite wisdom"...?!?!

> > And the "garbage" that get's thrown in here was dumped by someone
> >other than me...I just pick up the pieces and make a fool of the guy
> >who did it.
>
> The only FOOL in here is yourself by your own messages.

Hmmmm.....Don't think so, Lennie.

> NOW TAKE YOUR MEDICATIONS. QUIT WASTING EVERYONE'S
> TIME!

There you go with an assertion of mental dysfunction again in
order to promote yourself.

And the only "one" person whose time I am "wasting" is yours, and
as long as you are tied up with these assinine rants and tirades, YOU
aren't wasting OTHER people's time.

Now...Get Mrs. Lennie's books out and try to find out why you
can't get people to like you, Sir Putzalot.

Steve, K4YZ

3433. Re: Question for the No coders

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-30 15:25:24 UTC
From: "Dick Carroll;" <dixie@townsqr.com>
Message-ID: <bg8o14fvq0@208.206.142.114>
Source record: 73221

Dave Heil wrote:

> Len Over 21 wrote:
>
> > After three years at Army station ADA and its 43 HF transmitters,
> > doing both operations and maintenance, I can claim some
> > experience in HF radio long ago.
>
> ...at one place and not in amateur radio.
>
> > "It ain't braggin' if ya done it." I did it.
>
> Just what was it that you did?

Can you believe that simpleton?? By his 'logic' any of us who have operated and/or worked on a 100,000 watt FM broadcast station need not bother worrying about taking any ham radio exams, we're already "qualiied".

Jim is right- "Don't bother, they're here".

3434. Re: The FACTS about the Morse Code and the FCC.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-30 15:34:00 UTC
From: "Dick Carroll;" <dixie@townsqr.com>
Message-ID: <bg8oh8$h75$0@208.206.142.114>
Source record: 73222

Rod Anderson wrote:

> you and the ARRL forgot to consider the affect of Americans
> with Disabilities law, The only reason that the courts have not
> thrown out the code requirement is the international treaty required
> it, the treaty overuled US laws. Shortly after the US ratifies the
> new treaty which no longer requires the ability to send and receive
> code the US courts will throw out the FCC's code requirement. The
> courts take a dim view of irrelevant requiremnts, you are going to
> have a a hard time convincing the courts that ability to receive code
> at 5 wpm is necessary requirement to "talk over the radio".

Rod if you had been paying any attention whatever you'd already know that
knowing morse to "talk over the radio" has not been required for a long time.

Now if you want to argue that the courts will insist that knowing morse can't be
required for any class of ham radio license you have another arguement entirely,
and you lose.

3435. Re: Question for the No coders

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-30 15:36:14 UTC
From: "Dick Carroll;" <dixie@townsqr.com>
Message-ID: <bg8ole$h75$1@208.206.142.114>
Source record: 73223

Brian Kelly wrote:

> lenover21@aol.com (Len Over 21) wrote in message
news:<20030729005609.02627.00000379@mb-m02.aol.com>...
> > In article <bg3m9r$8v5$0@208.206.142.86>, "Dick Carroll;" <dixie@townsqr.com>
> > writes:
> >
> > >Brian Kelly wrote:
> > >
> > >> lenover21@aol.com (Len Over 21) wrote
> >
> > >> > >I for one
> > >> > >was on the HF ham bands in 1951 *with CW* from W3CGS before I got my
> > >> > >Novice ticket.
> > >> >
> > >> > Then you were BOOTLEGGING, old man. ILLEGAL. Tsk, tsk.
> > >
> > >Of course Putzie would have to have some real information on ham radio to
> > >know how that works, wouldn't he?
>
> Ayup. And it's Nocode 101 "stuff". He dunno.
>
> > US amateur radio is one of the most publicized of electronics-related
> > hobbies...almost as much as radio-controlled models (there are about
> > 170 thousand members of the Academy of Model Aeronautics and
> > there are about 170 thousand members of ARRL) . . blah, blah, blah another off-topic
heap . .
>
> Yo Dick, notice how he once again tried to go off on an irrelevant
> tangent in order to duck the question?

And if he can't duck it, he invokes his 50 year old Army duties as trumping all ham radio
licensing and
experience.What a deal!

"Don't bother-they're here".

3436. Re: American w/ Disability Act and CW Proficiency Test

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-30 15:47:59 UTC
From: "Dick Carroll;" <dixie@townsqr.com>
Message-ID: <bg8pbfilg0@208.206.142.88>
Source record: 73224
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.misc

Brian Kelly wrote:

> When I studied for my earliest tests there were no consumer-level
> recording methods let alone computers. My only options for practicing
> Morse were having somebody hand-send it or copying it off the air.
> Which, as a practical matter, meant copying it with a rcvr or forget
> it.

Exactly, and with my old ARC 5 receiver you NEVER heard only one signal, the thing was wide open and you
had to pick out which signal you wanted to copy and learn to ignor ethe rest. Sure was good training, I
developed a very
good 'internal filter' at the outset and still retain that skill.

The upside was that the Novice bands were absolutely packed with slowspeed code and finding lots of
practice was no problem. You also learned to copy the many and varied 'fists', it was all hand sent, no
one had a keyer, though some used bugs. That provided another experience which developed lifetime
skills that no one today gets. I still enjoy copying hand sent or bug sent code, unless it's *really*
butchered.

> I'm still a very strong supporter of learning Morse via the W1AW
> code practice sessions.

It's probaby the best training resource around if one owns a receiver, especially after one has learned
basic Morse.

> Today they transmit computer-generated code
> and back then I believe they used tape-generated code so it has always
> been quite precise. I'll concede that I'm only around 150 miles from
> the station so they boom here on 80M and QRM wasn't/isn't a problem.
> Might be more difficult from the west coasts but I don't know.

I've heard them one one band or another everywhere in the USA
that I've listened for them including out on the west coast.

3437. Re: BAD IDEA for ham radio in general (was Re: Contact the FCC and Tell Them t

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-30 15:55:49 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu>
Message-ID: <3F27EA85.2050901@psu.edu>
Source record: 73225

Brian wrote:
> Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu> wrote in message news:<3F26B25A.8060604@psu.edu>...
>
>>N2EY wrote:
>
>
>>>Would that some folks would at least listen to reason on what the
>>>rules actually mean.....
>>
>> The preponderence of evidence would suggest otherwise for some.
>
>
> For example, the FCC specifies in Part 97 that a -Morse Code- exam
> will be given at five (5) WPM. The VECs gathered and decided to
> administer a Farnsworth Exam at 13-15 WPM instead.
>
>
>> What *looks* like happened, IMO, is that there really wasn't much
>>planning for a transition after the fall.
>
>
> Extra DICK says he foresaw this twenty (20) years ago. Extra Jim and
> his bunions have surmised for the last 3+ years that the FCC has no
> choice but to dump the code.
>
> So what have you'se guys developed in all this time? Aren't you the
> forward thinker on the ARS? You usually have all the answers. Are
> you sitting this one out?

We (or I) have answers, but they won't be acknowleged. We lost the war,
and now it is up to those who won it.

A PCTA has to sit this one out because his/her input is no longer
relevent. The paradigm has changed. NCTA's will rule the roost.

- Mike KB3EIA -

3438. Re: Question for the No coders

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-30 16:03:18 UTC
From: "Dick Carroll;" <dixie@townsqr.com>
Message-ID: <bg8q86$k7g$0@208.206.142.88>
Source record: 73226

Mike Coslo wrote:

> Dwight Stewart wrote:
> > "Brian Kelly" wrote:
> >
> >>Stand up and draw some lines in the sand. Do
> >>a Harry Truman, "The buck stops here."
> >
> >
> >
> > However, the buck doesn't stop here. Ham Radio belongs to the American
> > public. When we set out to exclude that public with unnecessary requirements
> > (excessively stiff written tests or even code), we're simply asking for
> > trouble.
>
> You're right. I think that all should be issued Amateur radio licenses
> at birth. The testing requirements should be changed to "Utilization
> Encounters" that no longer have test questions, but rather
> non-competitive non-graded sessions designed to enhance the self esteem
> of the Amateur Radio operator. The different grading of the tickets
> would no longer be based on knowledge, but on how good the licensee
> feels about themselves.
>

Dang, Mike, you been doing consulting work at the FCC?

>
> >>Your position then is that it's OK to dumb down
> >>ham radio because everything else is getting
> >>dumbed down? That's how the dunbing down got
> >>started.
> >
> >
> >
> > No, I'm saying it is not okay to exclude people using unnecessary
> > requirements. Nobody here is arguing against reasonable requirements.
> > Instead, we're addressing your argument for stiffer written tests and/or
> > code testing to keep out those you object to. That attitude reeks of
> > discrimination.
>
> Dwight, it all depends on what you mean by unnecessary. CB'ers are on
> the air on HF. Many run power, illegal or not. And no one has taken a
> test to do that.
>
> This proves that * you don't need any test at all* to successfully run

> a station at HF frequencies.
>
> And reasonable requirements can be anything from a difficult test to no
> test at all. just depends on who is doing the reasoning.
>
> The ARS can be what we make of it. All is arbitrary, and we have to
> start with an idea of how adroit we want the typical member to be and go
> from there. From EE to CB.

Very well put, Mike, that sums it up very nicely. Anyone can see exactly where anyone else stands (or sits) by reading their opinion/philosophy displayed here.

No more need be said.

Dick

3439. Re: Charter of this newsgroup (Was Ham Radio Rescue in California Press)

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-30 16:10:57 UTC
From: El Moderator <mod@el.com>
Message-ID: <l6SVa.16128$ff.11649@fed1read01>
Source record: 73227

RE: > > I could suggest alt.survival if you want rescue stories.

Lord I wish there was an alt.cw.debate.ad nauseous newsgroup

Three years of the same old pro-code, no-code rationalizations, insults, obscenities, and sheer nonsense.
Thousands of them off topic, loaded with shameful personal attacks and self-serving brag tape lies.

Go to google
select groups and advanced search for rec.radio.amateur.policy
search for code
Get 55,000 results
As the man sed "Give it a rest"

Why not get back to the intended purpose of this newsgroup as previously posted?
Stop the personal attacks and obscenities and give Amateur Radio a good name.

Somewhere out there is a alien space ship reading all this and observing "Strange Society. Make course for home Scotty -- no sign of intelligence here"

"Brian" <brianburke@juno.com> wrote in message
news:f45722ac.0307291904.6b608a4a@posting.google.com...
> kf6vyh@aol.com (Kf6vyh) wrote in message
news:<20030729113907.23869.00000724@mb-m27.aol.com>...
> > Why bring up the CW debate, Th e story had nothing to due with the pros or cons
> > of CW . I have not been reading these news groups for a while for just this
> > reason. All any of you can talk or fight about is CW. If you Kim are so
> > concered with CW just start another CW thread. You are like a two year old
> > fighting for the shovle in a sand box. Give it a rest.
>
> There is no rest. This is a Morse/CW debate newsgroup. I could
> suggest alt.survival if you want rescue stories.
>
> Brian

3440. Re: Question for the No coders

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-30 16:13:08 UTC
From: kelly@dvol.com
Message-ID: <d22b54c3.0307300813.3315b6d1@posting.google.com>
Source record: 73228

Dwight Stewart <stewart@say.net> wrote in message news:<BB4CE536.1FB4F%stewart@say.net>...
> "Brian Kelly" wrote:
> >
> > Stand up and draw some lines in the sand. Do
> > a Harry Truman, "The buck stops here."
>
>
> However, the buck doesn't stop here. Ham Radio belongs to the American
> public.

Wrong. The whole planet owns the RF spectrum and the FCC is charged with doling out spectrum space to U.S. users of the that space in the public interest as it sees fit. Getting user access to the spectrum is not some wifty inherent "right of the people", it's a privilege. And to gain that privilege come certain requirements and responsibilites.

If the "American public" is not up for meeting the requirements and responsibilties which come with a ham license they can still go to 27 Mhz, FRS and MURS. Which is why those services were created.

> When we set out to exclude that public with unnecessary requirements
> (excessively stiff written tests or even code), we're simply asking for
> trouble.

And when it's all said and done we're back to the Cheerios syndrome. When was the last time you know of when a wannabe ham said "geez, don't dumb down the tests any more, they'll TOO easy for me . . "

> > Your position then is that it's OK to dumb down
> > ham radio because everything else is getting
> > dumbed down? That's how the dunbing down got
> > started.
>
>
> No, I'm saying it is not okay to exclude people using unnecessary
> requirements. Nobody here is arguing against reasonable requirements.
> Instead, we're addressing your argument for stiffer written tests and/or
> code testing to keep out those you object to.

Right. I support keeping the bar at it's current level. I oppose lowering the bar to a lower level as you suggest. That's the way it is.

> That attitude reeks of
> discrimination.

You can put that in bank right now. There is nothing evil about
evenly-applied discrimination. It's everywhere around us, in zoning
plans, in the bases for your compensation and perks on the job, in the
privileges accorded holders of the various classes of ham licensees,
endless list. Don't look now Dwight but discrimination is the
underlying engine which drives capitalist
democracies.

> > What do you mean "exclude more and more people
> > from ham radio"?? The nocode ticket was
> > introduced in 1991. A couple years ago the 13 &
> > 20 wpm code tests were eliminated. Take it much
> > further and ham licenses will come in boxes of
> > Cheerios. Would that satisfy you?
>
>
> Don't change the subject, Brian. You're arguing for something entirely
> different then the current requirements. Neither you or I have said the
> current requirements exclude people.
> What I have said is that the change
> you're seeking would exclude people - and you yourself even said that is the
> ultimate goal of those changes.

I won't even try to unscramble this one.

> > (snip) There's buckets more RF comms expertise just
> > in this non-technical NG than I had access to when
> > I got into ham radio, I only wished. Notice that
> > they all passed code tests and the Extra writtens.
> > Yes I think there's messages in that.
>
>
> Yes, the people you carefully selected to include in your list have passed
> the code test. Are you saying that all those without code skills lack
> technical expertise?

Just when and where did I state any such BS please?

> If so, I'd say that says more about your own judgment
> than it says about anything else.

No Dwight, not at all. After I composed the list and went back and
scanned it I then realized that the high-end techos are also coded
Extras.

Here's your opportunity to parade out your list of high-end techo
nocodes with skills like those I've picked as examples have.

And by the way I do know a couple highly-respected
long-time(decades)Techs who do possess those skills. But dontcha just
know they passed code tests too?

> Dwight Stewart (W5NET)
>

> http://www.qsl.net/w5net/

w3rv

3441. Re: There is no International Code Requirement and techs can operate HF according to FCC Rules

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-30 16:14:09 UTC
From: Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93C87C596BA85elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>
Source record: 73229
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb

"see sea oh ecks at you aitch see dot comm" <spammers@bugger.off.invalid>
wrote in news:bg8k96hrm1@gabriel.uhc.com:

> You know, perhaps Technician class amateurs DO have HF privileges due
> to the reference to the old International requirement. However, where
> in the Schedule are the specific frequency bands allocated.
>
> I would need to reread Pt97, but, my guess is that they either have NO
> specific allocated frequency bands, or, they would be the same as the
> Novice class licence.
>

The wording we are arguing about, and the associated frequency table that it applies to, are both in 97.301(e). It's just a hassle to reproduce a table in ASCII text, but it's the table of Novice HF frequencies. This was mentioned earlier, but there is more than one thread on this.

There's no dispute that nobody can get a no-code General or Extra until after the FCC change the rules, but those rules don't refer to the international rules, and this one does.

3442. Re: Question for the No coders

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-30 17:12:39 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu>
Message-ID: <3F27FC87.9060400@psu.edu>
Source record: 73230

Dick Carroll; wrote:
>
> Mike Coslo wrote:
>
>
>>Dwight Stewart wrote:
>>
>>>"Brian Kelly" wrote:
>>>
>>>
>>>>Stand up and draw some lines in the sand. Do
>>>>a Harry Truman, "The buck stops here."
>>>
>>>
>>>
>>> However, the buck doesn't stop here. Ham Radio belongs to the American
>>>public. When we set out to exclude that public with unnecessary requirements
>>>(excessively stiff written tests or even code), we're simply asking for
>>>trouble.
>>
>> You're right. I think that all should be issued Amateur radio licenses
>>at birth. The testing requirements should be changed to "Utilization
>>Encounters" that no longer have test questions, but rather
>>non-competitive non-graded sessions designed to enhance the self esteem
>>of the Amateur Radio operator. The different grading of the tickets
>>would no longer be based on knowledge, but on how good the licensee
>>feels about themselves.
>>
>
>
> Dang, Mike, you been doing consulting work at the FCC?

The important thing is how you feel about how I feel about that! Let's
be sure no one is left out, and all will be well. 8^)

- Mike KB3EIA -

3443. Re: With CW gone, can the CW allocations be far behind?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-30 17:19:23 UTC
From: Mike Yetsko <joe@user.com>
Message-ID: <vifvkcp4d0pk4b@corp.supernews.com>
Source record: 73231
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy

From what I heard, (from a posting on QRZ) the NCVEC group
yesterday filed a petition with the FCC to abandon CW testing.

The petition, unfortunatly, makes no provisions to preserve CW
subbands...

3444. Re: There is no International Code Requirement and techs can operate HF according to FCC Rules

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-30 17:20:13 UTC
From: Mike Yetsko <joe@user.com>
Message-ID: <vifvkd8qlem94c@corp.supernews.com>
Source record: 73232
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb

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> There's no dispute that nobody can get a no-code General or Extra until
> after the FCC change the rules, but those rules don't refer to the
> international rules, and this one does.

Check out QRZ for a posting about a petition from the NCVEC filed
yesterday...
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3445. Re: CORRECTION!!!

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-30 17:46:14 UTC
From: nocwtest@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030730134614.28405.00000810@mb-m24.aol.com>
Source record: 73233

>brianburke@juno.com (Brian)
>wrote:

>You vomit last night's booze on here on an almost daily
>basis and make a fool of only yourself.

EEEEEEWWWWW!!!!!!

Please stop describing
what you and Len do for
fun, Brian. It's not nice
to make others ill.

3446. Re: BAD IDEA for ham radio in general (was Re: Contact the FCC and

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-30 17:59:54 UTC
From: nocwtest@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030730135954.28405.00000811@mb-m24.aol.com>
Source record: 73234

lenover21@aol.com (Len Over 21)
writes:

> By all the public evidence in here the pro-coders have NOT BEEN IN
> CONTROL OF THEMSELVES for years. Not even close.

That's simply not true, Leonard.

You are usually out of control
"in here".

Are you proud of the example
you set?

Do you think others have any
respect for you?

I used to have respect for you.

I don't, anymore.
>
> Someone should exercise self-control these days

Why?

You don't.

3447. Re: There is no International Code Requirement and techs can operate

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-30 18:52:35 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu>
Message-ID: <3F2813F3.7070808@psu.edu>
Source record: 73235

Alun Palmer wrote:

> You don't get it, do you? Nobody has ever implied it says OR, and it
> certainly never mentions Element 1.
>
> What it does say is:
>
> "who has recieved credit for proficiency in telegraphy
> _in_accordance_with_international_requirements_"

You are taking what is an aside, and basing your whole argument on it. Won't work.

This argument doesn't work on enough levels that it is surprising that anyone would use it.

1. My first remark about the very secondary nature of the "in accordance with....."

2. The reworded Article 25.5 now says, "Administrations shall determine whether or not a person seeking a license to operate an amateur station shall demonstrate the ability to send and receive texts in Morse code signals."

Do you agree that this is the reworded article 25.5?

The administration has determined that the persons seeking a license must pass a 5 wpm Morse code test. Until it changes it's requirements, it will continue.

3. There is nothing in the rules that we are out of compliance with.

4. Morse code testing is not abolished. Individual administrations now make that call- to test, or not to test.

Using the argument that Morse code testing has been abolished is quite simply *wrong*. It will be wrong until the FCC rules otherwise.

- Mike KB3EIA -

3448. Re: Colonel Klunk Blows Goats!!!!!

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-30 19:10:42 UTC
From: Chic N Pox <oafowemes300@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <1059592323.418918@newshost03.voicenet.com>
Source record: 73236

"BoB the Almighty" <flatuspa4e3@yagoo.com> wrote in message
news:1059511697.666793@newshost03.voicenet.com...
>
> I had no idea about the thread of topic, but
> I must admit that when I read the title/subject
> like of the message ("C-K-B-G") I laughed
> so darn hard that the Pepst I was drinkin at
> the time went straight from mouth thru the nose....

If you think that was amusing, check out this link.

http://www.weirdcrap.com/

"I like dem french-fried po-taters...mmmmm....mmmmm!"

3449. Re: N8WWM goes down in flames, again

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-30 21:01:14 UTC
From: Cool Breeze <spade#abc.com>
Message-ID: <sTOdnWZtXs-wr7WiXTWJiA@comcast.com>
Source record: 73237
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb

<Moparholic@hotmailnospam.com> wrote in message
news:20030729232636.116$RH_-_@newsreader.com...

> Dunno, he was last heard jamming repeaters, they tossed him on
> the rain report for it..as I recall.

I heard you tossed a few salads in your day. asslick

3450. Re: ATTN: Tech Licensee USA Morse Code Freedom Day is August 1st

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-30 21:03:13 UTC
From: Gary Danaher <gdanaher@comcast.net>
Message-ID: <3F283298.1010908@comcast.net>
Source record: 73238
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb

I just have to smile a little because while the rest of the amateur
community is on UTC time, this guy is telling everyone to get on the air
at 6 pm. Yep, a real genious.

morse@code.is.dead wrote:
> Let the FCC know that they can no longer keep you from your right to use the
> ten meter band allocation if you are a technician licensee. The international
> requirement for morse code has been removed and there is no such thing as a
> technician plus license.
> You don't have to use your identity, but no code technicians need to finally
> speak out to the FCC they will no longer be oppressed by rules designed for the
> stone age of electronic technology.
> Get on the air at 6pm local time on August 1st or if the band is open any time
> to make contacts in the 28.300-28.500 MHz that is allocated to technicians for
> voice. Or if you have a computer you can use the allocated technician CW bands
> to send and receive morse code.
> Currently the FCC and ARRL want to drag this morse code requirement out for
> one or two years while they put BPL and other technology on the fast track. I
> will be on the air and I hope 10,000 or more no code technicians will join me.
> I guess Hollingsworth will have to require 10,000 people to turn in their CW
> proficiency certificate if YOU will join us.
> The morse code game is over and I'm not driving 55 when the speed limit is
> really 70 mph and the government hasn't changed the signs yet. Just go by the
> limitation of your technician license and don't go overboard, we want to show
> that just because we didn't pass some dinosaur morse code test that we are bad
> operators.
> Get on 28.306 USB at 6 PM local time to talk with other no code tech's that
> are protesting the FCC and ARRL stupidity.
>
>

3451. Re: There is no International Code Requirement and techs can operate

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-30 21:07:07 UTC
From: Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93C8AE0D4C2AAelektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>
Source record: 73239

Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu> wrote in news:3F2813F3.7070808@psu.edu:

>
>
> Alun Palmer wrote:
>
>> You don't get it, do you? Nobody has ever implied it says OR, and it
>> certainly never mentions Element 1.
>>
>> What it does say is:
>>
>> "who has recieved credit for proficiency in telegraphy
>> _in_accordance_with_international_requirements_"
>
>
>
> You are taking what is an aside, and basing your whole argument on
> it.
> Won't work.
>
> This argument doesn't work on enough levels that it is surprising
> that
> anyone would use it.
>
> 1. My first remark about the very secondary nature of the "in
> accordance with....."
>

That is the strongest argument against it, i.e. is it a condition? It may
not be, but this is the first post to attack that point

> 2. The reworded Article 25.5 now says, "Administrations shall determine
> whether or not a person seeking a license to operate an amateur station
> shall demonstrate the ability to send and receive texts in Morse code
> signals."
>
> Do you agree that this is the reworded article 25.5?
>

Yes

>
> The administration has determined that the persons seeking a
> license
> must pass a 5 wpm Morse code test.

Not so fast. Where does it say that in respect of the Novice frequencies?

> Until it changes it's requirements,
> it will continue.
>
>
> 3. There is nothing in the rules that we are out of compliance with.
>

Who said there was? Maybe D Stussy, but his line of argument is truly
wierd

>
> 4. Morse code testing is not abolished. Individual administrations now
> make that call- to test, or not to test.
>

Yes, but have they actually made it in respect of those particular
frequencies? I'm not sure that they have.

>
> Using the argument that Morse code testing has been abolished is quite
> simply *wrong*.

No-one is saying it has been abolished for the General or the Extra

> It will be wrong until the FCC rules otherwise.
>
>
>
> - Mike KB3EIA -
>
>
73 de Alun, N3KIP

3452. Re: American w/ Disability Act and CW Proficiency Test

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-30 21:23:35 UTC
From: N2EY@AOL.COM
Message-ID: <c2356669.0307301323.3f0b2fcd@posting.google.com>
Source record: 73240
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.misc

"Dan/W4NTI" <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com> wrote in message
news:<bg6q1b$70i$1@slb2.atl.mindspring.net>...
> "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net> wrote in message
> news:z1lVa.14145$Vx2.6964837@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com...
> >
> > "C" <cpierce@uit.net> wrote in message
> > news:cpierce-DBD09A.20273228072003@news03.west.earthlink.net...
> > >
> > > No I am not doing a memorizing of each dit and dah and converting
> > > method. My problem is my brain does not react fast enough to decide what
> > > each character is before the next one is sent.

At 5 wpm with Farnsworth spacing, you have around 1.5-2 seconds
between characters. That should be plenty. Are you using Farnsworth
spacing?

Try this experiment: Have someone read a random sequence of standard
phonetics ("Hotel, Sierra, Alfa, Yankee..." at a rate of about one
word every two seconds while you write down the first letter of each
word. If you can do that, it's a good bet you can learn to copy 5 wpm
code.

Are you block printing or writing cursive? I found block printing
avoided a lot of problems because each letter stands alone.

> > > I just get further
> > > behind. I practice at least 20 to 30 minutes usually twice a day if not
> > > more. I use computer programs and ARRL training CDs.
> > >
> > > I will check "The Art and Skill of Radiotelegraphy". Thanks for the
> > > encouragement.

Try this:

Set the computer to send just two unrelated characters - say, R and Z.
Practice copying those two until you get 95% or better copy. Then add
just one more letter and practice until you can get 95% or better with
those three. The trick is to not add any new ones until you know the
old ones almost perfectly.
> >
> > None of us could react fast enough at first. You are not alone. When you
> > are copying and miss a letter, just skip it and catch the next one. If
> > you
> > let your mind focus on what you missed, you will then miss several others
> > that come after. DON'T TRY TO GET THE MISSED LETTER AT THAT TIME. Just

> > write an underscore and go on so that you don't miss following letters.
> > This takes a little practice by the way as we all want to be perfect so we
> > sit there and try to figure it out while falling further behind. If you
> get
> > a lot of blanks at first, that's OK. Just keep working on it.

Good advice. But don;t be afraid to backtrack as above, to find what
letters are giving you trouble.
> >
> > When you take the test, you are allowed time to go back over your paper
> and
> > fill in what you think the missing material might be. Here is an example
> > (using an underscore for characters that you miss on the copy).
> >
> > What you originally copied: NAM_ IS JO_N.
> > Now if you look back over your copy, fill in what you believe the missing
> > letters should be. In this case, the text sent was most likely: NAME IS
> > JOHN.
> > Then on the test questions, you will probably be asked the name and there
> > you have it right there on your paper.
>
> > When I took my extra code test (20wpm), I had a lot of underscores on my
> > paper but despite that I was able to successfully answer the country
> > question (it was Switzerland) even though I only had about half the
> letters
> > copied on my sheet.

That works fine unless the text sent was "NAME IS JOAN"
> >
> > Dee D. Flint, N8UZE
> >
>
> Yeah its tough now Dee. When I took mine is was solid copy at 20 wpm for
> one solid minute out of five. Oh well.
>
Me too. And no time was allowed for going back - when the code
stopped, they took the paper away. Plus, if the examiner could not
read your writing, you flunked. Also you had to send 20 per to the
examiner's satisfaction.

But all that has been gone for over 20 years now. Ancient history. Yet
many hams licensed since those days could easily meet that standard.

Note that today's test can be passed by answering the questions OR
finding one minute (25 characters) of solid copy.

73 es GL de Jim, N2EY

3453. Re: American w/ Disability Act and CW Proficiency Test

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-30 21:27:23 UTC
From: Dan/W4NTI <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com>
Message-ID: <bg9d79$d3r$1@slb2.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 73241
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.misc

"Brian" <brianburke@juno.com> wrote in message
news:f45722ac.0307291835.20ae53bf@posting.google.com...
> "Dan/W4NTI" <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com> wrote in message
news:<bg6q1b$70i$1@slb2.atl.mindspring.net>...
>
> > Yeah its tough now Dee. When I took mine is was solid copy at 20 wpm
for
> > one solid minute out of five. Oh well.
> >
> > Dan/W4NTI
>
> And uphill both ways in 6 foot of snow...

You know Brian I don't give a rats ass if you believe me or not. Ask
ANYBODY that took it in the 70s and earlier.

Dan/W4NTI

3454. Re: American w/ Disability Act and CW Proficiency Test

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-30 21:29:11 UTC
From: Dan/W4NTI <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com>
Message-ID: <bg9dam$pn6$1@slb6.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 73242
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.misc

<Moparholic@hotmailnospam.com> wrote in message
news:20030729210432.403$EO@newsreader.com...
> "Dan/W4NTI" <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com> wrote:
> >>
> > I like that..sounds plausable. Oh....when I was learning it and I was
> > riding in the car with mom I would sound out the Morse on all the
> > roadsigns I could see. Drove mom nuts, but it helped. Not dot
> > dash.....di dah.
> >
> > Dan/W4NTI
> >
> Do you want to impress me Dan? Sit shotgun in my Belvedere and
> tap out some portable CW in a quarter mile launch!
>
> You cross posting fart. ;)
>
> --
> GO# 40

I didn't initiate this thread. Track it down moron.

Dan/W4NTI

3455. Re: Question for the No coders

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-30 21:38:30 UTC
From: N2EY@AOL.COM
Message-ID: <c2356669.0307301338.30cf8363@posting.google.com>
Source record: 73243

Dwight Stewart <stewart@say.net> wrote in message news:<BB4CEABC.1FB51%stewart@say.net>...
> "N2EY" wrote:
> >
> > Who is being excluded? The requirements are what
> > the FCC says they are. Meet those requirements
> > and the license is granted.
>
>
> Jim, please read the thread before replying.

I did.

> Brian is arguing for stiffer
> written tests and/or code to exclude those he doesn't like.

That's not how I read it. It's about what every ham should know and be
tested on.

> My comments
> addressed the concept of using excess requirements to exclude others.
>
But who decides what requirements are excess? It all comes down to
opinion.

For example, I think every ham should at least know Ohm's Law for DC
circuits. Basic stuff like E = IR, resistors in series and parallel,
how many amps a 50 watt rig draws from a 12 volt source if its overall
efficiency is 50%, etc. Others would say that stuff is "too
technical", particularly for "entry level" licenses. And there are
plenty of hams who don't know that stuff. Is requiring Ohm's Law
knowledge exclusionary? Is it an excess requirement?

> > Note that reducing the license requirements has
> > NOT brought on significantly more growth nor
> > attracted the "rocket scientists".

> I didn't say it did, Jim. The 'rocket scientists' point was made to
> address Brian's argument for stiffer requirements to keep "dumb-downed"
> people out. My comments about growth had to do with what I suspect would
> happen if Brian were successful in his efforts to exclude others with
> changes in the requirements.

Nobody know what would really happen because for the past 25+ years
the direction has been towards easing the test requirements. Dick Bash
started it.
None of the changes along the way was very big but the end result has
been dramatic. Particularly for the top license classes.

>
> > (snip) The purpose of tests is not to exclude
> > but to guarantee a certain minimum level of
> > knowledge. (snip)

> Again, I didn't say the purpose was to exclude. Again, my comments had to
> do with the changes Brian is seeking, not the existing requirements.

What bad things would happen if the tests were "beefed up",
particularly the written tests for the General and Extra?

Perhaps the idea of dropping the code test would get a lot more
acceptance if it were coupled to better written testing. But it's not
- in fact, the written testing keeps getting trimmed.

73 de Jim, N2EY
>

3456. Re: Good bye CODE!

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-30 21:40:14 UTC
From: Dan/W4NTI <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com>
Message-ID: <bg9dvcefs1@slb6.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 73244

"Brian" <brianburke@juno.com> wrote in message
news:f45722ac.0307291954.a1ddde0@posting.google.com...
> "LD" <LD@timelord.org.co> wrote in message news:<3f26b3a9@shknews01>...
> > I'm wating for the day of reconking!
> >
> > I'm gonna get you all!
> >
> > I have tried for many years to learn code! Cannot learn it!
> >
> > Now that the International law has declared it old, it will not be long
till
> > the FCC give us no-coders the "green light" - then our takeover will
begin.
> >
> > Hello good-buddy!
>
> Relax. Get along. Have a good time. Stay away from 3.950 and 14.313.
>
> Let the pigs wallow there.

Im gonna tell those Carolina cousins that hang on 3950 what you said.

As for 313. Its peacefull now a days.

Guess you need to 'update' your hard drive, eh Brian?

Dan/W4NTI

3457. Re: American w/ Disability Act and CW Proficiency Test

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-30 21:45:17 UTC
From: Dan/W4NTI <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com>
Message-ID: <bg9ecf$o7q$1@slb5.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 73245
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.misc

<Moparholic@hotmailnospam.com> wrote in message
news:20030730173143.335$IL@newsreader.com...
> "Dan/W4NTI" <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com> wrote:
> >
> > I didn't initiate this thread. Track it down moron.
> >
> > Dan/W4NTI
> >
> Just keep hitting send, you fucking asshole.
>
> --
> GO# 40

OK. Just for you I will keep doing it. Over and Over again. Everytime I
damn well want.

Dan/W4NTI

3458. Re: With CW gone, can the CW allocations be far behind?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-30 21:49:11 UTC
From: N2EY@AOL.COM
Message-ID: <c2356669.0307301349.26a9478d@posting.google.com>
Source record: 73246
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy

"Mike Yetsko" <joe@user.com> wrote in message news:<vifvkcp4d0pk4b@corp.supernews.com>...
> From what I heard, (from a posting on QRZ) the NCVEC group
> yesterday filed a petition with the FCC to abandon CW testing.
>
> The petition, unfortunatly, makes no provisions to preserve CW
> subbands...

Mike,

What CW subbands?

I just read the thing on QRZ.com, and it looks to me like all the NCVEC wants to do is dump Element 1 and allow Techs who have not passed a code test to have the same HF privs as Novices and Techs who have passed a code test. No subband changes, written test changes, etc. Just elimination of Element 1.

Did I miss something?

Odd that NCVEC beat NCI to the punch on this one.

73 de Jim, N2EY

3459. Re: N8WWM goes down in flames, again

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-30 22:29:36 UTC
From: Cool Breeze <spade#abc.com>
Message-ID: <wqWcnTSge-N_27WiXTWJiw@comcast.com>
Source record: 73247
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb

<Moparholic@hotmailnospam.com> wrote in message
news:20030730170611.262$vC@newsreader.com...

> What the matter

Talk Much?

3460. Re: BAD IDEA for ham radio in general (was Re: Contact the FCC and Tell Them t

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-30 22:51:55 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307301451.1ff01ef6@posting.google.com>
Source record: 73248

Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu> wrote in message news:<3F27EA85.2050901@psu.edu>...
> Brian wrote:
> > Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu> wrote in message news:<3F26B25A.8060604@psu.edu>...
> >
> >>N2EY wrote:
> >
> >
> >>>Would that some folks would at least listen to reason on what the
> >>>rules actually mean.....
> >>
> >> The preponderence of evidence would suggest otherwise for some.
> >
> >
> > For example, the FCC specifies in Part 97 that a -Morse Code- exam
> > will be given at five (5) WPM. The VECs gathered and decided to
> > administer a Farnsworth Exam at 13-15 WPM instead.
> >
> >
> >> What *looks* like happened, IMO, is that there really wasn't much
> >>planning for a transition after the fall.
> >
> >
> > Extra DICK says he foresaw this twenty (20) years ago. Extra Jim and
> > his bunions have surmised for the last 3+ years that the FCC has no
> > choice but to dump the code.
> >
> > So what have you'se guys developed in all this time? Aren't you the
> > forward thinker on the ARS? You usually have all the answers. Are
> > you sitting this one out?
>
>
> We (or I) have answers, but they won't be acknowleged. We lost the war,
> and now it is up to those who won it.

Absolutely not. This is your future as well.

> A PCTA has to sit this one out because his/her input is no longer
> relevent. The paradigm has changed. NCTA's will rule the roost.
>
> - Mike KB3EIA -

Yep, leave it up to the other guy...

Too much apathy in amateur radio.

3461. Re: American w/ Disability Act and CW Proficiency Test

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-30 22:54:56 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307301454.68346635@posting.google.com>
Source record: 73249
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.misc

kelly@dvol.com (Brian Kelly) wrote in message
news:<d22b54c3.0307300015.6c0a0a6@posting.google.com>...
> brianburke@juno.com (Brian) wrote in message
news:<f45722ac.0307291835.20ae53bf@posting.google.com>...
> > "Dan/W4NTI" <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com> wrote in message
news:<bg6q1b$70i$1@slb2.atl.mindspring.net>...
> >
> > > Yeah its tough now Dee. When I took mine is was solid copy at 20 wpm for
> > > one solid minute out of five. Oh well.
> > >
> > > Dan/W4NTI
> >
> > And uphill both ways in 6 foot of snow...
>
> And you couldn't pass it in Miami even if the VE provided you with a limo both ways.
>
> w3rv

I don't think VE's are permitted to provide limousine service to
examinees anymore. Boy have the times changed for the better!

3462. Re: Good bye CODE!

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-30 23:09:46 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307301509.21e0a81d@posting.google.com>
Source record: 73250

yodoc@aol.comnospam (Larry Roll K3LT) wrote in message
news:<20030729223106.20198.00001064@mb-m14.aol.com>...
> In article <bg7489dps1@slb6.atl.mindspring.net>, "Dan/W4NTI"
> <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com> writes:
>
> >Hi troll idiot....hope ur not in a hurry. The PCTAs are gonna put you on
> >hold for another decade at least.
> >
> >Dan/W4NTI
>
> Dan:
>
> Good point. And the PCTA's may not need to lift a finger. After all,
> the FCC just went to a great deal of time and expense to restructure
> the U.S. amateur radio licensing system,

A recurring review was and is required. Do you know how often they
must review the regs?

and may not be all that
> motivated to go through that process again in such short order.

They don't have a choice. It's called a mandate.

Since
> they felt that the 5 WPM test requirement was acceptable to those
> who would have burdened them with medical waiver requests had they
> kept a higher speed code test, they will not likely see any need to
> start the whole NPRM comment/reply ball rolling again very soon.

You haven't been paying attention.

> I could be wrong, of course, but time will tell.
>
> 73 de Larry, K3LT

Larry, of course. bb

3463. Re: American w/ Disability Act and CW Proficiency Test

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-30 23:16:13 UTC
From: Cool Breeze <spade#abc.com>
Message-ID: <HhidnbkoFNvP5bWiXTWJjQ@comcast.com>
Source record: 73364
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.misc

<Moparholic@hotmailnospam.com> wrote in message
news:20030729210432.403$EO@newsreader.com...
> "Dan/W4NTI" <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com> wrote:
> >>
> > I like that..sounds plausable. Oh....when I was learning it and I was
> > riding in the car with mom I would sound out the Morse on all the
> > roadsigns I could see. Drove mom nuts, but it helped. Not dot
> > dash.....di dah.
> >
> > Dan/W4NTI
> >
> Do you want to impress me Dan? Sit shotgun in my Belvedere and
> tap out some portable CW in a quarter mile launch!
>
> You cross posting fart. ;)

Cross posting fart

you continue to chase him and do the same thing your crying to him about
.....Loser

3464. NCVEC NPRM for elimination of horse and buggy morse code requirement.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-30 23:43:22 UTC
From: Keith <_spam@earthlink.net>
Message-ID: <bg9lb601m7j@enews3.newsguy.com>
Source record: 73352

Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of)
)
Amendment of Part 97 of the Commission's) RM-
Amateur Service Rules to Eliminate)
Morse code testing)
)

To: The Commission

PETITION FOR RULE MAKING

The National Conference of Volunteer Examiner Coordinators (NCVEC) is the umbrella organization comprised of the fourteen organizations charged since 1984, under Section 97.519(a) of the rules of the Federal Communications Commission, 47 CFR 97.519(a) to develop and administer all Amateur Radio operator license testing and to electronically file all successful license applications with the FCC. In total, the VECs and their more than 30,000 VE teams have collectively administered nearly two million examinations during the past twenty years and have notified the FCC to issue approximately a million new and upgraded Amateur Radio licenses.

Once a year, the various Volunteer Examiner Coordinator organizations meet at their annual conference to discuss the various issues that impact Amateur Radio operator testing. At their July 25, 2003, meeting held with the FCC in Gettysburg, PA, the VECs overwhelmingly agreed that Morse code testing should be immediately ended since it was now possible to do so. It was also noted that countries have already begun discontinuing Morse examinations. As a result the VECs voted to file this Petition asking that the FCC take expedited action to allow them to discontinue administering Element 1, the 5 words-per-minute telegraphy examination as soon as possible.

Pursuant to Section 1.405 of the Commission's procedural rules (47 C.F.R. 1.405), the NCVEC hereby respectfully requests that the Commission issue a Notice of Proposed Rule Making at an early date looking toward amendment of the rules governing the Amateur Radio Service, 47 C.F.R. 97.1 et seq., as set forth herein and in the attached Appendix.

The rule changes requested herein would terminate the telegraphy examination requirement and permit existing Technician Class operators

to access HF spectrum as provided in 47 C.F.R. 97.301(e) without the necessity of passing a Morse code examination. This request to eliminate the Morse code (Element 1) examination does not necessarily have the support of the ARRL Board since they have yet to develop a position on the matter. In support of its petition, NCVEC states as follows:

I. Introduction and Background

Since the turn of the century, the Morse code, invented by American Samuel Morse and first used in 1844, has been the foundation of early distress and safety communications. Although Morse code (or CW, as it is commonly called) was the primary mode of communications from the late 19th Century through the early 20th Century, it has all but become obsolete in practically all other contemporary communication systems. Due to the emergence of satellite and digital communications, manual telegraphy is no longer used or required in any radio service other than in the Amateur Service.

Radiotelegraphy in the maritime service has been phased out in favor of modern technology. The last vestige of manual telegraphy began being phased out in the maritime service in 1988 when the International Maritime Organization adopted the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS).

In the 1990's, countries around the world began closing down their distress 500 kHz calling frequency watch which had been in use since 1912. The final 500 kHz message sent by the U.S. Coast Guard took place from station NMN (Chesapeake Virginia) on April 1, 1995, and they no longer monitor the frequency.

Even though the commercial world eliminated Morse code as a communications medium many years ago, it has continued on the Amateur bands because manual Morse proficiency was an international Amateur Service requirement when operating on spectrum under 30 MHz.

II. Telegraphy requirement in the Amateur Service

There are many communications modes and emissions available to the radio amateur and manual CW is just another one that certainly deserves no special priority. The amateur radio operator examination process does not require a practical demonstration in the ability to use any other mode - even though more than a thousand modes and emissions are available to the Amateur Service.

The international law previously required unspecified proficiency in the International Morse code when the operation takes place in the medium or high frequency bands. Because of technological advances, this regulation has become inconsistent with the goals of the Amateur Service since it provides a barrier to otherwise qualified individuals who wish to experiment and communicate below 30 MHz. There can be no doubt that the Morse code proficiency requirements have constituted an unnecessary and artificial impediment to fuller use of the Amateur

Radio Service for many potential and existing amateurs.

It appears that the reason that many (no-code) Technician amateurs are not upgrading to license classes that require telegraphy suggests that the Morse code requirement may be a significant barrier.

III. Morse code testing is a burden to the applicant

It should be noted that while today's personal computers can easily send and receive telegraphy, the international Morse code "sent by hand and received by ear" requirement continued as a worldwide fundamental requirement for an amateur operator license until the recent actions by the International Telecommunications Union.

The taking of the telegraphy examination is an unnecessary burden upon the applicant. Experience has shown that it is more often than not a very stressful experience for the examinee. With the elimination of the international requirement for skill in manual telegraphy, there is no longer any reasonable justification for requiring an applicant to demonstrate this antiquated skill.

It is one that must be acquired through rote memorization of the character meanings of some 43 combinations of audible dots and dashes: 26 letters of the alphabet, numerals 0 through 9, four punctuation marks and three characters unique to CW. This must be followed by numerous practice sessions until the necessary skill is achieved. Most applicants, once they pass the code exam, never use the mode on the amateur airwaves. And many, perhaps most, could not pass it again if required to do so.

While it continues to serve some amateur operators well, as it did in the early days of radio, it is now but one of many modes available to amateur operators. The lack of interest in CW has turned many prospective amateur operators away from the Amateur Service.

IV.
Morse proficiency is not an indication of a quality operator

Some amateurs believe that the effort and sacrifice needed to learn Morse code indicates a more dedicated and, therefore, a better candidate for Amateur Radio. No evidence exists, however, that supports a relationship between manual telegraphy proficiency and the quality, desirability or motivation of the operator.

What the Morse code licensing requirement does do, however, is to greatly reduce the number of applicants operating in the medium and high frequencies. Many people question why an individual with vast knowledge in the electronics field should be excluded from operating on HF spectrum due to a personal disinterest in the Morse code.

Continuing the use of Morse code proficiency as a means with which to gauge "quality" or to limit the number of amateur radio operators accessing public spectrum is certainly at odds with the FCC's mandate

to promote the wider use of radio and its commitment to the use of emerging technologies.

V. Morse proficiency should not be required to operate in the voice mode

It appears that most amateurs want to communicate in the voice mode. It makes no sense from a regulatory perspective to require radio amateurs to be Morse proficient when the greater majority of radio amateurs do not desire to use that mode and there is no regulatory reason for them to do so.

The future of Amateur Radio encompasses many modes undreamed of just a few years ago. Although manual telegraphy is a noble part of the Amateur Radio's past, it is no longer the prime emission mode.

In short, the Commission should ensure that the amateur examination elements are appropriate for the types of operation that will be performed by the licensee.

VI. An unnecessary burden upon the VEC system

The administration of a CW examination imposes an unnecessary burden upon the VE teams who must prepare and administer the CW examinations. It requires extensive preparation and special equipment to prepare and administer properly. It is often disruptive and unsettling to those other examinees who are taking one of the written examinations within the same room.

Under 97.507(d), the VEs must prepare and record a series of messages sufficient to preclude any one message from becoming known to the examinees. Each message must contain every one of the 43 telegraphy characters at least once during period of at least 5 minutes. At the prescribed speed of 5 words per minute, and at the prescribed 5 characters per word, the message is little more than 25 words in length. In practice, it is a difficult task to compose a realistic message under these limitations. It is also an unnecessary burden upon the coordinating VECs since most of them also prepare telegraphy examinations for their VE teams.

VII. An unnecessary burden upon the amateur service community

The amateur service community suffers from the loss to its ranks of a large number of potentially excellent operators who are turned away because of the CW requirement. Either because of lack of the requisite aptitude for sending and receiving CW or because of an unwillingness to spend the time acquiring a skill for which they find of no value to them, they forego becoming amateur operators.

VIII. An unnecessary burden upon the FCC

Now that the international (treaty) Morse code requirement is optional, the FCC can expect to receive numerous requests for waivers of the Morse code examination due to applicant hearing and other medical conditions in order to be compliant with the Americans with

Disabilities Act (ADA).

When there were multiple code tests, the FCC cited the international (treaty) requirement, as the reason that the five word-per-minute code test could not be waived. This case no longer applies and the FCC will have to develop procedures to guide both themselves and the VECs/VEs in handling requests for code exam waivers that are certain to come.

Dealing with requests for a waiver of the code exam could create an unnecessary burden on the FCC and VECs/VEs and consume an excessive amount of time and resources. It seems illogical to require all amateur examinees to pass a requirement that could be waived by the actions of a physician. History has shown that physician-initiated waiver requests have been very controversial in the Amateur Service.

IX. World Administrative Radio Conference 2003

The only changes made to the international Amateur Service regulations over the last 75 years concern the frequency above which amateurs may operate without Morse testing. At their Washington, DC conference in 1927, the ITU (then called the International Telegraph Union) allocated frequency bands to the various radio services and established operating guidelines and operator qualifications. It was deemed important that Amateurs prove an ability to transmit and receive communications in Morse signals since, at the time, radiotelegraphy was the primary means of long range communication.

Since then, the administrations comprising International Telecommunication Union have reviewed and voted to relax the Amateur Service's mandatory Morse proficiency requirement at every international conference capable of doing so.

In 1947 (Atlantic City), the ITU agreed that Morse proficiency should only be required when the operation took place on frequencies below 1000 MHz (1 GHz.) At WARC-59, the 1959 World Administrative Radio Conference, this level dropped to 144 MHz. A further reduction was made at WARC-79 to 30 MHz. Consequently, up until recently, Article S25.5 3 read: 25.5 3. 1) Any person seeking a license to operate the apparatus of an amateur station shall prove that he is able to send correctly by hand and to receive correctly by ear, texts in Morse code signals. The administrations concerned may, however, waive this requirement in the case of stations making use exclusively of frequencies above 30 MHz.

At WRC-2003, the international Radio Regulation Article S25.5 3 was revised to make the Morse code testing requirement a matter for each licensing administration to decide for itself. Effective July 5, 2003, Article S25.5 3 reads: 25.5 3. 1) Administrations shall determine whether or not a person seeking a license to operate an amateur station shall demonstrate the ability to send and receive texts in Morse code signals.

X. Summary of NCVEC proposal to end Morse testing

The attached appendix contains a list of the rules that must be amended if Morse code examinations are to be discontinued. These amendments propose merely to end the manual telegraphy examination and to permit Technician Class operators the same frequency privileges as those enjoyed by Technician Class operators who have passed a code exam.

Therefore, the foregoing considered, NCVEC, the National Conference of Volunteer Examiner Coordinators, respectfully requests that the Commission issue a Notice of Proposed Rule Making at any early date, proposing the rule changes set forth herein, and in the appendix attached hereto.

Respectfully submitted,

NCVEC, National Conference of VECs
P.O. Box 565101, Dallas, Texas 75356

By:___
Frederick O. Maia, W5YI, Chairman,
NCVEC Rules Committee

July 29, 2003

APPENDIX
PROPOSED RULES

Proposed changes to Part 97 of Chapter I of Title 47 of the Code of Federal Regulations to delete references to the Morse code exam element. Part 97, is amended as follows:

PART 97 -- AMATEUR RADIO SERVICE

1. Section 97.301 is amended by revising paragraph (e) to read as follows. The frequency tables in Section 97.301(a), (b), ï¿½, (d) and (e) remain unchanged.

97.301 Authorized frequency bands.

The following transmitting frequency bands are available to an amateur station located within 50 km of the Earth's surface, within the specified ITU Region, and outside any area where the amateur service is regulated by any authority other than the FCC.
(d) ******
(e) For a station having a control operator who has been granted an operator license of Novice Class, Technician Class or Technician Plus Class:

Wavelength ITU Region 1 ITU Region 2 ITU Region 3 Sharing requirements,
see 97.303

HF MHz MHz MHz paragraph:

80 m 3.675-3.725 3.675-3.725 3.675-3.725 (a)
40 m 7.050-7.075 7.10-7.15 7.050-7.075 (a)
15 m 21.10-21.20 21.10-21.20 21.10-21.20
10 m 28.1-28.5 28.1-28.5 28.1-28.5

VHF MHz MHz MHz
1.25 m - - 222-225 - - (a)

UHF MHz MHz MHz
23 cm 1270-1295 1270-1295 1270-1295 (h)(i)

2. Section 97.307 is amended by deleting paragraph (f)(9) and revising paragraph (f)(10) to read as follows. Previous 97.307(f)(10) is renumbered to (f)(9). Paragraphs (f)(11) to (f)(13) are renumbered to (f)(10) to (f)(12).

97.307 Emission standards.

(f) The following standards and limitations apply to transmissions on the frequencies specified in 97.305ï¿½ of this part. (10) A station having a control operator holding a Novice Class, Technician Class or Technician Plus operator license may only transmit a CW emission using the international Morse code or phone emissions J3E and R3E.

3. Section 97.313 is amended by revising paragraph ï¿½(2) to read as follows:

97.313 Transmitter power standards.

(b) ******
ï¿½ No station may transmit with a transmitter power exceeding 200 W PEP on:
(1) ******
(2) The 28.1-28.5 MHz segment when the control operator is a Novice Class operator, a
Technician Class operator or a Technician Plus Class; or
(3) ******

4. Section 97.501 is amended by revising paragraph (a) and (b) to read as follows.

97.501 Qualifying for an amateur operator license.

Each applicant must pass an examination for a new amateur operator license grant and for each change in
operator class. Each applicant for the class of operator license grant specified below must pass, or
otherwise receive examination credit for, the following examination elements:
(a) Amateur Extra Class operator: Elements 2, 3, and 4;
(b) General Class operator: Elements 2, and 3;
ï¿½ ******

5. Section 97.503 is amended by deleting paragraph (a).

97.503 Element standards.

(b) ******

6. Section 97.505 is amended by revising paragraph (a)(1), (a)(2), and (a)(3) to read as follows.
Paragraphs (a)(5), (a)(7), and (a)(9) are deleted.

97.505 Element credit.

(a) The administering VEs must give credit as specified below to an examinee holding any of the
following license grants or license documents:
(1) An unexpired (or expired but within the grace period for renewal) FCC-granted
Advanced Class operator license grant: Elements 2 and 3.
(2) An unexpired (or expired but within the grace period for renewal) FCC-granted General
Class operator license grant: Elements 2 and 3.
(3) An unexpired (or expired but within the grace period for renewal) FCC-granted
Technician Plus Class operator license grant: Element 2
(4) ******
(6) ******
(8) ******
(b) ******

7. Section 97.507 is amended by revising paragraph (a), (a)(2), and ï¿½ to read as follows. Paragraph (d)
is deleted.

97.507 Preparing an examination.

(a) Each written question set administered to an examinee must be prepared by a VE holding an
Amateur Extra Class operator license. A written question set may also be prepared for the following
elements by a VE holding an operator license of the class indicated:
(1) ******
(2) Element 2: Advanced, General, or Technician (including Technician Plus) Class
operators.
(b) *******
ï¿½ Each written question set administered to an examinee for an amateur operator license must be
prepared, or obtained from a supplier, by the administering VEs according to instructions from the
coordinating VEC.

8. Section 97.509 is amended by revising paragraph (f) to read as follows.
Paragraph (g) is deleted.

97.509 Administering VE requirements.

(e) ******
(f) No examination that has been compromised shall be administered to any examinee. The same
question set may not be re-administered to the same examinee.

(h) ******

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(1)
The following organizations have entered into an agreement with the FCC to coordinate Amateur Radio examinations: Anchorage Amateur Radio Club, Anchorage, AK; American Radio Relay League (ARRL), Newington, CT; CAVEC, Inc., Huntsville, AL; Golden Empire Amateur Radio Society, Chico, CA; Greater L.A. Amateur Radio Group, North Hills, CA; Jefferson Amateur Radio Club, New Orleans, LA; Laurel Amateur Radio Club, Inc.; Laurel, MD; The Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' Club, Inc., Milwaukee, WI; MO-KAN VEC Coordinator, Richmond, KS; Sandarc-VEC, La Mesa, CA; Sunnyvale VEC Amateur Radio Club, Inc., Sunnyvale, CA; W4VEC, High Point, NC; W5YI-VEC, Dallas, TX; Western Carolina Amateur Radio Society VEC, Inc., Knoxville, TN.

The United Kingdom's Regulatory Authority
published a "Gazette Notice" on July 25, 2003, discontinuing all Morse code testing in their Amateur Service effective July 26, 2003. The effect was that all "Class B" (no code) radio amateurs in Great Britain who previously were restricted to operation above 30 MHz obtained "Class A" access to all Amateur bands. This can be confirmed at the Radio Society of Great Britain's website at:
and/or the UK "Regulatory Authority" (their telecom regulator) website at: . In addition, effective July 15, 2003,
radio amateurs in Switzerland were given immediate "provisional" authority to operate on the HF amateur bands by the Swiss Federal Office of Communications (OFCOM) while they await formal rulemaking. Citing the recent WRC-03 decision, OFCOM said the temporary permission to use the HF bands would suffice until the regulation could be changed. Many other countries are rumored to be in the process of discontinuing Morse code testing.
See 47 C.F.R. 503(a.)
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The Radio Page Ham, Police Scanner, Shortwave and more.
http://www.kilowatt-radio.org/

3465. Re: NCVEC Position on Code

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-30 23:50:59 UTC
From: Jim Hampton <aa2qa@frontiernet.net>
Message-ID: <DRYVa.13947$966.3879@news02.roc.ny>
Source record: 73351

Richard,

I doubt anyone has questioned the direction of Morse testing. The only question is when. It may be sooner than I had guessed (I guessed a couple - 2 - of years).

73 from Rochester, NY
Jim AA2QA

"rsm" <rsm@magpage.com> wrote in message news:mgfgivcigv0jvb1r9sdca8ne2rpr98eafa@4ax.com...
> From the CQ Newsroom:
>
> "The National Council of Volunteer Examiner Coordinators (NCVEC), the
> umbrella group that writes the amateur radio licensing exams, today
> filed a petition with the Federal Communications Commission to
> eliminate Morse code testing for amateur radio licenses in the United
> States and other FCC-administered areas."
>
> "Citing the decision by the 2003 World Radiocommunication Conference
> to make Morse testing optional on a country-by-country basis, the
> NCVEC noted that the United Kingdom and Switzerland had already acted
> to end Morse examinations; stated that the Morse exam continues to be
> a barrier to "otherwise qualified individuals" who want to become
> hams; that it is a burden to applicants and examiners alike, and that
> code proficiency should not be used to determine who may operate
> voice. It asked for the immediate elimination of the Element 1 (code)
> exam requirement for any class of amateur license."
>
> "The NCVEC petition also calls for the FCC to grant Novice HF
> privileges to current Technician Class licensees."
>
> "The FCC has not yet given the proposal a rulemaking number, so it is
> not yet possible to file comments. We will keep you posted when this
> occurs."
>
> I believe this determines the future of code testing.
>
> Richard
> AA3VX

Outgoing mail is certified Virus Free.
Checked by AVG anti-virus system (http://www.grisoft.com).
Version: 6.0.504 / Virus Database: 302 - Release Date: 7/24/03

3466. Re: American w/ Disability Act and CW Proficiency Test

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-31 00:21:25 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030730202125.15462.00001953@mb-m06.aol.com>
Source record: 73353

In article <d22b54c3.0307300011.5df7f89b@posting.google.com>, kelly@dvol.com (Brian Kelly) writes:

>When I studied for my earliest tests there were no consumer-level
>recording methods let alone computers. My only options for practicing
>Morse were having somebody hand-send it or copying it off the air.
>Which, as a practical matter, meant copying it with a rcvr or forget
>it.

Same here. Except I had to build the receiver, learn to use it, then find hams to listen to. Did not know W1AW existed when I was studying for Novice so I listened to other hams.

>I'm still a very strong supporter of learning Morse via the W1AW
>code practice sessions. Today they transmit computer-generated code
>and back then I believe they used tape-generated code so it has always
>been quite precise. I'll concede that I'm only around 150 miles from
>the station so they boom here on 80M and QRM wasn't/isn't a problem.
>Might be more difficult from the west coasts but I don't know.

W6OWP used to do west-coast runs but I think that has ended. The antenna farm used for code practice and bulletins at W1AW is designed to blanket the USA on all bands. Full legal limit into long Yagis aimed at the West Coast on all bands where a Yagi is practical.
>
>I still recommend W1AW over any of the "canned" aids. Two downsides of
>course are that W1AW does not send Farnsworth and one needs a
>half-decent HF rcvr.

W1AW DOES send Farnsworth at the slower speeds! And they've done so since before I ever heard of them - 35+ years. I think they transition at 13 or 15 wpm.

Bulletins are sent at 18 wpm so there's even more practice.

One drawback/advantage of W1AW is that it is sent on a fixed schedule. If you simply cannot be at the rx at the appointed time, you're outa luck. OTOH, having a fixed preset practice time tends to help some folks actually DO IT rather than talk about it.

Another trick I've done for years: Have the rx on and tuned to a CW station whenever possible. I used to do homework with the cans on and tuned to a CW station - any station - as background. After a while it became like listening to somebody talk.

>http://www.arrl.org/w1aw.html#w1awsked

73 de Jim, N2EY

3467. Re: Charter of this newsgroup (Was Ham Radio Rescue in California Press)

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-31 00:21:26 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030730202126.15462.00001955@mb-m06.aol.com>
Source record: 73354

In article <TKQVa.16115$ff.8006@fed1read01>, "Elmer E Ing" <EEI@tutor.com>
writes:

>Hiker rescue has legal issues as a ham in california found out when he
>called in on an Authority frequency with a modified HT.
>Rescue was performed, but his HT was confiscated!

Yep - but you gotta tell "the rest of the story".....

The ham in question called for help on a police frequency, which he was not
authorized to use. Yes, anyone can use any frequency or mode in a life-or-death
emergency when there is no other option, but the authorities demonstrated that
the ham's HT would bring up several local repeaters from the rescue site - all
of which had autopatch that could call 911.

Case closed.

73 de Jim, N2EY

3468. Re: American w/ Disability Act and CW Proficiency Test

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-31 00:21:26 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030730202126.15462.00001954@mb-m06.aol.com>
Source record: 73355

In article <U5lVa.14146$Vx2.6965654@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com>, "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net> writes:

>Don't email. TELEPHONE them. Ask them what is the character speed and what
>is the overall word speed. They can have the character speed at 13 (or
>faster), but the spacing must be adjusted to end up at 5wpm overall. It is
>not proper test procedure to have the test at an actual 13wpm when it is
>supposed to be 5wpm.

The metric used is how many characters are sent in a minute. 5 wpm is 25 characters per minute. Letters count as 1 character each, numbers and punctuation count as 2 characters each.

You can also have the test done "non-Farnsworth" style if you want.
>
>Talk to the VE team leader that you will eventually be testing under so that
>you do get the correct character speed for the test that you will be
>planning to take.
>
Excellent advice.

>Finally try to find someone who is knowledgeable in correct training methods
>to "Elmer" you if at all possible.

Ahem...

73 de Jim, N2EY

3469. Re: The FACTS about the Morse Code and the FCC.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-31 00:28:34 UTC
From: Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
Message-ID: <cuvyxnansvbet.hiutodk.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 73356

On Tue, 29 Jul 2003 23:20:53 -0600, Rod Anderson wrote:

>Sorry Dan you and the ARRL forgot to consider the affect of Americans
>with Disabilities law, The only reason that the courts have not
>thrown out the code requirement is the international treaty required
>it, the treaty overuled US laws.

Keep believing that myth....I have a bridge for sale, too.

The only reasons that the courts have not thrown out the code
requirement are:

(1) a case has never been brought (Federal courts do not issue
advisory rulings, they require an actual case) because:

(2) FCC requires that suitable accommodations be made for an
applicant's observable or claimed disabilities when tests which do
not otherwise discrimninate are given, and

(3) the Federal courts in a matter such as this require that the
plaintiff exhaust all administrative appeals and in general they
defer to the judgment of the regulatory agencies in the area of the
agency's expertise such as the requirements for a license as long as
the requirements are equitably applied and reasonable accommodations
(see #2 above) are made.

>Shortly after the US ratifies the
>new treaty which no longer requires the ability to send and receive
>code the US courts will throw out the FCC's code requirement.

Nah... even if such a case is brought, any regulatory attorney worth
his/her salt can tie it up pending FCC action in its own sweet time.

>The
>courts take a dim view of irrelevant requiremnts, you are going to
>have a a hard time convincing the courts that ability to receive code
>at 5 wpm is necessary requirement to "talk over the radio".

See #3 above.

>Morse has much in common with the use of the sliderule. 40 years ago
>when I was in school engineers spent several weeks of class studying
>the use of the sliderule and logarithms to simplify calculations.

Maybe in your school. In my engineering school - one of the top 3
in the US - one had to know how to use both the sliderule and log
tables in order to be admitted, which for me was 50 years ago next
month....

>I have better ways to spend my time than studying Morse code but I
>still can find the power of a number using a log log slide rule

K+E Log Log Duplex Vector -- I take it out once a year to prove to
my computer-geek son that I can still do it.....

But as to communications law....leave that to us attorney
specialists. This is MY field.

--
73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane
Registered Professsional Engineer

Principal Attorney
Communications Law Center
San Francisco, CA

From a Clearing in the Silicon Forest
Beaverton (Washington County) Oregon

3470. Re: BAD IDEA for ham radio in general (was Re: Contact the FCC and Tell Them t

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-31 00:42:53 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
Message-ID: <3F28664E.8010402@adelphia.net>
Source record: 73357

Brian wrote:
> Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu> wrote in message news:<3F27EA85.2050901@psu.edu>...
>
>>Brian wrote:
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>>>Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu> wrote in message news:<3F26B25A.8060604@psu.edu>...
>>>
>>>
>>>>N2EY wrote:
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>>>
>>>>>Would that some folks would at least listen to reason on what the
>>>>>rules actually mean.....
>>>>
>>>> The preponderence of evidence would suggest otherwise for some.
>>>
>>>
>>>For example, the FCC specifies in Part 97 that a -Morse Code- exam
>>>will be given at five (5) WPM. The VECs gathered and decided to
>>>administer a Farnsworth Exam at 13-15 WPM instead.
>>>
>>>
>>>
>>>> What *looks* like happened, IMO, is that there really wasn't much
>>>>planning for a transition after the fall.
>>>
>>>
>>>Extra DICK says he foresaw this twenty (20) years ago. Extra Jim and
>>>his bunions have surmised for the last 3+ years that the FCC has no
>>>choice but to dump the code.
>>>
>>>So what have you'se guys developed in all this time? Aren't you the
>>>forward thinker on the ARS? You usually have all the answers. Are
>>>you sitting this one out?
>>
>>
>> We (or I) have answers, but they won't be acknowleged. We lost the war,
>>and now it is up to those who won it.
>
>
> Absolutely not. This is your future as well.
>
>

>> A PCTA has to sit this one out because his/her input is no longer
>>relevent. The paradigm has changed. NCTA's will rule the roost.
>>
>> - Mike KB3EIA -
>
>
> Yep, leave it up to the other guy...
>
> Too much apathy in amateur radio.

Uhh Brian, let's look at just how much credibility the PCTA's have in this newsgroup. Nada, zilch, nothing.

About the only thing we could do is to ask someone like Carl to tell us what to do.

What I would say is to keep the code test in the future, and to maintain a high level of proficiency in the writtens. That is what I believe the ARS should do. I can and will file my comments, but it isn't going to mean a thing.

What the NCTA's appear to want is an open acceptance of what they have brought to bear on the Amateur community. Sorry, ain't going to happen. I'll welcome and encourage new hams, but I won't change my mind about how I think the ARS should be structured.

Personally, I think the NCTA's haven't quite figured out that THEY have become the mainstream in Amateur radio. YOU WON! NOw you have to start running the show.

People who agitate for change very often have a hard time adjusting to their new position after achieving it, so don't feel too bad.

This whole concept is why I chastise Carl and Bill for not being more prepared to ease the transition after their victory. The PCTA's, such as Larry, Dick, Dave, Jim, Dan, and myself and others, are a diverse group. We have in common the belief that the code test is a good thing for Amateur radio, but beyond that we have opinions that run all over the place.

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You have to deal with it. That is exactly how it is. Amateur radio's future now hinges on you. And there is nothing a PCTA could do about it even if they wanted to.

- Mike KB3EIA -

3471. Re: American w/ Disability Act and CW Proficiency Test

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-31 00:44:34 UTC
From: Dan/W4NTI <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com>
Message-ID: <bg9opi$72a$1@slb0.atl.mindspring.net>
Source record: 73358
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.misc

<Moparholic@hotmailnospam.com> wrote in message
news:20030730174652.550$vG@newsreader.com...
> "Dan/W4NTI" <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com> wrote:
> > <Moparholic@hotmailnospam.com> wrote in message
> > news:20030730173143.335$IL@newsreader.com...
> > > "Dan/W4NTI" <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com> wrote:
> > > >
> > > > I didn't initiate this thread. Track it down moron.
> > > >
> > > > Dan/W4NTI
> > > >
> > > Just keep hitting send, you fucking asshole.
> > >
> > > --
> > > GO# 40
> >
> > OK. Just for you I will keep doing it. Over and Over again. Everytime
> > I damn well want.
> >
> > Dan/W4NTI
> >
> You act like a 9 year old punk.
>
> --
> GO# 40

Let me try and help you moron. I don't give a rats ass what you think.
Clear?

Dan/W4NTI

3472. Re: Good bye CODE!

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-31 00:47:56 UTC
From: "Dick Carroll;" <dixie@townsqr.com>
Message-ID: <bg9ovshbc0@208.206.142.78>
Source record: 73359

Dan/W4NTI wrote:

> "Brian" <brianburke@juno.com> wrote in message
> news:f45722ac.0307291954.a1ddde0@posting.google.com...
> > "LD" <LD@timelord.org.co> wrote in message news:<3f26b3a9@shknews01>...
> > > I'm wating for the day of reconking!
> > >
> > > I'm gonna get you all!
> > >
> > > I have tried for many years to learn code! Cannot learn it!
> > >
> > > Now that the International law has declared it old, it will not be long
> till
> > > the FCC give us no-coders the "green light" - then our takeover will
> begin.
> > >
> > > Hello good-buddy!
> >
> > Relax. Get along. Have a good time. Stay away from 3.950 and 14.313.
> >
> > Let the pigs wallow there.
>
> Im gonna tell those Carolina cousins that hang on 3950 what you said.
>
> As for 313. Its peacefull now a days.
>
> Guess you need to 'update' your hard drive, eh Brian?

Brain's Brain needs it far worse.

3473. Re: NCVEC Position on Code

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-31 01:11:28 UTC
From: "Dick Carroll;" <dixie@townsqr.com>
Message-ID: <bg9qc0lpk0@208.206.142.78>
Source record: 73360

If/when the FCC totally eliminates code testing it will have made the
second
biggest mistake of its tenure of regulating amateur radio. The firstwas
the introduction of a Citizens Band on frequencies where
propagation causes RF to travel long distances.

Anyone who beleves otherwise will, in time, learn the truth.

Dick

rsm wrote:

> From the CQ Newsroom:
>
> "The National Council of Volunteer Examiner Coordinators (NCVEC), the
> umbrella group that writes the amateur radio licensing exams, today
> filed a petition with the Federal Communications Commission to
> eliminate Morse code testing for amateur radio licenses in the United
> States and other FCC-administered areas."
>
> "Citing the decision by the 2003 World Radiocommunication Conference
> to make Morse testing optional on a country-by-country basis, the
> NCVEC noted that the United Kingdom and Switzerland had already acted
> to end Morse examinations; stated that the Morse exam continues to be
> a barrier to "otherwise qualified individuals" who want to become
> hams; that it is a burden to applicants and examiners alike, and that
> code proficiency should not be used to determine who may operate
> voice. It asked for the immediate elimination of the Element 1 (code)
> exam requirement for any class of amateur license."
>
> "The NCVEC petition also calls for the FCC to grant Novice HF
> privileges to current Technician Class licensees."
>
> "The FCC has not yet given the proposal a rulemaking number, so it is
> not yet possible to file comments. We will keep you posted when this
> occurs."
>
> I believe this determines the future of code testing.
>
> Richard
> AA3VX

3474. Re: Good bye CODE!

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-31 01:53:43 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030730215343.00871.00000965@mb-m17.aol.com>
Source record: 73361

In article <f45722ac.0307301509.21e0a81d@posting.google.com>,
brianburke@juno.com (Brian) writes:

>> Dan:
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>> Good point. And the PCTA's may not need to lift a finger. After all,
>> the FCC just went to a great deal of time and expense to restructure
>> the U.S. amateur radio licensing system,
>
>A recurring review was and is required. Do you know how often they
>must review the regs?

Brian:

Every four years. Which means that the present Element 1 code test has
at least until April 15, 2004, plus the time it takes for the 2004 Quadrenneal
Review, then the time it takes for the FCC to review any Petitions for
Rulemaking I may have received, then the time it would take for the NPRM,
comment, and reply comment process to take place. Code testing could
probably go on for anywhere from 2 to 4 years from now. I never said that
it wouldn't be eliminated, just that it isn't a "front-burner" issue for the
FCC.

> and may not be all that
>> motivated to go through that process again in such short order.
>
>They don't have a choice. It's called a mandate.

What mandate? Who is "mandating" the elimination of code testing?
The ITU left it up to the individual administrations whether or not they would
require code testing in their country's ARS licensing system. There is
no "mandate" to eliminate it whatsoever.

> Since
>> they felt that the 5 WPM test requirement was acceptable to those
>> who would have burdened them with medical waiver requests had they
>> kept a higher speed code test, they will not likely see any need to
>> start the whole NPRM comment/reply ball rolling again very soon.
>
>You haven't been paying attention.

The things I'm posting would give an unbiased observer the exact
opposite impression.

73 de Larry, K3LT

3475. Re: BAD IDEA for ham radio in general (was Re: Contact the FCC and

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-31 01:53:44 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030730215344.00871.00000966@mb-m17.aol.com>
Source record: 73363

In article <3F28664E.8010402@adelphia.net>, Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
writes:

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>future now hinges on you. And there is nothing a PCTA could do about it
>even if they wanted to.
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> - Mike KB3EIA -

Mike:

ROFLMAO!!! I think the fact that the NCTA's are the new "mainstream" in
amateur radio is nothing short of the laugh of the century! During the code/
no-code (test) debate, they promised the following:

- Tremendous growth in the numbers of new hams, particularly through
the involvement of young, computer literate, technically-inclined people.

- Tremendous increases in the "advancement of the state of the art," with
the aforementioned young people taking us into the high-speed digital age,
giving us the ham radio equivalent of all the commercial wireless services now
available on the cell phone networks and the internet.

- Greater diversity in the ham radio community, through the involvement of
more minorities and women.

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elimination
of the Morse code test.

That's all I can specifically recall. That's enough, however. It will be very interesting
to see just how long it takes for any of the above to take place whenever the FCC gets around to acting on WRC-03. The NCTA has a lot of promises to keep, and many miles to go before they sleep!

73 de Larry, K3LT

3476. Re: The Morse Code Requirement - Is It Really The Reason People Turn Away?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-31 01:53:45 UTC
From: yodoc@aol.comnospam
Message-ID: <20030730215345.00871.00000967@mb-m17.aol.com>
Source record: 73362

In article <20030729230618.27544.00000691@mb-m23.aol.com>, vshah101@aol.com (Vshah101) writes:

>
>>After all
>>those changes, where are the "fresh new ideas?" What are we doing now

>Simple, the old-timers are not interested in new ideas. One example would be
>holding on to Morse code and pressuring new Hams to learn Morse code and
>excluding those that don't want to learn Morse code. Another example is most
>old timers want to just make random contacts and are not interested in the
>technical aspects of the hobby.

Non-responsive. The question was where are the fresh new ideas of the newcomers that have been brought into amateur radio through reduced licensing standards. It wasn't a request for more whining about the "old timers."

>I have proposed new ideas, projects, etc. I didn't say I just want others to
>do
>those projects for me. I would help with those projects - if there were
>interest. I have asked to volunteer for those types of activities on several
>occasions. The old-timers in the club are NOT interested in those types of
>activities.

Then screw the old timers and get your fellow newcomers involved. Duh!!!

>However, they will put extra effort into teaching code classes to
>get people to operate Morse code.

Is that a bad thing?

>Don't blame the newcomers - its the old-timers that want to keep things as
>they are.

Ok, we get it.

If that is the case in your club, then simply work around the old timers that you find so offensive, and get your fellow newcomers involved in your projects. What is so difficult about that? Or would you just prefer to whine, instead?

73 de Larry, K3LT

3477. Re: NCVEC Position on Code

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-31 02:03:38 UTC
From: "Dick Carroll;" <dixie@townsqr.com>
Message-ID: <bg9tdq$s69$0@208.206.142.78>
Source record: 73365

rsm wrote:

> On Wed, 30 Jul 2003 23:50:59 GMT, "Jim Hampton"
> <aa2qa@frontiernet.net> wrote:
>
> >Richard,
> >
> >I doubt anyone has questioned the direction of Morse testing. The only
> >question is when. It may be sooner than I had guessed (I guessed a couple -
> >2 - of years).
> >
> >73 from Rochester, NY
> >Jim AA2QA
>
> I just didn't think it would be the NCVEC that would initiate it. This
> certainly doesn't reflect the position of the members of the 2 VE
> teams I'm active with.
>
> I expected the VECs to ask for comments and they would then take the
> majority position.

You obviously aren't familiar with W5YI

3478. Re: BAD IDEA for ham radio in general (was Re: Contact the FCC and

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-31 02:08:20 UTC
From: "Dick Carroll;" <dixie@townsqr.com>
Message-ID: <bg9tmk$s69$1@208.206.142.78>
Source record: 73366

Larry Roll K3LT wrote:

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> writes:
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> FCC gets around to acting on WRC-03. The NCTA has a lot of promises to keep,
> and many miles to go before they sleep!

Not to worry though, Larry. With the NCTA in charge ham radio won't be dead. Just brain dead.

3479. Re: Good bye CODE!

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-31 02:11:14 UTC
From: "Dick Carroll;" <dixie@townsqr.com>
Message-ID: <bg9ts2$s69$2@208.206.142.78>
Source record: 73367

Brian wrote:

> yodoc@aol.comnospam (Larry Roll K3LT) wrote in message
news:<20030729223106.20198.00001064@mb-m14.aol.com>...
> > In article <bg7489dps1@slb6.atl.mindspring.net>, "Dan/W4NTI"
> > <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com> writes:
> >
> > >Hi troll idiot....hope ur not in a hurry. The PCTAs are gonna put you on
> > >hold for another decade at least.
> > >
> > >Dan/W4NTI
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Really, Brain? Would you care to cite exactly the source and contents of that mandate?

3480. Re: BAD IDEA for ham radio in general (was Re: Contact the FCC and

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-31 02:13:01 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mcoslo@adelphia.net>
Message-ID: <3F287B6C.3070600@adelphia.net>
Source record: 73368

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> Mike:
>
> ROFLMAO!!! I think the fact that the NCTA's are the new "mainstream" in
> amateur radio is nothing short of the laugh of the century! During the code/
> no-code (test) debate, they promised the following:

Though no doubt some bitterness in that laugh, eh?

> - Tremendous growth in the numbers of new hams, particularly through
> the involvement of young, computer literate, technically-inclined people.

right

> - Tremendous increases in the "advancement of the state of the art," with
> the aforementioned young people taking us into the high-speed digital age,
> giving us the ham radio equivalent of all the commercial wireless services now
> available on the cell phone networks and the internet.

right

> - Greater diversity in the ham radio community, through the involvement of
> more minorities and women.

What a racist thing for them to say.

oh yeah, right.

> - Growth in the numbers of physically-challenged hams due to the
> elimination
> of the Morse code test.

arrgh, right.

> That's all I can specifically recall. That's enough, however. It will be very
> interesting
> to see just how long it takes for any of the above to take place whenever the
> FCC gets around to acting on WRC-03. The NCTA has a lot of promises to keep,
> and many miles to go before they sleep!

Every once in a while, the worst thing a group can get is what it asks
for! ;^)

- Mike KB3EIA -

3481. Re: CW Gone ?? It Ain't Over Til It Is Over!

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-31 02:16:08 UTC
From: "Dick Carroll;" <dixie@townsqr.com>
Message-ID: <bg9u58$s69$3@208.206.142.78>
Source record: 73369

Bert Craig wrote:

> "Phil Kane" <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop> wrote in message
> news:cuvyxnansvbet.hilqzwf.pminews@netnews.comcast.net...
> > On 24 Jul 2003 19:02:34 -0700, Brian Kelly wrote:
> >
> > >> The FCC want 5
> > >> copies, though, including the original. That's a lot of paper and ink!
> > >
> > >I tried to warn ya!
> >
> > REAL filings at the FCC require NINE copies......and they do not go
> > to "The Commissioners".
> >
> > Did you also warn him that stuff sent to "The Commissioners" will
> > get put in a certain round wire basket because that's NOT the
> > procedure for getting rules changed?
>
> You mean like the vanity call system NPRM, Phil?
>

Yeah, right along with the medical code waivers!

3482. Some comments on the NCVEC petition

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-31 02:21:05 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030730222105.24390.00001460@mb-m19.aol.com>
Source record: 73372

>PETITION FOR RULE MAKING

>The National Conference of Volunteer Examiner Coordinators (NCVEC) is
>the umbrella organization comprised of the fourteen organizations
>charged since 1984, under Section 97.519(a) of the rules of the Federal
>Communications Commission, 47 CFR 97.519(a) to develop and administer
>all Amateur Radio operator license testing and to electronically file
>all successful license applications with the FCC. In total, the VECs
>and their more than 30,000 VE teams have collectively administered
>nearly two million examinations during the past twenty years and have
>notified the FCC to issue approximately a million new and upgraded
>Amateur Radio licenses.

The NCVEC is not, however, an organization where the VECs are elected, or where individual VE opinions were gathered or solicited.

>Once a year, the various Volunteer Examiner Coordinator organizations
>meet at their annual conference to discuss the various issues that
>impact Amateur Radio operator testing. At their July 25, 2003, meeting
>held with the FCC in Gettysburg, PA, the VECs overwhelmingly agreed
>that Morse code testing should be immediately ended since it was now
>possible to do so. It was also noted that countries have already begun
>discontinuing Morse examinations. As a result the VECs voted to file
>this Petition asking that the FCC take expedited action to allow them
>to discontinue administering Element 1, the 5 words-per-minute
>telegraphy examination as soon as possible.

No surprise there.

>Pursuant to Section 1.405 of the Commission's procedural rules (47
>C.F.R. 1.405), the NCVEC hereby respectfully requests that the
>Commission issue a Notice of Proposed Rule Making at an early date
>looking toward amendment of the rules governing the Amateur Radio
>Service, 47 C.F.R. 97.1 et seq., as set forth herein and in the
>attached Appendix.

No imagination, either.

>The rule changes requested herein would terminate the telegraphy
>examination requirement and permit existing Technician Class operators
>to access HF spectrum as provided in 47 C.F.R. 97.301(e) without the
>necessity of passing a Morse code examination. This request to
>eliminate the Morse code (Element 1) examination does not necessarily
>have the support of the ARRL Board since they have yet to develop a
>position on the matter. In support of its petition, NCVEC states as
>follows:

>I. Introduction and Background
>
> Since the turn of the century, the Morse code, invented by American
> Samuel Morse and first used in 1844, has been the foundation of early
> distress and safety communications. Although Morse code (or CW, as it
> is commonly called) was the primary mode of communications from the
> late 19th Century through the early 20th Century, it has all but become
> obsolete in practically all other contemporary communication systems.
> Due to the emergence of satellite and digital communications, manual
> telegraphy is no longer used or required in any radio service other
> than in the Amateur Service.

Amateur radio operators, however, use it extensively. On the HF/MF amateur bands, it is the second most popular mode of communications, only slightly behind SSB in popularity.

The Amateur Radio Service is unlike other radio services in its needs and resources.

> Radiotelegraphy in the maritime service has been phased out in favor of
> modern technology. The last vestige of manual telegraphy began being
> phased out in the maritime service in 1988 when the International
> Maritime Organization adopted the Global Maritime Distress and Safety
> System (GMDSS).
>
> In the 1990's, countries around the world began closing down their
> distress 500 kHz calling frequency watch which had been in use since
> 1912. The final 500 kHz message sent by the U.S. Coast Guard took
> place from station NMN (Chesapeake Virginia) on April 1, 1995, and they
> no longer monitor the frequency.

Most radio amateurs are not on ships.
>
> Even though the commercial world eliminated Morse code as a
> communications medium many years ago, it has continued on the Amateur
> bands because manual Morse proficiency was an international Amateur
> Service requirement when operating on spectrum under 30 MHz.

There is no requirement that any radio amateur actually use Morse code. Radio amateurs use it by choice.

Other services are constrained by considerations of cost, particularly labor cost. They consider elimination of the need for a skilled radio operator to be progress. Amateurs do not.

To most other radio services, radio is but a means to an end, not an end in itself. Amateur radio, by contrast, is radio for its own sake.

> II. Telegraphy requirement in the Amateur Service
>
> There are many communications modes and emissions available to the
> radio amateur and manual CW is just another one that certainly deserves
> no special priority. The amateur radio operator examination process
> does not require a practical demonstration in the ability to use any

> other mode - even though more than a thousand modes and emissions are
> available to the Amateur Service.

Except for single sideband radiotelphony, none of those other modes approaches
Morse code in popularity on the amateur bands below 30 MHz.
>
> The international law previously required unspecified proficiency in
> the International Morse code when the operation takes place in the
> medium or high frequency bands. Because of technological advances,
> this regulation has become inconsistent with the goals of the Amateur
> Service since it provides a barrier to otherwise qualified individuals
> who wish to experiment and communicate below 30 MHz. There can be no
> doubt that the Morse code proficiency requirements have constituted an
> unnecessary and artificial impediment to fuller use of the Amateur
> Radio Service for many potential and existing amateurs.

The removal of the code test requirement for amateur licenses above 30 MHz has
not resulted in a technological revolution in amateur radio on those
frequencies. There is no reason to expect one below 30 MHz.

> It appears that the reason that many (no-code) Technician amateurs are
> not upgrading to license classes that require telegraphy suggests that
> the Morse code requirement may be a significant barrier.

> III. Morse code testing is a burden to the applicant
>
> It should be noted that while today's personal computers can easily
> send and receive telegraphy, the international Morse code "sent by hand
> and received by ear" requirement continued as a worldwide fundamental
> requirement for an amateur operator license until the recent actions by
> the International Telecommunications Union.
>
> The taking of the telegraphy examination is an unnecessary burden upon
> the applicant. Experience has shown that it is more often than not a
> very stressful experience for the examinee. With the elimination of
> the international requirement for skill in manual telegraphy, there is
> no longer any reasonable justification for requiring an applicant to
> demonstrate this antiquated skill.
>
> It is one that must be acquired through rote memorization of the
> character meanings of some 43 combinations of audible dots and dashes:
> 26 letters of the alphabet, numerals 0 through 9, four punctuation
> marks and three characters unique to CW. This must be followed by
> numerous practice sessions until the necessary skill is achieved. Most
> applicants, once they pass the code exam, never use the mode on the
> amateur airwaves. And many, perhaps most, could not pass it again if
> required to do so.

Written tests are a burden to the applicants, too.

Most radio amateurs do not construct or repair their own equipment, yet they
are required to know something about how it works.

> While it continues to serve some amateur operators well, as it did in
> the early days of radio, it is now but one of many modes available to
> amateur operators. The lack of interest in CW has turned many
> prospective amateur operators away from the Amateur Service. IV.
> Morse proficiency is not an indication of a quality operator
>
> Some amateurs believe that the effort and sacrifice needed to learn
> Morse code indicates a more dedicated and, therefore, a better
> candidate for Amateur Radio. No evidence exists, however, that
> supports a relationship between manual telegraphy proficiency and the
> quality, desirability or motivation of the operator.

However, it should be noted that most of the Commission's enforcement actions for poor and illegal operating practices such as jamming, obscenity/profanity, failure to identify, operation outside of license privileges and failure to heed bandplans are against amateurs using voice modes, not Morse code or digital modes.

> What the Morse code licensing requirement does do, however, is to
> greatly reduce the number of applicants operating in the medium and
> high frequencies. Many people question why an individual with vast
> knowledge in the electronics field should be excluded from operating on
> HF spectrum due to a personal disinterest in the Morse code.
>
> Continuing the use of Morse code proficiency as a means with which to
> gauge "quality" or to limit the number of amateur radio operators
> accessing public spectrum is certainly at odds with the FCC's mandate
> to promote the wider use of radio and its commitment to the use of
> emerging technologies.
>
> V. Morse proficiency should not be required to operate in the voice mode
>
> It appears that most amateurs want to communicate in the voice mode.
> It makes no sense from a regulatory perspective to require radio
> amateurs to be Morse proficient when the greater majority of radio
> amateurs do not desire to use that mode and there is no regulatory
> reason for them to do so.

Since most amateurs do not desire to build their own equipment.....
>
> The future of Amateur Radio encompasses many modes undreamed of just a
> few years ago. Although manual telegraphy is a noble part of the
> Amateur Radio's past, it is no longer the prime emission mode.
>
> In short, the Commission should ensure that the amateur examination
> elements are appropriate for the types of operation that will be
> performed by the licensee.

Following this logic, the written exams should be stripped of anything a licensee does not have an interest in.

> VI. An unnecessary burden upon the VEC system
>

> The administration of a CW examination imposes an unnecessary burden
> upon the VE teams who must prepare and administer the CW examinations.
> It requires extensive preparation and special equipment to prepare and
> administer properly. It is often disruptive and unsettling to those
> other examinees who are taking one of the written examinations within
> the same room.
>
> Under 97.507(d), the VEs must prepare and record a series of messages
> sufficient to preclude any one message from becoming known to the
> examinees. Each message must contain every one of the 43 telegraphy
> characters at least once during period of at least 5 minutes. At the
> prescribed speed of 5 words per minute, and at the prescribed 5
> characters per word, the message is little more than 25 words in
> length. In practice, it is a difficult task to compose a realistic
> message under these limitations. It is also an unnecessary burden upon
> the coordinating VECs since most of them also prepare telegraphy
> examinations for their VE teams.
>
> VII. An unnecessary burden upon the amateur service community
>
> The amateur service community suffers from the loss to its ranks of a
> large number of potentially excellent operators who are turned away
> because of the CW requirement. Either because of lack of the requisite
> aptitude for sending and receiving CW or because of an unwillingness to
> spend the time acquiring a skill for which they find of no value to
> them, they forego becoming amateur operators.

Yet the growth in amateur radio from 1990 to 2000, when there were both medical waivers and a nocodetest license, was almost identical to that from 1980 to 1990, when all amateur licenses required code tests and there were no waivers..

> VIII. An unnecessary burden upon the FCC
>
> Now that the international (treaty) Morse code requirement is optional,
> the FCC can expect to receive numerous requests for waivers of the
> Morse code examination due to applicant hearing and other medical
> conditions in order to be compliant with the Americans with
> Disabilities Act (ADA).

Yet it was not compliance with the ADA that resulted in medical waivers for the 13 and 20 wpm code tests.

> When there were multiple code tests, the FCC cited the international
> (treaty) requirement, as the reason that the five word-per-minute code
> test could not be waived. This case no longer applies and the FCC will
> have to develop procedures to guide both themselves and the VECs/VEs in
> handling requests for code exam waivers that are certain to come.
>
> Dealing with requests for a waiver of the code exam could create an
> unnecessary burden on the FCC and VECs/VEs and consume an excessive
> amount of time and resources. It seems illogical to require all

> amateur examinees to pass a requirement that could be waived by the
> actions of a physician. History has shown that physician-initiated
> waiver requests have been very controversial in the Amateur Service.

By this logic, the written tests will also be a target of waiver actions. For example, profoundly deaf people are currently required to study for exams which include numerous questions on SSB and other voice modes even though there is little chance they will ever use those modes.

> IX. World Administrative Radio Conference 2003
>
> The only changes made to the international Amateur Service regulations
> over the last 75 years concern the frequency above which amateurs may
> operate without Morse testing. At their Washington, DC conference in
> 1927, the ITU (then called the International Telegraph Union) allocated
> frequency bands to the various radio services and established operating
> guidelines and operator qualifications. It was deemed important that
> Amateurs prove an ability to transmit and receive communications in
> Morse signals since, at the time, radiotelegraphy was the primary means
> of long range communication.
>
> Since then, the administrations comprising International
> Telecommunication Union have reviewed and voted to relax the Amateur
> Service's mandatory Morse proficiency requirement at every
> international conference capable of doing so.
>
> In 1947 (Atlantic City), the ITU agreed that Morse proficiency should
> only be required when the operation took place on frequencies below
> 1000 MHz (1 GHz.) At WARC-59, the 1959 World Administrative Radio
> Conference, this level dropped to 144 MHz. A further reduction was
> made at WARC-79 to 30 MHz. Consequently, up until recently, Article
> S25.5 3 read: 25.5 3. 1) Any person seeking a license to
> operate the apparatus of an amateur station shall prove that he is able
> to send correctly by hand and to receive correctly by ear, texts in
> Morse code signals. The administrations concerned may, however, waive
> this requirement in the case of stations making use exclusively of
> frequencies above 30 MHz.
>
> At WRC-2003, the international Radio Regulation Article S25.5 3 was
> revised to make the Morse code testing requirement a matter for each
> licensing administration to decide for itself. Effective July 5, 2003,
> Article S25.5 3 reads: 25.5 3. 1) Administrations shall
> determine whether or not a person seeking a license to operate an
> amateur station shall demonstrate the ability to send and receive texts
> in Morse code signals.
>
> X. Summary of NCVEC proposal to end Morse testing
>
> The attached appendix contains a list of the rules that must be amended
> if Morse code examinations are to be discontinued. These amendments

> propose merely to end the manual telegraphy examination and to permit
> Technician Class operators the same frequency privileges as those
> enjoyed by Technician Class operators who have passed a code exam.
>
> Therefore, the foregoing considered, NCVEC, the National Conference of
> Volunteer Examiner Coordinators, respectfully requests that the
> Commission issue a Notice of Proposed Rule Making at any early date,
> proposing the rule changes set forth herein, and in the appendix
> attached hereto.
>
> Respectfully submitted,
>
> NCVEC, National Conference of VECs
> P.O. Box 565101, Dallas, Texas 75356

This proposal simply drops Element 1 without making any other changes. Oddly enough, if it were adopted, Technicians would gain a bit of 10 meter SSB. Most of the privileges Technicians would gain would be slices of 80, 40, 15 and 10 meter CW.

73 de Jim, N2EY

3483. Re: NCVEC NPRM for elimination of horse and buggy morse code requirement.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-31 02:21:06 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030730222106.24390.00001462@mb-m19.aol.com>
Source record: 73370

It's not an NPRM. It's a petition.

3484. Re: The FACTS about the Morse Code and the FCC.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-31 02:21:06 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030730222106.24390.00001461@mb-m19.aol.com>
Source record: 73371

In article <cuvyxnansvbet.hiutodk.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>, "Phil Kane"
<Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop> writes:

>On Tue, 29 Jul 2003 23:20:53 -0600, Rod Anderson wrote:
>
>>Sorry Dan you and the ARRL forgot to consider the affect of Americans
>>with Disabilities law, The only reason that the courts have not
>>thrown out the code requirement is the international treaty required
>>it, the treaty overuled US laws.
>
> Keep believing that myth....I have a bridge for sale, too.
>
> The only reasons that the courts have not thrown out the code
> requirement are:
>
> (1) a case has never been brought (Federal courts do not issue
> advisory rulings, they require an actual case) because:
>
> (2) FCC requires that suitable accommodations be made for an
> applicant's observable or claimed disabilities when tests which do
> not otherwise discrimninate are given, and
>
> (3) the Federal courts in a matter such as this require that the
> plaintiff exhaust all administrative appeals and in general they
> defer to the judgment of the regulatory agencies in the area of the
> agency's expertise such as the requirements for a license as long as
> the requirements are equitably applied and reasonable accommodations
> (see #2 above) are made.
>
>>Shortly after the US ratifies the
>>new treaty which no longer requires the ability to send and receive
>>code the US courts will throw out the FCC's code requirement.
>
> Nah... even if such a case is brought, any regulatory attorney worth
> his/her salt can tie it up pending FCC action in its own sweet time.
>
>>The
>>courts take a dim view of irrelevant requiremnts, you are going to
>>have a a hard time convincing the courts that ability to receive code
>>at 5 wpm is necessary requirement to "talk over the radio".
>
> See #3 above.
>
>>Morse has much in common with the use of the sliderule. 40 years ago

>>when I was in school engineers spent several weeks of class studying
>>the use of the sliderule and logarithms to simplify calculations.
>
> Maybe in your school. In my engineering school - one of the top 3
> in the US - one had to know how to use both the sliderule and log
> tables in order to be admitted, which for me was 50 years ago next
> month....

31 years ago, when I entered EE school, everyone knew how to use a sliderule. It was not required, just expected. No class time was spent learning how to use one. >
>>I have better ways to spend my time than studying Morse code but I
>>still can find the power of a number using a log log slide rule
>
> K+E Log Log Duplex Vector -- I take it out once a year to prove to
> my computer-geek son that I can still do it.....
>
> But as to communications law....leave that to us attorney
> specialists. This is MY field.
>
>--
> 73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane
> Registered Professsional Engineer
>
Tell them the JY1 story, Phil. Some folks actually think medical waivers were the result of ADA.

73 de Jim, N2EY

3485. Re: NCVEC Position on Code

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-31 02:30:03 UTC
From: Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
Message-ID: <cuvyxnansvbet.hiv2j1m.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 73373

On Wed, 30 Jul 2003 22:01:06 -0400, rsm wrote:

>For its intended purpose, assigning CB to 11 meters was stupid. Doing
>away with CB licensing was the second mistake.

The FCC didn't have a choice in the second. The Congress ordered
the Commission to discontinue CB licensing after the FCC testified
that catching unlicensed CB stations was the biggest problem in
field enforcement. No CB license required, no expenditure on
catching unlicensed CBers, so they thought.

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73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane

3486. Re: NCVEC NPRM for elimination of horse and buggy morse code requirement.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-31 02:46:11 UTC
From: Chic N Pox <oafowemes300@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <1059619651.562710@newshost03.voicenet.com>
Source record: 73374

"N2EY" <n2ey@aol.com> wrote in message
news:20030730222106.24390.00001462@mb-m19.aol.com...
> It's not an NPRM. It's a petition.

yeah- yeah...I've been in ham radio since
the late 60's and supported the ending of code
in the 80's when it would have done some good.

Still! Un-be-freaking-lievable!

They are still arguing the same ages-old debate
of if to keep stupid damm old code!

Good lord Glub all-purpose....will this debate EVER end????

3487. Re: Fight the BPL

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-31 03:01:13 UTC
From: Mike <mdickman@bevcomm.net>
Message-ID: <3F288822.54D322E5@bevcomm.net>
Source record: 73375
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.swap,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.policy

I would have gave money 10 years ago if the ARRL had advocated dropping that flippin' CW. Now that the ARRL is being pushed from the top down all they want is money. Sounds like another government agency to me.

Zoran Brlecic wrote:

> Even if you are not an ARRL member and/or disagree with its policy, you
> should seriously consider contributing to this fund. If the BPL
> technology ever gets implemented, this may very well be the end of ham
> radio as we know it. Make no mistake about it - we're talking 60 dB
> noise increase across the entire HF, not dropping the Morse requirement!
> And for what? So that people in the rural areas of USA can have a faster
> download from porn sites?
>
> https://www.arrl.org/forms/development/donations/bpl/
>
> A measly $25 - $100 can help prevent your $5000 equipment from becoming
> an expensive coffee cup warmer.
>
> 73 .... WA7AA
>
> --
>
> Anti-spam measure: look me up on qrz.com if you need to reply directly

--
Mike
reply: mdickman@bevcomm.net

Powered by Mandrake Linux, no reboots since 5 February, 2003

3488. Re: The FACTS about the Morse Code and the FCC.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-31 03:12:33 UTC
From: Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
Message-ID: <cuvyxnansvbet.hiv4kbn.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 73376

On 31 Jul 2003 02:21:06 GMT, N2EY wrote:

>Tell them the JY1 story, Phil. Some folks actually think medical
>waivers were the result of ADA.

How soon we forget...maybe we ought to replace the Element 1 Morse test with an Element 1 amateur radio history test...

Off the top of my head.....

In days of yore when George I reigned in Washington, some amateur in Pennsylvania could not pass the 13 wpm test as hard as he tried. So one day whilst in QSO with JY1, he mentioned that what ham radio in the USA really needed more than anything else was a mechanism for him to get an upgraded license without passing the higher speed code test because he had (alleged) medical problems that (allegedly) precluded him from dealing with Morse code above 5 wpm.

So when next in QSO with George I, JY1 said (in essence) "Georgie, if you want to quarter your troops in my country - JY1 being King Hussein of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordon - do my dear friend a favor and let him get an upgraded ham license with no higher-speed code test".

So George I summoned the Chairman of the FCC ("Mad Man Mark" Fowler or Al "Who the heck is he" Sykes - forget which) to his oval chamber, clapped his hands like the Pasha does in the movies, and said "do it".

"So it was written, so it was done."

--
73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane

From a Clearing in the Silicon Forest
Beaverton (Washington County) Oregon

3489. Re: NCVEC NPRM for elimination of horse and buggy morse code requirement.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-31 03:20:39 UTC
From: Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93C8ED614DE36elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>
Source record: 73377

"Chic N Pox" <oafowemes300@yahoo.com> wrote in
news:1059619651.562710@newshost03.voicenet.com:

>
> "N2EY" <n2ey@aol.com> wrote in message
> news:20030730222106.24390.00001462@mb-m19.aol.com...
>> It's not an NPRM. It's a petition.
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> yeah- yeah...I've been in ham radio since
> the late 60's and supported the ending of code
> in the 80's when it would have done some good.
>
> Still! Un-be-freaking-lievable!
>
> They are still arguing the same ages-old debate
> of if to keep stupid damm old code!
>
> Good lord Glub all-purpose....will this debate EVER end????
>
>
>

Yes. When the FCC repeal code testing, it will end.

3490. Re: Good bye CODE!

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-31 03:25:36 UTC
From: Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93C8EE3895D6Eelektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>
Source record: 73378

yodoc@aol.comnospam (Larry Roll K3LT) wrote in
news:20030730215343.00871.00000965@mb-m17.aol.com:

> In article <f45722ac.0307301509.21e0a81d@posting.google.com>,
> brianburke@juno.com (Brian) writes:
>
>>> Dan:
>>>
>>> Good point. And the PCTA's may not need to lift a finger. After
>>> all, the FCC just went to a great deal of time and expense to
>>> restructure the U.S. amateur radio licensing system,
>>
>>A recurring review was and is required. Do you know how often they
>>must review the regs?
>
> Brian:
>
> Every four years. Which means that the present Element 1 code test has
> at least until April 15, 2004, plus the time it takes for the 2004
> Quadrenneal Review, then the time it takes for the FCC to review any
> Petitions for Rulemaking I may have received, then the time it would
> take for the NPRM, comment, and reply comment process to take place.
> Code testing could probably go on for anywhere from 2 to 4 years from
> now. I never said that it wouldn't be eliminated, just that it isn't a
> "front-burner" issue for the FCC.
>
>> and may not be all that
>>> motivated to go through that process again in such short order.
>>
>>They don't have a choice. It's called a mandate.
>
> What mandate? Who is "mandating" the elimination of code testing?
> The ITU left it up to the individual administrations whether or not
> they would require code testing in their country's ARS licensing
> system. There is no "mandate" to eliminate it whatsoever.
>
>> Since
>>> they felt that the 5 WPM test requirement was acceptable to those
>>> who would have burdened them with medical waiver requests had they
>>> kept a higher speed code test, they will not likely see any need to
>>> start the whole NPRM comment/reply ball rolling again very soon.
>>
>>You haven't been paying attention.
>

> The things I'm posting would give an unbiased observer the exact
> opposite impression.
>
> 73 de Larry, K3LT
>

Do you realise if it does take two years, the US will be just about the
only country with code testing, except maybe Russia!

3491. Re: NCVEC Position on Code

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-31 03:32:45 UTC
From: Chic N Pox <oafowemes300@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <1059622545.396048@newshost03.voicenet.com>
Source record: 73379
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy

"Dick Carroll;" <dixie@townsqr.com> wrote in message
news:bg9qc0lpk0@208.206.142.78...
> If/when the FCC totally eliminates code testing it will have made the
> second biggest mistake of its tenure of regulating amateur radio. The first
was
> the introduction of a Citizens Band on frequencies where
> propagation causes RF to travel long distances.
>
> Anyone who believes otherwise will, in time, learn the truth.
>
> Dick

Hey Dick........

Were you perchance a Ham-Op in the 80's and early 90's
when the infamous "14.313 Booer Wars" between
KV4FZ's "anti-phone patch" factions and the opposing
Maritime Mobile Net's faction were in full swing..?

It was QUITE a time!

Just about any week night and all weekend long you could
tune to either 14.300 or 14.313 and hear any variety of
catcalls, music, snide comments, foul language, noisemakers,
the infamous "dirty black box" and anything else in-between.
(the way it worked was if the MM Net was on .313 then the
nuts were on .300 and visa-versa) This went on for close
to 12 Years that I was aware of. It became known as the
Ham Radio Comedy Channel and before it ended it drew in
just about every kook from 75 Meters.

Guess what Dick...? It turned out that 90% of the WORST
on the air offenders and un-ID'ed stations turned out to be
Hams with Advanced and Extra Class Licensees, most of
of which had held that ticket for 10 or more years duration
and more importantly, at that time one needed to pass a 13 and 20
WPM code test respectively to obtain in the first place!
(...unless of course, you bribed the VEC for your code-credit
which was occuring in parts of the Southeastern USA at the time)

So Dick, please remember that keeping Code WILL NOT
keep the fruitcakes out of the hobby, nor will it bring more stations
into the same. The fruitcakes are already here, and for the most
part, the general public does not know ham radio from a wristwatch
nor would they as the "radio craze" of the late-70's CB Era

ended a VERY long time ago.

Besides, if they (the public) want "radio communications" they are
going to go to WalMart and purchase a pair of blister-packed FRS
Radios for $39.95 from off the pegboard in Asile #7. (...and if you
went to WalMart back in April or May, you could have snagged
a pair of full-channel Motorola FRS Radios for $26.68 as I did
when they were on sale)

I've been in ham radio since the late 60's and
supported the ending of code
in the 80's when it would have done some good.
Forget it doing ANY good now of course as
today's youth are more interested in the Internet
than in ham radio. If they want "radio" there's FRS.
Buy em, put in 3 type AA Cells and your talkin with FRS.

Sorry but that's the truth.

Still, it's ****Un-be-freaking-lievable**** that the
same ages-old debate of if to keep stupid
damm old code or not is still going on.
Then again, ham radio has been in an arrested state
of development for Years.

Looks like ole Wayne Green was right ALL ALONG.

.... .. :) :) :)

3492. Re: The FACTS about the Morse Code and the FCC.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-31 03:33:57 UTC
From: "Dick Carroll;" <dixie@townsqr.com>
Message-ID: <bga2n5$7em$0@208.206.142.112>
Source record: 73380

Phil Kane wrote:

> On 31 Jul 2003 02:21:06 GMT, N2EY wrote:
>
> >Tell them the JY1 story, Phil. Some folks actually think medical
> >waivers were the result of ADA.
>
> How soon we forget...maybe we ought to replace the Element 1 Morse
> test with an Element 1 amateur radio history test...
>
> Off the top of my head.....
>
> In days of yore when George I reigned in Washington, some amateur
> in Pennsylvania could not pass the 13 wpm test as hard as he tried.
> So one day whilst in QSO with JY1, he mentioned that what ham radio
> in the USA really needed more than anything else was a mechanism for
> him to get an upgraded license without passing the higher speed code
> test because he had (alleged) medical problems that (allegedly)
> precluded him from dealing with Morse code above 5 wpm.
>
> So when next in QSO with George I, JY1 said (in essence) "Georgie,
> if you want to quarter your troops in my country - JY1 being King
> Hussein of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordon - do my dear friend a
> favor and let him get an upgraded ham license with no higher-speed
> code test".
>
> So George I summoned the Chairman of the FCC ("Mad Man Mark" Fowler
> or Al "Who the heck is he" Sykes - forget which) to his oval chamber,
> clapped his hands like the Pasha does in the movies, and said "do it".
>
> "So it was written, so it was done."

WITHOUT the benefit of any petition, NPRM or any paperwork of any sort IIRC.
Which is why I once said (right here) that the No code train could easily be
derailed by a "word" from the right source to a certain recipient.
So far it hasn't come. It probably won't.

3493. Re: NCVEC NPRM for elimination of horse and buggy morse code requirement.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-31 03:40:17 UTC
From: Floyd Davidson <floyd@barrow.com>
Message-ID: <8765ljcqji.fld@barrow.com>
Source record: 73381

...
>PETITION FOR RULE MAKING
...

>Respectfully submitted,
>
>NCVEC, National Conference of VECs
>P.O. Box 565101, Dallas, Texas 75356
>
>
>By:___
>Frederick O. Maia, W5YI, Chairman,
>NCVEC Rules Committee
>
>July 29, 2003

Some additional background information which was posted to the
KL7AA mailing list (for the Anchorage ARC). Note that Jim Wiley
was a member of the drafting committe which produced the petition.

========== begin quoted text ==========

Subject: Morse Code Petition Filed
Date: Wed, 30 Jul 2003 09:04:39 -0800
From: Jim Wiley <jwiley@alaska.net>

RE: Morse code testing petition

The attached MS Word file is the NCVEC petition as filed with
the FCC today. The NCVEC voted at the recent annual meeting
to draft this petition and submit it ASAP. The committee
selected to draft this petition consisted of : Fred Maia,
W5YI, (Committee Chairman) (W5YI VEC); John Johnston, W3BE,
(Laurel ARC VEC); Scott Neustadter, W4WW, (Central America
VEC); Jim Wiley, KL7CC, (Anchorage ARC VEC).

In case some of these names are unfamiliar, John Johnston,
W3BE, formerly with the FCC, is the individual who originally
wrote most of what we know today as the "Part 97" regulations
that govern Amateur Radio. Scott Neustadter, W4WW, is an
aerospace engineer with Boeing Co., and is the individual who
heads up the national VEC Question Pool committee, and in fact
is the person who generates most (but not all) of the theory
questions found on exams. Scott is, in the truest sense of
the word, a genuine "Rocket Scientist". Fred Maia, W5YI,

started one of the largest VEC organizations in the country. I am unsure whether his group or the ARRL VEC leads in number of exams given. Fred sold his business about 3 years ago, and remains active as a virtual consultant in Amateur Radio licensing matters. I joined the committee for two reasons, first, because of the ongoing project we (the Anchorage ARC VEC) initiated to do remote testing, and also because it looked like something that could be very interesting. The members of the committee were nominated from the floor at the July 25th VEC conference in Gettysburg, PA, and were approved by a vote of all NCVEC representatives present.

This petition is the first of a series that we (as the NCVEC) plan to file. Assuming that the first petition is successful, we will follow up in several months with additional petitions concerning modifications to the amateur radio licensing structure, and reallocation of the present Novice CW bands on the 80, 40, and 15 meters. Experience gained with the results of the first petition will be used to guide us in filing the follow-on petitions,. all of which are related in some way.

All of this will be discussed at the upcoming AARC general membership meeting, this Friday. Plan to attend, and bring your questions. I will answer them if I can.

- Jim,

========== end quoted text ==========

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Floyd L. Davidson <http://web.newsguy.com/floyd_davidson>
Ukpeagvik (Barrow, Alaska) floyd@barrow.com

3494. Re: Fight the BPL

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-31 03:55:17 UTC
From: Keith <kilowattradio_spam@earthlink.net>
Message-ID: <bga43d022ul@enews1.newsguy.com>
Source record: 73384
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.swap,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.policy

On Thu, 31 Jul 2003 03:01:13 GMT, Mike <mdickman@bevcomm.net> wrote:

> I would have gave money 10 years ago if the ARRL had advocated dropping that
> flippin' CW. Now that the ARRL is being pushed from the top down all they
> want is money. Sounds like another government agency to me.

Yes, this is too little to late. What are the ARRL boys going to do with the
extra money, buy some Senator a whore and put money in his campaign fund? No
thanks.

>
> Zoran Brlecic wrote:
>
> > Even if you are not an ARRL member and/or disagree with its policy, you
> > should seriously consider contributing to this fund.

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The Radio Page Ham, Police Scanner, Shortwave and more.
http://www.kilowatt-radio.org/

3495. Re: Good bye CODE!

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-31 03:58:55 UTC
From: "Dick Carroll;" <dixie@townsqr.com>
Message-ID: <bga45v$b8e$0@208.207.71.152>
Source record: 73382

Alun Palmer wrote:

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>
> Do you realise if it does take two years, the US will be just about the
> only country with code testing, except maybe Russia!

The amazing thing is that you really think that's terrible!

3496. Re: With CW gone, can the CW allocations be far behind?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-31 04:04:30 UTC
From: Mike Yetsko <joe@user.com>
Message-ID: <vih5cnbq4to352@corp.supernews.com>
Source record: 73383
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy

"N2EY" <N2EY@AOL.COM> wrote in message
news:c2356669.0307301349.26a9478d@posting.google.com...
> "Mike Yetsko" <joe@user.com> wrote in message
news:<vifvkcp4d0pk4b@corp.supernews.com>...
> > From what I heard, (from a posting on QRZ) the NCVEC group
> > yesterday filed a petition with the FCC to abandon CW testing.
> >
> > The petition, unfortunatly, makes no provisions to preserve CW
> > subbands...
>
> Mike,
>
> What CW subbands?
>
> I just read the thing on QRZ.com, and it looks to me like all the
> NCVEC wants to do is dump Element 1 and allow Techs who have not
> passed a code test to have the same HF privs as Novices and Techs who
> have passed a code test. No subband changes, written test changes,
> etc. Just elimination of Element 1.
>
> Did I miss something?
>
> Odd that NCVEC beat NCI to the punch on this one.
>
> 73 de Jim, N2EY

If you read the proposal, it's a bit confusing in how they specify frequency
for privilege. The only two scenarios that make sense is that they propose
rolling in novice CW space with generic space, or that novice space is
allowed into the CW space even though they've never been tested for
CW.

The second I approve of. I think right now, today, all tech operators
should be allowed on HF in the CW space for novices. Ie, give them
the CW space to play with IN CW ONLY.

Mike

3497. Re: NCVEC Position on Code

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-31 04:23:41 UTC
From: Floyd Davidson <floyd@barrow.com>
Message-ID: <87wudzb9yq.fld@barrow.com>
Source record: 73385
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy

"Chic N Pox" <oafowemes300@yahoo.com> wrote:
>So Dick, please remember that keeping Code WILL NOT
>keep the fruitcakes out of the hobby, nor will it bring more stations
>into the same. The fruitcakes are already here, ...

The irony of trying to tell Dick that, is just too good.

He *is* proof; but all the other evidence you cited was
interesting... :-)

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Floyd L. Davidson <http://web.newsguy.com/floyd_davidson>
Ukpeagvik (Barrow, Alaska) floyd@barrow.com

3498. Re: There is no International Code Requirement and techs can operate

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-31 04:26:37 UTC
From: kelly@dvol.com
Message-ID: <d22b54c3.0307302026.3d80c8ed@posting.google.com>
Source record: 73386

Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com> wrote in message
news:<Xns93C85561E5F38elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>...
> kelly@dvol.com (Brian Kelly) wrote in
> news:d22b54c3.0307300207.241d6a31@posting.google.com:
>
> > "D. Stussy" <kd6lvw@bde-arc.ampr.org> wrote in message
> > news:<Pine.LNX.4.56.0307292327350.9640@kd6lvw.ampr.org>...
> >> On Tue, 29 Jul 2003, Brian Kelly wrote:
> >>
> >>
> >> > >
> >> > > False circular logic.
> >> >
> >> > Amazing.
> >> >
> >> > Welcome to the kinds of thinking which will "take ham radio into the
> >> > 21st Century". I just cain't frigging wait . . .
> >>
> >> If you're so smart, then indicate exactly what proof is acceptable for
> >> the "international requirement" cited in 47 CFR 97.301(e). Obviously,
> >> you will have to also IDENTIFY that requirement to demonstrate the
> >> acceptability of the proof....
> >>
> > 97.301(e): "For a station having a control operator who has been
> > granted an operator license of Novice Class or Technician Class *AND*
> > who has recieved credit for proficiency in telegraphy in accordance
> > with international requirements."
> >
> > The FCC sets the license requirements and grants the licenses and the
> > FCC *STILL* requires a a 5wpm code test for HF access specific class
> > of license completely aside. Yes? Of course. That's U.S federal law
> > until such times as the FCC changes the regs regarding Element 1.
> > Which they have not done.
> >
> > The "AND" in 97.301(e) is *not* translatable into an "OR"which is what
> > you're obviously trying to twist it into to suit your own agenda.
> >
> > It's a brick wall. If ya don't meet the current existing FCC
> > requirements for passing the Element 1 test the rest of 97.301(e) is
> > automatically rendered completely moot PERIOD.
> >
> > No rocket science required, just takes a bit common sense.
> >
> > w3rv

> >
>
> You don't get it, do you?

I get it to the point where if I was a nocode I sure as hell would not
be stupid enough to dial up FCC Laurel and tell them to listen for me
on 7.125 Mhz and dare them to write me up "'Cause the ITU sez I'm
suddenly "legal" and you guys and yer 5wpm test nonsense don't count
now".

. . .

> Although my interpretation of the rule is that no-code Techs do have
> access to Novice/Tech HF frequencies, I hesitate to recommend that they do
> this without some kind of interpretation from the FCC, which it seems
> could be almost as time consuming to obtain as a clarifying change in the
> rule. OTOH, in light of the lack of any FCC records as to which Tech is
> what, I seriously doubt that they care.

QED. Loop closed.

w3rv

3499. Re: Fight the BPL

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-31 04:28:06 UTC
From: "Dick Carroll;" <dixie@townsqr.com>
Message-ID: <bga5smihb0@208.207.71.152>
Source record: 73387
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.swap,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.policy

Keith wrote:

> On Thu, 31 Jul 2003 03:01:13 GMT, Mike <mdickman@bevcomm.net> wrote:
>
> > I would have gave money 10 years ago if the ARRL had advocated dropping that
> > flippin' CW. Now that the ARRL is being pushed from the top down all they
> > want is money. Sounds like another government agency to me.
>
> Yes, this is too little to late. What are the ARRL boys going to do with the
> extra money, buy some Senator a whore and put money in his campaign fund? No
> thanks.
>
> >

Welp, folks, there you have it- New Age ham radio!

"Don't bother-they're here."

3500. Very detailed information on BPL, PLC and PLT

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-31 04:33:35 UTC
From: robkemp90210@hotmail.com
Message-ID: <6114e4af.0307302033.410a8d0c@posting.google.com>
Source record: 73388
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.amateur.antenna,rec.radio.shortwave

Ce-mag.com is the world's foremost on-line resource for international developments in regulatory compliance for electronics engineers.

In the latest issue BPL, PLC and PLT covered in very great detail from the regulatory stand point.

http://www.ce-mag.com/archive/03/ARG/hansen1.html

http://www.ce-mag.com/archive/03/ARG/hansen2.html

Brief excerpt (Conclusion)
"PLC technology, in principle, is potentially attractive, if it were to become compatible with existing telecom technologies. PLC technology is still premature in terms of EMI prevention. PLC has little to offer over the competitors and certainly does not justify more EMI.

Standards will evolve relatively slowly. The requirement of the EMC Directive with harmonized norms (to conducted EN 55022) are not met by most PLC systems, regardless of the stricter limits of regulations such as NB 30.

It is unlikely that PLC will experience widespread application under its currently implemented status. With delays in implementation and lackluster client acceptance, even the business case is becoming less attractive."

The article is written from the European viewpoint but very relevant to BPL.

3501. Re: NCVEC Position on Code

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-31 04:44:17 UTC
From: "Dick Carroll;" <dixie@townsqr.com>
Message-ID: <bga6r1$qu7$0@208.206.142.77>
Source record: 73389
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy

Chic N Pox wrote:

> , please remember that keeping Code WILL NOT
> keep the fruitcakes out of the hobby,

Oh, no one ever expected code or anything else to keep ALL the nutcases out of ham radio, nor anywhere else. We've always had a few bad apples, but they had always been few enough that the rest were able to keep them from spoiling the whole barrel.
With the code test gone, that filter -(yes, even 5WPM *is* a filter, and I would remind you that no filter catches _all_ the unwanted trash)- disappears, and there is just no other stopper for the influx of spoilers will turn out to be unstoppable by any means short of gutting the ARS.

It's a fact, was a fact, and WILL be a fact. Live with it. I will.

By that time BPL will have HF wiped out anyway, and Hey! What a coincidence!

Maybe there is method to all this madness after all!

3502. Re: NCVEC Position on Code

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-31 04:46:15 UTC
From: "Dick Carroll;" <dixie@townsqr.com>
Message-ID: <bga6un$qu7$1@208.206.142.77>
Source record: 73390
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy

Take your Slider and slide back under your 27 mc rock, slimeball.

3503. Re: American w/ Disability Act and CW Proficiency Test

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-31 05:03:08 UTC
From: kelly@dvol.com
Message-ID: <d22b54c3.0307302103.787733f3@posting.google.com>
Source record: 73391
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb

et472@FreeNet.Carleton.CA (Michael Black) wrote in message
news:<bg402n$79v$1@freenet9.carleton.ca>...

. . . . .

>
> But shift it back to where the test is not just an obstacle
> to overcome, and you may again make the hobby something that
> society in general benefits from.

Definitive post Michael. Unfortunatley that ethic been hatcheted into
oblivion. Their loss.

> Michael VE2BVW

w3rv

3504. Re: Fight the BPL

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-31 05:14:58 UTC
From: Brenda Ann <brendad@shinbiro.com>
Message-ID: <bga6ei$6fm$1@news1.kornet.net>
Source record: 73392
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.swap,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.policy

"Dick Carroll;" <dixie@townsqr.com> wrote in message
news:bga5smihb0@208.207.71.152...

>
> "Don't bother-they're here."
>

Refererence to Judy Collins' classic "Send in the Clowns"??

3505. Re: Fight the BPL

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-31 05:29:51 UTC
From: "Dick Carroll;" <dixie@townsqr.com>
Message-ID: <bga9gf$a2m$0@208.206.142.77>
Source record: 73393
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.swap,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.policy

Brenda Ann wrote:

> "Dick Carroll;" <dixie@townsqr.com> wrote in message
> news:bga5smihb0@208.207.71.152...
>
> >
> > > "Don't bother-they're here."
> >
>
> Refererence to Judy Collins' classic "Send in the Clowns"??

Precisely!

3506. Re: Question for the No coders

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-31 05:32:07 UTC
From: Dwight Stewart <stewart@say.net>
Message-ID: <BB4E2216.1FBF6%stewart@say.net>
Source record: 73394

"Mike Coslo" wrote:
>
> You're right. I think that all should be issued
> Amateur radio licenses at birth. The testing
> requirements should be changed to "Utilization
> Encounters" that no longer have test questions,
> but rather non-competitive non-graded sessions
> designed to enhance the self esteem of the
> Amateur Radio operator. The different grading
> of the tickets would no longer be based on
> knowledge, but on how good the licensee feels
> about themselves.

Well, responding in an equally sarcastic manner, you're perfectly free to think that if you wish, Mike. However, I think we should have reasonable requirements that are neither too simplistic nor too difficult. Those requirements should address the realistic needs and goals of Amateur Radio without attempts to use them to unfairly exclude others. In my opinion, the current written tests address the realistic needs and goals of Amateur Radio, while the code test does not.

> Dwight, it all depends on what you mean by
> unnecessary.

Necessary and reasonable, both words used throughout my comments, are pretty much self-explanatory. If that doesn't satisfy you, read the paragraph I wrote above.

> CB'ers are on the air on HF. Many run power, illegal
> or not. And no one has taken a test to do that.
>
> This proves that * you don't need any test at all* to
> successfully run a station at HF frequencies.

But can one do so safely and in compliance with the rules and regulations? Of course not. And that is why the actions of that CB'er is illegal. And it is also why that example is not applicable to ham radio.

> And reasonable requirements can be anything from a
> difficult test to no test at all. just depends on
> who is doing the reasoning.

The FCC is doing the reasoning. We're simply agreeing or disagreeing with that reasoning.

> The ARS can be what we make of it. All is arbitrary,
> and we have to start with an idea of how adroit we

> want the typical member to be and go from there. From
> EE to CB.

In that case, why stop with just excluding "dumbed down" people. There is just as many reasons to write rules to exclude the poor. 'Those people' can't buy good radios and the cheap radios owned by 'those people' can cause problems on the ham frequencies. Clearly, we should write rules to get rid of anyone who earns less than $50k. When you start down the path of intentionally excluding others, it has the tendency to go much further then you ever intended.

Dwight Stewart (W5NET)

http://www.qsl.net/w5net/

3507. Re: ATTN: Tech Licensee USA Morse Code Freedom Day is August 1st

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-31 05:37:48 UTC
From: "Dick Carroll;" <dixie@townsqr.com>
Message-ID: <bga9vc$gl2$0@208.206.142.77>
Source record: 73395
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb

Gary Danaher wrote:

> I just have to smile a little because while the rest of the amateur
> community is on UTC time, this guy is telling everyone to get on the air
> at 6 pm. Yep, a real genious.

Gary, I'm afraid that N2EY has provided us with the proper reprise for ham radio under the New Age plan...

"Don't bother-they're here."

(From "Send in the Clowns")

3508. Re: Question for the No coders

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-31 05:52:52 UTC
From: "Dick Carroll;" <dixie@townsqr.com>
Message-ID: <bgaarkimq0@208.206.142.77>
Source record: 73396

Dwight Stewart wrote:

> In my opinion, the
> current written tests address the realistic needs and goals of Amateur
> Radio, while the code test does not.

Why of course Dwight! Tha makes the test requirements easy and non-existant.
What more could you want?

3509. Re: Ham Radio Rescue in California Press

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-31 06:05:17 UTC
From: kf6vyh@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030731020517.02982.00000741@mb-m19.aol.com>
Source record: 73397

>
> Whether or not YOU don't like it, this newsgroup BEGAN EXISTANCE
> to discuss the code test issue. :-)
>
1) No your are wrong you idiot.
2) the title of the newsgroup is
rec.radio.amateur.policy

NOT CW.PRO.CON

If Kim had spent the energy she has bitching about CW on learning CW she may
have passed it by now. IT'S NOT THAT HARD

3510. Re: American w/ Disability Act and CW Proficiency Test

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-31 06:08:34 UTC
From: "Ryan, KC8PMX" <kc8pmx@diamondcs.net>
Message-ID: <bgb8ne$mjfjb$6@ID-189073.news.uni-berlin.de>
Source record: 73320
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.misc

The training CD's aren't bad for practicing the code if you know the code
and just want to get better. The real situation is that a person needs to
still learn the code in the beginning. It would the same as if I was
listening to Chinese language and didn't know a word of the Chinese language
versus knowing the language on a basic level and listening to Radio China or
something like that......

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Ryan, KC8PMX
FF1-FF2-MFR-(pending NREMT-B!)
--. --- -.. ... .- -. --. . .-.. ... .- .-. . ..-. .. .-. . ..-.
.. --. .... - . .-. ...
"Mike Coslo" <mcoslo@adelphia.net> wrote in message
news:3F25E504.8050301@adelphia.net...
> C wrote:
> > No I am not doing a memorizing of each dit and dah and converting
> > method. My problem is my brain does not react fast enough to decide what
> > each character is before the next one is sent. I just get further
> > behind. I practice at least 20 to 30 minutes usually twice a day if not
> > more. I use computer programs and ARRL training CDs.
> >
> > I will check "The Art and Skill of Radiotelegraphy". Thanks for the
> > encouragement.
>
>
> Ahh, that training CD! I used it, and failed miserably at it. Turns out
> I memorized the darn thing. You might try a program that sends out
> random groups or even makes up QSO's.
>
> - Mike KB3EIA -
>

3511. Re: ATTN: Tech Licensee USA Morse Code Freedom Day is August 1st

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-31 06:11:41 UTC
From: Spamhater <nospam@nospam.com>
Message-ID: <Kq2Wa.700$603.36071@iad-read.news.verio.net>
Source record: 73399
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got a point there! not much of an amateur. troll bait!

"Gary Danaher" <gdanaher@comcast.net> wrote in message
news:3F283298.1010908@comcast.net...
> I just have to smile a little because while the rest of the amateur
> community is on UTC time, this guy is telling everyone to get on the air
> at 6 pm. Yep, a real genious.
>
> morse@code.is.dead wrote:
> > Let the FCC know that they can no longer keep you from your right to
use the
> > ten meter band allocation if you are a technician licensee. The
international
> > requirement for morse code has been removed and there is no such thing
as a
> > technician plus license.
> > You don't have to use your identity, but no code technicians need to
finally
> > speak out to the FCC they will no longer be oppressed by rules designed
for the
> > stone age of electronic technology.
> > Get on the air at 6pm local time on August 1st or if the band is open
any time
> > to make contacts in the 28.300-28.500 MHz that is allocated to
technicians for
> > voice. Or if you have a computer you can use the allocated technician CW
bands
> > to send and receive morse code.
> > Currently the FCC and ARRL want to drag this morse code requirement out
for
> > one or two years while they put BPL and other technology on the fast
track. I
> > will be on the air and I hope 10,000 or more no code technicians will
join me.
> > I guess Hollingsworth will have to require 10,000 people to turn in
their CW
> > proficiency certificate if YOU will join us.
> > The morse code game is over and I'm not driving 55 when the speed limit
is
> > really 70 mph and the government hasn't changed the signs yet. Just go
by the
> > limitation of your technician license and don't go overboard, we want to
show

> > that just because we didn't pass some dinosaur morse code test that we
are bad
> > operators.
> > Get on 28.306 USB at 6 PM local time to talk with other no code tech's
that
> > are protesting the FCC and ARRL stupidity.
> >
> >
>

3512. Re: NCVEC NPRM for elimination of horse and buggy morse code requirement.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-31 06:12:00 UTC
From: "D. Stussy" <kd6lvw@bde-arc.ampr.org>
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.56.0307310612570.9871@kd6lvw.ampr.org>
Source record: 73398

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> ... APPENDIX - PROPOSED RULES
>
> Proposed changes to Part 97 of Chapter I of Title 47 of the Code of Federal
> Regulations to delete references to the Morse code exam element. Part 97, is
> amended as follows:
>
> PART 97 -- AMATEUR RADIO SERVICE
>
> 1. Section 97.301 is amended by revising paragraph (e) to read as follows.
> The frequency tables in Section 97.301(a), (b), ©, (d) and (e) remain
> unchanged.
>
> 97.301 Authorized frequency bands.
>
> The following transmitting frequency bands are available to an amateur
> station located within 50 km of the Earth's surface, within the specified ITU
> Region, and outside any area where the amateur service is regulated by any
> authority other than the FCC.
> (d) ******
> (e) For a station having a control operator who has been granted an
> operator license of Novice Class, Technician Class or Technician Plus
> Class:
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At least they proposed REMOVING that nasty language that has caused such a debate here..... :-)

3513. Re: Question for the No coders

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-31 06:18:00 UTC
From: Dwight Stewart <stewart@say.net>
Message-ID: <BB4E2CD7.1FBF8%stewart@say.net>
Source record: 73400

"Brian Kelly" wrote:
>
> Dwight Stewart wrote:
>>
>> However, the buck doesn't stop here. Ham Radio
>> belongs to the American public.
>
> Wrong. The whole planet owns the RF spectrum and
> the FCC is charged with doling out spectrum space
> to U.S. users of the that space in the public
> interest as it sees fit. Getting user access to
> the spectrum is not some wifty inherent "right
> of the people", it's a privilege. And to gain
> that privilege come certain requirements and
> responsibilites.

Yes, reasonable requirements and responsibilities. The FCC is not going to change those requirements just because you and perhaps a few others want to exclude what you call "dumbed downed" people. Instead, you'll have to make a factual, not just rhetorical, link between those people and specific problems. You'll also have to establish that your remedy (stiffer license exams) will resolve those specific problems. Until then, all you're doing is blowing around a lot of hot air and slandering fellow hams.

> If the "American public" is not up for meeting
> the requirements and responsibilties which come
> with a ham license they can still go to 27
> Mhz, FRS and MURS. Which is why those services
> were created.

Man, you're talking about the American people as if they were some kind of minor regard in this country. I sincerely hope the FCC never shares that attitude.

> And when it's all said and done we're back to
> the Cheerios syndrome. When was the last time
> you know of when a wannabe ham said "geez,
> don't dumb down the tests any more, they'll
> TOO easy for me . . "

A wannabe ham is a person who, by definition, has never taken the license exams. How can anyone who hasn't taken the exams possibly comment on their content?

> Right. I support keeping the bar at it's current
> level. I oppose lowering the bar to a lower level

> as you suggest. That's the way it is.

Excuse me? Would you please show me where I have EVER even suggested the possibility of "lowering the bar" when it comes to the written tests? With the exception of the code tests, I have repeated said throughout this thread, and elsewhere, that I fully support the current license requirements. Instead, I have simply said I don't support raising that bar solely to exclude others. Now, if you can show me how raising that bar is necessary for Ham Radio (not just to exclude others), we'll talk.

> You can put that in bank right now. There is
> nothing evil about evenly-applied discrimination.
> It's everywhere around us, in zoning plans, in
> the bases for your compensation and perks on the
> job, in the privileges accorded holders of the
> various classes of ham licensees, endless list.
> Don't look now Dwight but discrimination is the
> underlying engine which drives capitalist
> democracies.

Zoning laws, job policies, and ham licenses, all serve a legitimate purpose. Policies or rules designed solely to exclude don't.

> Just when and where did I state any such BS please?

A question has a question mark on the end, Brian. That question mark was on the end of my sentence.

> Here's your opportunity to parade out your list of
> high-end techo nocodes with skills like those I've
> picked as examples have.

I don't judge or sort out people based on their code ability, Brian. Therefore, I'll pass on your invitation.

Dwight Stewart (W5NET)

http://www.qsl.net/w5net/

3514. Re: Some comments on the NCVEC petition

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-31 06:32:30 UTC
From: "D. Stussy" <kd6lvw@bde-arc.ampr.org>
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.56.0307310618140.9871@kd6lvw.ampr.org>
Source record: 73301

On Thu, 31 Jul 2003, N2EY wrote:
> Amateur radio operators, however, use it extensively. On the HF/MF amateur
> bands, it is the second most popular mode of communications, only slightly
> behind SSB in popularity.

1) Just because it won't be tested for doesn't mean that it can't be used!
2) In this petition, they made NO adjustment to the "CW protected bands."

It is undoubted that someone will come along with a follow-up petition to decrease or eliminate the CW bands. I would be in favor of reducing their size to between 1/3 and 1/4 of each band (in many places, it's 1/2 of the band), but not complete elimination. Along with CW in many places come some of the digital operating modes (at least on HF) - and those too need protection from voice.

PS: I haven't significantly used code since I passed it on the exam for my license, nor do I plan to. (If you look me up, you'll know that I have at least 13wpm because I held an Advanced as my prior license class from 10 years ago.)

> There is no requirement that any radio amateur actually use Morse code. Radio
> amateurs use it by choice.

Justification for it NOT to be a requirement.
(Do we all know what requirement means? :-))

> Written tests are a burden to the applicants, too.

Are you advocating no license testing at all? How about no licenses? Having to fill out the paperwork is a burden too!

(I am not advocating dropping the license requirement; just showing that his argument can be taken ad absurdium.)

> However, it should be noted that most of the Commission's enforcement actions
> for poor and illegal operating practices such as jamming, obscenity/profanity,
> failure to identify, operation outside of license privileges and failure to
> heed bandplans are against amateurs using voice modes, not Morse code or
> digital modes.

Profanity, by itself, is illegal? The FCC has never said that. There may be limits and conditions where it's inappropriate, but there have been findings that in some very limited contexts that profanity by itself does NOT cause a violation to have occurred.

> Following this logic, the written exams should be stripped of anything a
> licensee does not have an interest in.

Does that include having to answer ANY question? :-)

> This proposal simply drops Element 1 without making any other changes. Oddly
> enough, if it were adopted, Technicians would gain a bit of 10 meter SSB. Most
> of the privileges Technicians would gain would be slices of 80, 40, 15 and 10
> meter CW.

I don't see a problem with that. What's your problem with it?

This petition is meant to address the change in international agreement
dropping the code requirement as a license prerequisite and NOTHING MORE.
They're not out to overhaul the entire service; just this one part. At least
they're doing it in a way that has no impact on the rest of it.

If you want to mess with the mandated bandplans, file your own petition.

3515. Re: There is no International Code Requirement and techs can operate

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-31 06:40:42 UTC
From: "D. Stussy" <kd6lvw@bde-arc.ampr.org>
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.56.0307310636350.9871@kd6lvw.ampr.org>
Source record: 73302

On Wed, 30 Jul 2003, Brian Kelly wrote:
> "D. Stussy" <kd6lvw@bde-arc.ampr.org> wrote in message
news:<Pine.LNX.4.56.0307292327350.9640@kd6lvw.ampr.org>...
> > On Tue, 29 Jul 2003, Brian Kelly wrote:
> > > >
> > > > False circular logic.
> > >
> > > Amazing.
> > >
> > > Welcome to the kinds of thinking which will "take ham radio into the
> > > 21st Century". I just cain't frigging wait . . .
> >
> > If you're so smart, then indicate exactly what proof is acceptable for the
> > "international requirement" cited in 47 CFR 97.301(e). Obviously, you will
> > have to also IDENTIFY that requirement to demonstrate the acceptability of the
> > proof....
>
> 97.301(e): "For a station having a control operator who has been
> granted an operator license of Novice Class or Technician Class *AND*
> who has recieved credit for proficiency in telegraphy in accordance
> with international requirements."
>
> The FCC sets the license requirements and grants the licenses and the
> FCC *STILL* requires a a 5wpm code test for HF access specific class
> of license completely aside. Yes? Of course. That's U.S federal law
> until such times as the FCC changes the regs regarding Element 1.
> Which they have not done.

If that were true, then where is the requirement to have "element 1 credit" in
47 CFR 97.301(e)? I don't see it anywhere in the text!

PS: "Law" usually refers to STATUTE, not agency regulation. The procedures
for the creation of each are quite different.

> The "AND" in 97.301(e) is *not* translatable into an "OR"which is what
> you're obviously trying to twist it into to suit your own agenda.

You couldn't be more wrong! I have not attempted to twist this into an "OR."
The originator of the thread, who professed that no-code technicians can now
operate HF, is the one who needs this to be an "OR." I clearly have argued
that "AND" means "AND" - i.e. BOTH conditions cited are necessary to be met.
What I have said is that the second condition is now IMPOSSIBLE TO MEET as it
is currently stated, and thus Technicians and Novices LOST THEIR HF PRIVILEGES.

> It's a brick wall. If ya don't meet the current existing FCC
> requirements for passing the Element 1 test the rest of 97.301(e) is

> automatically rendered completely moot PERIOD.

Element 1 credit is NOT a requirement for 47 CFR 97.301(e). Compliance with the non-existent international regulation is.

> No rocket science required, just takes a bit common sense.

Which you seem to lack, since you are substituting one requirement for another, but there's no provision elsewhere in the regulations to do so.

3516. Re: There is no International Code Requirement and techs can operate

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-31 06:46:08 UTC
From: "D. Stussy" <kd6lvw@bde-arc.ampr.org>
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.56.0307310644300.9871@kd6lvw.ampr.org>
Source record: 73304

On Wed, 30 Jul 2003, N2EY wrote:
> In article <Pine.LNX.4.56.0307292309000.9640@kd6lvw.ampr.org>, "D. Stussy"
> <kd6lvw@bde-arc.ampr.org> writes:
>
> >> That's an "if-then" statement. There IS an international requirement,
> >though.
> >
> >You are correct that it's an "if-then" statement.
> >
> >You are wrong - there is no INTERNATIONAL requirement.
>
> Yes, there is. The international requirement is that each country sets its own
> standard. That's why the section wasn't simply eliminated at WRC 2003.

That's not an "international requirement." That's a NATIONAL OPTION.

> It's within the international requirement for a country to set the Morse code
> requirement at 20 wpm, 10 wpm, 5 wpm, or 0 wpm. FCC has set 5 wpm for now. That
> is expected to change.

If any country has any sort of choice, a choice means that there is no
requirement.

> >There is NOW a national
> >OPTION in an international agreement, but since parties to the agreement can
> >OPT-OUT, it is not a requirement.
>
> Incorrect. Each country MUST set a Morse requirement. 0 wpm/no test is one of
> the requirements that meets the treaty requirement.

Lack of a requirement is a requirement? I never thought someone could be so
stupid.

> Look at the UK - do they still require "Morse assessment" for all Foundation
> licenses? And isn't the Foundation" the first license of all new UK hams?
> >
> >A requirement is something that must be met - i.e. there is no choice or
> >discretion. It is NOT OPTIONAL.
>
> Exactly! Each country MUST set a Morse code requirement of some kind. The USA
> has 5 wpm - for now.

That's not what S25.5 says now. It says that a country may choose to have no
requirement.

Show me how you comply with "no requirement?"

(The question is meaningless, and so is your position.)

> You can argue this all you want but the end result of it is that FCC still
> requires Element 1 credit for all HF ham licenses. Don't believe me? Ask 'em.

The rules have no such requirement. If 47 CFR 97.301(e) required "element 1 credit," it would state so. It doesn't. It does require compliance with an "international requirement" - but there is no such requirement.

3517. Re: Question for the No coders

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-31 06:46:37 UTC
From: Dwight Stewart <stewart@say.net>
Message-ID: <BB4E338C.1FBFA%stewart@say.net>
Source record: 73303

"N2EY" wrote:
>
> That's not how I read it. It's about what every
> ham should know and be tested on.

Read back over Brian's messages in this thread. His stated goal is to exclude "dumbed down" people with stiffer license exams. He has given no real evidence to suggest that doing so would improve ham radio or further the purpose and goals of ham radio. Likewise, he has offered no real evidence to suggest that his proposal would solve any specific problem with ham radio. Instead, he has focused solely on the idea of excluding people.

> But who decides what requirements are excess? It
> all comes down to opinion.

The FCC does. All we can do is agree or disagree with their decisions. However, if one disagrees with their decisions and wants others to agree with that (or wants the FCC to change their decisions), it is obviously up to that person to give solid reasons why. Brian's stated reasons are to exclude 'dumbed down" people, without any real evidence to back that up. I just don't think that is a solid reason.

> What bad things would happen if the tests were
> "beefed up", particularly the written tests for
> the General and Extra?
>
> Perhaps the idea of dropping the code test would
> get a lot more acceptance if it were coupled to
> better written testing. But it's not - in fact,
> the written testing keeps getting trimmed.

I disagree. The written tests have been "beefed up" when necessary. For example, the Technician and other license exams were "beefed up" several years ago to put more emphasis on RF exposure levels and RF environmental safety practices. There was a need for those changes. I just don't see a need to "beef up" the license exams just for the sake of "beefing up" the license exams, especially when there is no real benefit in doing so.

Dwight Stewart (W5NET)

http://www.qsl.net/w5net/

3518. Re: There is no International Code Requirement and techs can operate

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-31 06:52:42 UTC
From: "D. Stussy" <kd6lvw@bde-arc.ampr.org>
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.56.0307310650460.9871@kd6lvw.ampr.org>
Source record: 73305

On Wed, 30 Jul 2003, Alun Palmer wrote:
> kelly@dvol.com (Brian Kelly) wrote in
> news:d22b54c3.0307300207.241d6a31@posting.google.com:
> > "D. Stussy" <kd6lvw@bde-arc.ampr.org> wrote in message
> > news:<Pine.LNX.4.56.0307292327350.9640@kd6lvw.ampr.org>...
> >> On Tue, 29 Jul 2003, Brian Kelly wrote:
> >> > >
> >> > > False circular logic.
> >> >
> >> > Amazing.
> >> >
> >> > Welcome to the kinds of thinking which will "take ham radio into the
> >> > 21st Century". I just cain't frigging wait . . .
> >>
> >> If you're so smart, then indicate exactly what proof is acceptable for
> >> the "international requirement" cited in 47 CFR 97.301(e). Obviously,
> >> you will have to also IDENTIFY that requirement to demonstrate the
> >> acceptability of the proof....
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> > 97.301(e): "For a station having a control operator who has been
> > granted an operator license of Novice Class or Technician Class *AND*
> > who has recieved credit for proficiency in telegraphy in accordance
> > with international requirements."
> >
> > The FCC sets the license requirements and grants the licenses and the
> > FCC *STILL* requires a a 5wpm code test for HF access specific class
> > of license completely aside. Yes? Of course. That's U.S federal law
> > until such times as the FCC changes the regs regarding Element 1.
> > Which they have not done.
> >
> > The "AND" in 97.301(e) is *not* translatable into an "OR"which is what
> > you're obviously trying to twist it into to suit your own agenda.
> >
> > It's a brick wall. If ya don't meet the current existing FCC
> > requirements for passing the Element 1 test the rest of 97.301(e) is
> > automatically rendered completely moot PERIOD.
> >
> > No rocket science required, just takes a bit common sense.
> >
> > w3rv
> >
>
> You don't get it, do you? Nobody has ever implied it says OR, and it
> certainly never mentions Element 1.

> What it does say is:
>
> "who has recieved credit for proficiency in telegraphy
> _in_accordance_with_international_requirements_"
>
> (_emphasis_added_).
>
> The phrase "international requirements" is a clear reference to s25.5,
> which now makes code testing optional for each administration, such as the
> FCC. The code requirement for access to Novice/Tech HF frequencies appears
> nowhere except in rule 301(e), which in turn only refers back to the
> optional language in s25.5. If the FCC refer to the international
> regulations for the code requirement, and it says there that it is
> optional, then where is the determination from the FCC as required under
> s25.5 that code is required? Nowhere, that's where!

I agree with this analysis, but disagree with the conclusion stated below:

> Although my interpretation of the rule is that no-code Techs do have
> access to Novice/Tech HF frequencies, I hesitate to recommend that they do
> this without some kind of interpretation from the FCC, which it seems
> could be almost as time consuming to obtain as a clarifying change in the
> rule. OTOH, in light of the lack of any FCC records as to which Tech is
> what, I seriously doubt that they care.

Mr. Palmer's conclusion is wrong. What we have is an "international requirement" that cannot be complied with. That means that one of the regulatory requirements set by the FCC is not met, NOR CAN IT BE MET by any licensee. Since one of the conditions is impossible to meet, 47 CFR 97.301(e) actually conveys NO PRIVILEGE AT ALL (effective July 5, 2003).

It's not that no-code technicians may operate HF. It's that coded-technicians and novices may NOT operate on HF bands. Their privilege was automatically STRIPPED by the FCC's regulation being dependent on the international one.

3519. Re: There is no International Code Requirement and techs can operate

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-31 07:02:32 UTC
From: "D. Stussy" <kd6lvw@bde-arc.ampr.org>
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.56.0307310659400.9871@kd6lvw.ampr.org>
Source record: 73306

On Wed, 30 Jul 2003, Alun Palmer wrote:
> > 2. The reworded Article 25.5 now says, "Administrations shall determine
> > whether or not a person seeking a license to operate an amateur station
> > shall demonstrate the ability to send and receive texts in Morse code
> > signals."

I concur. However, this section identifies an OPTION, not a requirement.

> > The administration has determined that the persons seeking a
> > license
> > must pass a 5 wpm Morse code test.
>
> Not so fast. Where does it say that in respect of the Novice frequencies?

For novices, element 1 credit is a prerequisite per section 97.501. However,
for technicians, I agree that it is not.

> > 3. There is nothing in the rules that we are out of compliance with.
>
> Who said there was? Maybe D Stussy, but his line of argument is truly
> wierd

Maybe you don't understand it, but that doesn't mean that my position is
incorrect.

47 CFR 97.301(e) indicates that the LICENSEE is to establish compliance with an
international requirement that has been revoked (and replaced with an option).

One cannot comply with a requirement that does not exist. Such is impossible.
This means that one of the requisite conditions is FAILED, and NO PRIVILEGE is
conveyed.

> > Using the argument that Morse code testing has been abolished is quite
> > simply *wrong*.
>
> No-one is saying it has been abolished for the General or the Extra

It certainly has NOT. It's a requirement per 47 CFR 97.501 for those license
classes.

3520. Re: There is no International Code Requirement and techs can operate HF according to FCC Rules

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-31 07:04:55 UTC
From: "D. Stussy" <kd6lvw@bde-arc.ampr.org>
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.56.0307310706520.9871@kd6lvw.ampr.org>
Source record: 73307
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy

On Wed, 30 Jul 2003, see sea oh ecks at you aitch see dot comm wrote:
> You know, perhaps Technician class amateurs DO have HF privileges due to
> the reference to the old International requirement. However, where in the
> Schedule are the specific frequency bands allocated.
>
> I would need to reread Pt97, but, my guess is that they either have NO
> specific allocated frequency bands, or, they would be the same as the Novice
> class licence.

Rules: You have obviously NOT been reading very carefully: 47 CFR 97.301(e).

As far as your potential conclusion that no-code technicians have HF privileges now, that is clearly erroneous.

3521. Re: American w/ Disability Act and CW Proficiency Test

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-31 07:50:55 UTC
From: "Ryan, KC8PMX" <kc8pmx@diamondcs.net>
Message-ID: <bgb8nf$mjfjb$7@ID-189073.news.uni-berlin.de>
Source record: 73321
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.misc

Definitely a problem if you do not have a HF reciever at all. And those Rat Shack ones suck for that too. There used to be publication of VHF rebroadcasts of the w1aw transmissions, but I have yet to hear any around here in Michigan. Where the hell is the so-called field organization they are so proud of on this one? Even if it is a members-only thing, still you would think that the local (state-wise) field organizations would think that was important enough to rebroadcast.....

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Ryan, KC8PMX
FF1-FF2-MFR-(pending NREMT-B!)
--. --- -.. ... .- -. --. . .-.. ... .- .-. . ..-. .. .-. . ..-.
.. --. .... - . .-. ...
(snippage)
>
> I still recommend W1AW over any of the "canned" aids. Two downsides of
> course are that W1AW does not send Farnsworth and one needs a
> half-decent HF rcvr.
>
> http://www.arrl.org/w1aw.html#w1awsked
>
>
> > You sit there with your pen and paper, and struggle to get it
> > all right. But moving it into the background makes it less important,
> > and perhaps by simply getting used to the sounds before struggling
> > to get it all, it might all come easier.
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> w3rv
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>
> > Michael VE2BVW

3522. Re: ATTN: Tech Licensee USA Morse Code Freedom Day is August 1st

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-31 07:56:46 UTC
From: "Ryan, KC8PMX" <kc8pmx@diamondcs.net>
Message-ID: <bgb8ng$mjfjb$8@ID-189073.news.uni-berlin.de>
Source record: 73322
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb

I would actually have to agree with Kim on this one. I have many times asked (tactfully and politely) certain questions of blind hams as to their experiences as hams dealing with the loss of sight as it relates to the hobby. They were definitely helpful and supportive in "educating" me to their circumstances. A definite thank you at the end of the questions with an explanation that I was trying to understand what it is like to be in their shoes definitely helped.

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Ryan, KC8PMX
FF1-FF2-MFR-(pending NREMT-B!)
--. --- -.. ... .- -. --. . .-.. ... .- .-. . ..-. .. .-. . ..-.
.. --. .... - . .-. ...
> >
>
> Keith, why don't you solicit the opinions of some deaf hams? There is a
> group called HandiHams that you could ask--if they would respond. You
could
> also get on eHam.net, and qrz.com and pose the question in the forums.
The
> question, I suppose, would be: Do you, as a deaf ham, agree that the
> government should require that you pass a minimum CW requirement for
amateur
> radio privileges at that level?
>
> My guess is most deaf hams are not going to mind a bit. Note that I said
> *most.* I am sure there are some out there that may object.
>
> Kim W5TIT
>
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> ---
> Posted via news://freenews.netfront.net
> Complaints to news@netfront.net

3523. Re: BAD IDEA for ham radio in general (was Re: Contact the FCC and Tell Them t

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-31 08:01:00 UTC
From: "Ryan, KC8PMX" <kc8pmx@diamondcs.net>
Message-ID: <bgb8ni$mjfjb$9@ID-189073.news.uni-berlin.de>
Source record: 73323

Really??? Considering that I would sign up for that!!!!!! What company???

--
Ryan, KC8PMX
FF1-FF2-MFR-(pending NREMT-B!)
--. --- -.. ... .- -. --. . .-.. ... .- .-. . ..-. .. .-. . ..-.
.. --. .... - . .-. ...
>
> Yesterday I got a flyer from an outfit offering unlimited DSL, long
distance
> and local calling for under $90/month. Can BPL beat that?
>
>

3524. Re: Why don't Real Hams you face the facts?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-31 08:32:27 UTC
From: "Ryan, KC8PMX" <kc8pmx@diamondcs.net>
Message-ID: <bgb8nj$mjfjb$10@ID-189073.news.uni-berlin.de>
Source record: 73324

Teflon Tips: When you don't care and really wanna wax the sunnovab*tch!

Ryan
> >73 DE John, KC2HMZ
> >Hollow Points: when you care enough to send the very best.

3525. Re: American w/ Disability Act and CW Proficiency Test

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-31 08:52:36 UTC
From: "Ryan, KC8PMX" <kc8pmx@diamondcs.net>
Message-ID: <bgb8nk$mjfjb$11@ID-189073.news.uni-berlin.de>
Source record: 73325
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.misc

A completely different issue I had and/or have is not the speed as much as the audio pitch of the code being sent. It's hard as hell to get a VE team to adjust the pitch/tone sound at all if they even bother to send with a key. Hell, a couple of them are only using premade CD's, which are played a fixed rate and since most VE's are not frivolous (at all), they usually only have a "basic" cd player, and would not have equipment capable of code at a lower tone but keeping the same speed.

I say this because my hearing loss makes me hear "normally" sent code at its "proper" pitch rate as one long solid tone, as if you placed a finger on a straight key and never lifted up at all while sending. In other words, if there was a 2 minute QSO in morse code being sent at its "normal" pitch, it sounds like a 2 minute long T to me. If I lower the frequency of the tone of the amount of at least 200-250hz less, to where it starts becoming a more rich, bass(y) sounding tone, then I can distinguish the difference between a dit and a dah.

On a lighter note, I think my ex-wife had a voice in the same range as being sent at most VE sessions..... she said I never listened to her!

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Ryan, KC8PMX
FF1-FF2-MFR-(pending NREMT-B!)
--. --- -.. ... .- -. --. . .-.. ... .- .-. . ..-. .. .-. . ..-.
.. --. .... - . .-. ...
> > All I ask for is to know what speed I need to be studying as it all
> > sounds different to me at each speed....
> >
>
> Don't email. TELEPHONE them. Ask them what is the character speed and
what
> is the overall word speed. They can have the character speed at 13 (or
> faster), but the spacing must be adjusted to end up at 5wpm overall. It
is
> not proper test procedure to have the test at an actual 13wpm when it is
> supposed to be 5wpm.
>
> Talk to the VE team leader that you will eventually be testing under so
that
> you do get the correct character speed for the test that you will be
> planning to take.
>
> Finally try to find someone who is knowledgeable in correct training
methods

> to "Elmer" you if at all possible.
>
> Dee D. Flint, N8UZE
>

3526. Re: There is no International Code Requirement and techs can operate

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-31 09:23:22 UTC
From: "Dick Carroll;" <dixie@townsqr.com>
Message-ID: <bgan6aihs0@208.206.142.113>
Source record: 73308

"D. Stussy" wrote:

>
> What I have said is that the second condition is now IMPOSSIBLE TO MEET as it
> is currently stated, and thus Technicians and Novices LOST THEIR HF PRIVILEGES.

I believe you'll find plenty of legal precedent that says in such a case existing regulation prevails until such time
as it can be rewritten to eliminate any ambiguity. There's a practical reason for this of course. Otherwise chaos would
reigh.

3527. Re: There is no International Code Requirement and techs can operate

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-31 09:26:09 UTC
From: "Dick Carroll;" <dixie@townsqr.com>
Message-ID: <bganbhihs1@208.206.142.113>
Source record: 73309

"D. Stussy" wrote:

>
> That's not what S25.5 says now. It says that a country may choose to have no
> requirement.

Uh-huh. So you don't think it gives them time to choose before reducing the
regulatory system to chaos?

3528. Re: Question for the No coders

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-31 09:34:06 UTC
From: "Dick Carroll;" <dixie@townsqr.com>
Message-ID: <bganqeoko0@208.206.142.113>
Source record: 73310

Brian Kelly wrote:

> Dwight Stewart <stewart@say.net> wrote in message
news:<BB4CE536.1FB4F%stewart@say.net>...
> > "Brian Kelly" wrote:
> > >
> > > Stand up and draw some lines in the sand. Do
> > > a Harry Truman, "The buck stops here."
> > >
> > >
> > However, the buck doesn't stop here. Ham Radio belongs to the American
> > public.
>
> Wrong. The whole planet owns the RF spectrum and the FCC is charged
> with doling out spectrum space to U.S. users of the that space in the
> public interest as it sees fit. Getting user access to the spectrum is
> not some wifty inherent "right of the people", it's a privilege. And
> to gain that privilege come certain requirements and responsibilites.
>
> If the "American public" is not up for meeting the requirements and
> responsibilties which come with a ham license they can still go to 27
> Mhz, FRS and MURS. Which is why those services were created.
>
> > When we set out to exclude that public with unnecessary requirements
> > (excessively stiff written tests or even code), we're simply asking for
> > trouble.
>
> And when it's all said and done we're back to the Cheerios syndrome.
> When was the last time you know of when a wannabe ham said "geez,
> don't dumb down the tests any more, they'll TOO easy for me . . "
>
> > > Your position then is that it's OK to dumb down
> > > ham radio because everything else is getting
> > > dumbed down? That's how the dunbing down got
> > > started.
> > >
> > >
> > No, I'm saying it is not okay to exclude people using unnecessary
> > requirements. Nobody here is arguing against reasonable requirements.
> > Instead, we're addressing your argument for stiffer written tests and/or
> > code testing to keep out those you object to.
>
> Right. I support keeping the bar at it's current level. I oppose
> lowering the bar to a lower level as you suggest. That's the way it

> is.
>
> > That attitude reeks of
> > discrimination.
>
> You can put that in bank right now. There is nothing evil about
> evenly-applied discrimination. It's everywhere around us, in zoning
> plans, in the bases for your compensation and perks on the job, in the
> privileges accorded holders of the various classes of ham licensees,
> endless list. Don't look now Dwight but discrimination is the
> underlying engine which drives capitalist
> democracies.
>
> > > What do you mean "exclude more and more people
> > > from ham radio"?? The nocode ticket was
> > > introduced in 1991. A couple years ago the 13 &
> > > 20 wpm code tests were eliminated. Take it much
> > > further and ham licenses will come in boxes of
> > > Cheerios. Would that satisfy you?
> >
> >
> > Don't change the subject, Brian. You're arguing for something entirely
> > different then the current requirements. Neither you or I have said the
> > current requirements exclude people.
> > What I have said is that the change
> > you're seeking would exclude people - and you yourself even said that is the
> > ultimate goal of those changes.
>
> I won't even try to unscramble this one.
>
> > > (snip) There's buckets more RF comms expertise just
> > > in this non-technical NG than I had access to when
> > > I got into ham radio, I only wished. Notice that
> > > they all passed code tests and the Extra writtens.
> > > Yes I think there's messages in that.
> >
> >
> > Yes, the people you carefully selected to include in your list have passed
> > the code test. Are you saying that all those without code skills lack
> > technical expertise?
>
> Just when and where did I state any such BS please?
>
> > If so, I'd say that says more about your own judgment
> > than it says about anything else.
>
> No Dwight, not at all. After I composed the list and went back and
> scanned it I then realized that the high-end techos are also coded
> Extras.
>

> Here's your opportunity to parade out your list of high-end techo
> nocodes with skills like those I've picked as examples have.
>
> And by the way I do know a couple highly-respected
> long-time(decades)Techs who do possess those skills. But dontcha just
> know they passed code tests too?

By the time the chaff all settles out there'll be more dumasses with ham radio licenses than there ever was without any on 27mhz.

It's a shame too, because there ARE some
potentially good hams who won't/can't/don't learn the code. But sadly there are, and always have been, far, far more of the other type.

Seems there's never a good solution.

3529. Re: Good bye CODE!

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-31 10:15:55 UTC
From: Alun Palmer <elektros@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <Xns93C93FA4826F6elektrosmdonet@130.133.1.4>
Source record: 73311

"Dick Carroll;" <dixie@townsqr.com> wrote in
news:bga45v$b8e$0@208.207.71.152:

>
>
> Alun Palmer wrote:
>
>>
>>
>> Do you realise if it does take two years, the US will be just about the
>> only country with code testing, except maybe Russia!
>
> The amazing thing is that you really think that's terrible!
>
>

To put it as precisely as possible, I think it's backward

3530. Re: NCVEC Position on Code

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-31 10:21:04 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030731062104.09580.00001803@mb-m13.aol.com>
Source record: 73312

In article <1059622545.396048@newshost03.voicenet.com>, "Chic N Pox"
<oafowemes300@yahoo.com> writes:

>Were you perchance a Ham-Op in the 80's and early 90's
>when the infamous "14.313 Booer Wars" between
>KV4FZ's "anti-phone patch" factions and the opposing
>Maritime Mobile Net's faction were in full swing..?
>
>It was QUITE a time!
>
>Just about any week night and all weekend long you could
>tune to either 14.300 or 14.313 and hear any variety of
>catcalls, music, snide comments, foul language, noisemakers,
>the infamous "dirty black box" and anything else in-between.
>(the way it worked was if the MM Net was on .313 then the
>nuts were on .300 and visa-versa) This went on for close
>to 12 Years that I was aware of. It became known as the
>Ham Radio Comedy Channel and before it ended it drew in
>just about every kook from 75 Meters.

Yup = a real black eye for amateur radio.
>
>Guess what Dick...? It turned out that 90% of the WORST
>on the air offenders and un-ID'ed stations turned out to be
>Hams with Advanced and Extra Class Licensees, most of
>of which had held that ticket for 10 or more years duration
>and more importantly, at that time one needed to pass a 13 and 20
>WPM code test respectively to obtain in the first place!
>(...unless of course, you bribed the VEC for your code-credit
>which was occuring in parts of the Southeastern USA at the time)
>
>So Dick, please remember that keeping Code WILL NOT
>keep the fruitcakes out of the hobby, nor will it bring more stations
>into the same.

It won't keep 'em all out, that's for sure.

All of those violators also passed several written tests which included FCC
rules 'n' regs. Those written tests didn't stop 'em though. Shall we dump the
writtens 'cause they're not a perfect filter?

All that "variety of catcalls, music, snide comments, foul language,
noisemakers,
the infamous "dirty black box" and anything else in-between" - what mode were
those folks using? It sure wasn't CW/Morse.

Maybe it's not the code TEST but the code USE which is the filter.

73 de Jim, N2EY.

3531. Re: The FACTS about the Morse Code and the FCC.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-31 10:21:05 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030731062105.09580.00001804@mb-m13.aol.com>
Source record: 73313

In article <cuvyxnansvbet.hiv4kbn.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>, "Phil Kane" <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop> writes:

>On 31 Jul 2003 02:21:06 GMT, N2EY wrote:
>
>>Tell them the JY1 story, Phil. Some folks actually think medical
>>waivers were the result of ADA.
>
> How soon we forget...

I didn't forget. NCVEC obviously did.

> maybe we ought to replace the Element 1 Morse
> test with an Element 1 amateur radio history test...
>
> Off the top of my head.....
>
> In days of yore when George I reigned in Washington, some amateur
> in Pennsylvania could not pass the 13 wpm test as hard as he tried.
> So one day whilst in QSO with JY1, he mentioned that what ham radio
> in the USA really needed more than anything else was a mechanism for
> him to get an upgraded license without passing the higher speed code
> test because he had (alleged) medical problems that (allegedly)
> precluded him from dealing with Morse code above 5 wpm.
>
> So when next in QSO with George I, JY1 said (in essence) "Georgie,
> if you want to quarter your troops in my country - JY1 being King
> Hussein of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordon - do my dear friend a
> favor and let him get an upgraded ham license with no higher-speed
> code test".
>
> So George I summoned the Chairman of the FCC ("Mad Man Mark" Fowler
> or Al "Who the heck is he" Sykes - forget which) to his oval chamber,
> clapped his hands like the Pasha does in the movies, and said "do it".
>
> "So it was written, so it was done."
>
>--
> 73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane
>
> From a Clearing in the Silicon Forest
> Beaverton (Washington County) Oregon
>
Was there an NPRM? Lawsuits based on ADA? Lots of discussion, comments and counterproposals?

The world wonders

tnx, Phil

73 de Jim, N2EY

3532. Re: American w/ Disability Act and CW Proficiency Test

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-31 11:08:05 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307310308.69bac949@posting.google.com>
Source record: 73314
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.misc

"Dan/W4NTI" <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com> wrote in message
news:<bg9d79$d3r$1@slb2.atl.mindspring.net>...
> "Brian" <brianburke@juno.com> wrote in message
> news:f45722ac.0307291835.20ae53bf@posting.google.com...
> > "Dan/W4NTI" <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com> wrote in message
> news:<bg6q1b$70i$1@slb2.atl.mindspring.net>...
> >
> > > Yeah its tough now Dee. When I took mine is was solid copy at 20 wpm
> for
> > > one solid minute out of five. Oh well.
> > >
> > > Dan/W4NTI
> >
> > And uphill both ways in 6 foot of snow...
>
> You know Brian I don't give a rats ass if you believe me or not. Ask
> ANYBODY that took it in the 70s and earlier.
>
> Dan/W4NTI

Dan, sob stories can be true or false, really doesn't matter. But if
the exam is unnecessary, why tell your sob story?

Do you want sympathy?

3533. Re: There is no International Code Requirement and techs can operate

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-31 12:32:35 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu>
Message-ID: <3F290C63.3070405@psu.edu>
Source record: 73315

Alun Palmer wrote:
> Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu> wrote in news:3F2813F3.7070808@psu.edu:
>
>
>>
>>Alun Palmer wrote:
>>
>>
>>>You don't get it, do you? Nobody has ever implied it says OR, and it
>>>certainly never mentions Element 1.
>>>
>>>What it does say is:
>>>
>>>"who has recieved credit for proficiency in telegraphy
>>>_in_accordance_with_international_requirements_"
>>
>>
>>
>> You are taking what is an aside, and basing your whole argument on
>> it.
>>Won't work.
>>
>> This argument doesn't work on enough levels that it is surprising
>> that
>>anyone would use it.
>>
>>1. My first remark about the very secondary nature of the "in
>>accordance with....."
>>
>
>
> That is the strongest argument against it, i.e. is it a condition? It may
> not be, but this is the first post to attack that point
>
>
>>2. The reworded Article 25.5 now says, "Administrations shall determine
>>whether or not a person seeking a license to operate an amateur station
>>shall demonstrate the ability to send and receive texts in Morse code
>>signals."
>>
>> Do you agree that this is the reworded article 25.5?
>>
>
>

> Yes
>
>
>> The administration has determined that the persons seeking a
>> license
>>must pass a 5 wpm Morse code test.
>
>
> Not so fast. Where does it say that in respect of the Novice frequencies?
>
>
>>Until it changes it's requirements,
>>it will continue.
>>
>>
>>3. There is nothing in the rules that we are out of compliance with.
>>
>
>
> Who said there was? Maybe D Stussy, but his line of argument is truly
> wierd

Yeah, reading his argument makes me dizzy.

>
>>4. Morse code testing is not abolished. Individual administrations now
>>make that call- to test, or not to test.
>>
>
>
> Yes, but have they actually made it in respect of those particular
> frequencies? I'm not sure that they have.
>

Since many contries have individual bending of the rules, (US
technician, Japanese Low power HF as examples, there is already evidence
of some modification of the rules. This of course complicaes matters.

So we are left with starting from the premise that we or whatever
country is in initial compliance. That initial compliance is dated from
the day before the rule change.

This to me says that the present state is in compliance, even though
the requirement for the Morse test has been modified.

I certainly understand your argument. But when situations like this
crop up, and one rule interferes with another, those who would be called
on to make a ruling have to make it with the concept of the spirit of
the rule, plus they have to make rulings that do not throw the
institution into chaos.

>>Using the argument that Morse code testing has been abolished is quite
>>simply *wrong*.
>
>
> No-one is saying it has been abolished for the General or the Extra

- Mike KB3EIA -

3534. Re: Here We Go Again..Sir Putzalot Is Back In His Stride

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-31 13:13:44 UTC
From: k4yz@aol.com
Message-ID: <5c01b95b.0307310513.16383b4@posting.google.com>
Source record: 73316

lenover21@aol.com (Len Over 21) wrote in message
news:<20030729170206.23406.00001120@mb-m27.aol.com>...
> In article <5c01b95b.0307290741.39ac19f4@posting.google.com>, k4yz@aol.com
> (Steve Robeson, K4CAP) writes:
> >> Nursie gonna "cite" the Journal of the American Medical Association?!?!?
> >>
> >> Since when did nursie achieve an M.D.?
> >
> > "Nursie" doesn't have to.
> >
> > Nursie has liberal access to numerous professional journals,
> >including JAMA, ENA, ANA, etc etc etc. Also, these publications are
> >in the our facilities professional text library.
>
> BWAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAH
> AHAHAHAHAHAHAHA!!!

Lennie's gone over the edge. I warned him.

> >> I've saved you over $307 compared to what you would have paid SGC.
> >
> > Yep. You did. And I said thanks in a very sincere and civil
> >reply. If you want homage too you'll have to do better than $307.
>
> BWAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHA
> HAHAHAHAHAHAH!!!
> !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
> > Hmmmmmm....I'd ask you to please cite the post where I demanded
> >ANYTHING, least of all from you, but we'll just heap that on the pile
> >of other requests for proof of your many misdirecting posts.
>
> BWAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHA
> HAHAHAHAHA!!!
>
> >> Well, did your TN backwoods militia do any illegal PARAMILITARY
> >> radio ops lately, huh? Well, did you, PUNK?
> >
> > Welp...I wouldn't know what "backwoods militia" you are refring
> >to, Lennie, since I don't belong to any militia. And I do posses the
> >appropriate authorizations to operate on every frequency I do operate
> >on.
>
> BWAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAH
> !!!
>

>
> > The only thing "funny" here, Lennie (your umlaut post being one
> >of the extremely few exceptions) is that you continue to make such a
> >fool of yourself, then dive in for more.
>
> BWAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHA
> HAHAHAHA!!!
>
>
> > What you think I know/don't know about anything is probably
> >inverse of the truth, Your Lyingness.
>
> BWAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAH
> AHAHAHAHAHAHAHA!!!
>
>
> > Answer: Zero. "We" already knew that. Your non-answer was
> >expected.
>
> BWAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAH
> AHAHAHAHAHAHAHA!!!
>
>
> > A bit on the paranoid side, aren't ya, Putzy?
>
> BWAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAH
> AHAHAHAHAHAHAHA!!!
>
>
> > Lennie, when will you ever learn that it's "answers" like this
> >that prove MY assertions as to your character EVERY TIME...?!?!
>
> BWAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAH
> AHAHAHAHAHAHAHA!!!
>
> > YOU make demands all the time...BLATANT demands. You think YOU
> >have "rights" that no one else has. No problem. Your two-facedness,
> >your lies, your trolling and antagonistic rhetoric is your undoing.
>
> BWAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAH
> AHAHAHAHAHAHAHA!!!

You've finally gone over the edge, Lennie.

I TOLD you that this would happen.

See your MD ASAP before that stroke has a chance to manifest.

Sheeeesh.

Steve, K4YZ

3535. Re: CORRECTION!!!

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-31 13:21:43 UTC
From: k4yz@aol.com
Message-ID: <5c01b95b.0307310521.151ae9a7@posting.google.com>
Source record: 73317

brianburke@juno.com (Brian) wrote in message
news:<f45722ac.0307291516.319b327@posting.google.com>...
> k4yz@aol.com (Steve Robeson, K4CAP) wrote in message
news:<5c01b95b.0307290749.e3cd378@posting.google.com>...
>
> > And the "garbage" that get's thrown in here was dumped by someone
> > other than me...I just pick up the pieces and make a fool of the guy
> > who did it.
> >
> > Steve, K4YZ
>
> Oh geez. You vomit last night's booze on here on an almost daily
> basis and make a fool of only yourself.

Whew. That was poignant, Brain. Come up with that one one your own?

And a sincere THANK-YOU for making my point with your graphic "wit".

Steve, K4YZ

3536. Re: Question for the No coders

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-31 14:01:05 UTC
From: kelly@dvol.com
Message-ID: <d22b54c3.0307310534.7d041442@posting.google.com>
Source record: 73318

lenover21@aol.com (Len Over 21) wrote in message
news:<20030729170211.23406.00001123@mb-m27.aol.com>...
> In article <bg5550$2fu$0@208.206.142.84>, "Dick Carroll;" <dixie@townsqr.com>
> writes:
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> >> >
> >> >> lenover21@aol.com (Len Over 21) wrote
>
> >> >> > >I for one
> >> >> > >was on the HF ham bands in 1951 *with CW* from W3CGS before I got my
> >> >> > >Novice ticket.
> >> >> >
> >> >> > Then you were BOOTLEGGING, old man. ILLEGAL. Tsk, tsk.

> > So how was it you're still so uninformed that you never heard of an
> unlicensed
> >(or underlicensed) operator working a ham radio station under the supervision
> >of a control operator who has the appropriate license? Hmmmm?
> >So your reading didn't really teach you all that much about ham radio?
> >Whatta surprise!
>
> Kellie was describing what he did 52 years ago at age 14,
> BEFORE HE WAS LICENSED.

Ayup, and it was 100% legal. As you've belatedly become well aware ya
PUTZ. But ya stuck yer hoof in yer mouth once again thru gross
ignorance and boxed yerself in with no way out so the rants go on.

> Now YOU PROVE - beyond a shadow of a doubt - that Kellie was
> telling the ABSOLUTE TRUTH back then.

As soon as YOU PROVE beyond a reasonable doubt that you ever set foot
in Japan. I've had my doubts all along . . .

>
> 43 transmitters with RF output ranging from 1 to 40 KW takes up
> about 200 feet of interior space if arranged in two lines. The antenna
> field required a 1 x 2 mile former airfield to hold them all.

I saw the list of "countries" you *allegedly* "worked" with all those
kilowatts and rhombics. Not exactly a sterling performance. I mean
holy cow in that same timeframe I worked every continent on the globe
several times over with my 0.05 Kw ARC-5 TX into a wire strung from my
bedroom window to a tree down the yard. I dunno what yer problem
was/is but if I were you I wouldn't spend much time bragging about my

HF operating exploits, they're notably lame.

And OhYez, I have written proof that I did what I claim I did with
that ARC-5 and the wire.

>
> LHA

w3rv

3537. Re: Question for the No coders

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-31 14:08:44 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu>
Message-ID: <3F2922EC.3050304@psu.edu>
Source record: 73319

Dwight Stewart wrote:
> "Mike Coslo" wrote:
>
>>You're right. I think that all should be issued
>>Amateur radio licenses at birth. The testing
>>requirements should be changed to "Utilization
>>Encounters" that no longer have test questions,
>>but rather non-competitive non-graded sessions
>>designed to enhance the self esteem of the
>>Amateur Radio operator. The different grading
>>of the tickets would no longer be based on
>>knowledge, but on how good the licensee feels
>>about themselves.
>
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>
> Well, responding in an equally sarcastic manner, you're perfectly free to
> think that if you wish, Mike. However, I think we should have reasonable
> requirements that are neither too simplistic nor too difficult. Those
> requirements should address the realistic needs and goals of Amateur Radio
> without attempts to use them to unfairly exclude others. In my opinion, the
> current written tests address the realistic needs and goals of Amateur
> Radio, while the code test does not.

What are those "realistic needs and goals", Dwight?

We've already proven that no test at all is needed to get on HF and run some fair amount of power. Lot's of CB'ers do it all the time. It doesn't matter that it is illegal to do, that isn't the point. The point is that it didn't take any kind of formalized education or testing process for them to get on the air without doing damage to themselves.

But is that what we want? Some people do want just that. Interestingly enough, they applaud the likely elimination of the Morse code test, and will probably agitate for more. (or less depending on how you look at it)

That is why it is so critical for the NCTA's to buckle down and get things under control.

>
>>Dwight, it all depends on what you mean by
>>unnecessary.
>
>
>
> Necessary and reasonable, both words used throughout my comments, are

> pretty much self-explanatory. If that doesn't satisfy you, read the
> paragraph I wrote above.

Your definition of necessary and reasonable. You should be trumpeting
that from the rafters at every chance. Because some others have a quite
different definition.

This is why it is so critical for the NCTA's to take up their
leadership role NOW. My definition of necessary and reasonable include a
test for Morse code. So all the other PCTA's and myself are immediately
marginalized and irrelevant.

>
>>CB'ers are on the air on HF. Many run power, illegal
>>or not. And no one has taken a test to do that.
>>
>>This proves that * you don't need any test at all* to
>>successfully run a station at HF frequencies.
>
>
>
> But can one do so safely and in compliance with the rules and regulations?
> Of course not. And that is why the actions of that CB'er is illegal. And it
> is also why that example is not applicable to ham radio.
>
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>
>>And reasonable requirements can be anything from a
>>difficult test to no test at all. just depends on
>>who is doing the reasoning.
>
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>
> The FCC is doing the reasoning. We're simply agreeing or disagreeing with
> that reasoning.
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>
>>The ARS can be what we make of it. All is arbitrary,
>>and we have to start with an idea of how adroit we
>>want the typical member to be and go from there. From
>>EE to CB.
>
>
>
> In that case, why stop with just excluding "dumbed down" people. There is
> just as many reasons to write rules to exclude the poor. 'Those people'
> can't buy good radios and the cheap radios owned by 'those people' can cause
> problems on the ham frequencies. Clearly, we should write rules to get rid
> of anyone who earns less than $50k. When you start down the path of
> intentionally excluding others, it has the tendency to go much further then

> you ever intended.

Where on earth did you come up with that one, Dwight? I'd never say such a thing, and I'm a little disappointed you would try to inject that here.

Note that there is a big difference between expecting that a person has some level of adroitness and denying them because of some external and irrelevant factor.

- Mike KB3EIA -

3538. Re: Question for the No coders

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-31 14:18:50 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu>
Message-ID: <3F29254A.2060904@psu.edu>
Source record: 73326

Dick Carroll; wrote:
>
> Dwight Stewart wrote:
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>
>>In my opinion, the
>>current written tests address the realistic needs and goals of Amateur
>>Radio, while the code test does not.
>
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>
> Why of course Dwight! Tha makes the test requirements easy and non-existant.
> What more could you want?
>

There seems to be a bigger picture that the NCTA's are having trouble grasping.

After their victory, their people - in this case, *all* those who oppose Morse code testing are coming out of the woodwork. And they seem to be having problems recognizing their new resposibility. Dwight and I are not too different on the requirements to become a Ham. The problem is that a lot of other people in his camp have some drastically different ideas of what is realistic or reasonable.

Those are the people who need to be reigned in.

Question is, are the NCTA's up to the task?

- Mike KB3EIA -

3539. Re: Question for the No coders

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-31 14:20:58 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu>
Message-ID: <3F2925CA.5050500@psu.edu>
Source record: 73328

Dwight Stewart wrote:

> Zoning laws, job policies, and ham licenses, all serve a legitimate
> purpose. Policies or rules designed solely to exclude don't.

How was I excluded from the ARS by the Morse code test?

How many people have been excluded?

- Mike KB3EIA -

3540. Re: Good bye CODE!

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-31 14:23:00 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu>
Message-ID: <3F292644.9030502@psu.edu>
Source record: 73327

Alun Palmer wrote:

> Do you realise if it does take two years, the US will be just about the
> only country with code testing, except maybe Russia!

Which would mean?

- Mike KB3EIA -

3541. Re: Question for the No coders

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-31 15:12:27 UTC
From: k4yz@aol.com
Message-ID: <5c01b95b.0307310712.2a18e325@posting.google.com>
Source record: 73329

lenover21@aol.com (Len Over 21) wrote in message
news:<20030729170211.23406.00001123@mb-m27.aol.com>...

> I've never claimed to be an "expert" on amateur radio or any part
> of radio.

Holy-freakin'smokes. Hope Mrs. Lennie wasn't anywhere near THAT
nose, Putznocchio!

> I've enjoyed a reasonably well-paying career in radio-
> electronics engineering, something influenced by doing three
> years of large-scale military communications before 1956.

Amassing war stories of battles he didn't fight in, it seems.

Lucky for you you were better at investing your money than you
were in electronics, huh, Lennie?

> I can't help your obvious reading DISABILITY, old man. My bylines are
> still there and my mailing address is still the same. You WILL find my
> name on HR's masthead, too.

Yes...Your by-lines are there as is your name on some mastheads.

What's NOT there is any evidence that the work was yours, nor is
there any evidence of participation IN Amateur Radio, third-party
operator or otherwise.

And even MORE glaring is a lack of evidence that "your" work ever
influenced or complimented a single Amateur Radio related project or
program.

Not a one.

> There's a website with a complete listing of HAM RADIO Magazine
> articles...taken from HR's annual listings, probably. I don't have the
> bookmark but you can find it through a search.

> >Of course I could get them out and do a manual
> >search just to see how much of a liar you really are, but naw, you're a
> phoney
> >from the get-go and that'd be a waste of my time.
>
> I wouldn't want your fantasy shattered. Keep believing your own lies.
> You will find peace, happiness, and serentity in Nirvana of fantasy.

As YOU already have, it would seem, Lennie. You repeat them so
often, it MUST keep that "warm fuzzy" just that...

> >Whatever (if anything)
> >you may have contributed was too inconsequential to be of note.
>
> How would you know?

The LACK of evidence is glaring, Sir Putzalot...Not a single noteworthy item in ANY Amateur Radio related field save for your few items in a now defunct magazine, and none of THAT verifyable as your own work.

> >Hey, That's the way things work in the publishing world.
>
> Again HOW WOULD YOU KNOW?
>
> Have YOU ever sold any work to a publisher?

And if he HASN'T, Lennie?

> I've sold work to five publishers of electronics interest, all of it without
> once meeting the editors face to face. The work sold itself.

And I am sure the folks who did the real work appreciated you doing that to see if it fell flat or not.

> It was a FUN thing to do as a sideline, never intended to be of
> "heavyweight" calibre.

Whew! Glad to hear that! That way you weren't disappointed!

And judging by the electronic world's complete ignorance of Leonard H. Anderson, I'd say THAT speaks for the work too.

> Feel free to spend weeks in the FCC Reading room, looking for all
> those "bootlegging violations." You won't find any. I've never
> bootlegged in radio or anything else under the ATF.

That simply means you didn't get caught. It's not evidence of having not done it.

> Army radio station ADA was hardly "obscure." It was in and near Tokyo
> in central Honshu, rather farther up north from Hiroshima or Nagasaki.

Holy freakin smokes again ! ! !...Yet another diatribe on his Army "career" of sixty years ago....

Rest snipped...Been there...read that...

> It's not nice to insult my wife...who is NOT "mailorder" and NOT under
> any psychosis, nor did she ever get her degrees from any
> "correspondence school."

Glad to hear that...Rumor was that Sally Struthers was getting ready to sue you for defaming correspondence schools.

> N2JTV not only "heard of me," he served with me in the same time,
> same job, on another team (we had four). Gene and I have since

> talked long distance and exchanged mail. He lives in Long Island, NY,
> but his radio activity is mostly with radio-controlled model aircraft.
>
> As to "claims," it ain't braggin if ya done it. I did it.

Not as a licensed Amateur Radio operator you didn't.

> OF COURSE YOU DID. You KNOW things that other folks DON'T.
>
> Wow! Heavyweight FANTASY material, old timer.

Whew, Lennie...Ya better duck before that one has a chance to
swing around the pole and come back and belt ya one...
>
> Yes, we all KNOW that Missouri is a Mecca of "heavy hardware
> radio transmitting iron." Yup, you've told us. :-) :-) :-)
>
> >Live with it.
> > OBTW, I was in your backyard again last week. I visited Yaesu USA Center at
> the
> >Vertex Standard building in Cypress, and we toured around the
> >region a bit just looking things over.
> > Can't say I envy you living there.The place leaves a bad taste in one's
> mouth.
> >Literally. You don't know what clean air is.
>
> Cypress is NOT even close to being in "my backyard."

Sure it is. Close enough to be there in 20 minutes...smog and
White Bronco pursuits notwithstanding.

> California became the most populated state in the USA many years
> ago. Many, many, many folks moved here because THEY liked it.

And now it's one of the most highly taxed, crime ridden places in
the United States.

Dunno about you, but >>I<< am impressed.

Best part of Californication I ever saw was in the rear view
mirror.

Steve, K4YZ

3542. Re: Fight the BPL

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-31 17:20:20 UTC
From: JC <w9jcm@NOSPAMsbcglobal.net>
Message-ID: <odcWa.4460$6j.62163184@newssvr13.news.prodigy.com>
Source record: 73330
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.swap,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.policy

I will not contriube crap the the arrl. NOT A CENT. The have there OWN
agenda and not the general ham public. I was a member for 6 years and just
quit them. I will never go back.
"Mike" <mdickman@bevcomm.net> wrote in message
news:3F288822.54D322E5@bevcomm.net...
> I would have gave money 10 years ago if the ARRL had advocated dropping
that
> flippin' CW. Now that the ARRL is being pushed from the top down all they
> want is money. Sounds like another government agency to me.
>
> Zoran Brlecic wrote:
>
> > Even if you are not an ARRL member and/or disagree with its policy, you
> > should seriously consider contributing to this fund. If the BPL
> > technology ever gets implemented, this may very well be the end of ham
> > radio as we know it. Make no mistake about it - we're talking 60 dB
> > noise increase across the entire HF, not dropping the Morse requirement!
> > And for what? So that people in the rural areas of USA can have a faster
> > download from porn sites?
> >
> > https://www.arrl.org/forms/development/donations/bpl/
> >
> > A measly $25 - $100 can help prevent your $5000 equipment from becoming
> > an expensive coffee cup warmer.
> >
> > 73 .... WA7AA
> >
> > --
> >
> > Anti-spam measure: look me up on qrz.com if you need to reply directly
>
> --
> Mike
> reply: mdickman@bevcomm.net
>
> Powered by Mandrake Linux, no reboots since 5 February, 2003
>
>

3543. Re: The FACTS about the Morse Code and the FCC.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-31 18:50:26 UTC
From: Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
Message-ID: <cuvyxnansvbet.hiw9ozt.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 73332

On 31 Jul 2003 10:21:05 GMT, N2EY wrote:

>>>Tell them the JY1 story, Phil. Some folks actually think medical
>>>waivers were the result of ADA.
>>
>> How soon we forget...
>
>I didn't forget. NCVEC obviously did.

Johnny Johnston was THERE (and was the "make it work" guy) when it
happened. He was on the NCVEC committee - how come he didn't pipe up?

>Was there an NPRM? Lawsuits based on ADA? Lots of discussion, comments and
>counterproposals?
>
>The world wonders

Pass the Maalox.....
>
>tnx, Phil

As we say in the Middle East - "Lo Devar" (de nada)

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73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane

From a Clearing in the Silicon Forest
Beaverton (Washington County) Oregon

3544. Re: There is no International Code Requirement and techs can operate

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-31 18:50:27 UTC
From: Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
Message-ID: <cuvyxnansvbet.hiw9vlu.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 73331

On Thu, 31 Jul 2003 06:40:42 GMT, D. Stussy wrote:

>PS: "Law" usually refers to STATUTE, not agency regulation. The
>procedures for the creation of each are quite different.

In communications law practice, FCC regulations are considered "law"
for com,pliance and enforcement purposes. "Communications law"
includes treaties, statutes, regulations, and case precedcents.

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73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane

From a Clearing in the Silicon Forest
Beaverton (Washington County) Oregon

3545. Re: There is no International Code Requirement and techs can operate

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-31 18:50:28 UTC
From: Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
Message-ID: <cuvyxnansvbet.hiwa2vv.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 73333

On Thu, 31 Jul 2003 06:46:08 GMT, D. Stussy wrote:

>The rules have no such requirement. If 47 CFR 97.301(e) required
>"element 1 credit," it would state so. It doesn't. It does require
>compliance with an "international requirement" - but there is no such
>requirement.

I would recommend not riding that horse any more because it has no
saddle....

If you remember, Bill Cross, the FCC amateur radio "guru" said at the
Dayton Hamfest a while back that if "you" (amateurs) push the FCC to
make a ruling you may not like the ruling you get.

--
73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane

From a Clearing in the Silicon Forest
Beaverton (Washington County) Oregon

3546. Re: With CW gone, can the CW allocations be far behind?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-31 18:54:35 UTC
From: Dave Heil <k8mn@earthlink.net>
Message-ID: <3F2965B6.38D7F121@earthlink.net>
Source record: 73334

Len Over 21 wrote:
>
> In article <3F251FC3.B9DA0D19@earthlink.net>, Dave Heil <k8mn@earthlink.net>
> writes:
>
> >Len Over 21 wrote:
> >
> >> The pro-coder regulars in here have been sorely wounded by the
> >> WRC-03 decision on S25 and they are vengeful, looking for blood
> >> regardless of manner in which it is spilled. Are you one of those?
> >
> >What is any of this to you, Leonard?
>
> Colonel Klunk, you have NO authority to demand any such answer.

When was a demand issued, Leonora?

> You are not Mike Coslo...to whom my remarks were aimed.
>
> Why do you attempt to answer for another?

You must have forgotten how usenet works, kindly old gent. Perhaps
you'll want to engage in an e-mail exchange directly with Mike if it
bothers you when others comment on what you've written in this very
public place.

> Do you have multiple personalities? Or is your psychosis a mild one
> of simple hatred for anyone pointing out that you never did any
> glorious government radio pioneering in the 1980s.

You've called a number of people crazy over the past week or so. You
know what they say about one who believes that a number of others are
insane?

> >You aren't involved in amateur radio in any way.
>
> Not required.
>
> >You aren't a ham.
>
> The FDA hasn't been around to stamp my beef. Why do you think
> you can beef so much without such inspection?

from 9/5/96
Anderson: "Will I take a license exam? Probably. I'm a year from
retirement and it's only taken me two decades to achieve 3 WPM...

Will I recommend amateur radio as a hobby to a young person? Only guardedly and only after explaining everything that I've observed over the last four decades as a professional in the electronics/ communications industry."

Then there's that "Extra right out of the box". Apparently you aspire to become a ham as soon as the requirements have been lowered sufficiently. Perhaps you can obtain that Extra right out of the next box.

> >You aren't a regulator.
>
> NEITHER ARE YOU.

No kidding? I am involved in amateur radio. Since you aren't a regulator and you aren't a ham, your presence here and your fixation with amateur radio are a tad peculiar.

> Quit trying to play Raddio Kop. Or did you get one of those nice
> shields in the mail so that you can flip open your badge wallet and
> pretend to be some kind of officer? Were your friends and neighbors
> amazed and delighted at your "promotion?"

This isn't the "raddio" and I've not present myself as an enforcement official in amateur radio. Even if I was, it wouldn't matter. You aren't a part of amateur radio.

> >You aren't a budding neophyte.
>
> I was a "neophyte" in radio a half century ago. That quickly passed.

You have yet to become a neophyte in amateur radio. You'll become a beginner after passing a license exam. You'll have the opportunity to be a neophyte all over again.

> >You're a guy who delights in pointing out
> >his past accomplishments in military and commercial radio.
>
> Sorry, but you are LYING again. As I keep saying, the US Army quit
> using morse code modes for long-haul primary communications on HF
> in 1948. I began operating on HF in early 1953 as part of a team of four
> to keep a very large Army radio station operating 24 hours a day, seven
> days a week.

Let's look at a few Anderson quotes over a long period of time:

from 2/1/97

Anderson: "Ahem...as one who was _working_ in radio 40 years ago..."

from 9/13/96

Anderson: "Len - tested and passed Commercial 1st Radiotelephone 40 years ago."

from 9/13/96
Anderson: "Geoffrey, between 1953 and 1955 I was a fixed-station repairman, then supervisor on one team (of 4) at U.S. Army station ADA in Tokyo. With 27 transmitters (23 on HF bands), 108 TTY circuits, 7 voice circuits over the Pacific, 24 hours a day, I may have worked more traffic on HF than the average Extra ham will work in a lifetime. ADA pushed a quarter million TTY messages a month..."

from 12/10/96
Anderson: "In my case, I've already worked 24-hour-a-day "DX" on HF as a member of the U.S. Army in the 1950s...took and passed a Commercial Radiotelephone license in 1956...worked as a hands-on electronics engineer in successful design..."

from 10/8/96
Anderson: "Recall that I've worn the Army uniform and moved more traffic on the HF transmitters I operated and maintained in one month than any Extra class amateur has sent in an entire lifetime."

Any of that familiar to you?

> "It ain't braggin' if ya done it." I did it.

What is it you did in amateur radio, Len? You're more likely as a candidate for an amateur radio "Who's He?" than "Who's Who".

Dave K8MN

3547. Re: Good bye CODE!

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-31 19:27:11 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307311127.253c388e@posting.google.com>
Source record: 73335

yodoc@aol.comnospam (Larry Roll K3LT) wrote in message
news:<20030730215343.00871.00000965@mb-m17.aol.com>...
> In article <f45722ac.0307301509.21e0a81d@posting.google.com>,
> brianburke@juno.com (Brian) writes:
>
> >> Dan:
> >>
> >> Good point. And the PCTA's may not need to lift a finger. After all,
> >> the FCC just went to a great deal of time and expense to restructure
> >> the U.S. amateur radio licensing system,
> > >
> > >A recurring review was and is required. Do you know how often they
> > >must review the regs?
> >
> > Brian:
> >
> > Every four years. Which means that the present Element 1 code test has
> > at least until April 15, 2004, plus the time it takes for the 2004 Quadrenneal
> > Review, then the time it takes for the FCC to review any Petitions for
> > Rulemaking I may have received, then the time it would take for the NPRM,
> > comment, and reply comment process to take place. Code testing could
> > probably go on for anywhere from 2 to 4 years from now. I never said that
> > it wouldn't be eliminated, just that it isn't a "front-burner" issue for the
> > FCC.
> >
> > > and may not be all that
> > >> motivated to go through that process again in such short order.
> > > >
> > > >They don't have a choice. It's called a mandate.
> >
> > What mandate? Who is "mandating" the elimination of code testing?
> > The ITU left it up to the individual administrations whether or not they would
> > require code testing in their country's ARS licensing system. There is
> > no "mandate" to eliminate it whatsoever.

Calm down, Larry. The review is mandated. And the FCC already said
that the only reason they kept the code exam was the ITU requirement.
There is no longer an ITU requirement, so during the next review...

> > Since
> > >> they felt that the 5 WPM test requirement was acceptable to those
> > >> who would have burdened them with medical waiver requests had they
> > >> kept a higher speed code test, they will not likely see any need to
> > >> start the whole NPRM comment/reply ball rolling again very soon.
> > > >

> >You haven't been paying attention.
>
> The things I'm posting would give an unbiased observer the exact
> opposite impression.

They did not "feel" that the 5wpm exam was acceptable. They "felt"
that it was required by the ITU.

Brian

3548. Re: Fight the BPL

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-31 19:27:15 UTC
From: Gary <k5jfp@yahoo.com>
Message-ID: <n4eWa.133601$hV.8938125@twister.austin.rr.com>
Source record: 73336
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.swap,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.policy

You'll be missed.

"JC" <w9jcm@NOSPAMsbcglobal.net> wrote in message
news:odcWa.4460$6j.62163184@newssvr13.news.prodigy.com...
> I will not contriube crap the the arrl. NOT A CENT. The have there OWN
> agenda and not the general ham public. I was a member for 6 years and just
> quit them. I will never go back.
> "Mike" <mdickman@bevcomm.net> wrote in message
> news:3F288822.54D322E5@bevcomm.net...
> > I would have gave money 10 years ago if the ARRL had advocated dropping
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> > flippin' CW. Now that the ARRL is being pushed from the top down all
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> > > A measly $25 - $100 can help prevent your $5000 equipment from
becoming
> > > an expensive coffee cup warmer.
> > >
> > > 73 .... WA7AA
> > >
> > > --
> > >
> > > Anti-spam measure: look me up on qrz.com if you need to reply directly
> >
> > --
> > Mike
> > reply: mdickman@bevcomm.net

> >
> > Powered by Mandrake Linux, no reboots since 5 February, 2003
> >
> >
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3549. Re: Good bye CODE!

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-31 19:29:42 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307311129.2184d4bc@posting.google.com>
Source record: 73337

"Dick Carroll;" <dixie@townsqr.com> wrote in message news:<bg9ts2$s69$2@208.206.142.78>...
> Brian wrote:
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> > yodoc@aol.comnospam (Larry Roll K3LT) wrote in message
news:<20030729223106.20198.00001064@mb-m14.aol.com>...
> > > In article <bg7489dps1@slb6.atl.mindspring.net>, "Dan/W4NTI"
> > > <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com> writes:
> > >
> > > >Hi troll idiot....hope ur not in a hurry. The PCTAs are gonna put you on
> > > >hold for another decade at least.
> > > >
> > > >Dan/W4NTI
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> > > Dan:
> > >
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> > > the U.S. amateur radio licensing system,
> >
> > A recurring review was and is required. Do you know how often they
> > must review the regs?
> >
> > and may not be all that
> > > motivated to go through that process again in such short order.
> >
> > They don't have a choice. It's called a mandate.
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>
> Really, Brain? Would you care to cite exactly the source and contents of that mandate?

Do you think the FCC reviewed Part 97 last time because they thought
it was a neat thing to do?

See Larry's reply. He's got something on the ball that you don't.

When are we going to hear "The "Pop" Heard Around the World" when you
pull your head out?

3550. Re: CORRECTION!!!

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-31 19:34:25 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307311134.4e87c9c6@posting.google.com>
Source record: 73338

k4yz@aol.com (Steve Robeson, K4CAP) wrote in message
news:<5c01b95b.0307310521.151ae9a7@posting.google.com>...
> brianburke@juno.com (Brian) wrote in message
news:<f45722ac.0307291516.319b327@posting.google.com>...
> > k4yz@aol.com (Steve Robeson, K4CAP) wrote in message
news:<5c01b95b.0307290749.e3cd378@posting.google.com>...
> >
> > > And the "garbage" that get's thrown in here was dumped by someone
> > > other than me...I just pick up the pieces and make a fool of the guy
> > > who did it.
> > >
> > > Steve, K4YZ
> >
> > Oh geez. You vomit last night's booze on here on an almost daily
> > basis and make a fool of only yourself.
>
> Whew. That was poignant, Brain. Come up with that one one your own?
>
> And a sincere THANK-YOU for making my point with your graphic "wit".
>
> Steve, K4YZ

Well, you do. Then you say you pick thru the chunks and make fools of other people.

You fool only yourself.

3551. Re: Here We Go Again..Sir Putzalot Is Back In His Stride

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-31 19:35:16 UTC
From: brianburke@juno.com
Message-ID: <f45722ac.0307311135.4e787c76@posting.google.com>
Source record: 73339

k4yz@aol.com (Steve Robeson, K4CAP) wrote in message
news:<5c01b95b.0307310513.16383b4@posting.google.com>...
> lenover21@aol.com (Len Over 21) wrote in message
news:<20030729170206.23406.00001120@mb-m27.aol.com>...
> > In article <5c01b95b.0307290741.39ac19f4@posting.google.com>, k4yz@aol.com
> > (Steve Robeson, K4CAP) writes:
> > >> Nursie gonna "cite" the Journal of the American Medical Association?!?!?
> > >>
> > >> Since when did nursie achieve an M.D.?
> > >
> > > "Nursie" doesn't have to.
> > >
> > > Nursie has liberal access to numerous professional journals,
> > >including JAMA, ENA, ANA, etc etc etc. Also, these publications are
> > >in the our facilities professional text library.
> >
> > BWAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAH
> > AHAHAHAHAHAHAHA!!!
>
> Lennie's gone over the edge. I warned him.

Looks like he's walking a mile in your shoes.

3552. Re: American w/ Disability Act and CW Proficiency Test

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-31 19:58:36 UTC
From: Cool Breeze <spade#abc.com>
Message-ID: <BTOdnbe5X_xi6bSiXTWJjA@comcast.com>
Source record: 73340
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.misc

<Moparholic@hotmailnospam.com> wrote in message
news:20030731070111.850$0N@newsreader.com...

> It's clear that you don't care about anything but yourself, and you're
> still a cross-posting idiot.
>
> --
> GO# 40

So are you assclown.

3553. Re: American w/ Disability Act and CW Proficiency Test

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-31 19:59:36 UTC
From: Cool Breeze <spade#abc.com>
Message-ID: <9rqdnXw8IeOm6LSiXTWJkQ@comcast.com>
Source record: 73341
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.misc

<Moparholic@hotmailnospam.com> wrote in message
news:20030731070737.932$Ay@newsreader.com...

> Which group is he in? I know it's not rec.radio.cb, and I know his
> drivel has no purpose here. Leg humper.
>
> --
> GO# 40

I am not sure cross post to all of them so you can be more of a hypocrite...
assclown

3554. Re: Question for the No coders

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-31 20:02:07 UTC
From: "Dick Carroll;" <dixie@townsqr.com>
Message-ID: <bgbsjv$j97$0@208.206.142.96>
Source record: 73342

Mike Coslo wrote:

> Dick Carroll; wrote:
> >
> > Dwight Stewart wrote:
> >
> >
> >>In my opinion, the
> >>current written tests address the realistic needs and goals of Amateur
> >>Radio, while the code test does not.
> >
> >
> >
> >
> > Why of course Dwight! Tha makes the test requirements easy and non-existant.
> > What more could you want?
> >
>
> There seems to be a bigger picture that the NCTA's are having trouble
> grasping.
>
> After their victory, their people - in this case, *all* those who
> oppose Morse code testing are coming out of the woodwork. And they seem
> to be having problems recognizing their new resposibility. Dwight and I
> are not too different on the requirements to become a Ham. The problem
> is that a lot of other people in his camp have some drastically
> different ideas of what is realistic or reasonable.
>
> Those are the people who need to be reigned in.
>
> Question is, are the NCTA's up to the task?
>

In a word NO. No more than the FCC was up to the task of reigning in
many of the same people on 27mhz.

3555. Re: Question for the No coders

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-31 20:04:17 UTC
From: "Dick Carroll;" <dixie@townsqr.com>
Message-ID: <bgbso1kbv0@208.206.142.96>
Source record: 73343

Mike Coslo wrote:

> Dwight Stewart wrote:
>
> > Zoning laws, job policies, and ham licenses, all serve a legitimate
> > purpose. Policies or rules designed solely to exclude don't.
>
> How was I excluded from the ARS by the Morse code test?
>
> How many people have been excluded?

This is and has long been the common thread among codehaters. There is no logic nor proof involved, and now the NCVAEC has taken up the very same theme.
What a shame. I'm more than sure they'll have some crow to eat when all the commenting is done.

3556. Re: Good bye CODE!

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-31 20:05:01 UTC
From: "Dick Carroll;" <dixie@townsqr.com>
Message-ID: <bgbspdkbv1@208.206.142.96>
Source record: 73344

Mike Coslo wrote:

> Alun Palmer wrote:
>
> > > Do you realise if it does take two years, the US will be just about the
> > > only country with code testing, except maybe Russia!
>
> > Which would mean?

Simple, Mike - instant gratification foiled again!

3557. Re: Question for the No coders

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-31 20:07:55 UTC
From: "Dick Carroll;" <dixie@townsqr.com>
Message-ID: <bgbsurkbv2@208.206.142.96>
Source record: 73345

"Steve Robeson, K4CAP" wrote:

> > Have YOU ever sold any work to a publisher?
>
> And if he HASN'T, Lennie?
>

Actually, I have. I'll let him find it for himself.

3558. Re: Question for the No coders

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-31 20:17:24 UTC
From: "Dick Carroll;" <dixie@townsqr.com>
Message-ID: <bgbtgk$m98$0@208.206.142.96>
Source record: 73346

"Steve Robeson, K4CAP" wrote:

>
> > California became the most populated state in the USA many years
> > ago. Many, many, many folks moved here because THEY liked it.
>
> And now it's one of the most highly taxed, crime ridden places in
> the United States.

They face a $35BILLION budget shortfall for *this year* and they're not finished counting yet. All those
"feel good" deals, and Putzie's vaunted emergency services bills coming due. Wonder what will be left when
it all settles out?
Quick and dirty math, that's at least $1000 for each citizen, man-woman-child residing there. One has to wonder when the big exodus will begin. So they're about to fire their Governor,
not that he could have done much to avoid it all.

>
>
> Dunno about you, but >>I<< am impressed.
>
> Best part of Californication I ever saw was in the rear view
> mirror.
>

Ahhhhhmen!

3559. Re: Question for the No coders

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-31 20:23:05 UTC
From: Mike Coslo <mjc5@psu.edu>
Message-ID: <3F297AA9.6060005@psu.edu>
Source record: 73350

Dick Carroll; wrote:
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>>>purpose. Policies or rules designed solely to exclude don't.
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> logic nor proof involved, and now the NCVAEC has taken up the very same
> theme.
> What a shame. I'm more than sure they'll have some crow to eat when all the
> commenting is done.
>

And then after a couple years, that nasty test will be what is keeping
people out of the ARS.

- Mike KB3EIA -

3560. Re: With CW gone, can the CW allocations be far behind?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-31 20:23:45 UTC
From: "Dick Carroll;" <dixie@townsqr.com>
Message-ID: <bgbtsh$n5t$0@208.206.142.96>
Source record: 73347

Dave Heil wrote:

> Len Over 21 wrote:
> >
> from 9/5/96
> Anderson: "Will I take a license exam? Probably. I'm a year from
> retirement and it's only taken me two decades to achieve 3 WPM...
> Will I recommend amateur radio as a hobby to a young person? Only
> guardedly and only after explaining everything that I've observed over
> the last four decades as a professional in the electronics/
> communications industry."
>
> Then there's that "Extra right out of the box". Apparently you aspire
> to become a ham as soon as the requirements have been lowered
> sufficiently. Perhaps you can obtain that Extra right out of the next
> box.
>

He's still waiting for a box to come along that has none of the dreaded Morris code inside waiting just to leap out and bite him where he sits.

3561. Re: Fight the BPL

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-31 20:25:11 UTC
From: "Dick Carroll;" <dixie@townsqr.com>
Message-ID: <bgbtv7$n5t$1@208.206.142.96>
Source record: 73348
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.dx,rec.radio.swap,rec.radio.amateur.equipment,rec.radio.amateur.policy

Doubtful. But his $$$ will.

Gary wrote:

> You'll be missed.
>
> "JC" <w9jcm@NOSPAMsbcglobal.net> wrote in message
> news:odcWa.4460$6j.62163184@newssvr13.news.prodigy.com...
> > I will not contriube crap the the arrl. NOT A CENT. The have there OWN
> > agenda and not the general ham public. I was a member for 6 years and just
> > quit them. I will never go back.
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> > news:3F288822.54D322E5@bevcomm.net...
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> > > flippin' CW. Now that the ARRL is being pushed from the top down all
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> > > --
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> > > reply: mdickman@bevcomm.net
> > >
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> > >
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3562. Re: Good bye CODE!

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-31 20:28:22 UTC
From: "Dick Carroll;" <dixie@townsqr.com>
Message-ID: <bgbu56$nn4$0@208.206.142.96>
Source record: 73349

Brian wrote:

> "Dick Carroll;" <dixie@townsqr.com> wrote in message
news:<bg9ts2$s69$2@208.206.142.78>...
> > Brian wrote:
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> > > yodoc@aol.comnospam (Larry Roll K3LT) wrote in message
news:<20030729223106.20198.00001064@mb-m14.aol.com>...
> > > > In article <bg7489dps1@slb6.atl.mindspring.net>, "Dan/W4NTI"
> > > > <w4nti@NOSPAMmindspring.com> writes:
> > > >
> > > > >Hi troll idiot....hope ur not in a hurry. The PCTAs are gonna put you on
> > > > >hold for another decade at least.
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> > > > the U.S. amateur radio licensing system,
> > >
> > > A recurring review was and is required. Do you know how often they
> > > must review the regs?
> > >
> > > and may not be all that
> > > > motivated to go through that process again in such short order.
> > >
> > > They don't have a choice. It's called a mandate.
> > >
> > >
> >
> > Really, Brain? Would you care to cite exactly the source and contents of that mandate?
>
> Do you think the FCC reviewed Part 97 last time because they thought
> it was a neat thing to do?

Well I see that you complied and stated the source and contents of the mandate,
Just like you validated your Somalia (alleged) operation.

As has been noted here many times, all the FCC has to do is state "We visited the code test issue less than three
years ago, and revisited it as the result of a
petition for reconsideration. We find no reason to revisit it again.

End of story

3563. Re: CORRECTION!!!

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-31 20:29:36 UTC
From: "Dick Carroll;" <dixie@townsqr.com>
Message-ID: <bgbu7g$nn4$1@208.206.142.96>
Source record: 73401

Brian wrote:

> k4yz@aol.com (Steve Robeson, K4CAP) wrote in message
news:<5c01b95b.0307310521.151ae9a7@posting.google.com>...
> > brianburke@juno.com (Brian) wrote in message
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> > > >
> > > > Steve, K4YZ
> > >
> > > Oh geez. You vomit last night's booze on here on an almost daily
> > > basis and make a fool of only yourself.
> >
> > Whew. That was poignant, Brain. Come up with that one one your own?
> >
> > And a sincere THANK-YOU for making my point with your graphic "wit".
> >
> > Steve, K4YZ
>
> Well, you do. Then you say you pick thru the chunks and make fools of other people.
>
> You fool only yourself.

It sure would take some work to make a fool of you, Brian, you already handled that very competently yourself.

3564. Re: Some comments on the NCVEC petition

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-31 20:59:59 UTC
From: N2EY@AOL.COM
Message-ID: <c2356669.0307311259.2080b9e7@posting.google.com>
Source record: 73402

"D. Stussy" <kd6lvw@bde-arc.ampr.org> wrote in message
news:<Pine.LNX.4.56.0307310618140.9871@kd6lvw.ampr.org>...
> On Thu, 31 Jul 2003, N2EY wrote:

>> Amateur radio operators, however, use it extensively. On the HF/MF
amateur
>> bands, it is the second most popular mode of communications, only
slightly
>> behind SSB in popularity.

>1) Just because it won't be tested for doesn't mean that it can't be
used!

Of course. That's not the point. The NCVEC petition tries to convey
the message of "nobody else uses Morse anymore" as if that has some
relevance to what hams do, and should be tested on.

>2) In this petition, they made NO adjustment to the "CW protected
bands."

>It is undoubted that someone will come along with a follow-up
petition to
>decrease or eliminate the CW bands.

Except there aren't any "CW protected bands" or "CW bands". There are
'phone/image subbands and CW/data subbands, however. Decreasing or
eliminating them without other measures being taken is not a good idea
at all.

Is it really that much trouble for people to learn to write "CW/data
subbands"? Because that's what they are, despite the fact that some
people think they are CW only.

>I would be in favor of reducing their size
>to between 1/3 and 1/4 of each band (in many places, it's 1/2 of the
band),
>but not complete elimination.

Let's take a look at what's in place now:

Band - Total kHz - CW-data/phone-image kHz %

160 - 200 - 0/200 - 0%/100%
80/75 - 500 - 250/250 - 50%/50%
40 - 300 - 150/150 - 50%/50%
30 - 50 - 50/0 -100%/0%
20 - 350 - 150/200 - 43%/57%
17 - 100 - 32/68 - 32%/68%

15 - 450 - 200/250 - 44%/56%
12 - 100 - 40/60 - 40%/60%
10 -1700 - 300/1400 - 18%/82%
Total
HF/MF 3750 - 1172/2578 - 31%/69%

So what we have right now is more than 2/3 of US HF/MF available to phone-image use. Except for 30 meters, no band is less than 50% phone-image. VHF/UHF is wide open for all modes except for two little CW-only stretches at the bottom of 6 and 2 meters.

Isn't that adequate? Why should the modes which are least spectrally efficent be rewarded with still more spectrum? NCVEC talks about new modes, technically knowledgeable people, yada yada yada, all the electropolitically correct buzzphrases. Will those people need wider phone/image subbands to use their manufactured rigs on SSB?

There might be a case for some adjustments, though, like creating a non-phone subband on 160, widening 75 a bit, adding modes other than CW to the 6 and 2 meter subbands, and creating CW-only subbands on each HF band.

>Along with CW in many places come some of the
>digital operating modes (at least on HF) - and those too need
protection from
>voice.

"Many places"? Try "everywhere". CW has no exclusive subbands except for those two on the bottom of 6 and 2. CW has to share every bit of non-phone HF/MF space with data modes. In a nocodetest future, that should change.

The petition talks about technically knowledgeable people and new modes and technologies. On HF, that stuff is almost exclusively happening in the CW/data subbands. Unless you count "single wideband" as a progressive new mode....

>PS: I haven't significantly used code since I passed it on the exam
for my
>license, nor do I plan to.

That's fine. There's a bunch of modes I had to learn about for the tests that I haven't used significantly, if at all, since I passed the test. Nor do I plan to.

A lot of hams, including me, use Morse very significantly. The NCVEC petition talks as if we code-using hams don't exist.

>(If you look me up, you'll know that I have at
>least 13wpm because I held an Advanced as my prior license class from
10
>years ago.)

How do I know you didn't get the Advanced via medical waiver? ;-) (Not that there's anything wrong with that!) Waivers have been available for over 13 years.

>> There is no requirement that any radio amateur actually use Morse code. Radio
>> amateurs use it by choice.

>Justification for it NOT to be a requirement.

Perhaps. Yet NCVEC did not pursue that line of reasoning, which could be a very powerful argument. Instead, they wrote as if they want code USE by hams to go away.

But the petition claims that hams ONLY use it because of the test requirement. That's just not true.

>> (Do we all know what requirement means? :-))

The whole world wonders.

>> Written tests are a burden to the applicants, too.

>Are you advocating no license testing at all?

Nope. Just the opposite.

> How about no licenses?

Nope, just the opposite.

> Having to fill out the paperwork is a burden too!

Exactly. And it turns away some people.

>(I am not advocating dropping the license requirement; just showing that his
>argument can be taken ad absurdium.)

Reductio ad absurdum is a valid technique of showing the validity of a hypothesis. If a hypothesis can be shown to logically lead to a contradiction or absurdity, the hypothesis must be false.

>> However, it should be noted that most of the Commission's enforcement actions
>> for poor and illegal operating practices such as jamming, obscenity/profanity,
>> failure to identify, operation outside of license privileges and failure to
>> heed bandplans are against amateurs using voice modes, not Morse code or
>> digital modes.

>Profanity, by itself, is illegal? The FCC has never said that. There may be
>limits and conditions where it's inappropriate, but there have been findings

>that in some very limited contexts that profanity by itself does NOT cause a
>violation to have occurred.

Doesn't change the basic fact of what I was pointing out: Phone operation generates far more enforcement actions than CW/data operations. Some of these enforcement actions are for behavior that is truly awful, and very embarrassing to the ARS.

When I first started out, I recall there was a common philosophy that 'phone operators had to set the highest possible standards of courtesy, respect and operating skill while on the air because anyone and everyone could be listening. That philosphy seems to have become inverted over the years.

>> Following this logic, the written exams should be stripped of anything a
>> licensee does not have an interest in.

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Any question the examinee doesn't think is relevant. For example, why should someone who never, ever intends to use voice modes, or who may be physically unable to use them, have to learn about them? Isn't that a burden on them? Why should they have to learn something they'll never, ever use?

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Some might say "because it supports the basis and purposes of the ARS". The obvious response is "How?" Also, there is no requirement that each amateur support the basis and purposes of the ARS in any way other than following the rules.

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Which means FCC may do the whole NPRM cycle again for just that. Why not do something a little more comprehensive? Will the FCC be flooded with followup petitions? Probably. Carl, WK3C, has said here that's not the way to go. I agree with him. Are we both wrong?

>At least they're doing it in a way that has no impact on the rest of it.

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73 de Jim, N2EY

3565. Sign in the petition against the abuse of the Band Plan forward this message to your buddies)

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-31 21:16:08 UTC
From: dxresource@yahoo.es
Message-ID: <3d2e2fa.0307311316.4e339502@posting.google.com>
Source record: 73403
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.dx,uk.radio.amateur,rec.radio.amateur.policy,pt.rec.radio.amadorismo,nl.radio.amateur

Fill in the petition:

it9ryh.bravehost.com

Against the abuse some OM make over the DX-Windows's fequenecy frame

73s

Ignacio

3566. Re: There is no International Code Requirement and techs can operate

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-31 21:31:34 UTC
From: "D. Stussy" <kd6lvw@bde-arc.ampr.org>
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.56.0307312128240.9994@kd6lvw.ampr.org>
Source record: 73404

On Thu, 31 Jul 2003, Dick Carroll; wrote:
> "D. Stussy" wrote:
> > What I have said is that the second condition is now IMPOSSIBLE TO MEET as it
> > is currently stated, and thus Technicians and Novices LOST THEIR HF PRIVILEGES.
>
> I believe you'll find plenty of legal precedent that says in such a case existing regulation prevails until such time
> as it can be rewritten to eliminate any ambiguity. There's a practical reason for this of course. Otherwise chaos would
> reigh.

There is no ambiguity here. There was direct dependence on a regulation external to that of the FCC's. Unless you're implying that the FCC's regulation itself was ambiguous or improper (for referring to an outside body of law, treaty, international agreement, etc.; something outside of its control), I don't see a problem.

It certainly does NOT work that way with 26 CFR and 31 CFR regulations so I have no expectation that 47 CFR regulations would. In those contexts, changes to the law (i.e. statute) immediately void regulations when those changes become effective (usually defined as "For years beginning on or after <date>").

3567. Re: There is no International Code Requirement and techs can operate

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-31 21:33:20 UTC
From: "D. Stussy" <kd6lvw@bde-arc.ampr.org>
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.56.0307312135470.9994@kd6lvw.ampr.org>
Source record: 73405

On Thu, 31 Jul 2003, Dick Carroll; wrote:
> "D. Stussy" wrote:
> > That's not what S25.5 says now. It says that a country may choose to have no
> > requirement.
>
> Uh-huh. So you don't think it gives them time to choose before reducing the
> regulatory system to chaos?

No. What it means is that it no longer defines a requirement but an option.
47 CFR 97.301(e) is predicated on it being a requirement, which it isn't
anymore. That means that .301(e) has become VOID on its face.

3568. Re: Some comments on the NCVEC petition

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-31 21:58:16 UTC
From: "D. Stussy" <kd6lvw@bde-arc.ampr.org>
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.56.0307312141100.9994@kd6lvw.ampr.org>
Source record: 73406

On Thu, 31 Jul 2003, N2EY wrote:
> "D. Stussy" <kd6lvw@bde-arc.ampr.org> wrote in message
news:<Pine.LNX.4.56.0307310618140.9871@kd6lvw.ampr.org>...
> > On Thu, 31 Jul 2003, N2EY wrote:
>....
> >Along with CW in many places come some of the
> >digital operating modes (at least on HF) - and those too need
> protection from
> >voice.
>
> "Many places"? Try "everywhere". CW has no exclusive subbands except
> for those two on the bottom of 6 and 2. CW has to share every bit of
> non-phone HF/MF space with data modes. In a nocodetest future, that
> should change.

I said "many places" because it is NOT true for 6m and 2m. "Everywhere" is
wrong. I chose my words carefully here, and your carelessness has introduced
error.

> The petition talks about technically knowledgeable people and new
> modes and technologies. On HF, that stuff is almost exclusively
> happening in the CW/data subbands. Unless you count "single wideband"
> as a progressive new mode....
>
> >PS: I haven't significantly used code since I passed it on the exam for my
> >license, nor do I plan to.
>
> That's fine. There's a bunch of modes I had to learn about for the
> tests that I haven't used significantly, if at all, since I passed the
> test. Nor do I plan to.
>
> A lot of hams, including me, use Morse very significantly. The NCVEC
> petition talks as if we code-using hams don't exist.
>
> >(If you look me up, you'll know that I have at
> >least 13wpm because I held an Advanced as my prior license class from
> 10
> >years ago.)
>
> How do I know you didn't get the Advanced via medical waiver? ;-) (Not
> that there's anything wrong with that!) Waivers have been available
> for over 13 years.

Because if I had used the medical waiver procedure, I would have been an Extra
back then..... I passed all the written elements in 1992 (3 in one session),

but didn't get 20wpm within a year (but got 13, and element 4B expired). The ease of element 4B back then should have clued you in....

> >> There is no requirement that any radio amateur actually use Morse
> code. Radio
> >> amateurs use it by choice.
>
> >Justification for it NOT to be a requirement.
>
> Perhaps. Yet NCVEC did not pursue that line of reasoning, which could
> be a very powerful argument. Instead, they wrote as if they want code
> USE by hams to go away.
>
> But the petition claims that hams ONLY use it because of the test
> requirement. That's just not true.

Their involvement is with testing, not operating....

> >> (Do we all know what requirement means? :-))
>
> The whole world wonders.
>
> >> Written tests are a burden to the applicants, too.
>
> >Are you advocating no license testing at all?
>
> Nope. Just the opposite.
>
> > How about no licenses?
>
> Nope, just the opposite.
>
> > Having to fill out the paperwork is a burden too!
>
> Exactly. And it turns away some people.
>
> >(I am not advocating dropping the license requirement; just showing
> that his
> >argument can be taken ad absurdium.)
>
> Reductio ad absurdum is a valid technique of showing the validity of a
> hypothesis. If a hypothesis can be shown to logically lead to a
> contradiction or absurdity, the hypothesis must be false.

...But only if it's clear that's what you're doing. There are some on this group for which such is beyond their comprehension.

> >> However, it should be noted that most of the Commission's
> enforcement actions
> >> for poor and illegal operating practices such as jamming,
> obscenity/profanity,
> >> failure to identify, operation outside of license privileges and

> failure to
> >> heed bandplans are against amateurs using voice modes, not Morse
> code or
> >> digital modes.
>
> >Profanity, by itself, is illegal? The FCC has never said that.
> There may be
> >limits and conditions where it's inappropriate, but there have been
> findings
> >that in some very limited contexts that profanity by itself does NOT
> cause a
> >violation to have occurred.
>
> Doesn't change the basic fact of what I was pointing out: Phone
> operation generates far more enforcement actions than CW/data
> operations. Some of these enforcement actions are for behavior that is
> truly awful, and very embarrassing to the ARS.
>
> When I first started out, I recall there was a common philosophy that
> 'phone operators had to set the highest possible standards of
> courtesy, respect and operating skill while on the air because anyone
> and everyone could be listening. That philosphy seems to have become
> inverted over the years.

Apparently, you've never been to Southern California. There were times where one could count the violations on our "animal farm" repeater - and sometimes the number of violations per minute would exceed the number of seconds in a minute. Most of those misfits are still licensed. Watch out HF - here they come!

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> >> licensee does not have an interest in.
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> >Does that include having to answer ANY question? :-)
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> Any question the examinee doesn't think is relevant. For example, why
> should someone who never, ever intends to use voice modes, or who may
> be physically unable to use them, have to learn about them? Isn't that
> a burden on them? Why should they have to learn something they'll
> never, ever use?

So, if I don't think any question is relevant, I can dispose of the entire test? :-)

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> operate voice modes. If that's valid, why isn't it a burden to require
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> manufactured CW rig on 7005 kHz. Why?

They had to offer some justification.

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> ARS". The obvious response is "How?" Also, there is no requirement
> that each amateur support the basis and purposes of the ARS in any way
> other than following the rules.
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> regulations and safety considerations, most of the test requirements
> for an amateur license come down to somebody's opinion about what
> should be tested. Opinion and nothing more.

And if the FCC didn't like that, then they'd take testing back and do it
themselves.

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> changes. Oddly
> >> enough, if it were adopted, Technicians would gain a bit of 10
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> >> of the privileges Technicians would gain would be slices of 80, 40,
> 15 and 10
> >> meter CW.
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> >I don't see a problem with that. What's your problem with it?
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> It's incomplete. It looks like the NCVEC had blinders on.

I disagree. They aren't looking to refarm the service; just take "one bite
from the apple." (It may be the first bite, but not the last.) Perhaps they
believe in taking SMALL steps and seeing what happens. Alternatively, since
their involvement is with testing, perhaps that's all they felt they could
justify.

> Do you really think that the very best we can do for entry-level HF
> privileges for new hams in a nocodetest 21st century future is to give
> them tiny slices of CW on four bands and SSB on one band, and at the
> same time give them all of amateur VHF/UHF? Is that really what's best
> for the ARS?

I don't pretend to speak for what is best for the entire service. I've posted
my thoughts about licensing elsewhere.

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> voice, and CW. 3725-4000, phone....

Actually, bandplans aren't voluntary if someone can be cited for not following them (and that has happened). If they were clearly voluntary, then such a citation would be defeated (at least, defeatable) in an agency hearing.

3569. Re: American w/ Disability Act and CW Proficiency Test

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-31 22:05:10 UTC
From: "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net>
Message-ID: <pogWa.15071$Vx2.7442546@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com>
Source record: 73407
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.misc

"Ryan, KC8PMX" <kc8pmx@diamondcs.net> wrote in message
news:bgb8nk$mjfjb$11@ID-189073.news.uni-berlin.de...
> A completely different issue I had and/or have is not the speed as much as
> the audio pitch of the code being sent. It's hard as hell to get a VE
team
> to adjust the pitch/tone sound at all if they even bother to send with a
> key. Hell, a couple of them are only using premade CD's, which are played
a
> fixed rate and since most VE's are not frivolous (at all), they usually
only
> have a "basic" cd player, and would not have equipment capable of code at
a
> lower tone but keeping the same speed.
>
> I say this because my hearing loss makes me hear "normally" sent code at
its
> "proper" pitch rate as one long solid tone, as if you placed a finger on a
> straight key and never lifted up at all while sending. In other words, if
> there was a 2 minute QSO in morse code being sent at its "normal" pitch,
it
> sounds like a 2 minute long T to me. If I lower the frequency of the tone
> of the amount of at least 200-250hz less, to where it starts becoming a
more
> rich, bass(y) sounding tone, then I can distinguish the difference between
a
> dit and a dah.
>
> On a lighter note, I think my ex-wife had a voice in the same range as
being
> sent at most VE sessions..... she said I never listened to her!
>
>
> --
> Ryan, KC8PMX
> FF1-FF2-MFR-(pending NREMT-B!)
> --. --- -.. ... .- -. --. . .-.. ... .- .-. . ..-. .. .-. . ..-.
> .. --. .... - . .-. ...

Arrangements for a different tone have to be made in advance so that they
have time to obtain a CD or tape of the needed pitch from the VEC. You
can't just drop into a test session and expect them to have anything
different than the commonly used tone.

Dee D. Flint, N8UZE

3570. Re: With CW gone, can the CW allocations be far behind?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-31 22:11:50 UTC
From: "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net>
Message-ID: <GugWa.15072$Vx2.7443588@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com>
Source record: 73408
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.misc,rec.radio.amateur.policy

"Mike Yetsko" <joe@user.com> wrote in message
news:vifvkcp4d0pk4b@corp.supernews.com...
> From what I heard, (from a posting on QRZ) the NCVEC group
> yesterday filed a petition with the FCC to abandon CW testing.
>
> The petition, unfortunatly, makes no provisions to preserve CW
> subbands...

The CW subbands are already called out in the FCC regulations separately from the CW testing. Thus simply dropping the code test from the rules does not change the rules on the subband allocations. Thus the NCVEC petition does not need a provision to preserve the CW subbands.

Dee D. Flint, N8UZE

3571. Re: American w/ Disability Act and CW Proficiency Test

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-31 22:16:20 UTC
From: Cool Breeze <spade#abc.com>
Message-ID: <F5-dncCHpaHaCLSiXTWJjg@comcast.com>
Source record: 73409
Cross-posted to: rec.radio.amateur.policy,rec.radio.cb,rec.radio.amateur.misc

<Moparholic@hotmailnospam.com> wrote in message
news:20030731160609.194$52@newsreader.com...
> "Cool Breeze" <WA3MOJ Georgeie> wrote:
> > <Moparholic@hotmailnospam.com> wrote in message
> > news:20030731070111.850$0N@newsreader.com...
> >
> > > It's clear that you don't care about anything but yourself, and you're
> > > still a cross-posting idiot.
> > >
> > > --
> > > GO# 40
> >
> > So are you assclown.
> >
> Here's for you and Dan.
>
> http://amishrakefight.org/gfy/

Yawn, your still a cross posting queer.

3572. Re: BAD IDEA for ham radio in general (was Re: Contact the FCC and Tell Them t

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-31 22:21:05 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030731182105.15462.00001980@mb-m06.aol.com>
Source record: 73410

In article <bgb8ni$mjfjb$9@ID-189073.news.uni-berlin.de>, "Ryan, KC8PMX" <kc8pmx@diamondcs.net> writes:

>Really??? Considering that I would sign up for that!!!!!! What company???
>

"Neighborhood HiSpeed", which claims to have been "built by MCI". Might be a local thing. Limited time offer, includes unlimited local calls, unlimited long distance, call waiting, caller ID, 3 way calling, unlimited DSL, free modem.

See www.mci.com/hs3

73 de Jim, N2EY

3573. Re: The FACTS about the Morse Code and the FCC.

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-31 22:21:06 UTC
From: n2ey@aol.com
Message-ID: <20030731182106.15462.00001981@mb-m06.aol.com>
Source record: 73411

In article <cuvyxnansvbet.hiw9ozt.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>, "Phil Kane"
<Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop> writes:

>On 31 Jul 2003 10:21:05 GMT, N2EY wrote:
>
>>>>Tell them the JY1 story, Phil. Some folks actually think medical
>>>>waivers were the result of ADA.
>>>
>>> How soon we forget...
>>
>>I didn't forget. NCVEC obviously did.
>
> Johnny Johnston was THERE (and was the "make it work" guy) when it
> happened. He was on the NCVEC committee - how come he didn't pipe up?

Because it would have been electropolitically incorrect. Do you think FCC wants
to be reminded of how waivers came to be in the first place? 'Specially since
Bush 2 is in the White House?

>>Was there an NPRM? Lawsuits based on ADA? Lots of discussion, comments and
>>counterproposals?
>>
>>The world wonders
>
> Pass the Maalox.....

'zactly.
>>
>>tnx, Phil
>
> As we say in the Middle East - "Lo Devar" (de nada)
>

73 de Jim, N2EY

3574. Re: Some comments on the NCVEC petition

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-31 22:48:45 UTC
From: "Dee D. Flint" <deehays@qix.net>
Message-ID: <h1hWa.15081$Vx2.7449274@newssvr28.news.prodigy.com>
Source record: 73413

"N2EY" <N2EY@AOL.COM> wrote in message
news:c2356669.0307311259.2080b9e7@posting.google.com...
> Do you really think that the very best we can do for entry-level HF
> privileges for new hams in a nocodetest 21st century future is to give
> them tiny slices of CW on four bands and SSB on one band, and at the
> same time give them all of amateur VHF/UHF? Is that really what's best
> for the ARS?
>

No reason to give the Techs any more than what the current coded Techs get.
If they want more, they can take the General written. It's only slightly
harder than the Tech test.

Dee D. Flint, N8UZE

3575. Re: CORRECTION!!!

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-31 22:49:49 UTC
From: "Dick Carroll;" <dixie@townsqr.com>
Message-ID: <bgc6ed$aj6$0@208.207.71.135>
Source record: 73412

"Steve Robeson, K4CAP" wrote:

> brianburke@juno.com (Brian) wrote in message
news:<f45722ac.0307291516.319b327@posting.google.com>...
> > k4yz@aol.com (Steve Robeson, K4CAP) wrote in message
news:<5c01b95b.0307290749.e3cd378@posting.google.com>...
> >
> > > And the "garbage" that get's thrown in here was dumped by someone
> > > other than me...I just pick up the pieces and make a fool of the guy
> > > who did it.
> > >
> > > Steve, K4YZ
> >
> > Oh geez. You vomit last night's booze on here on an almost daily
> > basis and make a fool of only yourself.
>
> Whew. That was poignant, Brain.

Naw, it was po-ignorant. His usual

3576. Re: With CW gone, can the CW allocations be far behind?

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-31 23:17:07 UTC
From: k4yz@aol.com
Message-ID: <5c01b95b.0307311517.474d1626@posting.google.com>
Source record: 73414

Dave Heil <k8mn@earthlink.net> wrote in message news:<3F2965B6.38D7F121@earthlink.net>...
> Len Over 21 wrote:

> > Do you have multiple personalities? Or is your psychosis a mild one
> > of simple hatred for anyone pointing out that you never did any
> > glorious government radio pioneering in the 1980s.
>
> You've called a number of people crazy over the past week or so. You
> know what they say about one who believes that a number of others are
> insane?

Like "laughing" at 10 or 15 lines of posts? He HAS gone over
the edge. Poor pogue still trying to figure out how he got here and
why hasn't President Nixon got us out of Viet Nam yet.....

That's OK, though...I am sure he's happy, where ever his mind
is...

Steve, K4YZ

3577. Re: Some comments on the NCVEC petition

Newsgroup: rec.radio.amateur.policy
Date: 2003-07-31 23:35:15 UTC
From: Phil Kane <Phil.Kane@nov.shmovz.ka.pop>
Message-ID: <cuvyxnansvbet.hiwovmw.pminews@netnews.comcast.net>
Source record: 73415

On Thu, 31 Jul 2003 21:58:16 GMT, D. Stussy wrote:

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>> regulations and safety considerations, most of the test requirements
>> for an amateur license come down to somebody's opinion about what
>> should be tested. Opinion and nothing more.
>
>And if the FCC didn't like that, then they'd take testing back and do it
>themselves.

Thus substituting the judgment of the Chief,. Licensing and
Rxamination Branch (the guy - yes, one individual - who used to make
up the tests) for the judgment of the Question Pool Committee.

--
73 de K2ASP - Phil Kane

From a Clearing in the Silicon Forest
Beaverton (Washington County) Oregon